

The Breeze

Of
Park Point

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Calendar

Park Point Community Club Meeting
Lafayette Square
May 19, 7PM

Buoys and Gulls Club Meeting
June 7, 1 PM
Lafayette Square
Bingo every Thursday
11:30 AM
Bring a lunch, coffee is served

Duluth Audubon Society "Down by the Water"
May 14 -15
Lafayette Square

Park Point Rummage Sale
June 10 & 11

Park Point Art Fair
June 25 & 26

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

Are You Ready to Rummage?

The annual Park Point rummage sale will be held on Friday June 10th and Saturday June 11th this year. It's our yearly opportunity to clear out all those "treasures" that just seem to multiply in our garages and basements - or at least exchange them for somebody else's. So while you're doing your Spring cleaning, dig out those card tables, put price tags on all those "too good to throw away" items, and prepare to lighten your load. It's also a good chance to talk to your neighbors, when you go over to check out what they're selling. As usual, the Community Club will be arranging for Porta-potties and advertising, so all you have to do is put your stuff out there. The crowds will come.

Speaking of crowds, the rummage sale is also famous as the 5-mile traffic jam, so if you have somewhere you have to go, leave early, and come back late. The sale runs from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, or thereabouts. See you out there.

Little grass shack – Park Point Style



This driftwood-framed and beach grass - thatched hut recently appeared on the beach near 22nd street, the labor of a group of anonymous young men. While perhaps not the best for the beach grass, you have to admire their industriousness and craftsmanship. Check it out.

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Submissions

The deadline is June 3 for the June 2005 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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722-1511

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Deb Turner
733-0491

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727-2814

Committees

ART FAIR
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ENVIRONMENTAL
Kinnan Stauber, 722-6255

HOSPITALITY
Diane Gould, 727-4067

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RENTALS
Barb Greene 727-2814

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Dave Johnson, 722-9764

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Carl Isadore, 727-5281
www.parkpointcommunityclub.org

From The President

Community Club communications such as letters to City officials should be approved by the body of the club before being sent. Please do not send letters on PPCC stationary or make calls without prior approval by the Club.

The Club did not approve the \$1,080.00 needed for the summer youth program at the last meeting. This will need to be done if there is to be a summer program this year.

There seems to be a lack of interest in this program, if you have an interest please come to the meetings and express it.

I have had numerous calls from Park Pointers concerned with the dramatic increases in their real estate values as determined by the City Assessors office. The subject for a "proposition 13" proposal/movement has been brought up a few times. After doing some minimal research on it I found that after it was enacted in California in 1978 the real estate taxes decreased by about 57% the following year, interesting.

The rummage sale and art fair projects are proceeding pretty much on schedule but we are still in need of volunteers to help with the set up and operation of the art fair.

I will schedule a meeting in the near future for all volunteers.

I have heard complaints about the airplane activity over the point this spring, call 911 with your complaints, that way it gets recorded and something happens, calling the airport seems to be a waste of time.

I have also heard concerns about the e-coli testing that will be happening this summer. Many people are blaming birds and dogs for the problem. I'm thinking if we hooked the WLSSD boondoggle up to the Aquarium mess we might be able to kill two birds with one stone. No one seems to be willing to talk about the continuous sewage spills at WLSSD or some of the still active or dormant dysfunctional septic systems here on the point.

On a brighter note, spring is here.

Come to the next meeting, bring a friend and let's talk about some of these things that folks have been calling about.

Thanks,
Dick

Bridge Brigade

The Lift Bridge Centennial Committee is planning to have volunteer guides give history tours of the Bridge this summer. We won't operate on a rigid schedule and volunteers can give much or a little time. We plan to have guides available by the Marine Museum and just walk interested visitors under the Bridge and talk a bit about it's history and a few facts and figures. We will have an orientation session for guides at the Museum but right now are trying to determine how many interested folks would like to be guides. Park Pointers are one group that ought to be interested and we think it will be both fun and a good thing to do for our community. The contact person is Jerry Sandvick (a Park Pointer himself) who is at jsandvick@charter.net. Our tentative name is the Bridge Brigade.

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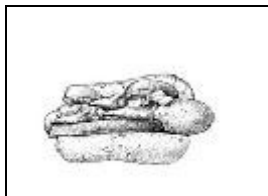
You are welcome, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey

- May 15** - Pentecost Sunday (youth group will serve a fund-raising lunch)
May 22 -- Trinity Sunday (youth group will serve a fund-raising lunch)
May 25 -- Fourth Wednesday Group (1-3 p.m.) All are welcome for a time of conversation, games, and snacks. Just having fun together !
June 5 -- Parish Picnic (after worship at the end of the Point -- around 11:30, on)
June 6 -- Men's Group (6:45 a.m. at Jitters)
June 10 -- Second Friday Prayer Group (a.m.)
June 10-11 -- Senior High Brat Sale (during Park Point Rummage Sale)
June 12 -- Worship at the Franciscan Health Center (2:00 p.m.)
June 15 -- Outdoor Eucharist (5:45 at end of the Point by playground picnic area) (Bring your own bag dinner to picnic together afterwards)
June 16-17 -- MYSTERY DINNER THEATER. Get your tickets for this fun event! (It's a fundraiser for the Senior High Pilgrimage)

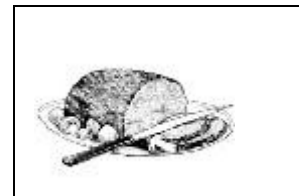
"The nature of God is a circle of which the center is everywhere and the circumference is nowhere".
(anonvmous)

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Park Point Community Club April 21st Meeting Minutes

President Dick Gould opened the meeting at 7:00pm. The minutes of the March 17th meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

Treasurer There was not a report from the treasurer at this time.

