

The Breeze

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Gardening Options on the Point

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My gardening experience began after moving to the Point in 1991, and has continued to grow each year. I have found gardening to be both a joy and challenge. Of all of my gardening dilemmas, my greatest challenge has been my lawn. I have worked so hard to keep my grass green and weed free. However, the weeds got the best of me each year. It didn't make sense to me because I added organic material every summer, watered continually, and used the top lawn chemicals with guarantees.

What I did notice from using chemicals on my lawn was that I would get physically ill and the birds and other wildlife quit coming in my yard. Personally, I like the little birdies, and yes, even the bunnies in my yard. I accepted these signs as a warning and began searching for alternatives.

After much research, I discovered how harmful chemicals were to humans, pets, and the environment. This is continually proven to me every time I pass by someone's lawn that has been chemically sprayed. So I wanted to share what I have learned with fellow Park Pointers who may want to know that there are effective alternatives out there. My favorite organ-

ic resource is Gardens Alive! They offer incredible products to help plants thrive, keeping them healthy from insects and diseases. The best part is that they really work! Even my husband was amazed and told me to quit fertilizing the front lawn because it's so thick that the mower bogs down! What a great problem to have.

I have found an effective alternative to weed and feed from Garden's Alive! It's called Wow! Plus. It fertilizes and stops weeds naturally using a derivative of corn syrup. It controls crabgrass, dandelions, and other pesky weeds while feeding your lawn with a complete balanced all-natural fertilizer. If you have a lot of weeds it may take three summers to get rid of them.

Stop by this summer (3340 Minnesota Ave) if you want to see for yourself. I have been using Wow! Plus for two years now and my lawn is lush and thick. And the best part is I am not using any chemicals. The wildlife has returned to my yard and I am no longer experiencing negative effects to my health. In addition, I am protecting a precious resource, Lake Superior. Let's face it we are only a few feet above our water table. The last

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URGENTLY NEEDED

Meals on Wheels Drivers

Problem: In the Park Point-Hillside neighborhoods there are nearly 75 homebound elderly who depend on Meals On Wheels as part of maintaining health and independence in their homes. Without these meals, some seniors will have to consider a nursing facility rather than the cost-effective in-home service they receive.

Need: Currently the Rainbow Senior Center has a shortage of 5 Drivers and Assistants to get the meals delivered. Meals on Wheels is a service that relies totally on volunteers to get the meals out to people's homes.

Solution: "IT TAKES YOU!"

--One volunteer can make a difference by driving a route once a week for 45-60 minutes

--One organization can make a difference by adopting-a-route and having members deliver the meals, e.g. 12 members would mean each person delivers only once every 3 months

Call for a meaningful connection or a group presentation:

Sandy Robinson

Meals Coordinator, 727-8147 x115

Kathy Esson

RSVP "Responding To Community Needs", 726-2156

April Breeze Submissions due Friday, March 5

E-mail trwing@qwest.net

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c/o The Breeze
3026 Minnesota Avenue
Duluth, MN 55802

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Community Club

Park Point Community Club Minutes

Thursday, Feb. 21, 2001

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. Motion made to accept the minutes in the January Breeze. Motion seconded and approved.

President's Report

The boiler and heating system is completely fixed and operating well. President Dick Gould stated that Lake St./Minnesota Ave have a lot of potholes and will probably get worse after this winter. Lloyd Vienneau encouraged residents to apply pressure to the city to get the street fixed, because the city currently has a plan to repair Lake Avenue from 2nd Street up the hill. City Councilman Russ Stewart stated that if the club wanted to pass a motion concerning street repair, he would be willing to take it to Public Works.

Mr. Gould asked for clarification on a question brought up in the Breeze about the bicycle lane. Lloyd Vienneau clarified that the law states that there has to be a physical barrier (such as a curb) between the lane and the road in order for it to be designated as a bike lane.

The community club is looking for a Park Point representative to be on the Parks and Rec Board. The position is a three year term.

Dick Gould stated that he talked to Carl Seehaus who said that there is no current plan to redo Franklin Park. The Franklin Park development committee has asked the community club for money toward the plan, but Dick replied that the community club would have to see a plan before they would offer money.

The city responded to Dick's letter about getting the roof on Lafayette fixed. A city representative said that the roof is on their list, but that they do not know when it will get fixed.

