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Calendar

Park Point Community Club Meeting March 20th, 7PM At Lafayette

Buoys & Gulls Mtg

Tuesday Apr.1st 1PM
Baypoint Estates
Comm.Rm.
Speaker: Officer Mike
Tinsley
Everyone Welcome
Bus Trip to Chanhassen
April 12th
Bingo every Thursday
11:00AM
Baypoint Estates

The mission of the Breeze is to serve the community by:

- 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

Things looking up at Sky Harbor





SKY HARBOR-LATEST

The Duluth Airport Authority awarded a contract in August to study possible alternatives to allow the use of the airport at night and avoid removing trees in the Park Point Pine Forest. The study, which will take 14 to 18 months, included formation of two committees to meet monthly and provide input on the process. The first committee is the Agency/Technical Committee, which is made up of representatives of Regulatory Agencies. The second committee is the Public Advisory Committee, on which we have a member and alternate. The Public Advisory Committee met during February. Two things that were favorable to the club came out of the meeting. The first is that the trees in the Scientific and Natural Area cannot be trimmed without approval of the state legislature. The Second is the southern approach to the runway will have adequate clearance and length for landing at night if it is shortened 600 feet. The airport authority will pursue getting permission for this temporary solution, Dave Poulin

(Check the meeting notice on page 9)

The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is April 4th for the April 2008 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 Michael Tinsley. Soon, we will see the calls for service in the area increase as the weather gets warmer. That means the potential for crime to happen increases. If you know anything about fire, maybe from speaking with your heroes at the local station, there are (3) things needed for a fire to occur which are fuel, air and heat. If you remove one of those things it is impossible to start a fire. The same thing can be applied to crime prevention. In order for a crime to occur, there has to be (3) things and they are desire, ability and opportunity. We as citizens cannot affect a criminals desire to commit a crime. We cannot affect their ability to commit a crime. They will find a way, whether using a hammer to break a lock or a telephone to commit a scam hundreds of miles away. We do have the ability to take away their opportunity to commit a crime such as burglary, vehicle prowls, and thefts. This can be accomplished by simply talking with your neighbors prior to leaving town, locking your doors and removing valuables from your car. I have been doing this job for awhile and most thieves and burglars that I have interviewed have explained how easy taking something was or why they couldn't resist committing the crime. Unlike shows on TV where they show the criminal "casing" a place for months, our burglars and car prowlers simply walk down a street looking for a easy target such as a laptop or purse left on the front seat of a car and they check to see if the owner locked the door. They will drive down the block looking to see if papers or mail is being collected giving an indication if the residents are out of town. Taking a little time to do crime prevention saves a lot of time of investigation by the police department and headache and heartache on your part. I am willing to come to your house and meet with you and offer some cheap crime prevention tips to take away a criminals opportunity for making you the victim.

Thank you,

Officer Michael Tinsley Duluth Police Department 218-390-2863

LAFAYETTE & FRANKLIN PARKS ARE 150 YEARS OLD

Lafayette and Franklin Parks were donated to the city by George Stuntz, the original surveyor of Park Point, in 1858. I would like to organize a celebration of the event. It will be discussed at our March Meeting.

Dave Poulin

St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church 727-1262

(temporarily worshiping at 45th and Glenwood in Lakeside, 9:45 a.m. Sundays)

It may seem like there is not much life at St. Andrew's these days, but in reality, the community is very alive and well - as we meet in the former St. Edward's church in Lakeside. It has been an interesting journey to be displaced from our home on Park Point and we look forward to the day of our return when the renovation of the building is complete.

We have asked in prayer for discernment and wisdom

in our decision making - and have trusted in God's presence through our ongoing pilgrimage as a Christian community. And so, we offer this prayer: "Heal our inner sight, O God, that we may know the difference between good and evil, Open our eyes that we may see what is true and what is false, Restore us to wisdom that we may be well in our own souls. Restore us to wisdom that we and our world may be well.

The blessing of heaven, the blessings of earth,
The blessings of sea and of sky, On those we love this
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and sky."

