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Calendar

Park Point community Club Meeting March 19th 7PM

Good Dog Club

Wednesdays, 7PM Lower level of Lafayette

Meeting on Bayside April 1st, 7PM At Lafayette

Park Point Rummage Sale June 12th & 13th

Park Point Art Fair June 27th & 28th

It's Up To Us

Vol. 1: Summer Youth Program

You've probably seen it in the paper, or heard it on the news: The city Of Duluth will not be running Summer Youth Programs at any of the community clubs, including Lafayette.

The Park Point community
Club has long been a big supporter of
the Summer Youth Program,
contributing \$2250 to its operation last
year. If we want it to continue, we'll
have to increase our contribution, and
not just in money. Other organizations
are stepping up, and there's a group of
former City Recreation Specialists
trying to put something together, but if
we want a program here a Lafayette,
we're going to have to make it happen.
It's up to us.

Vol. 2: Bayside Market

Do you miss Bayside as much as I do? Are you interested in seeing it reopen? Do you have any ideas for making that happen, or are you interested in hearing other people's ideas? There will be a meeting, **April 1**st, at 7PM, at Lafayette, for just that purpose.

I want to stress that this is **not** A Community Club meeting. This is a Community meeting. Everyone with an interest in having a store on Park Point is urged to attend. Many of us have been waiting for a White Knight to appear, buy the store and re-open it. It hasn't happened. If we want it to happen, we're going to have to don our armor and do it ourselves. It's up to us.

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



So what is that thing, sitting atop the tall pole next to the Lafayette Parking lot? A high-rise bird house? A listening device so Homeland Security can tap into conversations on Park Point (A known hotbed of terrorist activity)? Maybe a signal light for the realigned Sky Harbor runway?

Actually, it's just one of the new emergency warning sirens that are springing up all over town.

They're not operational yet, but as far as I can find out, they're hoping they will be before summer. Just when they will be tested, what sound or sounds they'll make – and it's decibel level - we'll have to wait and see.

The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is April 3rd for the April 2009 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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WEATHER STATION DEDICATED TO ALEX SAHLBERG

On Friday, March 20 Harbor City International School will dedicate the Alex Sahlberg Memorial Extreme Weather Station. Alex was a student at HCIS and died from a respiratory condition shortly before



he was to graduate in 2005. He was 18 years old. He'd lived on Park Point his whole life where he pursued his dream of becoming a weather expert. During his short life he produced weather videos, interned with local TV weather forecasters, became a contributing weather watcher for local stations and was involved with national storm chasers.

When he was only ten Alex' parents gave him permission to use the family video camera for recording storms. He could be seen on 36th street filming torrential rains and blinding blizzards. While most children were indoors in front of a TV, Alex was outside, camera running. Alex was so intent on learning about weather patterns that his neighbors could always check with him about upcoming weather before they headed out for bike or boat rides.

In the spring of 2008 the Junior League of Duluth gave Harbor City International School a grant with the stipulation that it would be used to create a learning tool that would be an ongoing part of the curriculum. The teachers and students voted to honor Alex by purchasing a Davis Weather Station. Under the guidance of their teacher Chris Bacigalupo, the students assembled and set up the weather station. On December 17 the technology students put the station online.

In addition, Dave Anderson, meterorologist and multimedia journalist at Northland's News Center has established the Alex Sahlberg Memorial Scholarship for Lake Superior College to be given to a deserving HCIS student. He will present the first scholarship in April at Lake Superior College to a student that has a passion for weather. Dave, who also teaches meteorology at LSC, was . Alex' friend and mentor. The weather station dedication at Harbor City International School, 332 West Michigan Street, is open to the public. The school will hold an open house from 6pm to 8:30 pm. A dedication ceremony will take place with teachers and students speaking about Alex. For more information about Alex and his work go to www.chase-tv.com and UTube (Search: Alex WDIO). To get a local weather report go to harborcityschool.net and search What's Happening. To learn more about the Alex Sahlberg Memorial Scholarship go to www.lsc.edu/foundation/Scholarships.

