

# The Breeze

## OF PARK POINT

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### Calendar

**Park Point community  
Club Meeting**  
February 19<sup>th</sup>  
7PM

**Good Dog Club**  
Wednesdays, 7PM  
Lower level of  
Lafayette

**First Day of Spring**  
March 20<sup>th</sup>  
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Really!

**Park Point Rummage Sale**  
June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

**Park Point Art Fair**  
June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

### Window on the Lake



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

Living here on the edge of Lake Superior, you never know just what winter is going to serve up. From raging storms to bitter cold to those crazy ice “boulders” strewn all over the beach this year, there’s always something to challenge us. But for those willing to risk life and limb to clamber along the winter shore, there’s always a bit of beauty to reward you. This ice arch near 22<sup>nd</sup> street gives a view out onto the calm waters of Lake Superior, belying the crashing waves that formed it.

# *The Breeze*

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## **Environmental Report**

*By Dave Johnson & Kinnan Stauber*

As if we didn't have enough on our plate, as though we weren't already stinging from that whole stupid "let's sell off the parkland" thing, longtime environmental volunteers here on the Point are now being asked to defend something that none of us are too thrilled about, either. No one likes paying attorneys' fees. Even attorneys would admit that. They make a lot of money, and a couple dandy houses right here in our own community illustrate that point very well. But in this century, in this nation, attorneys are an unavoidable necessity, even if we're doing nothing more with our lives than hiding in our basements eating peanut-butter.

Fortunately, the Park Point community has always been a bit more ambitious than that with our work for the protection of this natural wonder we live on. And if you shrug off the environmental wonder of Minnesota Point, then the only questions are, "Why do you live here?" and "Why do you think tourists keep showing up?" Realistically, not many people think that way on Park Point. In project after project, year after year, generations of Park Pointers have worked to care for the beach, the dunes, the wetlands, and surpassing all others, the compelling Minnesota Point Pine Forest. There is no place like it on Earth.

Environmental protection takes two forms today. The first is hands-on and simple: See litter, pick up litter. Plant trees green end up. Don't feed the tourists, it only attracts others. Stuff like that. The second form is far more complex, and it involves webs of conflicting jurisdictions, regulations, maddening little kingdoms, endless tedious meetings in stuffy offices where the houseflies curling up on windowsills die looking at the beautiful day passing outside.... Add to that the underlying stink of narrow self-interests; greed crawling into corners of those webs where you'd never expect it, masquerading itself as just another point of view, and the mix gets benzene-cloud toxic. The pressure applied is relentless, and after years of the squabble (the "other side" starts out with lawyers) it's time for the doe-eyed innocents of the small Western town to hire their own gunslinger.

So the Park Point Community Club hired a lawyer. All the votes to do so were proper, and passed by an overwhelming majority as the Club finally put its money where its mouth was. Great. Gives the volunteers a chance to take a breath. The Club has enough money, and we volunteers helped earn that, too. Here's a bonus: the attorney is a sharp one, and has logged a lot of research already. We all want to know the money's being spent wisely; we want to see results for the expense as well, and if we don't get them, we'll alter course. What's new about that? Let's quit chewing on Dave Poulin. Unleash your contempt on the greedy ones, lurking deep in their webs. They make attorneys necessary. Even with an attorney, don't expect any Lone Ranger riding to Park Point's rescue. The same holds true for platitudes about "Everybody should get along. Compromise." We trade one cliché for another, with "Been there, done that." We can prove that, of course. Protection of the Minnesota Point Pine Forest won't happen magically. It is up to us to show resolve against its destruction, to work for a higher ideal, to preserve the majesty and legacy of Minnesota Point for generations to come. One last question: If we don't, who do you think will?



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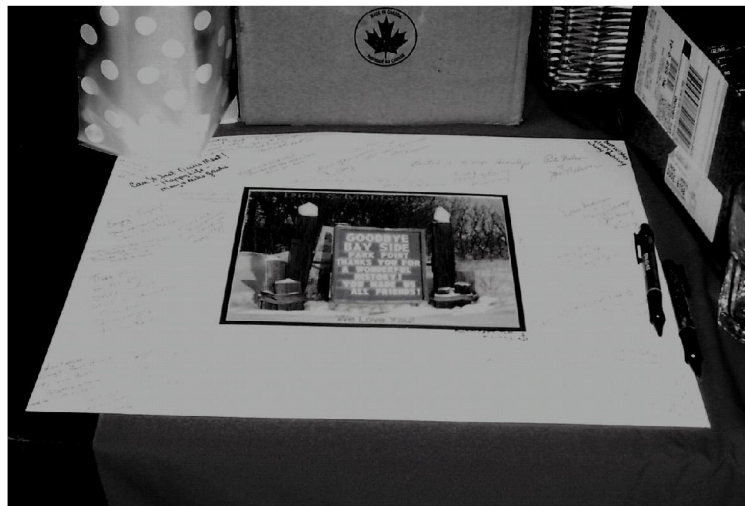
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This picture of the "Goodbye Bayside" sign, taken by Tom Mackay, collected signatures and a few tears at Dick and Mel Gajewski's retirement party, January 11<sup>th</sup> at Carmody Irish Pub

