

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting
July 20, 7PM
Lafayette Square**

**Park Point 5-Miler
July 21, 6:30 PM
Start and Finish at the
Recreation Area**

**Buoys and Gulls Club
Meeting
Luncheon at Barkers Island
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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

A Fair to Remember

Numerous factors contributed to making the 36th Annual Art Fair a smooth, well-attended event. To name a few: Sunshine, artistic excellence and many hours of hard work on the part of volunteers and coordinators.

Many artists who exhibited at the show offered hearty praise for an enjoyable experience. Their compliments came first hand at the show, as well as in hand-written letters and emails delivered in the days following the June 24 and 25 event.

A more detailed report will be available at the next Park Point Community Club meeting. For now, here's a shout-out to everyone who stopped by to experience art, food, music, kids' activities, and Park Point hospitality.

Special thanks is due to everyone who volunteered hours, days and weeks of the past year to make the Point's signature event such a pleasure for everyone involved. In particular: Dick, Diane, Ellen, Dave, and Carla, should take a bow. However, everyone who helped -- from the committee to those who delivered posters and bookmarks to those who greeted, supervised the make-and-take table, staked the grounds, cleaned-up and more -- all deserve a pat on the back. It wouldn't happen without that great spirit of cooperation.

Jake Kapsner
(PPAF Assistant
Coordinator :)



A portrait artist at the Park Point Art Fair

**At right,
The Hobo
Nephews
of Uncle
Frank
perform
for fair
goers on
Saturday**



The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is August 4th for the August 2006 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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Officer On duty

Hello, I am officer Tinsley of the Duluth Police Department. I have been patrolling the area for 3 summers now. The police department has been making a great effort to deal with the issues on Park Point such as traffic, and beach parties. There have been several traffic stops and citations handed out for Use of Parks After Hours. I am looking into taking those cited for beach behavior and having them clean the beach instead of paying a fine. I do not have the details on that at this point, however it would most likely start in the fall.

As I write this article, there has been talk of layoffs at the police department of 11 officers. I hope that this does not happen, but if this occurs I will most likely be reassigned to regular patrol and the community officer program would be cut. This would mean that at any given time there would be only 2 officers patrolling the downtown district. I can only predict that there would be a longer response time for some 911 calls and less extra patrol. Until this happens, I will continue to serve the Park Point community to the best of my ability. Thank you and call me with any questions at 390-2863. Remember, if it is an emergency, please dial 911. (If I am working, they will dispatch me to your call)

Notice:

Temporary Road Closing

On July 21st, Minnesota Avenue from 23rd St. to the south side of the ball fields at the recreation area will be closed from 6:15 PM to approximately 7:15 Pm to accommodate the running of the **35th Annual Park Point 5-Miler**. Residents should also be aware of increased traffic before and after the race.

The Park Point 5-miler is Northern Minnesota's oldest running road race, and is also a fund-raising race for the Young Athletes Foundation, a Grandma's Marathon program that has donated over \$200,000 to young athletes and athletic programs since 1990. The race begins at 6:30 PM south of the Park Point ball fields and continues down Minnesota Avenue to it's turnaround point near 23rd St, and finishes back near the Beach House at the Recreation Areas. Any questions or concerns, contact Laura Wright, Grandma's Marathon Public Relations Director, at 727-0947 or laura@grandmasmarathon.com

Garage Sale A Success

Thanks for all those that had rummage sales, this year, during the Park Point Garage Sale. Many of the shoppers mention how pleased they were with all the wonderful sales.

One buyer was so happy to find a Dog Sled! He had taken up dog sledding a year ago and needed dog sleds. He was able to purchase one and was given another. Like we say "If you are looking for something, you most likely will find it at the Park Point Garage Sale."

A suggestion: Start a box for next year's sale now. Keep it handy and as you decide you no longer need something put it in the box. If you really want to get a head start, price the items as you put them in the box.

Charlene Shimmin

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A story from "Where God Happens" by Rowan
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Two hermits lived together for many years without a
quarrel. One said to the other,
"Let's have a quarrel with each other, as other men
do." The other answered, "I don't know how a quarrel
happens." The first said, "Look here, I put a brick
between us, and I say, 'That's mine.' Then you say, 'No,
it's mine'. That is how you begin a quarrel." So they put a
brick between them and one of them said, "That's mine"
The other said, "No, it's mine". He answered,
"Yes, it's yours. Take it away". They
were unable to argue with each other.

(Stories from the Desert Fathers and Mothers)

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Park Point Community Club June 15, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Chapter 1: The First Hour

With a crisp bang of the old oak gavel, Vice-President Dave Poulin opened the meeting at 7:07. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted. No one moved to adjourn, so the meeting continued.

