



The Breeze

OF PARK POINT

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting
October 16th, 7PM
At Lafayette**

**Election Day!
November 4th**

**Buoys & Gulls Mtg
Wed.-Nov 5th @ 1PM
Baypoint Estates
(Chg from Tues-
Don't forget to Vote!!)
Bingo every Thurs@
11AM**

**Special note--
Bingo on Friday Oct 31
@ usual time -
followed by Potluck
Dinner**

**Costumes encouraged-
but not required-
everybody invited.**

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

Straight Up, No ice



Barring a sudden groundswell of support and participation, there will be no ice skating at Lafayette this winter. And it can't be entirely blamed on the City's financial difficulties. How did we get to this point? A little background: Old timers can remember when there were two active rinks at Lafayette, one for hockey and one for pleasure skating. It's been quite a few years since there was an organized youth hockey team on Park Point, but the rink remains. In 2006, a group of Park Point volunteers cleared the brush and small trees that had sprouted through the gravel base of the hockey rink, and put out a call through the Breeze to anyone interested in hockey on Park Point, kids or adults, who would be willing to come flood and maintain the hockey rink. The silence was deafening. Truth is, youth hockey has changed over the years. Especially on the higher levels, it is often played on indoor rinks, where they can have extended seasons and don't have to depend on the vagaries of the weather. The neighborhoods that continue to maintain outdoor rinks do so by combining players from other neighborhoods. Park Point kids practice and play on other rinks.

That leaves the pleasure rink, which has traditionally been maintained and staffed by the city. That same year, 2006, we had a bit of a crisis. Though the city

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(No ice, from page 1)

was willing to flood and plow the rink, they were unable to find a qualified individual to staff the warming house. A few Park Point volunteers stepped forward, and we were able open the warming house most weekends and a few weeknights, but attendance was low and spotty. I know. My wife and I worked several Friday evenings when the only skater was me, skating laps around an empty rink. Most of us put the poor attendance down to the limited hours and lack of publicity.

So last winter we were ready. We had a group of volunteers willing to flood the rink if the city couldn't, and staff the warming house if necessary, but the city came through with a better than expected effort. First they hired Park Point's own Dave Lavamaki as rink manager, then with a little help from Mother Nature they were able to flood the rink and maintain good ice through much of the winter. So there we were, with good ice and consistent, well publicized hours as to when the warming house was open and the lights were on. All that was missing was skaters. As Rink Manager Lavamaki put it, attendance was "dismal at best". There were a few visits from young men from other neighborhoods, trolling the city for places to play "pond hockey", but as hockey isn't allowed on the city's pleasure rink, Dave had to turn them away (although they often returned during "closed" hours and played anyway)

This year, as everyone knows, the city is facing a budget crisis. Though I haven't heard it officially yet, the rumor is that the city will only maintain and staff three rinks: One east, one west, and one central (at Bayfront). So any ice at Lafayette is likely to be up to us. And we could do it. Dave Lavamaki is willing to do the job he was paid for last year as a volunteer this year. And there are still a few others willing to help make ice. Plus, the Community Club has the resources to hire a plow to clear the rink if the city can't. What we don't have is the demand. Whether it's lack of kids, more options for kids, or the proximity of the Bayfront rink, they just don't come out to skate anymore. So it just makes sense to save the club's money, and our volunteers' energy, for projects that have a greater effect on the community. And that was the vote of the Community Club at the September meeting. Barring that groundswell, No Ice.

So you want to play hockey, eh?

City rules aside, I've got a lot of sympathy for those "pond hockey pirates" cruising around looking for an open rink. There are few better ways to spend a winter evening than just slapping a puck around with your friends. And I really hate to see the Lafayette hockey rink just sitting there unused, year after year. But making ice, maintaining that ice, and clearing the rink is work.

Still, if there is a group, or just a few guys, from anywhere in Duluth, who were willing to do that work in order to have a rink to play on, I'm sure some arrangement could be made to get them access to water and hoses. But they'll have to do the work. We're not going to do it for them!



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Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2008

Last month's minutes were approved with no corrections.