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blessings.

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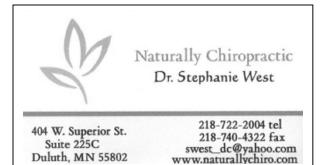
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Lafayette Square Rentals

Lafayette Square Rentals Manager Barb Flaig informs us that dates for summer rentals at Lafayette are filling up fast. If you have an event that you wish to hold at Lafayette, get your reservation in soon. Leave a message for Barb at 727-2814

Park Point Rummage Sale

The Park Point Rummage is less than 3 months away. The dates this year are Friday June 12 and Saturday June 13. This is a great time to get items sorted and price for the big event. Please don't forget to tell your friends and family to come and join you for 2 days of great fun. As residences of Park Point you are all asked to help to make this event a success. It has been suggested that everyone call or email everyone they know so they can mark their calendars. If you have any questions about the sale or want to volunteer call: Charlene Shimmin 722-6828.

Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes: February 19, 2009

(Spoiler alert: this report will not be remotely as entertaining, succinct or accurate as you've come to expect. But it will be longish.)

Club President Dave Poulin called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The Jan. 15 PPCC meeting minutes were approved, following a brief discussion of attorney's fess related to preventing the felling of pine trees in the forest near Sky Harbor Airport.

Police Report: Officer Mike Tinsley reported that the 28 calls for service in the past month and a half included nine medical or fire-related requests for assistance and two park enforcements, but "nothing of a real criminal nature." Visit www.duluthmn.gov or www.crimemapping.com to view a map of crime reported by date, time and location in Duluth.

Street parking: Tinsley reminded people to park accordingly—on the bay side one week, and the lake side the next—because the potential fine is \$21. "Tell your neighbors," he said. For those stuck with a ticket, he noted that cities in St. Louis County now administer traffic violations, rather than the county court system. In Duluth, payment can be made by mail or at the police desk in city hall.

Disclosing sex offenders: Tinsley said a resident recently asked him if there's a sex offender on Park Point. "I can only say if a person is a Level III predatory offender, such as sexual assault, kidnapping or homicide," he said. Community meetings are held if a Level III offender moves into a neighborhood. For criteria on public notification, visit the city website, www.duluthmn.gov, and click on public safety. You'll also find a link to the state Department of Corrections, where you can type in your zip code to see profiles of offenders living in specific neighborhoods.

Tinsley enjoys these meetings, apparently. "This is the highlight of my day," he said.

Treasurer's report: Chuck Flaig reported profit and loss details from Jan. 16 to Feb. 19, 2009 that included total income of \$278 (primary on membership dues) and total expenses of \$2,691 (primarily from art fair expenses and airport legal work). The Club's total assets were reported to be \$37,510.17.

He noted that "airport legal fees" were \$2,691.22 to date, and placed this spending in the context of his analysis of the Club's earnings and spending. In his analysis: \$21,373 had been gained in the past seven years after expenses, but noted that half that total came from "cook book" sales. If such cookbook sales are an "anomaly" going forward, then the typical earnings after expenses would be much less, he said. Spending \$3,000 on attorney's fees "would equal about two years of (Club) work."

Ransom note: Poulin shared correspondence from a woman who allegedly injured her ankle on a Park Point boardwalk while stepping into the sand. The letter warns of a potential lawsuit if a quarter-million dollars is not supplied, he said. Poulin said the city of Duluth attorney's office is handling the matter.

Art Fair: Jake Kapsner said we won't know the applicant tally until the first week of March (the deadline for applying). Jurying is slated to take place in mid-March at LaFayette, and the selected artists will be announced in early April. The Club purchased a new Web domain: www.parkpointartfair.org. The site, now under construction, is being designed to better promote the event to artists, visitors, vendors and sponsors, while facilitating more efficient coordination. The site, www.parkpointcommunityclub.org, will still serve as a forum for Park Point Community Club discussion and information.