Police Report: Officer Mike Tinsley distributed his monthly statistics report. 71% of police responses on Park Point are initiated by the police themselves; this continues their efforts to be proactive. There will be no regular bike patrol this year, and the department's two-week experiment with the Segway scooter was simply that, and would not continue. Without warning, a long discussion on signs broke out. After subduing the ruly mob, Officer Tinsley said he'd be looking into bringing the speed-indicator trailer back down for a short stay. Soon. Chuckling to himself he left the meeting.

Guest Speaker: An unwary volunteer from uptown was caught in our net tonight. Erik Nelson is a citizen of Duluth, volunteering with the Duluth Public School System's long-range facilities planning process. He began by distributing a flyer and questionnaire that seeks feedback on Duluth's school buildings. The volunteer group he represents is working closely with Duluth School District administration and with Johnson Controls, "the thermostat people." The goal with this long-range plan is to reach out for input from all citizens, not just parents of school-age students. He stressed the planning was in its early stages; they are only four months into a projected 18-month process. The group is also avoiding any conclusions on 'hot-button' issues such as school closings until the process has been completed. They are anxious to add volunteers to their ranks, and remain open to opinions and suggestions.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: After Erik Nelson escaped, the Club returned to their regular meeting pattern. Club treasurer Chuck Flaig reported that the total held by the Club tonight was \$57,174. Some Art Fair expenses are still to come off that total.

President: Dave Poulin read correspondence from the City Planning Dept. regarding an easement at 4242 Minnesota Ave. Following that, Club members turned their attention back to the Club treasury. With an impending change at President, an independent audit has been requested by Dick Gould. This is NOT to be perceived as an insult towards Chuck Flaig; instead, the Club needs to make Chuck's job easier through sharing responsibilities that he now carries alone. Currently his is the only name on bank accounts, and if something unforeseen were to happen to him, the Club would have a lot of hurdles to clear. **Motion:** That Club officeholders (President, Secretary, Treasurer) shall list their names on all Club financial accounts for accessibility. This shall be part of their Club responsibilities. **Motion passed.**

Chapter 2: The Second Hour

At this point, another loong discussion oozed into the meeting. The topic was an article in the club bylaws requiring two signatures on every Club check issued for over \$100. This article has been so inconvenient it has been widely ignored, and wouldn't be observed by the bank anyway. **Motion:** Article 20(B) shall be removed from the bylaws. **Motion passed.** As this is a bylaws change, it will be voted on again in July. This amicable discussion on the Club's booming finances, non-profit (501 C-4) status, Club bylaws and Robert's rules of order continued as the day lengthened into night, eventually blowing itself out like a storm over the lake. Once the oxygen in the room had been replenished, the Club returned to committee reports.

Sunshine: Charlene Shimmin reminded everyone that this Club committee could send cards to Park Point friends in hospitals or nursing homes; call her with any name.

Hostess: Three people in the room reminded Dave Poulin to unplug the coffeepot. Dave tactfully replied he'd planned to do exactly that, thank you.

Art Fair: Carla Tamburro showed off the striking full-color poster for this year's fair, then discussed volunteer jobs coming up. A sign-up sheet was passed around; Diane Gould is coordinating volunteers. This year's fair adds artists, and will include folk music, a kids' art area and a juggler. By state law, mimes are banned from attending.

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(Minutes continued)

More tables are needed, for the Fair and Lafayette. **Motion:** The Club shall buy six 6' lightweight tables..

Motion passed. Alan Dartanyan will make the purchase

Breeze: Alan Dartanyan held a copy of the May Breeze aloft. He asked for feedback, and was rewarded with applause. Nice work, Alan!

Youth: Tom Lyle (an always-youthful senior citizen) spoke about the Summer Youth Program at Lafayette. For many years, the Club has arranged an end-of-the-season gift for the youth program's director, now Joy Fouts. Suddenly out of the shadows, a long discussion pounced! The discussion led to the following motions: **Motion:** The Club shall present a gift of appreciation (\$599) to Joy Fouts at the conclusion of the Summer Youth Program. **Motion passed.** **Motion:** The Club shall contribute \$400 for a Summer Youth and Community picnic, open to all residents, to be held on July 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This date is midway through the summer program. **Motion passed.** **Motion:** The Club shall contribute (up to) \$100 for an end-of-the-season pizza party for the kids, following their annual neighborhood food drive. **Motion passed.**

Chapter 3: The Third Day

There was a brief pause at this point in the meeting. Several people, weakened from the strain of the Roberts' Rules discussion, crawled towards life-sustaining fluids and cookies. There were more committee reports, but the end seemed in sight.

