

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**
November 16, 7PM
Lafayette Square
Pre-Holiday Social
6:30 –7PM

Buoys and Gulls Club
Christmas Luncheon Buffet
Dec.5th at 1PM
at Papa Don's-Androy Hotel
Superior, WI

**Spaghetti dinner for Trela
Family**
St Andrews by the Lake
November 18th
4-7PM

Bridge to the Gulf 5K
December 2nd

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

No Place to Grow



This is just one of the dozens of small trees and bushes that had sprouted up through the gravel base in the hockey rink at Lafayette Square. On October 25th, a small group of volunteers pulled, dug, hacked, and in one case, towed, them all out, transplanting the best of them into the bare dune at 12th St. The rink could use a load of crushed rock and a good raking, but otherwise it is ready for flooding. If – and this is a big if – an individual, or group or individuals, steps forward to take on the task of flooding the rink and clearing the ice surface. For while the city will flood and maintain the pleasure rink, hockey rinks are the responsibility of volunteers.

It's been a number of years since Park Point had an organized youth hockey team, and a couple years since the rink was used at all. So the question is: Is there enough interest in outdoor hockey on Park Point, enough kids who like to shoot a puck around, enough adults who like an occasional pick-up game, or a place they can work on hockey skills with their kids, for someone to put the effort into maintaining the rink? If you have an opinion on this, or are willing to help with maintaining the rink, please come to the November 16th Community club meeting –whether you're a member or not – and let us know.

We need to hear from you

The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is December 31st for the December 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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Pre-Holiday Social at Lafayette November 16th, 6:30 PM

Prior to the Community Club meeting

Come share cider and goodies and a bit of conversation with your neighbors before the November community club meeting. Talk about your Holiday lighting plans, your strategies for beating the cold, your new snow blower (which hopefully hasn't been used yet), whatever. Take a look at what everyone looks like before they disappear under hats, scarves, parkas and pack boots. It might be the last time you see them before next May!

Needed Badly

Clean yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, old straw, hedge clippings, brush or any other biodegradable waste that we can use as mulch in the newly fenced area at 12th street. Either toss the bags over the fence at the parking lot or call myself or Dave Johnson at 727-4067 or 722-9764 and we will try to pick them up for you.

The first phase of the project is almost done as I write this. We would like to get phase two done yet this fall, which will be the walkway and observation platform.

The remaining portions will be fencing to the south of the walkway, building a handicapped accessible porta-pottie platform, building a timber fence surround for the parking lot and a lot of planting all of which can be done this next spring.

We will be working, weather permitting, on the walkway and observation platform during November and can use all the help we can get. Call Dave at 722-9764 if you have some time to donate.
Thanks, Dick Gould

Bridged, The best selling Park Point Community Cookbook is still available and will make a great extra gift for the holidays. They are available at Bay Side Market, The Blue Heron Trading Company, Northern Lights Books and Gifts, Lake Superior Nautical and Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Any questions contact Diane Gould at 727-4067.

New Breeze Ad Rates

While ad revenues make up only a portion of the cost of producing the Breeze, they go a long way toward easing the financial burden on the Park Point Community Club, and allow us to produce what I believe is a quality newsletter each month. So when our printing costs increase, as they have this year, so must our advertising rates. The new rates appear below, and I think you'll agree it's still a great deal. These rates are effective with the December 2006 issue.

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**St. Andrews By The Lake
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Nov. 12th -- Worship and Adult Forum (Chaplain X from
Community Action Duluth)

Nov. 18th -- Trela Benefit/Spaghetti Dinner (4-7 p.m.)

Nov. 21st -- Men's Group (6:45 a.m. at Jitters)

Nov. 30th -- St. Andrew's Day Celebration (5:45 p.m.)

Dec. 2nd -- Bridge to the Gulf 5K Walk/Run (benefits
Habitat for Humanity in the Gulf Region) -- Fitters, (Reg.
8:30 a.m., Walk/Run - 9:45 a.m.)

