



Manager's Corner

Hello Black Pointers!

July is here, and summer is in full swing! With temperatures pushing 90 degrees, there's no better place to be than right here at Black Point.

If you're an early riser, come join us for Yoga at the Clubhouse every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 AM. It's a great way to start the day with a little stretching, fresh ocean air, and good company.

One of my favorite days of the summer is almost here—our 4th of July Parade and Picnic! Decorate your bikes, golf carts, wagons, or just bring your best red, white, and blue spirit. The parade leaves from the Clubhouse at 11:00 AM, so plan to arrive by 10:30 AM. If you're riding a bike, you can join in at the bottom of Billow Road. After the parade, stick around for the picnic and plenty of time to catch up with neighbors. It's one of those great Black Point traditions that reminds us what our community is all about.

A quick reminder—please lock your vehicles and don't leave wallets, purses, or other valuables inside. A few nearby beach communities have had car break-ins recently, and we'd like to keep the crooks looking somewhere else.

As always, you'll probably find me somewhere around the beaches or cruising through the neighborhood. If you have a question, see something that needs attention, or just want to say hello, don't hesitate to stop me. You can also call or text me at (860) 460-7641 or email me at BPBCManager@gmail.com.

Have a safe, fun, and memorable Fourth of July!
Jim, Association Manager

AFTER THE 4TH: CANS FOR A CAUSE

A group of Black Point teens will be collecting returnable cans and bottles after the Fourth of July festivities and turning them into a donation for a local cause. Before you toss those empties—please save them for us!

We'll be collecting:

Date: July 5th. Time: All day long

You can leave returnables:

- In a bag by your driveway or front steps,
- Wave us down when you see our wagon or golf cart,
- Call 860-866-6723 or 401-542-1043 and we'll be happy to stop by, or
- Leave them in the driveway at 7 Seabreeze Avenue.

Every dime adds up, helps a good cause, and keeps our beautiful beach community cleaner.

Thank you for supporting BP teens who are trying to make a difference.

-Ainsley and KK & the Cans for a Cause Crew-

Fourth of July Parade & Picnic



The Black Point Beach 4th of July Parade and Picnic is scheduled for **Saturday, July 4th**. 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.

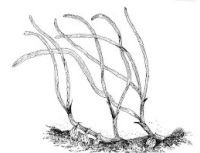
The annual picnic will begin immediately following the parade. Please bring a side dish that is enough to feed the number of people you are bringing (i.e. if there are 8 people in your party, bring 8 servings to share).

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!!!

4th Annual BPBCA Science & History Educational Series

Biology of Eelgrass & Jellyfish **July 15th, 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.



Save the Date: BP Beach Bash

Live music from

“Mass Confusion”

@ Clubhouse

Saturday, August 1st 6:00pm



Free event for our members and their guests.

Black Point Recreation Program

We had a terrific week for “4th of July Week” at Club. We survive a heat wave, played some water games, had a trivia night, and watched “The Super Mario Galaxy” movie ...in the AC!



As we already make our way into our 3rd week of Club for Summer 2026, we will be starting our “Career Week”

theme! Parents/guardians/relatives will be able to come to club during the week to highlight their jobs or skills that they use every day. We will be having the Niantic Children’s Museum coming in on Monday (7/6) and Friday (7/10) with the smallest groups to look at building techniques and studying germs. The NCM will be joining us several more times over the summer!

On Thursday (7/9), we will be having a “Board Game Night” at the Clubhouse. Bring your favorite board game at 7:00pm to teach someone or come play one of ours! We are excited for the week ahead!

Much Love, **The Black Point Club Staff**

ATTENTION ALL BLACK POINTERS

We are taking orders for this year’s Black Point tee that will benefit the BPBCA Rec Program.

You can email your order to kellyfecteau20@gmail.com or go to the link on our website to fill out a google form. Payments can be dropped off at 20 Bellaire Rd in the bin provided on the porch. Payments may also be venmoed to @kelly-fecteau-1. Last 4 digits of the phone # is 4823.



