



# Black Pointer

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June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026

## Manager's Corner

Hello Black Pointers!

Summer is here and Black Point is buzzing with activity! Whether you're getting ready for the BP 5K Road Race (there's still plenty of time to train!) or enjoying Ladies Tennis on the clay courts every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 AM, there's something fun for everyone.

Looking for a great way to start your day? Join us for Yoga at the Clubhouse every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 AM. It's a relaxing way to enjoy the morning.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our free **Summer Vibes '26 Kickoff Party this Saturday at 6:00 PM at the Clubhouse!** Enjoy an evening of live music from Black Point's own *The Low Tiders*. Bring a chair, a blanket, your favorite refreshments, and your dancing shoes for a fun night with neighbors and friends. 🎉🕺

If you're cruising around in a golf cart this summer, please remember that golf carts follow the same rules as cars. Make sure your cart is registered with the East Lyme Police Department, displays a valid Black Point tag, and is parked only in approved areas such as rights-of-way and designated parking lots. Also, all golf cart drivers must have a valid driver's license.

As always, please drive slowly, wear a helmet when biking, and keep an eye out for children enjoying their summer vacation. A little extra care helps keep Black Point safe and enjoyable for everyone.

You can usually find me at the beach or around the neighborhood. Feel free to call me at (860) 460-7641 or email me at [BPBCManager@gmail.com](mailto:BPBCManager@gmail.com). See you at the beach!

Jim Moffett, Association Manager

## Summer Vibes Kickoff Party

Live music with Black Point's own

**"The Low Tiders"**

@ Clubhouse

**Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**



*Free event for our members and their guests.*

## Fourth of July Parade & Picnic



The Black Point Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. The Parade will start from the **Clubhouse at 11:00am sharp**. If you are participating in the parade, you

should arrive at the Clubhouse at 10:30am. All bikers meet at the bottom of Billow Road and join the parade as it passes.

The annual picnic will begin immediately following the parade. Please bring a side dish that is enough to feed the number of people you are bringing (i.e. if there are 8 people in your party, bring 8 servings to share).

If your last name starts with the letter **A-N**, **bring a dessert**, if your last name starts with **O-Z**, **bring a side dish**. Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and water will be served. Hope to see you there!!!

## Woman's Club Sponsors Yoga

Yoga with Heather Perini is already underway at the Clubhouse! Join us **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** mornings at **7:00 AM** to stretch your mind and body.



Classes are welcoming for all ages and abilities, and at just \$5 per class, it's a wonderful way to start your day. (Exact change is appreciated.)

Hope to see you there and don't forget to bring your Yoga mat and water bottle.

## Trivia Night

**Tonight! June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 PM @ Clubhouse**



Reserve a table of 8 or come on your own and find a seat with other brilliant minds. Entry fee is only \$5 per person. Prizes will be awarded for those geniuses that show knowing a plethora of things can have great value!

Reserve your table now!

Do so at [blackpointmensclub2021@gmail.com](mailto:blackpointmensclub2021@gmail.com)

## Black Point Recreation Program

We had a great first week of Club 2026! The staff and kids were so excited to be back running around, playing, and enjoying the sun. We are heading into our busiest session of club, the week of **June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 3<sup>rd</sup>**!

This week will be our 4th of July Theme Week! We will have some **tie dying** on Tuesday, June 30th (please bring something white to tie dye), **trivia night** on Wednesday, July 1st @ 7:00pm at the clubhouse, and **movie night** ("Super Mario Galaxy") on Thursday, July 2nd @ 7:00pm at the clubhouse. We will be selling popcorn for \$1.00 during the movie. Hope to see everyone at the trivia and movie night!