Dec. 2nd -- Women's Group -- 11:45 a.m.

Dec. 5th -- Men's Group (6:45 a.m. at Jitters)

Dec. 9th -- Advent Brunch (Benefits Women in Poverty)

Dec. 10th -- Worship and Adult Forum (Mothers and
Children's Project in Tanzania)

Dec. 11th -- Bishop's Committee (5:30 p.m.)

Dec. 19th -- Men's Group

Dec. 23rd -- Greening of the Church

Dec. 24th -- Christmas Eve: Lessons, Carols and Holy
Eucharist (4:30 p.m.)

Worship - 9:45 a.m. Christian Formation and Nursery
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Park Point Community Club October 19, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Furtive looks and tense, troubled whisperings filled the meeting hall at Lafayette on a chill, damp October evening. Would tonight mark the end of the brutal Poulin regime? Members of the resistance, all sworn to deep secrecy, silently exchanged hand signals. Suddenly Commandant Poulin himself strode into the room and boldly took the stage. The crowd rose to their feet, chanting his name in accordance with the law. It was 7:10. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Police Report: First up tonight, Officer Mike Tinsley distributed his monthly statistics summary. Burglars have been leaving Park Point alone; probably because the rummage sale is an easier way to gain all our stuff. **There have been reports of cars being prowled at night.** Mike has been researching different electronic road signs. An electronic speed warning sign located between the bridge and the S-curve could carry beach advisories and other alerts. The high-tech signs are also capable of gathering information such as vehicle speeds, traffic volume and shopping preferences. Continuing his report, Mike said he'd handed out fines totaling \$12,500 for being in the park after hours. A discussion followed about transients camping on Park Point. Mike concluded by explaining his assignment to First Street; he'll necessarily be spending more time there than down here.

Committee Reports

Art Fair: An extremely productive discussion about the 2007 Park Point Art Fair began with a report from Carla Tamburro and Jake Kapsner. They introduced the projected budget (available from club secretary) and spoke about new ideas they've been working on. They took the Club through a line-by-line comparison of this and previous budgets describing improvements they plan to make. This is especially true for increasing the Art Fair's on-line presence. Committee members are welcomed aboard. **Motion:** The Community Club approves of the projected 2007 Art Fair budget. **Motion carried.**

County Commissioner: Dennis Fink spoke about the differences he sees between "planning districts" and community clubs; clubs are more in tune with their neighborhoods. This continues to be a monumental year for county government. He spoke about property taxes and their direct link to skyrocketing health care costs; any rise in collected taxes will primarily be spent on health care. He hopes to continue his success working as the conduit between the City and the County.

Breeze: Alan Dartanyan announced that ad space prices will be rising for ads in the Breeze. He attributed the price hike to increased printing costs and his taste for properly chilled Cristal champagne.

Environmental: With cupcake frosting bobbing on the tip of his fox-like nose, Dave Johnson spoke about the imminent boardwalk project at the S-curve. He described the committee's meeting and tour for Mayor Bergson in the previous week; the mayor supported the project enthusiastically. Hizzoner had high praise for the Club's work both for the Minnesota Point environment and for Lafayette Square.... Lawn clippings and brush will be necessary at the 12th Street project.

Old & New Business

For many years Muggs McGillis has volunteered for the CHUM drop-in center in downtown Duluth. She has devoted her time to the CHUM Christmas party, collecting money to buy hats and gloves for people in need. Once again, the Community Club will support this effort. **Motion:** The PPCC will contribute \$200 for this charitable cause. **Motion carried.** This will require a second vote in November.... John Hunn returned to the topic of the Trela's July house fire. There will be a spaghetti dinner co-hosted by the Park Point churches. At the September meeting, the Club voted for a donation of \$200 to buy supplies for the dinner. **Motion:** The Club approves this expense. **Motion carried.** This was the second required vote.... The hockey rink needs a lot of help if it's going to be used this winter. Plants growing up in it will be transplanted to 12th Street. Volunteers interested in using the rink need to set up a committee and be quick about it; it's getting cold outside. Dick Gould noted that before the skating season is underway the downstairs warming area should be painted and freshened up.