The Curtis family has donated a piano for the community club. If any-

one can help get rid of the old one and bring the new one in, please call Dick. Lloyd suggested that the community club pay to have the pianos moved. Issue tabled until new business discussion.

Treasurers Report

The current balance is approximately \$27,000. Chuck Flaig has upgraded the software and taken over as the treasurer. Lloyd Vienneau asked who should be responsible for the membership. Mike Brostrom or one of the community club officers can accept people's money for membership. Mike has entered all current membership information into the community club computer.

Airport Committee

Kinnan Stauber reported that Brian Brown, City attorney, has stated his opinion that he would like to give the land in conservation to the airport because he thinks the boundaries are ambiguous anyway. The committee is now pursuing legal assistance in pursuing the issue and would like to get a moratorium on cutting any further trees. The Duluth Airport Authority has stated that if the residents talk any further about closing the airport, they will stop all talks with the Park Point committee. The airport was fined \$10,000 by the DNR for removing vegetation without getting permission.

Russ Stewart brought and showed a map detailing the property around the airport. He suggested that PPCC airport committee ask the Minnesota Land Trust for assistance in dealing with the land use issue. Discussion followed concerning the course of action that the PPCC airport committee should now pursue. Jan Karon questioned Dick's writing a letter to the Duluth Airport Authority signed as the CC President when the club members were not aware of that letter going out. She stated that the community club had already passed a position statement

based on the PPCC airport committee's suggestions. Dick apologized for writing the letter as representing the community club when no one knew that he had written it. Jan Karon asked that Dick write a brief note to the people he sent the original letter to stating that it did not represent the community club, but his own personal opinion. Dick agreed to do this. More discussion followed about just how much the community club is willing to compromise with the airport.

Art Fair

Margaret McGillis stated that she had three more people volunteer for the Art Fair since the ad was posted in the Breeze. She appealed for more volunteers and said that they still need additional people to help with the Art Fair.

Margaret will compile a list of volunteer positions that are yet to be filled and it will be posted in the next Breeze. The PPCC website has been updated to reflect current information on the 2002 Art Fair along with on-line application for artists.

Long Range Planning

The plan has been taken over by the city since the consultants were let go. The Park Point committee continues to seek participation and additional members to help them create a long range plan.

Garden Club

Two sections of the fence went down in the garden at Lafayette. The will be set back up this spring.

City

Cliff Tchida reported that police officers often patrol by the 19th Street stop sign, so residents should be aware of his presence.

Old Business

Community Club

Tom Mackay commented on the plans for Franklin Park/12th street parking lot. He would like to see the current parking lot and beach entrance made into a planted, conservation area without public access/parking to the beach. This option will be included in the survey about Franklin Park that will be distributed through the Breeze. Currently, there is a \$5,000 dollar grant from Waste Management. There have been no matches for that money from either the City or the Community Club. Discussion followed about whether or not the community club should give money to issue, and how the plan should be drawn up. The Franklin Park Planning Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee will continue to work on devising a plan for the park. Mr. Mackay stated that the plan should address the erosion/blowing issues at 12th street.

Lloyd Vienneau asked whether or not the PP garage sale was set for this summer. It has been scheduled for June.

New Business

A motion was made that the PPCC write a letter to the City to request that PP be added to the current plan to repave

President's Report

Dick Gould

Airport issue

The DAA seems bent on destroying as much of the pine forest as the possibly can. Their recent cutting of the smaller support trees will result in the blowing down of the old pines the same as it did the last time they cut to put up their beacon poles.

Since 9-11 the issue of security at the airport has come up. There is access by land, water and air to Canada, MN, WI, and MI without restriction. I have talked to two pilots that tell me there is no problem landing or taking off undetected from Sky Harbor. Sounds like a smug-

Lake Avenue. Motion seconded and approved.

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$150.00 to hire someone to haul away the old piano and move in the new piano. Motion approved.

Lively discussion occurred concerning writing a request for a tree cutting moratorium at the airport, as well as a request that the airport get necessary permits before removing any more vegetation and in accordance with the 1997 Minnesota Point law. The following resolution was composed by the community club: The PPCC resolves that the Duluth Airport Authority (DAA) abstain from further tree cutting or other alteration of the landscape on public property on Minnesota Point until DNR permits are applied for and approved and in compliance with Minnesota Laws of 1997 relating to Minnesota Point. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. Motion passed. Discussion followed about appealing to other environmental clubs to gain their support in pursuing the airport issue.

