

# The Breeze

## OF PARK POINT

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### Calendar

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting  
November 20th, 7PM  
At Lafayette  
Pre-holiday social  
6:30 – 7:00**

**Buoys & Gulls Mtg  
December mtg for Buoys  
& Gulls  
Lunch @ Blackwoods in  
Proctor  
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Information**

**Bingo as usual every  
Thursday  
11AM @ Baypoint  
Estates**

## S – Curve Project Nears Completion



With Ron Holman Excavating doing the trenching and backfilling, Park Point volunteers construct a vertical post wall around the parking lot at 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

Its been more than 3 years since the renovation of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Beach public access was first proposed, but with the construction of the wall around the parking lot, shown above, the major components of the project have been pretty well completed. And not a moment too soon, as the project contract with the City of Duluth set a completion deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. And of course the inset of winter can end the construction season far sooner than that. It was that contract, in fact, which had kept this project at a standstill for the past year.

The project was to be paid for by a \$10,000 grant from St. Louis County, secured for us by County Commissioner Dennis Fink, along with a promise by the Park Point community Club to match that grant, if need be, to complete the project. But although it is county money, the grant must be paid through the City of Duluth, and, as 12th Street Beach is a city park, it required permits, approval, and a contract with the city. When this proved to be a bit of a

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## **Submissions**

The deadline is December 5th for the December 2008 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at [breezeditor@msn.com](mailto:breezeditor@msn.com) by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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(12<sup>th</sup> street, from page 1)

bureaucratic nightmare, former mayor Herb Bergson gave the Community Club the go ahead to just begin the project, and worry about the paperwork later. And begin we did, fencing off sensitive areas, planting trees, shrubs and beach grass, and building a wooden walkway over the growing dunes to the beach. All of this was paid for by the Community Club, with the assumption that it would be reimbursed from the county grant once the paper work was completed.

Then the contract came through – and work was halted. The original contract called for the Park Point Community Club to assume virtually all liability for anything that happened at 12<sup>th</sup> Street Beach from that point forward. That’s a liability that the Community Club simply could not accept. So the contract went unsigned, no expenses were reimbursed, and the project went uncompleted.

But with a change in City Administration, and some “streamlining” in city offices, a new contract was pursued, and finally a new, more acceptable one was approved. Oh, it’s still a Community Club Project, and the Club will still be responsible for maintaining it, but major liability no longer will rest solely with the Park Point Community Club. And with the completion of the project, and inspection by the city, the Community Club should be reimbursed for everything it has spent so far.

If fact, with the frugal ways of community club volunteers, expenses have not yet even reached the amount of the County grant, and there’s talk of amending the project contract to do even more at 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Perhaps even repaving the parking lot.

Many Park Point volunteers have been involved in this project, and they brought with them a wide variety of ideas, temperaments, and work styles. It hasn’t always gone smoothly, but in the end the area has been greatly improved from both an environmental and esthetic standpoint. We owe a big Thank You to all of them.

## **POWER UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

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## Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2008

17 members signed in.

The minutes from last month's meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's report from Chuck Flaig- Current balance approx. \$45,440. Art Fair profit this year \$8425. Chuck will speak to Barb, the rental manager, to post a calendar of rentals.

Discussion about increasing the community's use of Lafayette. Park Point cookbooks are still available for sale ( nice holiday gift idea) at Bayside or call Diane Gould.

Officer Tinsley's report- Fortunately not much crime this month on the Point. A Park Point resident's bike was stolen from Canal Park but recovered by Officer Tinsley. Remember to lock up bikes in Canal Park! Alternate side parking starts Nov. 1. Officer Tinsley will try to print up some reminder fliers. Discussion about park hours and people sleeping in their cars down by the Park. It is not illegal to sleep in your car on a city street.

Firefighter Chad Rindal's report- 7 calls this month (8 ahead of last year at this time) 4 calls were medical and 3 were miscellaneous. Fire hall remodel update- plan is too expensive so city architect is going back to the drawing board. Also extra fire and medical coverage no longer available due to budget constraints during aerial bridge closings. No new fire truck either.