Breeze: Alan Dartanyan reported that volunteers are needed to spread the Breeze between the blocks of 10th & 13th Streets. (See page 2 for his contact info.) Out-of-town subscribers can pay \$10 for annual mail delivery. A discussion ensued about the pros and cons of listing Club members in the Breeze, which will continue listing the names of new members each month. (While membership costs \$3 annually, one person suggested people pay \$3 more to not be listed in the Breeze.)

Ice Rink: Dave Lavamaki and Bob Boynton were credited for helping plow and flood the rink, which has seen a lot of use.

Environmental: Attorney's fees for Peters & Peter's representation of the Club's efforts to defend the pine forest near Sky Harbor were discussed in greater detail. Poulin said approximately \$3,000 has been expended to date, with another bill to come soon. Poulin and Ellen Dunlap shared insights and minutes (see separate submitted document) from a Feb. 16, 2009 conference call with Karna Peters, the Club's attorney. They said Peters stressed the value of a citizens group like PPCC getting involved early on the environmental review process to it doesn't lose the chance to have its voice heard at a later date. Furthermore, the Club needs to continue to make its history and ongoing interest clear, as these assets hold force in the legal process. And, "you cannot wait and sue after" the trees are cut down. Peters didn't expect significant additional charges to the Club unless a court action is initiated, the minutes say.

Nice idea: Self-described "new kid on the block," Alex Kramer shared fundraising ideas. Namely, he proposed creating a Park Point calendar featuring historic local photographs and dates significant to locals. (As an aside, he asked why this area lacks an old-fashioned fish boil, akin to the gatherings on the south and north shores of Lake Superior.) A committee was organized to pursue the calendar idea.

Good Dog Club: 7 dogs completed the dog club's first 8-week session with success, according to a report read by Liz Mackay. Another session is scheduled this April at LaFayette. Park Point residents are invited to contact the dog club if they want to join the training for "good canine citizenship tips."

By-laws: Mackay and Dartanyan expressed concerns about the PPCC by-laws' definition of Park Point residency

and hence who can become a PPCC member. They formed a committee, along with Al Robbins and Ralph Kellner, that will review all by-laws and share their recommendations at the next PPCC meeting.

Membership: Anyone who wants to join the Club can join (assuming they meet the criteria mentioned in the bylaws). While there are now fewer than 200 members, Mackay is spearheading a drive for more. Her husband, Tom, claims to have once recruited more than 500. (If you haven't joined, consider helping her earn bragging rights.)

Parks and Rec: Mackay reported that support for summer youth programs is still up in the air. Even if the city successfully lands grants to run a program such as LaFayette's, it would likely need additional subsidies. Members suggested that while the city is in the process of determining it's level of support, the Club send a letter to the city offering to increase its annual donation in support of the youth program.

At some point, a motion to adjourn was accepted. That's all I remember. Respectfully submitted, Jake Kapsner.

PPCC Membership List (to date)

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Carla Tamburro Al & Sheryl Robbins Jake Kapsner Ellen Dunlap

Updates to PPCC by-laws

A by-laws committee spent a couple contentious hours going over the club by-laws and came up with 13 suggested changes that would bring things more in line with how we actually do things. I've laid them out so you can see what the language is, and what we think it should be. Most changes are minor, but if you're interested, dig in!

1) **CURRENT LANGUAGE**: Full membership in the Club is available to all *permanent residents* of the community, eighteen (18) years or older. They shall become full, voting members of the Club upon payment of the annual membership fee as determined by the Club and have a waiting period of 24 hours after payment of dues.

AMEND TO: Full membership of the Club is available to all *Residents* of the community, eighteen years and older. They shall become full, voting members of the Club upon payment of the annual membership fee as determined by the Club and have a waiting period of 24 hours after payment of dues.

- 2) **CURRENT LANGUAGE:** The Club Executive Board shall consist of:
 - A. The Club's current officers.
 - B. The immediate past president.
 - C. The Chairperson of each standing committee
 - D. A representative of the Seniors.