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The November meeting will begin with a "cider & pie" get-together starting at 6:30. The club allocated \$50 for supplies and Cristal champagne. In the final order of the night, President Poulin's quest to attain nuclear technology for the Community Club was tabled until November. Move to adjourn; doctors pronounced the suffering ended at 8:55.

Responsively Subnatted,
Dave Johnson

Help Light Up Park Point

Here on Park Point we have 28 businesses, 520 homes, two churches and a large apartment building. Last year close to 1/5th of our community joined in "lighting the season." One candle in the window, a string of lights on the bush in the front yard, tomato cage trees, whatever strikes your fancy can add that special something to brighten the spirit. Please join us Saturday, November 25 for an open house to brainstorm our "community lighting project". Hot apple cider and munchies will be served from 4p.m. to 7p.m. Weather permitting; ice candles will be available for all attendees. Happy lighting.... Marcia Hales. I can be reached at: 3739 Lake Avenue South 727-4527 mmhales@aol.com or holidayspiritinthelights.com

As the 12th St. restoration project gets underway, the following sign has been posted to tell visitor's just what's going on. It seemed worth sharing.

So, what's up with the Big Ugly Fence?

My kids and I love this beach! So do we... problem is, this park has been loved to death. The fence you see is part of an extensive dune restoration project, necessary to repair existing damage and prevent further deterioration of the immediate area.

But why the big fence? Why do you have to keep people out? Any rumor you've heard that people will be denied access to the beach or that views will be blocked are just that... rumors. On the contrary - when complete, a wooden walkway will actually serve to *enhance* access for people with mobility problems. A large platform will be built, helpful for people using wheelchairs, birders with scopes, and others. The fence is necessary to hold sand, rebuild the dune and allow establishment of native plant species.

But I liked it natural," rather than man-made." So do we! The 150 ft. gap in the dune you see at present, however, is far from natural! Thousands of footprints each week, coupled with wind action off the lake, have resulted in extensive beach and dune erosion. At times, sand blown into the parking lot makes the road nearly impassable, and the gap in the dune has continued to widen over the years. This project is designed to restore natural habitat, while maximizing park access for all who enjoy using it. *O.K., I'm convinced... so how can I help?* The most important way is for you to keep your little feet out of the dunes, here and elsewhere! Sand dunes are very fragile. Foot traffic opens up sand pathways which quickly widen and become large "blow-outs" in a short period of time. It is not appropriate to chase through the dunes with binoculars, in search of the elusive speckled- bellied ruby sided pickle bird, or to allow your children to use the dunes as a park slide! You can also help by picking up debris that you see, bagging all piles left by Fido, and reporting to police any vandalism or park abuse you witness. Together, we can restore and protect a beautiful natural area and enhance the experience of all who visit our magnificent Park Point beaches



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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Art Fair Budget

At the October Community club meeting, Art Fair Coordinator Carla Tamburro, along with husband Jake Kapsner, who became default Art Fair committee chair when no one else stepped forward, presented a detailed accounting of the successful 2006 Art Fair, along with a proposed budget for the 2007 event. I decided to print it in full, not only to show where all the money goes, but also how much work is involved in putting on this event.

The proposed 2007 budget shows some increased expenses, such as a one-time expenditure for computer software, and also a \$1200 increase in the fee paid to Carla as Coordinator. Given the additional duties taken on by these two, this increase was overwhelmingly approved by the club.

To offset these expenses, Carla and Jake offered several suggestions for raising addition revenue, such as seeking sponsorships and advertising from Canal Park businesses, increasing fees and tweaking the Art Fair layout to add more artists. This could potentially bring in another \$5500 each year. They also strongly suggested updating the website to allow artists to apply on-line.