Lisa Crosby, a social worker with the Waters of Park Point, introduced herself and stated that she represents the Waters

glers dream. They are using our tax dollars to take away our land. If you care, write your city councilor and/or a letter to the editor.

Art Fair

Coming along good so far, but Muggs needs more volunteers. Give her a call at 722-3650 and ask what you can do to help for a couple hours. She is hauling a big load and needs your support.

There have been some budget cuts at the city level for the 2002 summer and winter youth programs. This will result

and will attend the community club meetings.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51p.m.

Fencing, Planting and Walkways

Dick Gould

The Duluth Rotary club has donated the labor and materials through Tom McCabe to build a third walkway to the beach just before the airport. Thanks to a grant acquired by Kinnan Stauber, the club has enough fencing and materials to complete the fourth walkway. This will complete this project and stabilize the blowing sand and move the foot traffic away from the airport. The two walkways that have been built in the past three years are doing a great job of helping the vegetation make a come back and getting people to the beach. They also make the beach readily accessible for emergency crews. We need volunteer labor to build the fourth walkway, put up the fencing and plant about 4000 shrubs and trees between April 15th and May 30th. The materials and design are ready to go. To volunteer call Dick Gould at 727-4067 or e-mail drgould@chartermi.net.

in reduced length of the programs thus reducing our cost. The total cost will be \$2802.00 plus some equipment and supply costs. This needs to be approved at the next meeting.

A new piano has been donated by J.C. Curtis. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have found a way to get it moved to Lafayette. Thank you very much, the old one had as many dead as live keys. Nominations are coming up soon. I have been president for three years, that's long enough. We need some new blood and new ideas.

Gardening

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ten years have taught me to greatly respect the wildlife and the environment.

Here is a product comparison of chemicals vs. organic fertilizers for your lawn. For further information check out Gardens Alive! website at www.gardensalive.com or call them direct at 812-537-8650. I am also available for questions at 726-1902.

Chemical Fertilizers

Contains toxic chemicals
Harmful to people, pets, environment
Causes Thatch
Roots grow only to soil surface
Grass density decreases
Allows numerous weeds to sprout
Opens lawn to diseases & insects
Depletes beneficial nutrients in soil
Water continually
Apply 4-5 times per year
Uses chemicals up quickly

Gardens Alive! Organic Fertilizers

All natural organic nutrients & minerals
Safe & non-toxic to people, pets, environment
Breaks down thatch & organic materials
Roots grow down, deep & strong
Grass becomes thick and lush
Crowds out stubborn weeds
Protects Lawn from diseases & insects
Builds healthy soil for plants & worms to thrive
Needs less watering because of deep roots
Apply just 2 times per year
Steadily releases nutrients over season

Franciscan Health Center

Franciscan Health Center
3910 Minnesota Avenue
Duluth, MN 55802

Ham and Turkey Bingo Fundraiser

Saturday, March 16 at 1:30, games at 2 p.m.
Franciscan Health Center Dining Room
Cost is \$2.50 per board and cash games \$.25
Refreshments for sale
Sponsored by the FHC Auxiliary

Buoys and Gulls Club

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 1 p.m. at Lafayette

April Hostesses - Virginia McLaughlin, Dorothy Enwall, Dolores Feira

Speaker - Candace Kirkadalen, "Change of Hearth," personalized moving services for seniors and other topics.

Bingo

Every Thursday 11:30 to 1:30 at Lafayette

Bring lunch - coffee is provided

Contact Katherine Johnson 727-8691

Park Point Garden Club

The Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Lillian(Cootsa) Moore. Program presentation will be by Kinnan Stauber.

Call - Kathy Jacobs at 722-2375 or Nancy Shaw at 727-7196 for more information.

New members are always welcome. Please come and join in the gardening fun! We meet on the fourth Thursday evening of each month.

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2802 Minnesota Avenue
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Call 727-1262 for more information.

Community Club Meetings

This month

Thursday, March 21
7:00 p.m.

Next Month

Thursday, April 18
7:00 p.m.