(From: 'Celtic Treasure' by J. Philip Newell)

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PPCC Profit and Loss 2003-2007

11001	Jan - Dec 03	Jan - Dec 04	Jan - Dec 05	Jan - Dec 06	Jan - Dec 07	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Breeze						
Ads	135.00	896.00	2,550.00	2,877.00	2,167.00	8,625.00
Subscription	24.00	90.00	38.50	137.00	150.00	439.50
Total Breeze	159.00	986.00	2,588.50	3,014.00	2,317.00	9,064.50
Art Fair						
Popcorn Stand	809.50	26.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	835.50
Exhibitor Fees	16,895.00	18,425.00	17,875.00	20,175.00	20,475.00	93,845.00
Jury Fees	2,730.00	2,645.00	2,115.00	2,235.00	3,015.00	12,740.00
Vendor Fees	2,400.00	2,550.00	2,325.00	2,525.00	2,530.00	12,330.00
Total Art Fair	22,834.50	23,646.00	22,315.00	24,935.00	26,020.00	119,750.5 0
CC rentals	3,800.00	4,637.50	3,312.50	3,112.50	4,057.50	18,920.00
Contributions Income						
Cook Book	0.00	0.00	14,884.50	3,789.00	1,270.00	19,943.50
Restricted	719.00	646.00	20.00	400.00	0.00	1,785.00
Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	80.00	100.00	400.00	580.00
Total Contributions Income	719.00	646.00	14,984.50	4,289.00	1,670.00	22,308.50
Grants	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Membership Dues	1,429.00	1,049.00	867.00	497.00	1,200.00	5,042.00
Money Mkt Dividend	176.27	200.34	559.50	805.90	179.31	1,921.32
Program Fees	0.00	0.00	230.00	150.00	150.00	530.00
Reimbursed Expenses	610.00	100.00	150.00	50.00	0.00	910.00
Total Income	29,727.77	31,564.84	45,007.00	36,853.40	35,593.81	178,746.8 2
Expense						
Art Fair Expense						
Juror Fee	180.00	300.00	300.00	240.00	240.00	1,260.00
Merit Awards	1,360.00	1,300.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,600.00	6,460.00
Coordinator Fees	4,625.00	5,200.00	5,250.00	5,350.00	7,150.00	27,575.00
Total Art Fair Expense	6,165.00	6,800.00	6,550.00	6,790.00	8,990.00	35,295.00
Advertising	1,346.00	1,079.75	996.90	1,433.28	1,441.76	6,297.69
Bank Service Charges	125.00	155.50	187.00	0.00	0.00	467.50
Cash Discounts	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Computer						
Internet	109.35	321.05	9.20	194.23	387.97	1,021.80
Software	0.00	0.00	212.00	428.93	0.00	640.93
Total Computer	109.35	321.05	221.20	623.16	387.97	1,662.73
Contract Labor	256.00	400.00	425.00	425.00	1,225.00	2,731.00
Contributions	210.00	361.44	300.00	1,325.50	1,399.00	3,595.94
Equipment Rental	62.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	257.48	319.70
Insurance						
Liability Insurance	1,311.30	980.00	980.00	996.00	987.00	5,254.30
Total Insurance	1,311.30	980.00	980.00	996.00	987.00	5,254.30
Interest Expense						
Finance Charge	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50
Total Interest Expense	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50
Total Interest Expense	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