The fresh ideas and energy these two bring to the Art Fair bode well for the future, but lets remember that they can't do it alone. The Art Fair needs the help of many volunteers before, during and after the show in order to continue to be the success it is. So when asked, please join in and help keep this event first class.

	<u>Revenue</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007(projected)</u>
jury fees	2235	2235
exhibitor fees	20175	20175
food vendors	<u>2750</u>	<u>2800</u>
	25160	25210
	 <u>Expenses</u> 	
<u>Advertising</u>		
Midwest Arts Directory	-50	-50
VisitDuluth (DCVB)	-175	-175
Newspaper	-900	-900
Misc/internet	-275	-500
Software	0	-550
Paid Design	-300	0
Printing	-1500	-1500
Postage	-400	-400
<u>Event Day</u>		
Porta-potties	-1064.04	-1100
Reception	-1553.25	-1700
Rolls/coffee/drinks	-640	-350
Security	-425	-450
Park User Fee	-1150	-1200
Water Meter	-93.42	-95
Park Permit	-90	-90
Alcohol Permit	-35	-35
Dumpster	-201.20	-225
Office	-20	-75
<u>Jury/Awards</u>		
4 jurors	-240	-240
Awards	-500	-500
9 cash awards	-900	-900
1 cash Award	-300	-300
lunch, room, projector	-50	-50
Coordinator Fee	<u>-5400</u>	<u>-6600</u>
	-16011.91	-17985
<u>Profit</u>		
	25160	25210
	<u>-16011.91</u>	<u>-17985</u>
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DOME REPAIR HELPERS

Anyone interested in helping with the physical work

over the next few months should contact

Joe Trela: 727-0653

DuluthDome @ aol.com

Thank you!

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Contact Karen Arthur at 218-393-2226

Bridge to the Gulf II

12-02-2006

Registration begins at 8:30

Event begins at 9:45

Location: Fitger's Lakewalk

As a regular runner here on the point, I have always marveled at the community support that comes in the form of camaraderie amidst fellow runner/walkers as well as greetings from those of you who wave and smile from your cars, yards, and homes. I tend to feel this same kinship is significant when we consider the support the Park Point community has given to the Bridge to the Gulf 5k run/walk this year and last. Since the October Breeze came out, we have been receiving a really nice response to the announcement of the second annual event to benefit the families impacted on a long-term basis by Hurricane Katrina. Notably, many of the responses have come from Park Pointers, some of the same participants that took part in last year's event. Thanks to those of you who have decided to join us again and thanks to those who choose to join us for the first time this year.

This article serves just as a reminder Bridge to the Gulf 5k walk/run registrations continue to be accepted. You can access the registration forms directly on the St. Andrews by the Lake Episcopal church website -<http://www.standrewsbythelake.org> If you would like further information or would like to be a sponsor in this event, please email me at bridgetothegulf2@yahoo.com

Finally, in the last Breeze, I thoughtlessly neglected to thank a contributor in last year's first annual Bridge to the Gulf. At the finish line, the participants enjoyed biscotti as generously contributed by Jan Cohen and her company, Alotti Biscotti.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the 5k!

Respectfully submitted by Di Marshall, Bridge to the Gulf Race Director

Important Notice

"The Duluth Airport Authority has reached a cooperative agreement with the MN Dep't of Natural Resources, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the MNDOT Office of Aeronautics regarding limited obstruction removal in the Runway 32 approach airspace to the Sky Harbor Airport. A public information meeting will be held on Tuesday December 5, 2006 in Room 402, Duluth City Hall to present the process for obstruction removal in specific areas of the runway approach."

**Brian Ryks
Executive Director
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Editor's Corner

As of this writing we have yet to receive any major snow, but the icy winds make it clear that November is here. The rush is on to accomplish as much as possible at 12th St. before winter closes in. And it's also crunch time as far as deciding if we want to flood the hockey rink at Lafayette this year.

