

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**
Lafayette Square
July 21, 7PM

**Buoys and Gulls Club
Picnic Luncheon**
August 2, 1 PM
At the Pickwick Restaurant
Call Jackie Mantay for
reservations – 720-6555

Park Point 5-Miler
July 15, 5:30 PM
Park Point Pavilion

Neighborhood Night Out
August 2:
**What's your
neighborhood planning?**

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

Crowds Flock to Art Fair



The 35th Annual Park Point Art Fair, held June 25th and 26th, drew an impressive crowd to the recreation area. For the second straight year, artists and fairgoers were welcomed by near perfect weather, which no doubt helped boost both attendance and sales. But the main draw remains the high quality of the artwork.. The Park Point Art Fair's artist selection process, in which each applicant's work is judged by a jury of artists and art enthusiasts, makes the fair stand out among the many "arts and crafts" shows in the area.

The Artists Picnic and Awards ceremony, held on Saturday night,, turned a bit emotional this year. A special award was given to Karen Monson-Thompson, who is stepping down after 15 years as Artistic Coordinator. Karen enjoyed great respect among the artists, and did a great deal to raise the level of the Art Fair. Her replacement, Carla Tamburo, was introduced as well. Carla spent much of the past few months assisting and "shadowing" Karen, so the transition is expected to go smoothly.

The Art Fair is the major fundraiser for the Park Point Community Club, and much labor is contributed by Park Point Volunteers. This year the club added it's own booth, selling the "We Get Bridged" cookbook. Look for more on that in this issue.

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Submissions

The deadline is July 1 for the July 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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From the President

The art fair is over and it went well. Attendees, artists and vendors all had happy faces.

The volunteers who made it all happen had happy and tired faces. I cannot thank them enough. You did a tremendous job and should be very proud, thank you all again.

Cookbook sales continued their rapid march towards a "sellout", at the fair. If you want a copy you had better get it soon, a very successful end is in sight. Mary and Diane have done a tremendous job. The books make a great gift item.

The only problems at the art fair developed with the City side of things. We had problems with garbage cans, unmowed grass, dirty grounds, poor power supply and not a proper water supply. Thanks to the last minute efforts of Julene Boe from the Parks and Rec. Dept. and John our park cleanup man things were corrected and came together. I will write a detailed report to try to avoid these things repeating themselves next year. Thanks to Julene and John.

At the July meeting we will have Bob Hansen, a Park Point resident who is running for councilman at large, attending the meeting to answer any questions as to his about his goals when he is elected.

We will also have Mr. Rich Ludwig there to speak about the Franciscan Health Centers expansion plans.

It should be a good meeting. Please try to get there, bring a friend or neighbor.
Dick

Officer On Duty

Hello, I am officer Tinsley of the Duluth Police Department. We have been busy with speed enforcement, park patrol, and parking problems. Many residents have been doing a good job at reporting parties and speeders. I would like to remind you that if you call 911, please give as much information as possible. If you are being disturbed by a party on the beach, please try to tell 911 where on the beach the party is, how many people, and the best way for the officers to get there. It also helps officers, to express your concerns about what you want done such as the partygoers being ticketed or just sent. If you report a "hot-rod" or speeder, please record the license number, make, model, color, and how many occupants the vehicle has. Calls about speeders are sometimes delayed by 911 due to higher priority calls. Collecting this information will help locate the car at a later time or make it easier to identify when patrolling the area. Also, there have been a few reports of burglaries and suspicious people on Park Point. I encourage you to call in to 911 if you see anything suspicious around you or your neighbors house. The biggest deterrent to crime is watching out for your neighbor and it is not a waste of time to call the police to these type of calls. If you have any questions or would like to talk about crime prevention, please call me at 218-390-2863 or at my email mtinsley@ci.duluth.mn.us. Remember, if it is an emergency or you need immediate squad response, please dial 911.