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## **Park Point Community Club Minutes**

**January 15, 2009**

Club president Dave Poulin called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm following the annual pizza party, 23 in attendance. The minutes from the last meeting, 11/20/08, were approved with no corrections.

**Treasurer's report:** Chuck Flaig reported a balance of \$ 39,772.54. The last of the art fair expenses has now been paid so the finalized profit from last summer's art fair is \$9292.00 which is the the highest profit of the last 6 years. Chuck briefly ran through the month's income and payouts.

**S-curve project update:** Dave Poulin reported that receipts totaling \$7400 and required paperwork have been submitted to the City for reimbursement. Liz Mackay reported that the paperwork has now been sent on to St. Louis County for their review.

**Guest speaker,** City Councilor Tony Cuneo spoke and answered questions about the Park Point land sale during a difficult budget year. He answered questions re. property taxes, budget shortfalls, blocked off streets and more...thank you for coming to our meeting Councilor Cuneo.

**Membership Drive:** Discussion about printing a membership list in the Breeze. Motion was made and passed unanimously to print membership roster in the Breeze at least once a year. Liz Mackay and Chuck Flaig will work out the details.

**Skating Rink update:** Peg LaForge and family and other volunteers have been flooding and plowing the rink. We have also paid for some plowing. Skaters have been enjoying the rink. Thank you to those who have made skating possible this season!!

**Parks and Rec. Update:** Liz Mackay reported that youth programs run by non-profits may want to use Lafayette this summer. Also discussed having senior high school students volunteer with these programs. Recreational programs keep kids busy during the summer. Discussion about grant writing for some projects, a group at UMD may be available to help us with this.

**Environmental Committee:** Dave Poulin had the letter crafted by PPCC's attorney in response to the Scoping Document prepared re. the Sky Harbor Airport. The cost of the club's response prepared by the attorney was approx. \$800.00. A question was asked about the amount of money approved for legal fees for the Sky Harbor issue. Alan D. had researched this from his copies of past meeting minutes. No limit had been set on spending for legal fees to protect the trees on the airport. Discussion followed about the cost of the airport for the few that use it and could the City sell the airport for a housing development? Comment was made that Sky Harbor is a public airport and this is not just a Park Point issue. Questions and discussion followed about how to approve money and how much money should be approved for legal defense re. Sky Harbor tree issue. A motion was made and passed unanimously that before hiring an attorney again for airport issues a vote before the entire club membership will be required.

**Rummage Sale:** Charlene Shimmin will chair the rummage sale again.

**The Breeze:** Alan Dartanyan reported that copies of the Breeze will be available at "Country by the Lake" gift shop near the Bridge.

**Art Fair:** Carla T. has the applications for the art fair. She is working on the power supply challenges. She urged club members to sign up early to volunteer for this summer's art fair. Contact Carla or Jake to find out how you can contribute your time and/or talents.

Motion to adjourn.  
Dawn Buck, secretary.

## Who are We?

People who read the Breeze, but have never been to a Park Point Community Club meeting – or have come to a meeting when just 15 people show up - may wonder, just who IS in the PPCC? So, although our membership drive just started in January, and memberships are still coming in, we decided to list our 2009 Members AS OF NOW. They are:

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Is your name on the list? Maybe it should be. Memberships can be mailed to the Park Point Community Club, P.O. Box 16326, Duluth, MN 55816-0326 or brought to any Community club meeting. It's only \$3 per person.

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Artists are invited to apply for entry into the 39th annual Park Point Art Fair, a juried event featuring 115+ visual artists exhibiting and selling their work June 27 and 28, 2009 at the Park Point Recreation Area in Duluth, Minn. Applications, which can be downloaded at [www.parkpointcommunityclub.org](http://www.parkpointcommunityclub.org), are due (postmarked) March 1.

This is a juried art fair of original, handmade work in clay, jewelry, glass, fiber, sculpture, photography, wood, painting, leather, 2D & 3D mixed media. Not accepted: kits, patterns, buy/sell or country crafts. Applicants may submit four slides or electronic samples representing the work they will show and sell. A jury of three art professionals will judge the slides within eight categories based on originality and/or craftsmanship. The highest scores in each category are then selected to attend the two-day event, where more than \$1,000 in cash awards, including a \$300 Best of Show, as well as an original Park Point-commissioned artwork are bestowed upon a winning artist in each category.