Much Love, Black Point Staff

Any questions email: [bpclubdirector@gmail.com](mailto:bpclubdirector@gmail.com)

~ Matt Reichelt, *Club Director*~

### Recreation Program Rates

7-week Program Operates June 22<sup>nd</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>

	Season	Weekly	Daily
1 child	\$550.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 30.00
2nd child	\$530.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 25.00
3rd child	\$510.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 20.00

(Make checks payable to Black Point Beach Club)

## Black Point - Safe Streets

### *SAFE STREETS POSTER CONTEST*

for all BP youth between the ages of 5 and 13, sponsored by the Women's Club. The theme is safety on the streets of Black Point, and posters should increase awareness of vehicle (both powered and self propelled) and pedestrian safety rules for adults and children alike. 14" x 22" posterboards will be available at the clubhouse in the morning as of June 24<sup>th</sup>, and completed posters are due back at the clubhouse by July 6<sup>th</sup>. Include the name and phone number of the artist on the back of the poster. Prizes will be awarded! Contact Cheryl at 845-667-6118 with any questions.

*Friendly reminder that Taxes are due with the last day for penalty being August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*Please mail your check to:*

**Colleen Hayes, Tax Collector**  
**Black Point Beach Club Association**  
**P.O. Box 274, Niantic, CT 06357**



Any questions please email [bptaxcollector@gmail.com](mailto:bptaxcollector@gmail.com).

## Women's Club News

The Black Point Women's Club summer season is almost here, and we can't wait to see everyone at our first meeting on **Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** at the Clubhouse! This year's theme is: "You Survived the Winter, You Deserve a Spritz!" Join us for a brief meeting followed by Welcome Back/ Icebreaker Bingo, laughter, and a chance to reconnect with friends and neighbors.



All women in Black Point are invited to join the fun! Annual membership is \$40, and guests are always welcome for a \$10 guest fee per meeting. Looking ahead, our summer lineup is packed with fun activities:

#### • **Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> - Bunco Night**

A fast-paced, easy-to-play dice game and a wonderful opportunity to mingle and meet new friends. No experience necessary!

#### • **Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> - Craft Night with Carolyn Boyle**

Create your own "Funky Flowers" artwork using collage and acrylic paint on a wood panel. No drawing skills needed — choose a design or create your own masterpiece! Advance registration is appreciated to allow time for craft supply purchases.

#### • **Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> - Trivia Night with Chris Giamalis**

One of our Women's Club favorites returns for another night of friendly competition, laughs, and teamwork. It's shaping up to be a fantastic summer at BPWC, and we hope you'll join us!

Heather Maguire, *BPWC President* (860) 573-0035

## **The 52nd Annual 5K Black Point Road Race**

August 8, 2026

The race begins at the bottom of Sea Crest and East Shore Drive. Race day registration begins at 8:45 am at bottom of Sea Crest Ave on East Shore Drive.

Children's races start as follows:

9:30am (6 and under)

9:40am (half mile for ages 7 and above).

9:45am- Walkers; 10:00am-5k

Parents are responsible for determining appropriate race for their child.

This event is sponsored by the Black Point Men's Club and all proceeds will receive all proceeds.

Costs: 5k-\$15.00; Walkers-\$5.00

Children's half mile-\$10.00

Children 6 and under-free

The 2026 Black Point Road Race T-shirts are \$25.00. Pre-registration and shirt sales available from 3-5pm on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 Sea Crest. See you there!



# Black Point Men's Club

It is so great to see the increased number of people returning to Black Point. People going to the Black Point Market, dog walkers, families and kids. The summer season 2026 has arrived and we are all glad.



Also, there is an increase in traffic including bikes, scooters and golf carts. It is scary to see some of our youth blowing through intersections and stop signs on electric scooters. Safety of the operators of these devices is always a concern, but there is added worries about the little ones that run like the wind but don't know about people not paying attention on our roads. For their safety (including my 2 year old granddaughter's) sake, please be cautious and aware.

## Recent Activities:

**Bocce League - Season Started - Friday, June 19 -**

**Bocce Court - 9 AM**

The League has begun. Forget World Cup

Soccer...this is the real deal every Friday morning.