Environment: Any hope that had risen in the hearts of Club members was crushed when they realized Dave Johnson would have an opportunity to speak. Predictably, his topic was the 12th Street plan. It has received approval from the Duluth City Council and the Duluth Parks Commission. The first priority of the plan moves the site's portable toilet out of the traffic lane.

Lafayette: Chuck Flaig spoke on behalf of Barb Greene. Rentals are going well; he discussed one irate potential renter who found our prices too high and raised "a hell of a stink" about rates. General opinion held that this would be the very type of person to avoid anyway. A short discussion followed, about Lafayette rental responsibilities.

Quality of Life: Dennis Hoelscher noted that the letter regarding crosswalks drafted by himself and Tom Mackay had received NO response from City officials. On the positive side, the Parks Commission supported our wish to keep parking lanes wide all the way to the bridge, add a crosswalk at 12th Street and paint curbs yellow through the S-curve. There was a mercifully short discussion about signs in the S-curve area; their abundance and effectiveness. Also, several sections of Park Point sidewalks need very serious repair. At 9:30 a choir of angels sang the words "Move to adjourn," and we all sprinted for the doors.

Regrettably Submitted.... Dave Johnson (Club secretary / cub reporter)

Local Rip Current Education Continues

Instead of, "How's the water?" beachgoers on Park Point may be asked a few different questions this summer. "How often have you visited a beach on Minnesota Point in the past five years?" and "Have you seen the signs along the beach that show how to get out of a rip current?" are questions from a short survey that will be conducted by the UMD Minnesota Sea Grant Program and the City of Duluth.

The questions are part of an effort to understand people's perceptions about rip currents and refine educational efforts. The survey will be conducted by Kelsey Paxson, a UMD environmental studies student for his summer internship with Sea Grant.

Sea Grant is also sponsoring a Shorelink interpreter who will inform tourists about rip currents as part of a series of roving naturalist programs in Duluth and the North Shore. Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association organizes the Shorelink program.

To find out more about rip currents, visit Minnesota Sea Grant's Lake Superior Rip Current Web Site: www.seagrants.umn.edu/rip, or order the free "Break the Grip of the Rip" brochure (call 218-726-6191).

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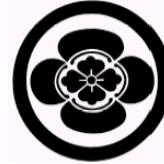
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Miss Lynch---A Wisconsin Point teacher 1914

The day after my tea with the Indians, two ladies called on me during the noon hour. They were the wives of the lighthouse keepers. They welcomed me and told me that their sons liked me. They said that there would be days when I would not be able to row over to town. Each lady had a spare bedroom and would be very happy to have me spend the night with them.

I was accepted! The next day I brought over some clothes and I felt quite at home. The next week on Tuesday I was correcting papers after the boys had gone and Charles came running back. His father, the lighthouse keeper had told him to tell me that a storm was on the way. The bay was in turmoil and I should not try to cross it. I was glad that I would have a home for the night. I knew that Mr. Bishop, the lighthouse keeper, was skilled in knowing the weather. Sure enough, as we sat down to eat dinner, we heard thunder and rain pounded down upon the roof.

It was a very special evening. Mrs. Bishop told me of various places along the lake where she had lived with her family. The wife of the other lighthouse keeper came in and told stories about lighthouses she had known.

I was up early the next morning and felt quite at home in my little school. Next week there was another day when a storm upset Allouez Bay. Again I was invited to spend the night with the family of the second lighthouse keeper.

I thought it was time to bring a little fun to the point. The last two years I had spent a part of my vacation at the University of Wisconsin Summer School. The newest thing in training of teachers was to teach them how to handle playgrounds. I had a good supply of books of games. I said to my hostess, "Let's get Mr. Bishop and the boys and we'll play one of the games I learned in summer school. There was a big sandy beach along the bay. The sand was smooth and not too hard if you fell. We were playing a simple game with a football and enjoying the game when I noticed that our group had expanded by four people.

When the game ended I recognized Mary LaVerge and her young brother. The two strangers came over and said they hoped we did not mind if they joined in the fun. They both worked on the coal dock across the bay and had a tent on the Point a few blocks away. We welcomed them and our ladies invited them to call. Our stormbound friends made a nice addition. From then on until the snow came, we had a series of beach parties whenever the bay was upset. I am sorry I have forgotten the names of our two nice young men from the coal dock. They joined us and brought over a treat from an Allouez store every time they came.