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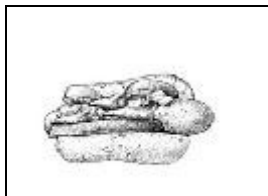
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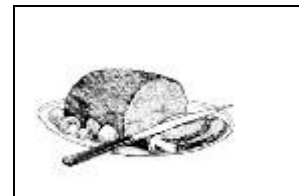
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Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes

June 16th 2005

President Gould opened the meeting at 7:00pm and minutes were approved from the May Meeting.

President's comments: Park Point Art Fair is coming up next week and additional help will be needed.

The Community Club Building was scheduled to be cleaned on the 9th but the City used the building for the garage sale. This will have to be rescheduled. Additional comments were made regarding new signage for a Welcome to Park Point sign. Concern was raised about the overall condition of the community club building roof and floor. At this time committee reports were received.

Environmental: Dave Johnson reported on the status of planting by the Barrens and the airport. Commended Stowe school participants for all their help. Dave expressed appreciation to the City Gardener Tom Kasper for all his help and donation of Lilac and dirt. Keep an eye out for Sunflowers at the S-curve since it was heavily seeded.

Breeze Report: Alan informed us that the Breeze continues to grow in content and he would welcome additional advertisers and articles.

At this time Chuck Kimball the President of the Chester Bowl Improvement Club was introduced and gave us the benefit of his groups experience working with the City, and community volunteers to complete projects that were identified to improve their community. Chuck relayed that one reason that they are successful in completing projects is due to the fact that they have a very strong advocate and coordinator in Park Manager Thom Storm. The points that Chuck addressed to our group were very helpful and we appreciate his taking the time to share his thoughts with us.

Other business: the club had a second vote to support the Summer Youth Program in the amount of \$1080.00. Members have been very pleased with activities that are going on and felt that this is a good investment in the Point youth.

The cookbook is doing well and sales have exceeded expectations. They will be at the Art Fair and are available at Bayside Market, Country by the Lake on the Point. There are numerous other locations throughout the city as well. Cliff brought up the comprehensive plan that the city is developing as he attended the evening at the Decc where the planning commission is seeking citizen input to further develop and retool a new process. He will keep us informed on progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully Submitted;

Deb Turner

Rory Strange

Comprehensive Planning

In April 2003 the Comprehensive Plan Component – Park Point, was published after several meetings with Park Point people and the City Planning group. This plan is primarily a land use and zoning document.

Since that time there have been many changes within the city and the planning process, but now we are beginning again to put together a long range plan for the City of Duluth, including Park Point. The kick-off for this process was the meeting at the DECC on June 15, 2005, where several Park Point people attended.

Now Park Point has the opportunity to review the 2003 plan, make changes and additions as we see fit and then submit the revised plan through Neighborhood District 5 to the city for inclusion into the City of Duluth Comprehensive Plan. Some of this review and revision work has already been started with a list of items to consider and a process to use to get the job done. If you want to borrow a copy of the Point plan, call 727-2024

Our first meeting, open to every one, will be held on Tuesday 26, July 2005 at 7:00PM at LaFayette Square. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the plan (not specific issues in the plan), decide on a list of actions to review, future meeting dates and the process to follow. The final action, of course, will be for the Club to vote on any changes to the Plan.

Lloyd Vienneau, Long Range Planning Group 727-2024; Vienneau1@prodigy.net

The Cautionary Tale of the Dumped Ducks

One hot August afternoon, I heard a ruckus on the beach next to the house. Half wanting to and half dreading to find out the reason, I followed the noise to the street. There on Minnesota Ave. were a very excited father and two young sons standing by a maroon van. At first they appeared to be bird watchers intent on seeing large white birds, possibly swans, paddling north at full throttle. Slow to size up the situation, I realized that the thing in Dad's hand was not binoculars but a camera and that those large white birds were domestic ducks—"Aflac" ducks, in fact. What I witnessed was an avian version of *Finding Nemo*. But these were ducks, not goldfish, being erroneously returned to nature.

Obviously the consequences of this "noble" release had not occurred to dad. What would they eat? How would they survive in the summer, let alone the winter? Able to neither dive nor fly, the expression "sitting duck" must have been coined to describe them.