Licenses and Permits	1,498.00	1,498.00	1,230.00	1,325.00	1,295.00	6,846.00
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.38	13.38
Postage and Delivery	641.99	727.55	822.07	633.92	874.22	3,699.75
Printing and Reproduction	4,651.48	4,692.05	11,420.93	7,845.70	6,385.73	34,995.89
Professional Fees						
Accounting Professional Fees -	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-20.00	-20.00
Total Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,930.00	1,930.00
Program Expense	1,521.03	1,300.00	1,500.00	25.00	1,500.00	5,846.03
Rental commission	1,835.00	2,343.75	1,444.00	1,331.25	1,803.75	8,757.75
Repairs						
Building Repairs	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Equipment Repairs	174.28	118.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	292.94
Total Repairs	324.28	118.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	442.94
Supplies						
Equipment	36.55	303.74	93.03	256.67	160.45	850.44
Cleaning	79.99	56.83	132.90	611.19	74.98	955.89
Landscaping	639.47	2,688.02	453.50	5,129.14	2,215.94	11,126.07
food and vending	3,114.64	2,189.53	2,295.89	3,052.53	2,417.37	13,069.96
Marketing	482.45	775.00	640.00	500.00	0.00	2,397.45
Office	600.98	348.31	101.02	468.85	223.29	1,742.45
Total Supplies	4,954.08	6,361.43	3,716.34	10,018.38	5,092.03	30,142.26
Telephone Travel & Ent	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.15	0.00	50.15
Entertainment	0.00	300.00	0.00	60.00	100.00	460.00
Meals	44.66	75.15	87.00	49.01	0.00	255.82
Total Travel & Ent	44.66	375.15	87.00	109.01	100.00	715.82
Utilities						
Garbage	225.00	175.40	203.20	201.20	170.80	975.60
Janitorial Services	1,771.04	2,276.04	2,283.61	2,014.04	2,347.00	10,691.73
Water	73.51	97.41	0.00	93.42	102.50	366.84
Total Utilities	2,069.55	2,548.85	2,486.81	2,308.66	2,620.30	12,034.17 161,179.5
Total Expense	27,206.44	30,063.18	32,367.25	35,240.01	36,302.62	0
Net Ordinary Income	2,521.33	1,501.66	12,639.75	1,613.39	-708.81	17,567.32
Other Income/Expense						
Other Income						
Interest Income	0.00	79.11	132.33	256.73	8.09	476.26
Total Other Income	0.00	79.11	132.33	256.73	8.09	476.26
Net Other Income	0.00	79.11	132.33	256.73	8.09	476.26
Net Income	2,521.33	1,580.77	12,772.08	1,870.12	-700.72	18,043.58

Editor's note: The Breeze is supposed to print regular financial statements for the PPCC, but as it can be rather confusing without explanation – and takes up a lot of space – we've been rather remiss in doing so. Now, with all our audits and reviews (hopefully) behind us, we're trying to catch up. Still, a couple explanations are needed. The big income jump in 2005 – that was the year the Park Point Cookbook came out. We made a bunch of money on that. And the loss in 2007 is mainly due to expenses on the 12th Street Beach project, and that should be refunded from the county grant. We may show losses over the few years as we spend down a bit of our savings. The real story to watch will be profits from the Park Point Art Fair. That's our golden goose.

Park Point Community Club February 21, 2008 Meeting Minutes

It was already seven minutes past seven when Dave Poulin reluctantly tapped a block of wood on the long table in front of him and called the meeting to order. The last-minute stragglers he'd been waiting for hadn't materialized, and the few club members scattered around the room each wore the frozen smile of a sucker thinking a prank had been played, as if the rest of the club would soon leap out and yell "Boo."

"We don't have a quorum tonight," he said to the idiot secretary.

"That stuff you mix with coffee? There's a whole jar of it back there by the almond cookies," the secretary replied.

"No, no, quorum" Dave said, sounding it out. "It means we don't have enough people here to conduct an official meeting." (And we can't add your imaginary friends, he thought, but didn't say....)

"Don't you worry a thing about that," the secretary said breezily. "I wrote the minutes for this meeting a couple weeks ago. I just have to fill in the start and stop times. Go ahead, go!" Dave Poulin shrugged. He turned to the other club members, and they shrugged, too. Dave started the meeting. It was 7:05. Minutes from the last meeting were approved, based on their literary merit and appropriate use of the semicolon;

Committee Reports:

Audit Committee: Much of tonight's meeting would be spent relaying information to members in attendance about the status of the Club's audit report. Dave Poulin began the report: Members of the Executive Board met with Audit Committee members one week earlier. Our tax returns are up-to-date and complete; the IRS will not be assessing any fine against us. This job was done by Esterbrook Accounting Services. The Club will need a tax preparation accountant on a routine basis. No one present objected to continuing with Esterbrook, although Chuck Flaig offered the option of Paul Paczynski, another local accountant he has used. Dave Poulin will call for quotes.... Audit Committee member Dawn Buck spoke briefly about the few problems and criticisms they'd found in reviewing our treasury; the committee is not clear what else is expected of them beyond this point. The group would return to this topic later.