(To be continued next Month)

Softball In September

The now three-year success of the All Point Picnic and Softball Game suggests that it's a growing tradition that we'd do well to continue. Held shortly after Labor Day in the Recreation Area, it's provided a great opportunity to meet with neighbors in friendly competition [Bayside vs. Lakeside, to remind everyone], minus all the hand-wringing and kvetching sometimes present in (ahem) other community gatherings. While I'm willing to help out again, I think it's time to yield the joy of running the event to someone else. An ideal candidate (or candidates) would be parents who have some new ideas about how better to include young children in the event. For anyone who's community-minded and short of time, yet wants to get off the hook easily, this might be your gig. Perhaps one short meeting, a short plea for volunteers in *The Breeze*, a few phone calls, responsibility for securing dates and getting appropriate payment to the Park Board; that's all there is to it! Plus a little effort at getting the word out, of course. Strong-arm schmoozing of Park Point business owners -- who've been amazingly generous with their gifts, offered as prizes -- is optional.

Please give either me or the Breeze editor a call.

Ellen Dunlap



Cory Cartier, Cartier Agency

Let's trade secrets.

As a new Park Point homeowner, I'm looking forward to getting to know my neighbors. If you want to know about home, auto or any other personal insurance products, please give me a call.

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Editor's Corner

This was just what I needed – a Breeze that just about wrote itself. With all the great submissions I received, pretty much all I had to do was pull it together.

Seems like it was an awfully busy June, but a good one. Try as they might, the lake winds couldn't blow away the crowds at the Park Point Rummage Sale. And the Art Fair – what can I say! First time coordinators Carla Tamburro and Jake Kapsner really did themselves – and all of us – proud. The music and kids area added new elements without taking anything away from the Art and the Artists, keeping the focus where it should be. To Carla, Jake, and all the volunteers, I can only say, Well Done!

Lake Access - Park Point

It looks like the Club voted to move ahead with the remodeling of Franklin Park. We know the plan, although it has never been put to paper and given to the community to review. Nonetheless, we agreed to rebuild the fence around the parking lot, plant over half the beach with grass and build a board walk. Access to the Lake has been a touchy issue for years, with the city asking several times, if they wanted to expand access, where should it be done. We mostly wanted the access points to remain smaller, being easier to manage with less impact on our community. Several years ago the list was - first the Park Point Rec area, second Franklin Park, third Lafayette Square with parking (30 spaces) added in a new lot off the end of the blacktop street between the garden and the beach dune, 4th was off the blacktop roadway next to the firehall (20 spaces) (both of these could offer ample parking and indoor plumbing) and 5th was the 16th street access (14 spaces) and no indoor plumbing. Board walk steps were planned for access. The long range plan for the city does not mention this much, but with Franklin Park now half the original size and more people coming, most likely another park or two will have to be opened or we may have more street end activity. The District 5 meeting in June (First Thursday month - Hillside Center - agenda - Charles Froseth <CFROSETH@ci.duluth.mn.us>) voted to not support the Franklin Park project, but to have more study of this plan, especially when the plan reduces the only Lake Superior beach access for Hillside people who must walk to the beach, in half; they did not understand the design process and were not asked for their input.

Lloyd Vienneau, District 5 rep for Park Point

Breeze Editor

From: A. Nonny Moose

Dear Breeze Editor,

Regarding how to spend proceeds from Tunnel Permit sales:

Please inform the Tunnel Commissioner that I believe the best use of these funds would be updating of lighting within the tunnel. At present, it is EXTREMELY dark underneath the canal. I know that you won't catch me in that tunnel until it is sufficiently lit and I can feel safe, particularly during rush hours, when so many people make rapid lane changes.

To: Breeze Editor)

From: Tunnel Commissioner

IN RE: Lane Closures

Please note the following lane closures for road resurfacing:

Aug. 8th-9th -- northbound lanes

Aug. 10th-11th southbound lanes

Note: Some have questioned how money could be allocated for this project, when Minnesota Ave. remains in such poor condition south of the S-curve. Please be advised that no public funds have been or will be utilized on tunnel maintenance.

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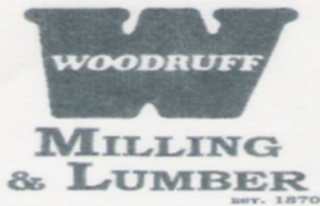
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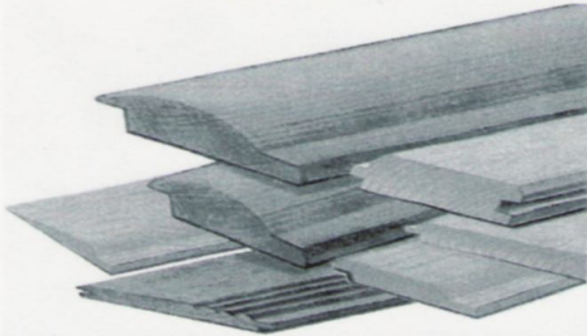
Park Point Resident

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