We've got a number of other meetings and events coming up as well, including the Spaghetti Dinner for the Trela family on the 18th, and Marcia Hales is hosting a brainstorming session on the 25th for those interested in a community lighting project.

The Pre-holiday social at the November Community club meeting was kind of planned for a supposed "lull" in activities before the rush of the holiday season. But it doesn't seem like any lull exists anymore. Still, it is a chance to just relax, enjoy a snack, and just socialize with your neighbors for a bit before we dive back into the rush of daily life. All Park Pointers are welcome, Community Club members or not. Come join us.

Dear Neighbors and Friends of Park Point,

I thought for sure with all the tickets sold on the Point, one of you would have won the mountain bike in the drawing sponsored by the Ski Hut and the Cross Country Ski Club. In all, \$3,000 was raised, and I am grateful to everyone who bought tickets. On October 15th at the Ski Club meeting, the lucky winner was Dave Shane from Poplar, WI.

I also want to express my appreciation to those who have given their time and skills these past few weeks as I started to repair my dome home.

I thank you one and all.

Joe Trela
2505 Minnesota Ave
727-0653

Dear Park Point Residents

Now that the big decision of retiring and moving have settled down and I begin my journey towards God and eternity, I can reflect on my life. The last 7 years I was privileged to be a Park Pointer. They were wonderful years and living on The Point was as close as I could come to heaven. All of you have been so kind to me and I was made to feel right at home. My regret was that I was too "old" and crippled to be an active member of the Community club. I even enjoyed being bridged. Being bridged help me make up for my sins of impatience and doubt to students who came late to school when I taught at Cathedral many years ago.

I loved the view I had from my living room to the lovely boats moored at the park outside my front window. I was able to see the water tower in Proctor on a clear day. My two companions "Alfie" and "Beau" enjoyed the huge back yard. Alfie went to "doggie heaven" 3 days after he left me, and Beau is strong and healthy. Pat and Mary Valentine took both of the dogs to their home. I miss them because we had 15 and 11 years together.

Please know that I am very much at home here at The Shores – 4000 London Rd. I am in apt. 310 and feel free to drop in. Thank you for the years I shared with you and special thanks to Dave Johnson. Seeing his sign as I went back and forth to St. Mary Star of the Sea always made my day. God love you all and especially St. Andrew's by the Lake and their vicar Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski for sharing their facilities.

Msgr. Patrick McDowell

To the Community Club –and the Breeze

We wish to thank all and everyone who had anything to do with putting up the sign honoring Howard down at the curve.

To our knowledge nothing like this has ever been done before to honor a Park Pointer. While he wasn't born on the Point he lived here for 86 years – always enjoying the special type of life one lives down here – and glad to bring up his children in the area he grew up in.

So – thank you all for the sign itself – and the idea behind it. It has touched the family greatly that someone felt the need to do this – and did it.

Edith Boynton & Family

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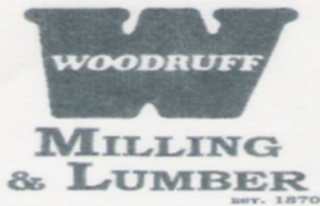
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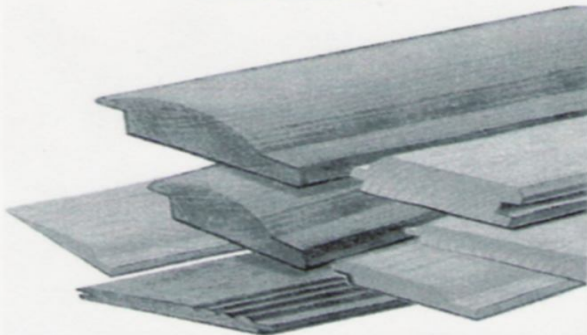
Park Point Resident

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