

The Breeze

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Park Point

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting – Nov. 16
7:00PM, Lafayette Square**

**Buoys and Gulls Club
“Christmas Luncheon”
At The Pickwick
Tuesday, December 7th
1 PM**

**Call Jackie Mantay for
Reservations 720-6555
Bingo Every Thursday
11:30 AM Bring a lunch
Coffee is served**

**Christmas City of the
North Parade
November 19, 6:30PM**

**First Snowstorm of the
Season
Coming Soon!**

The Alder at Home



The Coast Guard Cutter Alder arrived in the Duluth/Superior Harbor on September 16 and now resides at it's new home on Park Point. The Larger (225 ft.), more powerful replacement for the recently retired Sundew will take over ice breaking and buoy tending duties on the western end of Lake Superior

The mission of the Breeze is to
serve the community by:

- 1) Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club
- 2) Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects
- 3) Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns
- 4) Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live

Change at the Top

Those who attended last month's Community Club meeting (or who read the minutes printed in this Breeze) know that club president Mark Steen has resigned, citing a lack of time. Former president Dick Gould was nominated to take his place, pending an examination of the by laws for proper procedure. An executive board meeting held November 4th came to the conclusion that a replacement must be nominated from the floor, and voted on by the body. This will occur at the November PPCC meeting. The executive board also discussed the open secretary's position, and has a possible candidate.

Carla Tamburro was volunteered to chair the Art Fair Committee for the coming year, with the hope of being hired as paid coordinator next year, when present coordinator Karen Monson-Thompson steps down.

A contract for a new Lafayette rentals manager was also discussed, and also will be brought up at the November meeting. So much is happening, and all are urged to attend on November 16th. at 7 PM

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Submissions

The deadline is December 3 for the December 2004 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

Park Point Community Club Officers:

President:
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Vice President: Dave Poulin
3101 S. Lake Ave.
722-1511

Secretary: Who's next?

Treasurer: Chuck Flaig
1511 Minnesota Ave.
727-2814

Committees

ART FAIR
open

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON
Cliff Tchida, 722-4966

ENVIRONMENTAL
Kinnan Stauber, 722-6255

HOSPITALITY
Diane Gould, 727-4067

LAFAYETTE SQUARE
RENTALS

S-CURVE SIGN
Dave Johnson, 722-9764

SUNSHINE
Carl Isadore, 727-5281

www.parkpoint.org

Park Point Goalie hangs up his Skates

Nate Ziemski, son of Bill and Lynn Ziemski, has decided it's time to hang up the hockey skates and "get on with life". Nate has been playing hockey since he was 6 years old, starting out at the Congdon rink. He was in the 4th grade when he first put on the goalie pads – and he's hardly taken them off since!

Nate first began attracting media attention as goalie for Central High School, where, as senior co-captain, he led the Trojans to a section championship and a state tournament berth in 1996. After high school he went on to play Junior B hockey for the Minneapolis Kodiaks, who won a national championship in 1997. From there he graduated to Junior A hockey, playing first for the Waterloo Black hawks of the USHL, and then the Gaylord Grizzlies of the NAHL.

Nate began his college hockey career at Cortland State in New York, before transferring to UW-Superior to start his sophomore year. In his junior year the UWS Yellow jackets won the National Championship in Division III hockey with Nate in the goal. His other college credits include two years All-American, four years All Academic American, and senior year MVP.

After his final season at UWS Nate was offered a contract with the Jacksonville Barracudas, a minor league affiliate of the New York Rangers. So Nate spent last season playing professional hockey in Florida. But this season, with a new salary cap in place, and a lockout in the NHL, he decided it was time to hang up the skates.

Nate's back in Duluth now, substitute teaching and helping out with brother Zack's landscaping business. But he doesn't quite have hockey out of his system yet. He's just signed on to be the goalie coach at UWS. Congratulations on a great career, Nate!

A scary good time

The Park Point Community Club's Kid's Halloween Party was held October 30th at Lafayette. An enthusiastic crowd of costumed children (and a few adults) enjoyed games, goodies, and face painting. At right, Sponge Bob (Jeremiah Green) stops on his number in the cakewalk. Many thanks to Kinnan Stauber and Kathy Jacobs for pulling this together, and to all the other parents and kids who helped out.