What to do? I called the DNR which did not seem particularly concerned. They passed the "beak" to Animal Control which promised to pick them up if I could get them onto the shore. Ha! Then I jokingly named them Huey, Dewey, and Louie. That was a mistake. What you name is yours.

Happy but obviously hungry, they cruised the Bay. Finally, unable to ignore their plight any longer, I fed them chunks of bread. So did the neighbors, I learned. Worried about their nutrition, I hurried over to Dan's Feed Bin for 50 lbs of duck feed. Then the problem was leading them over to the beach where I could feed them. (They were too bottom-heavy at first to make it up the 9 inches onto my floating dock.) So, Hansel and Gretel-style, I lured them 120 feet and around a bend to the beach with a trail of breadcrumbs. Eventually, they would come to a whistle, and they learned to scramble up on the floating dock—all the while remaining clearly out of my reach.

While I searched for a pet carrier to transport them and for a pet farm that would take them if I could catch them, Louie got lost—permanently. (Dick Gould speculated that Louie probably provided dinner for an eagle.) In the meantime, Huey and Dewey became mind readers. Any move I made which would put them in arm's reach, they divined and dodged. What I needed was a large, cannon-fired net. Dip nets and smelt seines weren't enough.

Two hundred pounds of duck food later, as summer changed to fall, fall to winter, in desperation, I contacted Orion Wildlife Refuge. When I explained the situation, Orion said, "Oh, no! We just had the same thing happen at Pike Lake. You'll just have to wait until it freezes."

That day of capture never came. December 3 was the last day I saw them. They paddled over for food, but the ridge ice on the little bay prevented us from connecting. I failed my charming adopted pets. But, the dad and sons who dumped the ducks, failed them more.

In abandoning these ducks, they could have been cited for animal cruelty as defined on the Duluth Police Department's Animal Shelter site or the ASPCA. Violation of abandonment/cruelty city codes applying to animals and fowl can cost fines ranging from \$60 to \$700. However, other ethical laws were broken. A trust was broken between domesticated animals and their owners; children were unwittingly introduced to inhumane treatment masquerading as kindness; and the responsibility we assume for domesticated animals was abrogated.

Now why am I telling you this? As Park Pointers, we know what appeal this place has as a dumping ground for "outgrown" pets. Witness our rabbits. Perhaps all we can do is be aware of the laws and make others aware as well. We can report "duck dumping" or its equivalent. If we see animals or fowl about to be abandoned, we need to suggest using the services of the animal shelter to their owners. Or, to be more involved, apply to be on Duluth's Animal Humane Board. <http://www.ci.duluth.mn.us/city/boards>

I gladly would have forgone the pleasure and pain of ever knowing Huey, Dewey and Louie in exchange for the certainty that they had been treated with the care they deserved.

--LeAne Rutherford

Another Centennial?



With all the hype about the 100th anniversary of the Aerial Bridge, I thought it was a good time to point out another centennial of importance to Park Pointers – that of the building at Lafayette Square. Pictured above is the Radisson School, built in 1905 on what was one of the oldest parks in Duluth Lafayette Square. The A. Reinhold Melander designed wood and concrete building was just 33’ by 84’, the size of the current Lafayette basement. The cost of construction: \$1,808.

The building operated as a school only until 1919, when the new Park Point School opened. It was purchased in 1921 by a “Lt. Cleaveland”, of whom I have managed to learn virtually nothing. At any rate, this individual remodeled the building into a community club, and presented it to the Park Point community.

By 1935 the building had fallen into disrepair, and became the site of a major Works Progress Administration remodeling project. The remodeling and addition project, designed by W. J. Bartholdi, resulted in the building you see at Lafayette today. Along with the meeting rooms, the building also held a small public library. And according to newspaper articles of that era, it’s \$12,000 cost was quite controversial. In 1936 the building was made a part of the Duluth Parks and Recreation Department, as it still is today.