This year’s tee is a Gildan Softstyle Tee. The color is red mist with a navy imprint. Cost for Youth sizes is \$20 & Cost for Adult sizes is \$25.

All orders need to be received **no later than Friday, July 10th**. Shirts will be available the week of July 20th. Pick up instructions will be provided at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Fecteau at kellyfecteau20@gmail.com or 860-729-4823.

The 52nd Annual 5K Black Point Road Race

August 8th, 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 7th at 11 Sea Crest. See you there!



Women’s Club News

Happy 4th of July to all! It is an especially exciting and memorable time as we celebrate our country’s 250th anniversary. We kicked off the BPWC season with some fun icebreaker activities, and I hope everyone had the chance to meet at least one or two new friends at our first gathering. It’s already shaping up to be a wonderful summer filled with friendship, laughter, and community spirit.

• **Tuesday, July 7th – Bunco Night**

A fast-paced, easy-to-play dice game and a wonderful opportunity to mingle and meet new friends. No experience necessary! There will be prizes! *We will also kick off our collections in support of others with a canned/ non-perishable food drive.*

• **Tuesday, July 14th – 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. *This week’s collection will focus on hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, tissues, diapers, and other personal care items you may have around the house.*

• **Tuesday, July 21st – Trivia Night with Chris Giamalis**

One of our Women’s Club favorites returns for another night of friendly competition, laughs, and teamwork. Chris always makes this a fun and educational evening—we all leave having learned something new! *As we test our knowledge, we will also collect school supplies including pens, pencils, crayons, markers, and notebooks.*

The Black Point Women’s Club truly runs year-round, and a special thank you goes out to the wonderful women who coordinate so many fun activities for our community.

Thank you to Marci Brody for her fantastic Hip-Hop class. Her patience with those of us who may not be natural dancers was incredible — next stop, Broadway!

Thank you to Nancy Erman for coordinating Book Club. It is always a great opportunity to gather together and discuss the books we’ve read.

Thank you to Carolyn Boyle for coordinating the Sea glass Holiday Trees workshop. It was such a fun and creative way to head into the holiday season.

And thank you to Kelly Fecteau for coordinating the Setback Tournament, which has truly become a favorite year-round beach activity.

Thank you all for helping make BPWC such a fun, welcoming, year-round source of community and friendship. I look forward to seeing everyone at Bunco! If you need anything, please feel free to reach out. Enjoy the 4th with your family and friends.

All the best,

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

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.

Black Point Men's Club

This week will be the 250th Anniversary of the USA, an important date in our history. Also, in the not too distant future will be the 100th Anniversary of the Black Point Beach Association. These are times to ponder what we have and to



be thankful for those who put themselves on the line to get us here. It is also a call that we are not done yet and there is so much more we can do for ourselves and future generations. Black Point is a jewel. Let us keep its brightness shining!

Recent Activities:

Trivia Night - Friday, June 26th

Think you know a lot about a lot? Well, six tables of contestants proved that they had a plethora of knowledge about minutia beyond the scope of the general population...Wow! Our Congratulations to the top three tables:

1st - Ogle Table

2nd - Brightwater B

3rd - Sea Geezers

A great time was had by all with over 85% of the entry fees being awarded in prizes!

Upcoming Events

51st Annual Kazoo Band - July 4th 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!

4th of July Picnic - July 4th - Clubhouse - 10 AM

It is the BPMC's tradition to volunteer with the BOG 4th of July barbecue. Last year we also made snow cones for our neighbors. If you can volunteer, please show up under the tent. We are looking for at least 15 people!

Golf Tournament - Monday, July 6th - 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.

Important!

Please Note Postponement of the Following Activities Due to Scheduling Issues!

CornHole Tournament - Sunday, July 5th - Clubhouse -

3:00PM: Tentative Date - Saturday, July 11th - 3 PM

SetBack Tournament - Thursday, July 16th - ClubHouse-

7:00PM: Tentative Date - Thursday - Aug 6th - 7:00PM

Membership

Congratulations!. Our membership is strong but we are still behind in paid members versus last year and behind our goal of 100 members. Your membership and efforts help us to provide a spectrum of activities. Please join us by getting your cash, check or Zelle payment to Dave Twedt.