Rezoning of M-1 (manufacturing) to R (residential)

The Park Point community has been discussing zoning and re-zoning for years. During that time we have talked about it but never actually requested the changes. It was recommended in both the Sketch Plan and the current Comprehensive Plan Component of Park Point. During this period one change that did take place was the designation of W-1 (Waterfront). The waterfront zoning replaced some "M" zoning that has been here since the Point was an industrial and shipping area.

A proposal was made at the Community Club meeting on the 22nd October to discuss with the City a change to our zoning as follows:

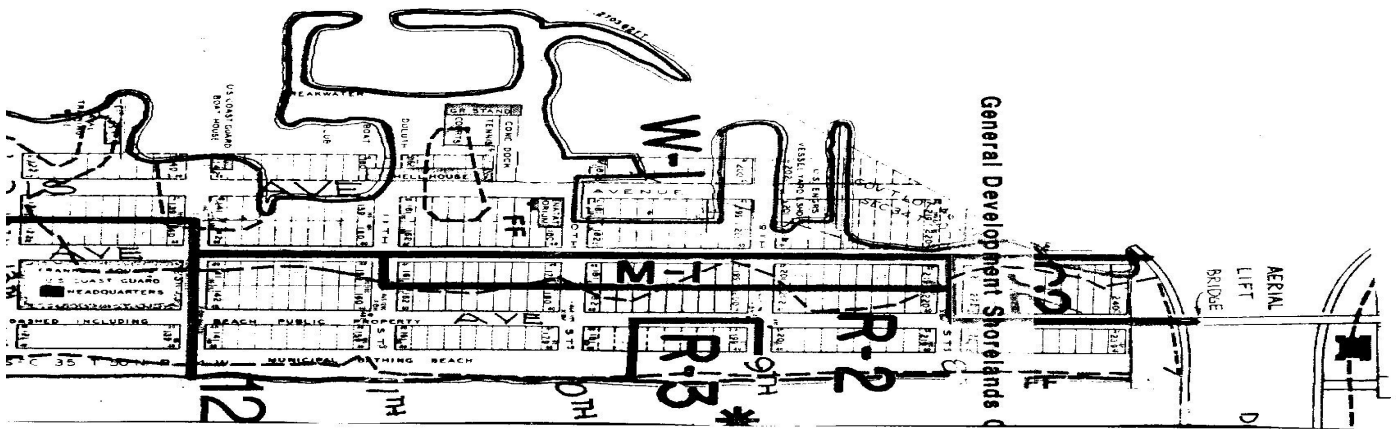
To remove the zoning designation of M-1 (Manufacturing) from three blocks and changes it to a zoning more in keeping with Park Point.

(See the map.)

The purpose of this change is to bring the zoning into line with what the property is being used for at this time, to help maintain the residential atmosphere of Park Point, to help control the number of home-units on the Point and help reduce the traffic. The present M-1 zoning will allow for a 60-foot height of a building, whereas "R" has about a 30-foot height limit, for example.

There are other re-zoning spots being considered but some of these require more study and in some cases the zoning designation we want does not exist yet. These include parks and green space designations.

The Long Range Planning committee will attempt to contact all of the people having an interest in the M-1 zone for their input and receive additional guidance from the City before coming back to the Community Club for further discussion. If we miss you, please call Lloyd at 727-2024 or e mail him at Vienneau1@prodigy.net



Parks Maintenance Numbers

If you see a problem such as overflowing trash cans or porta-potties, or any issue concerning our park facilities, you can contact the Parks Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department at 723-3425, Monday thru Friday from 7 AM to 3 PM
Weekends and after hours call
723-3333

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Canal Park



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off any one item (except
art work).

Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes October 21, 2004 7:10

David Poulin, V.P., presiding, minutes by Kinnan Stauber

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Dennis Fink is a guest this evening.