Guest speaker, Mimi Larson, from Vote Yes for Kids spoke about the ISD 709 Levy on the Nov. ballot. Thank you Mimi for presenting the details so we can make an informed decision.

Art Fair report, Jake Kapsner- Carla and Jake working on the budget for next summer's art fair. Working on a website and some advertising strategies.

Breeze report, Alan Dartanyan. Discussion about putting an ad in the Duluth News Tribune to see if there is an organized hockey group who would like to use one of our rinks. An ad will be placed to see if there is any interest.

Environmental Committee, Dave Poulin- FAA fine tuning the scoping document re. airport, still waiting on an archeological survey.

Land Sale- environmental groups still working on a way to keep Parcel 4 undeveloped. Land is for sale on the City's website and For Sale signs are in place marking the 4 lots for sale. City is improving the sewage lift station to accommodate new construction.

Contract for the S curve project (12<sup>th</sup> Street Park and Garden Beach) needs to be signed. Kathy Bergen has been working hard to help us wrap up this project. Pres. Dave Poulin and Sec. Dawn Buck will meet with Kathy next week to sign. Volunteers needed next Tues. to help put in vertical timber wall. An excavator will be hired to move the sand and assist with the project. A motion was made and passed unanimously to allow Dick Gould to purchase the necessary supplies for the timber wall and be reimbursed by the PPCC treasurer.

New business- new club starting in Lafayette lower level. The "Good Dog Club" will meet weekly starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dog hobbyist/trainer Dawn Buck and dog trainer Ken Mathews are starting a group to promote good canine citizenship and enhance canine companionship. Look for the notice in the Breeze to get involved. Some PPCC members will get together to clean up the lower level and paint before December.

Motion to adjourn.

### **Nancy English Memorial 5k**

On August 8th, 2008, Park Point lost one of its' own. Dr. Nancy English died unexpectedly of natural causes on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in her home. She was a true "Park Pointer" and loved running up and down the Point. Nancy ran along the Point nearly every morning. In honor of this, the Dr. Nancy English memorial race will be held on Park Point on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. The race is a 5K run/walk and will start and end at the Sky Harbor Airport. Strollers and wheel chairs are permitted on the course, but dogs are not. There will be a kid's 1/2 mile fun run as well. We will have a water stop table at the turn around point off to the side near 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Registration will begin at 8:30 and we anticipate the final participant finishing by 11:15 and awards completed by 12:00. You may notice some extra congestion on the point during this time frame.

Nancy English was a wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, mentor, social worker and a physician. Nancy truly loved helping others reach their goals. In memory of Nancy's contributions as a mentor, all of the race proceeds will go to a scholarship to a woman going back to school later in life to achieve her dreams. Nancy loved to run for the pure joy of it, not just to win. As a result of this, prizes will be given not only to the top three finishers, but also several finishers further back in the pack.

If you would like to join us in honoring this wonderful person, go to:

[www.nancyenglishmemorial5k.com](http://www.nancyenglishmemorial5k.com) to register or donate to the scholarship fund.

On Saturday morning there will be no parking on either side of the road from the airport to 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The road will be open between 10:00-11:00 when the race is in full swing, so we ask you to please be respectful of the runners if you need to drive somewhere.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Eve Stein, race director at [slushsucks9182@yahoo.com](mailto:slushsucks9182@yahoo.com) or (218)390-3185.

Hope to see you there!

Eilidh Reyelts

### **So, where do you live?**

My deceased husband, Jerry Shimmin, who grew up on Park Point, put together a list of the old street names on Park Point. Residents would say, for example "I live on the corner of Minnesota Avenue and Duke". Now they would say the corner of Minnesota and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. Thought you might enjoy seeing this list.