**PickleBall - Monday, Wednesday, Saturday - PickleBall Courts - 9 AM**

Drop in and join. Open to all BP Residents and their guests,

**Wednesday Night Sailing Races - On the Bay - 6 PM**

Watch from our beaches. Over 30 boats in 5 divisions started last Wednesday and the fleet is not at full strength. Watch from our beaches. It is an awesome sight not replicated in many places!

**Summer Solstice - Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> - Main Beach - 5 :00PM**

Welcome to summer and the longest day of the year! Unfortunately the Solstice and Father's Day were at the same time, but some of us welcomed the best summer ever!

## Upcoming Events:

**Trivia Night - Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> - ClubHouse - 7:00 PM**

Think you know a lot about a lot. Come and prove it! Reserve a table of 8 or come on your own and find a seat with other brilliant minds. Entry fee is only \$5 per person. Prizes will be awarded for those geniuses who show knowing a plethora of things can have great value! Reserve your table now!

**51st Annual Kazoo Band - July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade**

Come on... we know you have the skills, talent and moves to make this the best Kazoo Band ever. Practice up and join the band on July 4th. The world is waiting for you!

**SetBack Tournament - Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> - ClubHouse - 7 PM ReScheduled!!!!**

Due to a conflict with an event with the Rec Program, we will reschedule this event, Stay tuned for more information.

**Bad Dad/Mom Joke Night - Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> - ClubHouse - 6:00 PM Dinner - 7:00 PM Show**

Come on! We've been putting up with your jokes forever. Now is the time to see what they are worth! We need more jokesters. Contact Jim Schepker!

**Golf Tournament - Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> - Great Neck CC**

Dozens of great prizes are already committed for this tournament. However, **we are in need of golfers and hole sponsors**. If you played before, please, please get your groups together again. Rumor has the format as a step-aside scramble... Want more information, sign up now! It can be done through the BPMC. Please get your foursomes and payments sent in! Contact Sherrie Weiss 203-300-6712 Or Kathy Walsh 443-521-8106.

**BLACK POINT BEACH MEN'S CLUB  
ANNUAL  
GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

**\$160 - Per Player**  
Reception with dinner and  
cash bar to follow

\$250-\$500 for a Hole Sponsor  
\$1000 gets a Hole Sponsor plus a  
Foursome

Silent auction and 50/50 raffle  
contact Peter to Donate items

Four person scramble Step-Aside  
Scramble

Prizes:  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place,  
Longest drive and  
Closest to the pin

Proceeds to fund the Black  
Point Beach Club Association  
Endowment Fund

For additional information, to sign  
up or sponsor a hole contact Peter  
Bogue at pbogue@gmail.com  
(858)945-3796

Register now, space is limited

**MONDAY  
JULY 6, 2026**

**GREAT NECK  
COUNTRY CLUB**

Check-in: 10:30am  
Shotgun starts 11:30am

## Neighborhood News

Our Membership is growing but we are still not at our membership goals. A separate email will be sent out this week with a list of members and a solicitation for new and dormant members. Please join us to help us provide a diverse list of activities. Only \$30! Contact Dave Twedt with your payments. Please include an email address so we can provide updates on a regular basis.

*Build Community, Have Fun, Enjoy Black Point, ~ Rick ~*

*4<sup>th</sup> Annual BPBCA Science & History Educational Series*

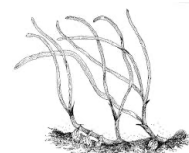
## **Biology of Eelgrass & Jellyfish**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 at the Clubhouse**

Love them or hate them, eelgrass and jellyfish are abundant in our coastal environment. Guest Lecturer, **Jamie Vaudrey, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, UCONN Dept. of Marine Science will provide an interesting and compelling account of how



these species interact with our marine ecosystems. Professor Vaudrey is a marine ecologist and modeler, interested in the impacts of humans on coastal waters. She currently serves as the Niantic River Watershed Coordinator. Please join



us for what will be an informative and entertaining educational experience.

## CLASSIFIEDS –

### LEARN GUITAR THIS SUMMER:

Private one on one instruction for all ages. Half hour and hour time slots available. Call Matt for more info. 860-936-7286.