Correspondence – (To Q of L) from Don and Donna Larson regarding placement of power lines underground. Will be passed along to the resurrected Long Range Planning Committee.

Presidential news – Mark Steen has resigned. (Need a letter to formalize this)

Discussion on how this situation is handled by the By-Laws. Dennis will check on this.

MOTION – Due to resignation of president, Dick Gould is nominated to fill that position. (Seconded, passed)

Treasurer's Report - \$33,297.23 in the bank

Art Fair – no chair, no report. Ellen is willing to train in a new person.

Police Liaison – Officer Tinsley 390-2863

Calls for service have dropped from August to September. City is low on officers now – may hire in January. Citizen patrol numbers are still increasing, although slowly. Alternate-side parking starts November 1st. Bobcat reported (mechanical type) on the beach. Operator had city permission, and was clearing sand behind Lafayette in preparation for the boardwalk. Will be ticketing stop-sign violations next!!

Regarding church parking – recommended getting a permit from the city to sign for both side parking on Sundays. Be on the lookout for a speeding red Mustang. Need plate numbers, if you can.

{Sidebar – 3, no 2 white ducks will be moved to Moose Lake for the winter}

Boat Club – Dave Poulin

Party this Saturday – garbage clean up, bonfire and food at the site. Have utilities agreement for the site, will plan over the winter, and build in the spring. DNR considering a move of boat launch to Bayfront.

Mary Wade (Boat Club neighbor) wants to make sure the neighbors are heard. Their concerns are; 1) Do not want boat ramp at this site. 2) Have a problem with the liquor license. If there was a special use permit, that might be preferred. 3) Garden leases would like to be kept by those abutting the county property.

Long-Range Planning – Jay Laundergan

Attended the last District 5 meeting. Coming up is a "stakeholders" meeting. Comprehensive Plan will move forward – although funds are limited. Previous work for Park Point will be included. Posed the question, "Can we proceed with any zoning changes?" answer from the city, "No." This, even though construction continues, as does change. Lately, variance request at 908 Lake Ave. S. for setbacks to build townhouses. Meeting on the 26th in council chambers at 10 am. Lloyd suggests we need to move ahead with re-zoning, especially from M-1 to R-1c

Environmental – Kinnan Stauber

Boardwalk work starts Monday at 10 am.

Dave P. – Audubon would like to get Park Point designated an “important birding area”.

Halloween Party October 30th, 6:30-8:30

Breeze – Alan, great last issue with all the inserts and ads! Still need a committee chair.

Executive Committee – Brostrums are resigning as rental agents November 1st. Need somebody who can show the building, keep it clean, arrange the rentals, and get ½ of the fees. Discussed the rental problem as directed at the last meeting, and will give a full refund of \$400. Need to replace the refrigerator!!!

Rentals – contracts have helped. All clubs had been doing theirs differently.

Lafayette – needs to be taken care of, especially the roof.

Re-activate the Program Committee

Have an ice-fishing contest this winter as a fund-raiser

Re-activate the infrastructure committee

Chuck is checking on web hosting alternatives.

Adjourned 8:55

Bay SideMarket

1901 Minnesota Ave 727-7635

Meat, Cheese and Veggie Trays!

Great Deli and Sandwiches!

Home Made Sausage

Polish, Italian, Potato, Brats,

Onion & Garlic, Cheese Franks

Breakfast Sausage and Jalapeno Brats

Fresh Turkeys, Hams, Roasts

For your Holidays

If you want a job done right, do it yourself



Dick Gould and Dave Johnson pose on boardwalk behind Lafayette. Photo by Charlene Shimmin

A much-needed walkway is being built over the dunes behind Lafayette, thanks mainly to the efforts of Dick Gould. The walkway was designed with the help of the Rotary Club, and approved by the city, but after construction money was twice approved and twice rescinded by the city, Dick took matters into his own hands. At the September Community Club meeting, Dick asked that the Club provide up to \$3000 for materials, and volunteered to coordinate the construction himself. This was approved by the club, and, with a little help from his friends, (Diane Gould, Dave Johnson, Kinnan Stauber, Rod and Pat Olson, Dennis Hoelscher, Bill Silver, Charlene Shimmin and especially Bob Swanson, who, with city approval, brought a bobcat down the beach and cleared the blown-in sand) he began building the boardwalk. At this writing, the boardwalk is nearly completed, at well below the budgeted cost.