In 2008, 115 artists were selected from a pool of 200 local, regional and national applicants. The free event, held in a stunning outdoor setting on the shores of Lake Superior, annually attracts an estimated 8,000 - 10,000 visitors for its fine arts and crafts, live music, food, interactive arts for children, storytelling, juggling and more.

The event has grown to attract local and visiting patrons, and is one of the few remaining "grass roots" fairs of its kind. Artists frequently cite the location, ease of set-up, volunteer assistance, and artist-appreciation dinner for helping evoke a uniquely welcoming atmosphere.

The Park Point Art Fair is presented annually by the Park Point Community Club, a volunteer citizen group that uses art fair proceeds to support local youth activities, environmental projects such as tree plantings and dune preservation and other community-minded efforts.

For an application, more information and a list of 2008 artists, visit [www.parkpointcommunityclub.org](http://www.parkpointcommunityclub.org). Or, contact coordinator Carla Tamburro at [carlajake@clearwire.net](mailto:carlajake@clearwire.net) or 218-428-1916.

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## And All Volunteers

**The Park Point Art Fair is the signature event of the Park Point Community Club, it's main source of funding – and a heck of a lot of fun for all involved. But it's also a lot of work, and requires a load of volunteers, for everything from set up to clean up, greeting fairgoers to relieving artists, and myriad other jobs. And this year, for reasons I won't reveal here (though known to those hardy souls who braved the cold to attend January's PPCC meeting) Art Fair Coordinator Carla Tamburro is going to need extra help. And she wants to start lining it up now. Anyone interested in volunteering for the 2009 Park Point Art Fair, June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, can contact Carla at 218-428-1916**



### Editor's Corner

We had a pretty good turnout at the January Community Club meeting, despite the bitter cold weather. (The promise of pizza will do that) And it was a pretty good meeting. City councilor Tony Cuneo was there, mostly to explain his vote in favor of the Park Point Land Sale, which he knew was unpopular with some residents. But he also took questions on a wide variety of issues facing the city. And he got an earful. I hope we didn't scare him off, because offering the opportunity for officials to talk directly to members of the community is one of the things a community club does best. And you have to admire a guy who's willing to go before a group where he knows he will encounter some opposition.

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January was also the kick off of our membership drive, such as it is. And we decided, for the first time, to publish a list of our members. (You'll find it on page 6, right after the minutes). We did this not only to let non-members know who our members are, but also to remind those who have been members, but haven't paid their 209 dues yet, that it is time to do so.

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I see the crew from Rainbow Inc. is back painting the bridge again. I really don't mind the one lane traffic much. The wait's not much longer than a long red light. But it seems as soon as you see that canvas "tent" go up, you can count on another cold snap. And I've just about had enough of that.

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The "Good Dog Club", which meets in the lower level of Lafayette on Wednesday evenings, seems to be going strong. We've included a good dog club tip of the month in this issue, and I hope we can continue to do that, until all dogs on Park Point are "good dogs". (knowing my mutt, that'll never happen)

### A Thank You

Each year beginning in October, my grandson Zach and I begin to work on our light display. This year we were a bit concerned that the increased costs for cookies and apple cider would be a problem. The donation from the Park Point Community Club to assist in the purchase of cookies and apple cider for the Holiday Spirit in the Lights display was a wonderful surprise.

Thank you for assisting us in providing a welcoming community holiday event.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Hales

### Good Dog Club Tip of the Month

**My dog barks a lot, I mean a real lot, how can I get him to stop??? It's driving me nuts!!!**

For many dogs it's really an attempt to get your attention. If the dog has been successful in getting you to respond to them when they barked it is almost a sure thing that they will use that technique whenever they think they want to get recognized by you! Yelling at the dog to "SHUT-UP" usually has the effect of only getting the dog to bark more because if what they wanted was your attention you just gave it to them. The dog will not understand that you want them to stop, they think you are just joining them. So it continues!

Try this: When the dog begins to bark, you name the behavior, let's say "Speak". Each time the dog barks you say "good speak" and treat the dog to a small tid-bit. While he is chewing say "enough" and give another small treat. He would be hard pressed to bark while he is still chewing. So he just got rewarded for "enough" which you said when he was quiet. Then you can go two different directions, your choice! #1, Keep reinforcing both behaviors so you can get the dog to bark on command, and also be quiet on command or, #2, ignore the barking and be READY to reinforce with those good tid-bits the command of "Enough" when the dog was quiet. You have to be fast in the beginning! Just say enough and give the treat immediately and you must ignore the barking.

Good Luck, Ken Mathews

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