Special guest David Zentner gave a presentation on the Clean Water, Wildlife, Cultural Heritage and Natural Areas Amendment aka Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. Did you know a constitutional amendment is on your ballot on Nov. 4, 2008?

The amendment would create a 3/8% sales tax increase (sunsets in 25 years) which would provide approximately \$300 million/year (in 2008 dollars) for clean water, natural areas, wildlife, parks, trails, cultural legacy and arts education. The language in the constitution specifically allocates funding among 4 purposes as follows: 33% for water quality, 33% for wildlife, 19.75% for arts and cultural resources and 14.25% for parks and trails. What will it cost you? Less than 15 cents a day for the average Minnesota family, approx. \$56 per year in additional sales tax per average household.

Be an informed voter, gather and think about the facts and make your decision.

If you don't vote on a constitutional amendment, the state votes NO for you.

Thanks to Dave for sharing this information with our community.

Treasurer's report, Chuck Flaig. Current balance \$48,450.48. Approx. profit from this year's art fair = \$9,019. A good year! Thank you Carla and Co.

Report from Officer Tinsley and Officer Martin. Discussion about cycling on Park Point and on the bridge. Light your bike if you are riding at night. Riding on the sidewalk is legal.

Report from Firefighter Chad Rindal. 16 runs during the past month. Discussion on the importance of carbon monoxide detectors and where to install them. Discussion on the extra medical, fire and police staff and equipment on the Point during bridge repairs.

Environmental report. Dave Poulin read a letter from Scott Sannes, engineer working on the survey process of the airport and the cultural assessment on the property. Comments on the noise from air traffic at the airport late in the evening. Questions came up re. the funding of the airport and their budget.

County Commissioner Dennis Fink gave an update on the development of Parcel 4 down in the Park. There are details about tax forfeited lands that need to be checked and verified before the sale proceeds. Discussion about the property tax implications to Point residents after land sells. How will the sale affect our land values? Dennis also had information re. confidential phone seminars for at-risk homeowners on home foreclosure. For more info, call 651-659-9336 or visit www.hocmn.org.

Parks and Rec. update from Liz Mackay. Monday the new playground in the park will be dedicated. No decisions have been made yet re. which city skating rinks will be funded this year. Lafayette would most likely have to be an all volunteer operation for skating. Dave Lavamaki has offered to flood the rink but we need snow removal, building attendees etc. A motion was made and passed unanimously that unless dedicated, committed volunteers come forward, there will be no skating at Lafayette this winter.

Discussion about bringing more community members to Lafayette. If we don't use it, we may lose it! Discussion of possible uses of building for meetings, clubs, bingo, events, etc.

Meeting ended with resident Ralph Kellner speaking about volunteerism and a paper he wrote in 1980 called The Perfect Citizen. Ralph passed out copies of his work and would like to share with anyone interested.

Meeting adjourned around 9pm. Dawn Buck, secretary.

ELECTION DAY IS ALMOST HERE!!!

November 4, 2008 is the big day...

Polls Open from 7 AM to 8 PM (polls open & close promptly on time)

Park Pointers vote on the upper level of Lafayette, 3026 Minnesota Ave.

Some of the questions that new voters or those that haven't voted for awhile have are:

Q: Can I register on election day?

A: YES. Must be at least 18 years old, US citizen and resident of Minnesota and those voting at Lafayette must prove they live on Park Point.

Q: What kind of ID should I bring if I need to register?

A: The most common are: Minnesota Driver's License, Minnesota ID with a Park Point Address.

(This a very limited list of Common ID's. It is a good idea to change your address on your license before the election. It makes things simpler for you)

Q: I understand I can now use a utility bill as a form of ID with a Photo ID?

A: YES, but it MUST have your name and Park Point address on the bill. Do NOT bring in bank statements. They cannot be used...

Q: Can I bring my neighbor, who is a registered voter, in to vouch for me?

A: YES

Q: My friend, who lives on Park Point, has to register but hasn't changed their address on their driver's license to Park Point. Can I vouch for them?

A: YES

Q: I plan to be glued to my TV all day election day and can't get into vote!!

A: Call City Clerks Office and they will help you in regards to voting absentee... (allow some days if you need for them to send the forms by mail.)