Charlene Shimmin

8th St. – Oak	18 <sup>th</sup> St. - Pine	28 <sup>th</sup> St. - Randolph
9th St. – Olive	19 <sup>th</sup> St. – Bruce	29 <sup>th</sup> St. – Park
10 <sup>th</sup> St. – Vine	20 <sup>th</sup> St. – Pearl	30 <sup>th</sup> St. - Adam
11 <sup>th</sup> St. – Aston	21 <sup>st</sup> St. – St. John	31 <sup>st</sup> St. - Monroe
12 <sup>th</sup> St. – Dondee	22 <sup>nd</sup> St. – Duke	32 <sup>nd</sup> St. - Murray
13 <sup>th</sup> St. – Aroyle	23 <sup>rd</sup> St. – James	33 <sup>rd</sup> St. - Clark
14 <sup>th</sup> St – Dunleath	24 <sup>th</sup> St. – Chambers	34 <sup>th</sup> St. - Warren
15 <sup>th</sup> St. – Cherry	25 <sup>th</sup> St. – Church	35 <sup>th</sup> St. - William
16 <sup>th</sup> St – Walnut	26 <sup>th</sup> St. – State	36 <sup>th</sup> St. – St. Paul
17 <sup>th</sup> St. – Elm	27 <sup>th</sup> St. – Jefferson	37 <sup>th</sup> St. St. Cloud
		38 <sup>th</sup> St. St. Charles

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## **Attention Dog Lovers**

**GOOD DOG CLUB STARTS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3, with an Orientation at 7PM. Please leave dogs at home for this first meeting.**

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### **BRIDGED**

#### **THE PARK POINT COOKBOOK**

As Christmas approaches, remember your Park Point Cookbook is still available. There are a limited number left and they can be purchased at Bayside Market, The Blue Heron Trading Post or by calling Diane Gould at 727-4076.



### Editor's Corner

I'm writing this column on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, but my mind is on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Election Day. An election with so much riding on it, with so many expected close votes on so many things, it seems like everybody I know is holding their breath. But there's no point in my writing about it now, because by the time this issue gets back from the printer, it will be all over. Too late to discuss the issues, too late to urge people to vote. Did all that last month. So all I can do is urge everyone to join me in celebrating the one sure outcome of this election: finally, an end to the campaign ads. No more ads on the TV, on the radio, stuffed in my mailbox and stuck in my door. No more dinner time robocalls and political polls. I know it won't be long before another campaign starts, and the whole thing begins again, but for now, let us enjoy the peace!

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Speaking of celebrations, please join us a Lafayette on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, before the start of the Community Club meeting, for a bit of pre-holiday season socializing. Treats will be provided, and it will be an opportunity to visit with your neighbors (hopefully) before the cold and snow and the rush of holiday events begin.

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And it's not too early to begin your outdoor holiday decorating either. You don't have to turn the lights on yet, but it's easier to put them up before the real cold hits.

### A Thank You

If one were to look up the word "community" in the dictionary, one of the definitions is: a group of people with a common background or with shared interests within society. When we look back at the Get Your Pink On fundraiser that happened on September 14, 2008, the definition seems very fitting. Together, we had a successful event, an event that served to address our "shared interest" of battling this horrific disease we call breast cancer. We think we all actually had a blast "in community" with one another in the process.

Words cannot express our thanks to all who played such an important part in the success of this event. We had so many people contribute items, contribute time, contribute energy, contribute support. Together we raised \$3000.00, that was subsequently given to the Susan G. Komen Foundation at the Walk for the Cure Event. The 3 day 60 mile was a wonderful event, an event filled with many stories and many blisters. Without your help, we could not have done it. Humbly, we wish to state our appreciation to **Liz (the Cancer Cowgirl) and Ed Gleeson** as well as Bonnie Cannon for their efforts, the use of **Carmody Irish Pub**, and their incredible inspiration. Thanks so much to the Truckey Boys for their incredible entertainment. Additionally, we send a huge thank you to the heart-filled community of Park Point for "making it a party." Finally, we would like to thank the following list of contributors.

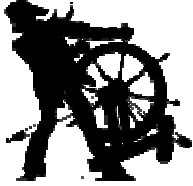
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### **Park Point Resident**

#### **Numbers you can use**

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