

Extra! Extra! Extra!

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Park Point

# The Breeze

Special edition

## The Blizzard of ‘07



This bit of artistry comes from Kinnan Stauber

The Blizzard that struck Duluth – and particularly Park Point – on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, was not large, or even unusual, by historical standards. There are still quite a few “old timers” around with stories of drifts up to the power lines, and people forced to escape through second story windows. Still, with 19 inches of snow driven by 66 mph winds, it was the worst – or best, depending on your perspective – to strike the Point in the last 20 years. With the closing of the Aerial Bridge, our little peninsula was turned into an island, and as people emerged from their homes and awaited the plows, there was a real sense of wonder at what nature had done. Many people, myself included, wandered about the neighborhood, cameras in hand, taking pictures of the storm’s aftermath, and the clean-up operation. This special edition of the Breeze is made up primarily of those pictures that people have sent me, plus a few of my own, with only a few captions and credits to tie them together. The pictures speak for themselves. Some people sent me a large number of pictures, others just one or two. I’ve tried to pick through them and give a good overview of different areas on the Point. My apologies if I left out your favorites, missed a few credits, or if your little neighborhood isn’t represented. Overall, I hope this issue is one worth saving for the grandkids.

Alan Dartanyan, Breeze Editor



The photos at left and right came from Jan Cohen, but they both show Dave Poulin’s house buried under all that snow. A couple of Dave’s own pictures appear elsewhere in this issue.





Lillian Moore sent me a whole boatload of pictures. This page contains a half dozen of my favorites. I especially like the one looking out the window.





Here's a bunch of pictures sent in by Brian and Mary Grover of Solglimpt. The carving of "Old Man Winter" in the upper left was created by Brian & Kyle Grover. Proving that Mother Nature isn't the only artist around.





This picture of a "Snow Car" came from Jan Cohen



Here, Jan Olsen climbs the great pyramid



"House sliding", by Nancy Anderson



One of my favorites, titled "No room at the Inn?" also came from Nancy Anderson



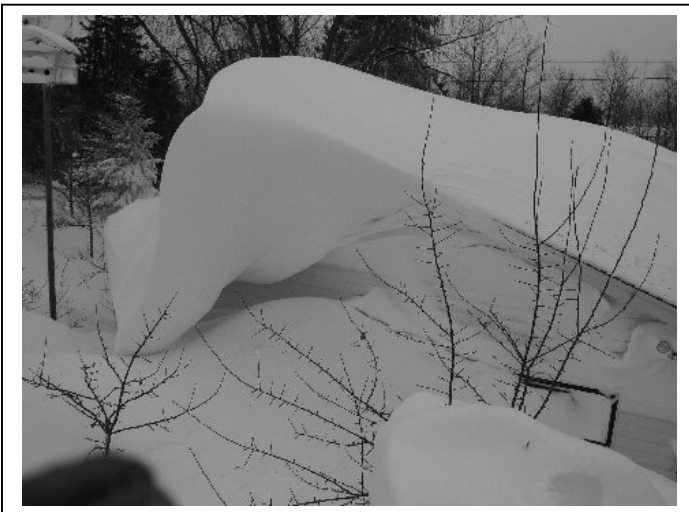
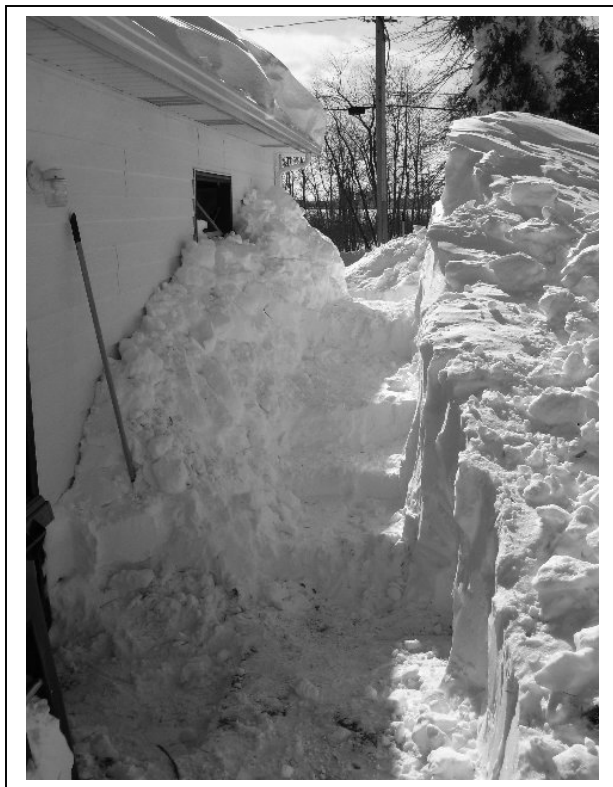
A couple taken near the bridge by Nancy Anderson





From a plethora of pictures which Marcia Hales made available, I chose a few of what I'd call "artistic" shots. Kudos to the artist.





Kinnan Stauber sent in quite a few pictures as well. It was hard to choose which ones to print, but from Scott Wolff's buried house to the snow steps carved over impenetrable drifts, these give a pretty good overview of things in their neighborhood.

## Editor's Corner

Is it safe to come out now? Can we finally talk about the winter of '06-'07 in the past tense, without Mother Nature giving us another slap? Because to really appreciate the blizzard, you have to put it in the perspective of the whole season.

Remember the brown Christmas? The mild January? Then the February cold snap, that went deep into the bare ground, playing havoc with the pipes, but sending us out skating on the clear ice of Lake Superior? There was a nice foot of snow the last weekend of February, with continuing snow the next couple of days, so by the time the March 1<sup>st</sup> Blizzard rolled around, with it's 19 inches of new snow, there was already nearly a foot and a half on the ground for those 60 mph winds to blow around.

So we dug out, marveled at what nature had done, smiled as it started melting. But were we done yet? Oh no. March turned into a two headed lion, and gave us a nice little ice storm to further stress our already stressed trees and bushes. And then April, that lovely month, opened with a foot of heavy snow, the only true record of the season. So I guess when Al Gore talks about a Climate Crisis, what he really means is "Crazy Weather!"



Here's a couple of Dave Poulin's pictures from down by Lafayette. Obviously, not everyone minded all that snow.



This is the snowblower I want for Christmas next year!

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Here's what my yard looked like the day after. Glad I brought a shovel in the house. The Editor



Another one of my own, taken near the S-curve. Seems like a good way to "wave" goodbye.