Membership There was not a membership report at this time.

Art Fair The art fair committee would like to encourage people to volunteer. Approximately 20 volunteers are still needed. At this time the treasurer did say that things are looking good with numbers of artists and booths. We will have more at the next meeting.

Environmental Kinnan Stauber reported that trees and shrubs have been ordered. For more information contact her directly.

Police Report Officer Tinsley reported on the mobile speed machine that has been in place at several locales on the Point. Officer Tinsley informed us that concerns over Morse Street have been passed on to the city engineer and that the business groups in Canal Park have also been informed of the concern. Hopefully we will see some resolution to this problem before summer is in full swing. Officer Tinsley encouraged people to attend the Citizens Patrol meeting being held on the 23rd at the Duluth Police Dept. Discussion continued on reports that detail activities by the Dept. and how often those reports would be made available. The consensus was that the club would like to have them on a monthly basis. Additional comments were made regarding the upcoming season and the increase of routine patrols.

Quality of Life Dennis Hoelscher Talked about the ongoing efforts and meetings that are being held with City Dept. heads to address concerns of the community. He feels progress is being made albeit not as quickly as some would like. It was during this discussion that mention was made of the request for a return of scheduled lifts for the lift bridge.

City Council Liaison There was no report

Bridge Celebration Update.

Mary Wade informed members that recipes were still needed. Response has been good but at meeting time approximately 70 more were needed. Additional information regarding participation in the bridge celebration can be had by contacting Mary directly. Mary Wade also introduced Betsy Sislo who was there representing Dennis Fink at her invitation.

Open Discussion Members had the opportunity to express opinions on a variety of issues that are of concern. These topics included the transportation of rabbits to the end of the point, and the concern over park usage after hours. At this time Dennis Poulin asked for a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Turner & Rory Strange

Officer on Duty

Hello, I am officer Tinsley of the Duluth Police Department. I am the community officer for Park Point. I have been asked to write an article about animal litter. A major problem is that people walk their dogs on the beach or sidewalk and do not properly dispose of the animal feces. I attached the city ordinance related to animal litter.

Sec. 6-38. Animal litter.

(a) The owner of any animal or any person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of such feces in a sanitary manner;

(b) It is unlawful for any person owning, keeping or harboring an animal to cause said animal to be on property, public or private, not owned or possessed by such person without having in his/her immediate possession a device for the removal of feces and depository for the transfer of animal feces to a receptacle located on property owned or possessed by such person. A device may include a plastic or paper bag which is used to recover animal feces ;

(c) It is unlawful for any person in control of, causing or permitting any animal to be on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by such person to fail to remove feces left by such animal to a proper receptacle located on the property owned or possessed by such person;

I contacted Duluth park maintenance about this problem. They stated within a week or so they will be installing additional boxes on Park Point that will hold plastic bags to be used for removal of animal litter. I have asked that they make sure that they are installed at multiple beach access points. Again, I remind everyone to make sure that you control your animals with a leash to make this area safe for others. If you have any questions, please contact me at 390-2863 or email me at mtingsley@ci.duluth.mn.us. Thank you.

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Editor's Corner

So it's May, and even though it doesn't feel like it, the start of the summer season, at least as far as activities on Park Point go. It's no secret that Park Point is the favorite site for dozens of different events. We've just had our first big one, as the Mother's Day Run/walk was held on Park Point for the first time, on May 7th. The resulting traffic backups were just a reminder of things to come. It's part of the price we pay for living on Duluth's playground.

Another summer tradition on the Point has long been the Summer Youth Program at Lafayette. The Community Club has long supported this program, which has become a model for youth programs throughout the city. But as the number of kids on the Point has dwindled, so has support for the program. The Community Club has not yet authorized the funding that has helped to make the program successful. It would be a real shame to lose this program. Just because there are fewer Park Point kids doesn't make it any less important for those who use it. And at a time when we're battling with the City over needed maintenance at Lafayette, the presence of the Youth Program is another argument for getting this work done. So come to the May meeting, and voice your support for this important program. It's another one of the things that make Park Point such a great place to live.

Thanks to Park Point Cooks

Mary Riddell-Wade and Diane Gould want to thank the community for really getting behind the cookbook effort. We had almost 90 households contribute over 300 recipes. It looks like there are a lot of excellent cooks on Park Point. The cookbook was given to the printer on May 4th. Look in the next Breeze for further information as to when the book will be completed, how much it will cost and where you can get your copy. Remember, it will also make a great gift item. Thanks Again to All

Rats!

Two rats were washed up on the lake side beach between the pier and the "S" curve the week of April 20.

If you find others, here's who to contact:

Minnesota Department of Health - 723-4642

They do not have money to study West Nile Virus at this time; however if enough reports are made, maybe they would allocate for it. They need to know that there are potential health hazards in this City Park.

Parks and Rec - 723-3337

Disposal:

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Park Point Resident

Parks Maintenance Numbers

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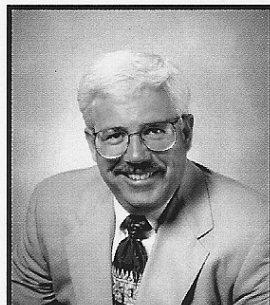
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