**Home Watch for all Seasons:** Need someone to check on your property daily or weekly?

Call Pete 860-993-7061

**FOR FREE:** 2 cribs, mattresses, changing table and sheets. Call Cindy 917-517-4675

**FOR SALE:** 10 foot Dyer Dink rowing and sailing fiberglass dingy. Mahogany seats, mast, boom, trim, and oars. White hull with blue interior and sail. Made in 1982 in Rhode Island with new center board and rudder. Includes trailer. Best Offer. Call or text Ken at (860) 884-4890.

**FOR SALE:** Ten Speed Bike. 27” Univega Safari. Asking \$190. Call 860-993-7061.

**FOR SALE:** 26” Road Bike. Nishiki Tamarack CG fuolufica thermal HT Asking \$299. Call 860-993-7061.

### From the Editor

What a special place we live in during the summer, so many great things happening around the point! Any pictures or fun stories you have please share as it really makes the pointer exciting. So happy for new kids stepping up to deliver the news right to your front doorstep. Please take time to thank them as they work hard in making sure everyone gets a pointer in the right spot of every house.

The Black Pointer will be delivered each week at your house on Friday. The extra copies will be located at the Black Point Market if you didn’t get one!! Any issues with delivery or concerns please email or call me directly!

Ideas, announcements or suggestions will be welcome to add to our weekly newsletter. Black Point rules require only members can place classifieds and help wanted ads, but cannot include business advertisements. Some ads or events are subject to the Board of Governor’s approval. **All information to be added to the weekly pointer needs to be emailed by no later than Saturday of each week.** Please contact me at my email address [blackpointnews@yahoo.com](mailto:blackpointnews@yahoo.com) or feel free to call me at (860) 235-3149. If you would like to add an item for sale or a help wanted blurb it is \$1.00 per issue. Please drop off fee to my address at 35 Sea Crest Ave in small blue mailbox labeled with a BP sticker on the white archway in driveway.

Thank you and look forward to sharing fun news with you this summer!

~ Suzanne Smith, *Editor* ~



## Important Phone Numbers

Association Manager.....860-460-7641,  
(between 8:00AM and 6:00PM)  
Emergency- Fire, Ambulance, Police ..... 911  
Police- routine matters..... 860-739-5900  
Poison Control..... 1-800-343-2722  
Northeast Medical Walk-in Center..... 860-739-5426  
Tick Information..... 1-800-789-7241  
**Black Point Market**.....860-451-8028

..... Hours: **Monday -Sunday 7:30-5:00pm** .....  
(For more association rules and regulations visit the webpage [www.blackpointbeachclub.com](http://www.blackpointbeachclub.com) )

**For More Information go to:**  
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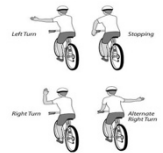
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**Black Point Beach Club**

### School's Out for the Summer Edition

Now that school is out, there is the annual uptick in activity on our streets. This leads to additional unpredictability on the streets as children may wobble on a new bike and try new acrobatic skills. Children can be unpredictable, fast, and blissfully unaware of traffic dangers. Every driver must be prepared to stop suddenly in our neighborhood. Drive with caution and be alert.

### Safety Guidelines and Rules

- Helmets are required by Connecticut law for riders under 16. This applies to bikes, skateboards, scooters, and skates.
- Helmets are required by Connecticut law for riders of all ages on eBikes.
- Helmets are a commonsense safety measure for riders of all ages.
- Ride on the right side of the road in the same direction as traffic and come to a complete stop at stop signs while riding bikes and e-scooters.



### Driver Responsibilities Around Children

- Slow down when children are visible on or near the road.
- Give bikes at least 3 feet of passing clearance — more for children who may swerve unpredictably.
- Never pass a child on a bike when oncoming traffic is present. Wait for a safe gap.
- Watch driveways and intersections carefully - excited littles can come out of nowhere.