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

BLACK POINT MARKET NEWS

Greetings Black Pointers, Attawan Tribe, Crescent vagabonds and Oak Grove Yachtsmen.

Welcome to another summer here at the Black Point Market. We had a rough winter so that should make for a great summer.

We have a great selection on the menu this year with a couple of added sandwiches. We also added a catering to our repertoire. We offer sandwich platters and giant Po' Boys. Check it out.

We have a few bands lined up this year starting in July. I will post dates and times as we get closer. Come up and tailgate with your golf carts and buy some beer while you're at it.

The "Find a Fish" Contest kicking off July 4th weekend for the second year. We have some great prizes for the finders. 5-10 fish will be hidden in the public spaces around Black Point (beaches, ball fields, tennis courts, right of ways) everyday. When you find one return it to the market for a great prize and get your name on the board of honor. We also have 4 iron fish buried in the sand. You will need a metal detector to find them. Coincidentally we rent metal detectors at the market. I can assure you the rental will cost less than the prize is worth. If you haven't been lucky enough to find a fish last year, chin up, we have 40 fish to be found this year.

Michele and also I published a children's book "Good Morning Black Point" that will be available in July at the market.

Last but not least. I'm the new Harbor Master for all of East Lyme waters. If you need help filling out a mooring application or have any questions you can stop the market and talk with me directly. Happy 4th of July! ~Steve & Michele~

~ Local Author's New Children's Book Available at the Black Point Market ~

Black Point member Antoinette "Toni" Mintel is the author of a newly released children's book **Quack - A True Story**. Illustrations are by her sister Ann Abenavoli.

Although geared for ages 3-8, this heartwarming story of a duck raised by her human family has a beautiful message for all ages.

Now available on Amazon, but for each copy sold from our Black Point Market a \$1 donation will be directed to our Black Point Recreation Program. Thank you for supporting a local author and our community.

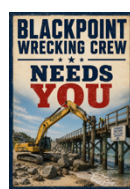
The Wrecking Crew News

The Wrecking Crew (WC) is made up of members and friends of the BPBCA who generously volunteer their time on a project-by-project basis to help maintain, improve, and beautify our Association while saving costs for the community.

Our greatest strength has always been the incredible variety of talents and experience our volunteers bring to the team. Whether it's:

- 🔨 Carpentry: 🌿 Landscaping: 🎨 Painting: 🛠️ Repairs & Maintenance
- 🏖️ Beach & Pier tasks: 🏗️ General Construction Skills

The Wrecking Crew has stepped up time and time again, saving the day on numerous projects that make Black Point an even better place to live and enjoy.



No special skills required—just a willingness to lend a hand, meet neighbors, and make a difference in our community.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Jim Moffett at (860) 460-7641.

"Many hands make light work—and a stronger Black Point community."

Black Point - Safer Streets



The town of East Lyme allows the use of golf carts on the streets throughout Black Point and their use is regulated by the Police Department. Golf carts allow for a little more mobility throughout the Community with the benefit of having a smaller parking requirement. They can be fun, but they are not toys. They are vehicles just like cars and are held to the same regulations - speed limit is 20 mph, stop signs mean STOP, licensed drivers only.

Golf carts are subject to additional regulations that are managed by the town:

- Annual Registration - \$35; registration plate (and renewal sticker) must be visible. If you rent a golf cart for the season, you are still subject to this registration requirement.
- Day use only - 30 minutes after sunrise to 30 minutes before sunset.
- Maximum of 4 people per golf cart; one person per seat (the roof is NOT a seat); seat belts for rear-facing passengers.
- Flag extending at least 6 feet above ground.

Have fun, but please be safe and follow the town rules on golf carts so that we don't lose the privilege.

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 SALE: 2023 Zuma 125cc Yamaha
Mint condition 103 miles; \$3600 Call or text
Tom Bonelli (860) 912-3629

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.

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 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 have a great 4th of July celebrating with family and friends.

~ 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)

For More Information go to:
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