Hearding Island: There was a short discussion about dredging behind Hearding Island. The channel between the mainland and the island is filling with sediment. The Corps of Engineers may be planning to dredge the channel open sometime in 2010, perhaps later.

Art Fair: Dave Poulin also gave tonight's update about progress for the 2008 Park Point Art Fair. There is still no set agreement between the City of Duluth and the Community Club with regard to the whopping fee increase the City has insisted we pay. This led to a heated discussion (one-sided, with no City representatives present to defend their ridiculous policy). Our cost for insurance is rising, both for the Art Fair and for Lafayette rentals. Dram shop laws may also pose problems we have yet to address.

Minnesota Point Pine Forest: There may finally be some good news for volunteers who have worked with dedication to halt cutting of the old-growth forest by the Duluth Airport Authority. The Sky Harbor

Citizens' Advisory group has begun to meet, and at their first session the DAA announced that the Scenic & Natural Area can't be disturbed. They have shortened the usable runway space at the south end of the runway by 600', which moves the approach "cone" away from the trees they'd planned on cutting.

This makes so much sense it's almost guaranteed to be temporary. The DAA would like to return the airstrip to full operations by next year; it is predicted that community volunteers will resume getting jacked around soon after that. Also discussed: FedEx planes continue to fly in and out of Sky Harbor.

The original charter for the airport established it for non-commercial purposes.

Club Elections: Always a highlight of the May Community Club meeting, the colorful pageantry, parades, Speeches and campaigns that lead up to club elections all gets started in March. A nominating committee was established tonight; a few good citizens have already stepped forward to fulfill their cultural obligations to Park Point.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Flaig gave the report. The Club treasury currently stands at \$39,323. Major expenses paid in January and February were for the Art Fair, for legal fees paid to the attorneys assisting in our work in behalf of the Minnesota Point Pine Forest, and for one large piece of plastic for the S-curve sign. Expenses for the S-curve project (approx. \$5000) have yet to be reimbursed back to the Club by the City. The City has yet to provide us with a re-written contract we can live with nearly two years after we agreed to the grant from St. Louis County that started the project. No money from the county grant has yet to make it to the Club; the plug is in the City Attorney's Office.... The Club had no income to report for January. Chuck brought along an extensive 3-year profit & loss summary of the Club's treasury. The report breaks down Club income and expenses into categories (environmental, Art Fair, rentals, etc). Chuck expressed his frustration with the slow pace of the audit report, and echoed Dawn Buck's questions about what more would be expected to complete it. Anyone wishing to review the report is invited and encouraged to do so.

Lafayette Square: Last month we learned that the City is planning to re-roof Lafayette sometime this summer. No firm date or plan is in place yet, but the Club may be asked to contribute to the project.

Abruptly the old Lafayette meeting hall grew quiet. Club members looked at one another, and several stole quick glances at the wall clock. Could it really be this easy? With no quorum there had been no votes, no contention, no gunplay or fistfights. Before anyone else could change their mind, stir up trouble or walk in late, Dave Poulin adjourned the meeting. It was **8:05**.