DELETE: A representative of the Seniors

- 3) **CURRENT LANGUAGE:** Duties of the Secretary are:
- D. When requested to do so, provide copies to the membership of the following:
 - 1. Constitution and Bylaws.

DELETE: Constitution

- 4) **CURRENT LANGUAGE:** Duties of the Treasurer are:
 - B. Pay by check all approved bills. No payment, however, of any bills in excess of *One* Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be made unless specifically ordered by the President of the Club, who shall have obtained payment authorization from the Club membership by vote at *a prior regular meeting*.

AMEND TO: Pay by check all approved bills. No payment, however, of any bills in excess of TWO Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) shall be made unless specifically ordered by the President of the Club, who shall have obtained payment authorization from the Club membership by vote at *two regular meetings*.

5) CURRENT LANGUAGE: Election of Club Officers and Committee Members

The term of office for all officers of the Club and all officers of committees of the Club shall be for two years, and annual elections shall take place as follows:

AMEND TO: The term of office for all officers of the Club and all officers of committees of the Club shall be for two years, and elections shall take place *in even numbered years* as follows:

6) **CURRENT LANGUAGE:** Standing Committees of the Club shall:

A. Consist of a Chairperson *and other necessary officers* who shall be elected *annually at the Annual Election meeting* of the Club, unless otherwise provided for herein:

AMEND TO: A. Consist of a Chairperson who shall be elected *biannually at the biannual election meeting* of the Club, unless otherwise provided for herein, *and other members as needed, selected by the chair from willing volunteers*:

Up-dates continued

7) CURRENT LANGUAGE: Hostess Committee

The Hostess Committee shall provide coffee and cookies at each regular meeting and conduct a collection at each meeting to pay for the expenses incurred. Expenses in excess of the amount collected will be reimbursed to the Hostess Committee by the Treasurer without action of the membership

AMEND TO: The Hostess Committee shall provide coffee and cookies at each regular meeting and will be reimbursed to the Hostess Committee by the Treasurer without action of the membership

8) CURRENT LANGUAGE: Art Fair Committee

The Club shall organize the conduct of the Annual Art Fair on Park Point for the purpose of improving our cultural growth, for complimenting our community flavor and to raise money for the Club.

ADD: shall be chaired by the Art Fair Coordinator

9) CURRENT LANGUAGE: The Breeze of Park Point Committee

The Breeze of Park Point shall publish a newspaper for the Club. The Breeze shall provide opinions and/or positions on issues only as a result of actions of the Club membership. This does not preclude letters to the editor where the opinion is personal and not a commitment of the Club.

ADD: Shall be chaired by the Editor of the Breeze

10) ADD: Rummage Sale Committee

Shall organize and facilitate the operation of the Annual Park Point Rummage Sale.

11) CURRENT LANGUAGE: Block Representatives

A. Non-elected, volunteer members of the Club, selected by the Vice-President and available to contact each household in their designated area when the need exists.

B. Normally, each is responsible for a three block section of the Point, from seventh (7) to fifteenth (15)

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street.

12) CURRENT LANGUAGE: Financial

A. No member, officer or committee of the Club shall incur any financial obligation binding on the Club for any single purpose in excess of *ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) unless it is officially authorized by a vote of the membership of the Club at a regular or special meeting.

AMEND TO: No member, officer or committee of the Club shall incur any financial obligation binding on the Club for any single purpose in excess of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) unless it is officially authorized by a vote of the membership of the Club *at two meetings*

13) CURRENT LANGUAGE: Amendments.

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Club may be amended in the following manner:

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Editor's Corner

Even though I must take at least partial credit – or blame – for calling for a review of the Park Point Community Club bylaws, and total blame for laying them out so the proposed changes take up two full pages of the Breeze, I still regret "wasting" so much time on them. Not because they aren't important to the smooth operation of the Club, but simply because there are so many other issues that have come up that could have gotten more attention.