It’s important to note the history of this building, as it is once more slipping into disrepair. With local, state and federal governments operating in what seems to be a permanent state of fiscal crisis, no WPA is likely to arise to help us out, and local philanthropists are being tapped for a plethora of other local projects. It is likely to fall to us, the members of the Park Point Community, to preserve and maintain what we know as Lafayette Square. Numerous funding ideas have been mentioned at community club meetings, but Lafayette is of value not just to club members, but the Park Point community as a whole. And it will take the whole community to find a solution to it’s ongoing maintenance problems. Even if you’re not the meeting going type, we still need your input. Write a letter to the Breeze, drop a line to President Dick Gould, give us your ideas. We need your help.

Alan Dartanyan

Cookbooks selling like.....



Brisk business at the cookbook booth at the Art Fair

Cookbook sales are going great. We have sold about 500 books and have had great response. We have now paid for them and the rest will be profit for the Community Club. There are currently five stores in town carrying the book. We sold almost 100 at the Park Point Art Fair and will be selling them again at Fourth Fest. Remember they make great gifts and you could always autograph your recipe and make them extra special.

Order your copies by mail for \$10.00 each, plus additional \$3.50 per book postage and packing. Send to:

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Recipe Correction: Mae Wicklund's recipe for Easy sweet Pickles on page 155 contains a couple "minor" errors. It should read $\frac{1}{2}$ C. water, not 12 cups, and should include $\frac{1}{2}$ C. vinegar, not listed. Sorry about that!

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Editor's Corner

It's a beautiful summer evening, and as the sun goes down, your teenager and his or her friends want to have a fire on the beach. You're faced with a dilemma: You know that it's against the law. You know that "technically" the beach closes at 10 PM. You know that "technically" beach fires are prohibited. You also know that s'mores made over a beach fire on a warm summer night are a pleasure that should not be denied. And, realistically, you know there's little chance that police officers will come out to the beach, *unless* there's a complaint. So, how do you assure that this Park Point tradition continues to fly under the radar? Why, by following **The scofflaw's Rules for After Hours Beach Behavior.**

Rule #1: Enter quietly. The beach accesses are surrounded by the homes of people who have to get up and go to work in the morning. They don't want to be disturbed – or reminded that *you* don't.

Rule #2 Choose your location wisely. In some places the homes are quite near the beach. In others they're set back farther, and often protected by a high dune. This is where you want to be.

Rule #3 Bring your own firewood. No burning driftwood or raiding the neighbor's woodpile. Keep your fire small and manageable. Burn it down low and drown it out when you're done.

Rule #4 Skinny dip carefully. When cold water meets tender flesh it tends to provoke a shriek. Swallow it with a gasp. And remember the lake can be even more dangerous at night than it is in the daytime.

Rule #5 Take your mess with you. If you can carry it in, you can carry it out. And no dumping it in the neighbor's trash. Morning dog walkers should see no trace of your presence but the small scorch mark left by your fire. And if you used an "established" fire pit, perhaps not even that.

Rule #7 Leave even more quietly than you came. It's late now, people are asleep. Leave them that way. No blaring radios, slamming doors or loud goodbyes.

Follow these rules and this rite of summer can continue unmolested. But remember, you didn't hear it from me!

Rainy Rummage Sale



Tents, tarps, and open garages were the order of the day during the Park Point Rummage Sale this year. Unlike the Art Fair, the Rummage sale "enjoyed" two straight days of what can best be described as thoroughly miserable weather. Die hard rummage salers still turned out, though, and all was not lost. In fact, Pete Pauly credits his extensive tarp system, pictured below, with giving him one of his best sales days ever. As people waited out the downpour in this shelter, they had plenty of time to shop. And shop they did.



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Park Point Resident

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



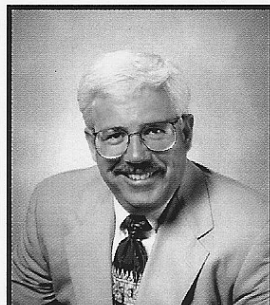
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