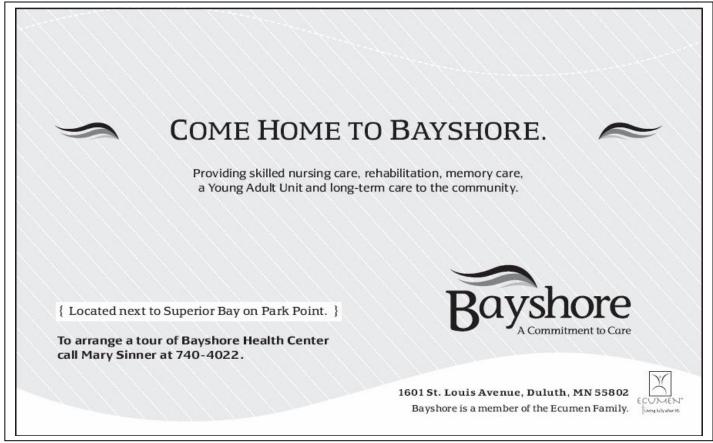
As they left the building, the idiot secretary paused. "If there was no quorum, then this meeting isn't an official meeting, right?" he said to Poulin.

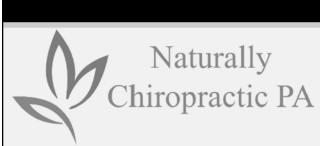
"Nope," replied Poulin as he shut off the lights. "It might as well have been all in your mind."

The secretary mulled this thought for awhile. "The meetings in my mind are a lot more fun," he said. "There's always a quorum, and I don't have to write up the minutes or be on any committees."

That figures, Poulin thought to himself. Even his <u>imaginary</u> friends know he's an idiot....

Repeatedly subversive, Dave Johnson, Idiot Secretary





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Editor's Corner

Last month's meeting was rather sparsely attended – I guess those who hadn't escaped to warmer climes were home sick with the flu. But a few things got accomplished. Most notably, we dealt at length with our financial report and audits, and voted to hire a bookkeeper to handle tax filings. Treasurer Chuck Flaig will continue to do the day to day bookkeeping.

We also got an update on the Airport/Old Pines situation. This I see as quite a positive story. When the Aiport Authority once more proposed cutting the trees to improve clearance, the PPCC's Environmental committee reacted with a "Here we go again" and immediately prepared to do battle. But it quickly became clear that things have changed. Under new Airport director Brian Ryks, and with a newly constituted board, the Airport Authority has shown a new attitude, a willingness to compromise, and even play by the rules! Veteran Park Pointers remain wary, but there's a real possibility that a permanent solution to the controversy can be found.

Then we also selected a nominating committee for the upcoming PPCC elections, of which I am a member. This process, in which the committee puts together a slate of officers, which the club can accept or reject, makes me feel a bit like a member of the Politburo in a one party state. And it doesn't have to be that way. We can have actual contested elections, with candidates other than the ones the nominating committee rounds up. Anyone can nominate another member of the PPCC for any office. (But, yes, they have to be there, and accept the nomination. You can't nominate your annoying neighbor just to get even). So if you have a name you'd like to suggest, even your own, come to the March PPCC meeting and make it known. Maybe we can make it interesting this year.

PARK POINT GARAGE SALE

JUNE 13TH & 14 FRIDAY & SATURDAY

The snow is about to melt, ships will be sailing and before you know it will be time for the Annual Park Point Garage Sale.

While we can't get outside to start yard work, it is a wonderful time to start getting ready for the BIG SALE.

Check those closets, attic and if you are lucky and have a basement check it out for those items that are just taking up room. Be sure and price things as you find them. It saves last minute pricing.

Tell your friends to come and have fun selling with you. It is much more fun to have others selling with you. Suggest that they bring the good food.

Help is needed for the committee. It is an easy volunteer project and a way you can help your Community. Please call: Charlene Shimmin 722-6828 and volunteer.

Meeting Notice

As part of the public involvement process, a Public Advisory Committee started meeting in mid-February and will meet monthly throughout the development of the alternatives and environmental analysis. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19th from 5:00-6:30 in Room 400 at City Hall. The public is welcome to attend these meetings to observe the process.

A public informational meeting is planned for April. Information regarding the date, time, and location of this meeting will be provided in the near future.

If you would like to receive meeting minutes, or have questions about the project, please email Scott Sannes at ssannes@sehinc.com.

The Breeze

Park Point Community Club P.O. Box 16326 Duluth, MN 55816-0326



Park Point Resident

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