Take the Summer Youth Program for instance. We've known for some time that youth programs were on the chopping block. And we'd had reports of efforts to find alternate ways to fund and administer them. But it wasn't until I was at the Breeze printing deadline that it was confirmed that the City would not run the summer youth programs this year. No time to delve further into the possible options open to the Club. We'll have to take that up at the next meeting.

Same for the meeting on the future of Bayside Market. While this isn't a Community Club issue, it certainly is of importance to the community. I've written plenty about the store before, and I'll be interested to see what ideas arise at the April 1st meeting.

I didn't even manage to get much information on the new warning siren, or signal, by Lafayette. The Fire Chief was out of town when I called, and he's the one in charge of these things.

So even though this Breeze is full of good stuff, it falls short of what coulda' been.

Good Dog Club Tip

Why does my dog jump up on my guests and me? How can I stop this annoying behavior?

Your dog is jumping up because she is excited to see you and wants your attention. Also, your dog has been rewarded for jumping in the past with attention. When your dog was a puppy the jumping was inadvertently reinforced and not such a problem because she was small and adorable. For many small dogs this becomes a problem because it's easier for a small dog to "get away" with jumping up because no one will get knocked down. In some cases jumping up may have even been encouraged by a well meaning neighbor or friend who likes a spirited dog who jumps up. In reality, no one wants a dog jumping on clothing, scratching legs etc. or jumping up on children.

The attention given to the jumping dog was possibly negative attention like yelling "No" or "Down" or some physical reaction i.e. kneeing the dog in the chest or bonking the dog on the head. All of these reactions equal the attention she wants. Often we forget that talking to the dog in any manner, nicely or negatively looking at or touching the dog is *attention*.

The keys to reinforcing a new greeting behavior will be consistency and "the power of ignoring." You will take away ALL attention in order to get your dog to have success learning another behavior that you will reward with the attention she seeks.

Go outside with some treats in your pocket and take a short walk while going over this plan in your head:

Pick a word to use as your "mark word." The mark word is what you say when the dog is doing the right thing or is in the right place (bed, crate, heel position). I use "there." "Nice" is also a good word. You can also use a clicker. The mark word or clicker means that something good is coming i.e. a treat or praise or petting (good attention).

Go in your house like you are coming home from work and if your dog jumps up, TOTALLY ignore her. No talking, looking at or touching your dog. Turn your back on your dog. Don't engage at all! Stealthily watch your dog with your peripheral vision and when all 4 paws hit the floor, and she looks at you, quickly mark that second with a click or the reward mark word and reward with verbal praise, a pet or a treat. When the dog jumps up again, repeat the process remembering to NEVER give the dog attention while she's doing something you don't want. You will "get what you pet." Remember that praise includes talking, yelling and touching. You will be rewarding ONLY "four on the floor." Go back outside and try again and be sure to follow though with the plan when coming home every time.

Next, set up your friends and family members to pose as guests. Tell them the plan and be ready to mark the behavior instantly you see 4 paws on the floor then give the attention she wants. Timing is crucial. If sometimes the dog is rewarded for jumping (gets attention) the behavior will become stronger so be tenacious and stick to the plan. Once your dog has mastered the new behavior of not jumping, practice every now and then for fun. Practice always pays off. Once your dog has 4 on the floor, teach another behavior like "sit" or "go to your bed" when guests arrive. The reward for her will be to meet guests when you are ready.

Remember: You get what you pet and you raise what you praise. Dawn Buck, Good Dog Club, with thanks to Debi Davis. Call me with any questions, 525-1764.

Good Dog Club currently has 2 "beginner" classes on Wed. evenings, one at 6pm and one at 7:15 p.m. We are hoping to continue with a more advanced class on April 8th once we have enough dogs/handlers that have completed the basics and are reliable on the sit and down stay. Call Dawn, 525-1764 or Ken, 729-5909 if you are interested in joining us in April!

The Breeze

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Got (non-emergency) issues you'd like to discuss, but don't know whom to call? Here's some numbers you can use: Parks Maintenance Division: 730-4491 (after hours 730-4150)

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