Thanks Dick, and to all involved in this project.

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Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.
Christian Formation: 9:45 a.m. (3 - 17 years old)
Nursery care provided (infant to 3 years old)

Upcoming Events

November 5th/6th: Day of the Dead (4th-6th graders - overnight event)

November 6th: Women's Spirituality Group (9:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.) (Discussing: The Five people

You meet in Heaven")

November 7th: All Saints Sunday (9:45 a.m.)

November 14th: Confirmation with The Rt. Rev. Daniel Swenson as visiting Bishop (9:45 a.m.)

November 28th : First Sunday in Advent (9:45 a.m.)

November 30th: St. Andrew's Day Celebration (Holy Eucharist with bagpipers, Scottish Highland Dancers, Supper, Talent Show 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

All are welcome. Come join us!

Editor's Corner

Change remains the only constant in the Park Point Community Club, as President Mark Steen has resigned (though this is not yet official) and former President Dick Gould has agreed to take the post again (though this isn't official yet either) And the Bostrum's will not longer be our manager for Lafayette rentals, and a contract with a new manager is being pursued. As I look out my window and watch the trucks hauling away the wreckage of the old Dunleavy house next door, I recognize that change is not only constant, but on Park Point, it's kind of circular, as my view is partially blocked by a new house, built this summer by a new generation of Dunleavy's. Things go round and round, but our challenge remains how to make the circle bigger.

In another sign of progress, PPCC Treasurer Chuck Flaig has been working on a new web site for the club. This is a Wiki site, which, as I understand it, is an open source site, which anyone can add pictures and articles to. He has already added a nice picture of the old "Basket Bridge", and article on the old lighthouse, and a couple back issues of the Breeze. To check out the site in it's current, free, development form takes some care full typing. It's found at www.Seedwiki.com/page.cfm?wiki=7869&doc=PPCC%20Wiki

Whew! That's a mouthful, but if it works out, and the club approves it, we can pay \$19.95 a month and get a domain name that's more manageable. Check it out.

Officer on Duty

Hello, I am officer Tinsley, the park point community officer. In this months article I have been asked to talk more about the citizen patrol and how it is coming along. There are a total of 8 volunteer patrollers so far and I hope to triple that number by the start of the next summer season. I have received several reports from the patrollers about suspicious activity, nuisance issues, and parking problems. These volunteers are vital to our efforts in improving the quality of life in the community.

On any given day, officers can patrol the neighborhood and drive back and forth without knowing what is important to you and your neighbors. Members of the citizen patrol help the police dept keep a finger on the pulse of the neighborhood by sharing info with neighbors and reporting it to me. They have made reports by email and phone calls. I always give feedback on how the information was used and the final outcome.

Recently, members were invited to a meeting exclusive to the citizen patrol that gave a K-9 demonstration and very good information on the large number of predatory offenders in Duluth and how the community deals with them. There is also an upcoming meeting where the Duluth Police investigator of the Congdon Murder Case will be giving a speech.

If you are interested in the citizen patrol, please contact me at 390-2863. My email is mtinsley@ci.duluth.mn.us. My office phone is 723-3742. Remember, if it is an emergency or you need immediate police response, dial 911. Thank you.

Aluminum Can Fundraiser

Do you wonder about how to your used dispose of your used aluminum cans collection in the most profitable way? St. Andrew's by the Lake will take them off your hands to help fund the Habitat for Humanity house, which the Church is sponsoring.

Donations can be placed in the can collection house, which has been moved from the front of the church to the side at the end of the parking lot.

Park Point residents have generously kept the little house filled through the summer months. We thank you for all the contributions and encourage continued donations to help support our home project. J. C. Curtis is in charge of our aluminum can fundraiser.

Arlene Renken
726-0819

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PARK POINT SHOPS AT 723 SOUTH LAKE AVENUE

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