Q: Is there a good time to vote, on November 4th, when the lines won't be long?

A: The lines will be long - expect to wait. SORRY SORRY

COME ONE ---- COME ALL AND COME EARLY (if you are an eligible voter)

This a very limited amount of information and if you wish more, it is suggested that you go to the Minnesota Secretary of State web site on a computer or call the City Clerk's Office.

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Volunteers Wanted:

We are in need of volunteers to assist residents playing bingo, play cribbage, help on outings, or just visit with them. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Stacie Oakland at 740-4082 or email her at stacieoakland@ecumen.org.

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For a few more months we continue to worship at our Lakeside location (45th and Glenwood). The renovation of the building is progressing very nicely - thanks to Kraus Anderson Construction and our architectural firm, Wagner Zaun. If you would like to read how we are going 'green' as much as we can, visit our website to learn about that aspect of our project.

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Land Sale moves ahead

So I suppose everyone's heard by now that the city council voted to change the designation of Parcel 4 on Park Point (you know, those lots we've been talking about for the last couple months) from recreational to residential, and clearing the way for them to be sold. So what's happened since then?

Well, I know surveyors have been down there marking the lots, but as far as I know, they haven't been listed for sale yet. There are still some title and boundary issues to work out And there are still people working on finding someone to purchase it for preservation.

Even if a developer – or even just someone looking to build their own home there – makes an offer on all or part of it, it still has to be approved by the City Council one more time. So I don't think we'll see it sprouting houses anytime soon.



Mayor Ness, representatives of the Duluth Superior Community Foundation, and a few Park Pointers gathered on Monday September 22nd for a ribbon cutting and dedication of the new playground at the recreation area on Park Point.

Another indication that work by the City hasn't stopped completely:

Lafayette has just received a fresh coat of paint! And it's scheduled for some long overdue roof work as well. Now it's up to us to see that Lafayette is used often enough, so that no one can claim it isn't necessary in our community

Editor's Corner

I'm sure everybody is as sick of all the political ads as I am, but I still want to start this column by urging everyone to get out and vote on November 4th. There really is so much at stake this year. And I'm not just talking about the presidential, senatorial and legislative races. There's also the state Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, and, locally, the Public Schools Operating Levy. The results of these votes will be with us far beyond the terms of any current officeholders. For more information on voting on Park Point, see page 6 of this issue.

Here on Park Point, we've got other decisions to make as well. While it's sad that there will be no skating at Lafayette this winter, times change, and we have to change with them. The question is, in these times of reduced city services and resources, how can the Park Point Community Club best use their energy and resources to benefit the community? We had a very successful and profitable Art Fair this year, and have a healthy balance in the bank. For years, the Park Point Community Club has helped subsidize a very successful Summer Youth Program at Lafayette. Should we offer to fully fund the program, and essentially take over running it ourselves?

Park Point is one of the neighborhoods whose parks are slated to receive "reduced services" this year. Should we take over such things as trash collection, lawn mowing, or providing "porta-potties" in any or all of our city parks?

Other ideas? Bring them to the next meeting, and we'll toss them about.

An Invitation to All Duluthians 55 and older:



Buoys and Gulls Senior Club of Park

Point is a social club for those 55 (*and better*). We get together in the Baypoint Apartments (Estates) club room. The club hosts a variety of speakers and topics during the year as well as three luncheon/meetings. Our annual Halloween Bingo party and potluck is lots of fun!

Dues are only \$3.00 per year and meetings usually end by 2 pm, giving us a nice little break in the day. We welcome your membership, along with your ideas for activities and speakers for future meetings.

Please join us:

*1st Tuesday of each month

*1PM

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We also play BINGO every Thursday in the Baypoint Club Room at 11:30 am.

Come at 11:00 with a bag lunch and join us for lunch beforehand.

Everyone is welcome and the coffee is always on!

I hope to have more information on this in the next issue, but I'd like to give everyone a heads up: there will be a

Dr. Nancy English Memorial 5k Run/Walk

On November 15th, 10 am

It will start near the airport at the end of Park Point, and proceeds will help establish a medical school scholarship for women

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