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Calendar

Park Point Community Club May 21st Summer Kick-off Cookout 6:30 PM Meeting 7PM

> Good Dog Club Wednesdays, 6PM & 7:15 PM Lower level of Lafayette

Rip Current Conference June 4th At Lafayette

Park Point Rummage Sale June 12th & 13th

> **Park Point Art Fair** June 27th & 28th

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

- Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club
- Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects
- 3) Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns
- Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live

Remembering "Black Sunday"



A ceremony to recognize the anniversary of a Coast Guard rescue was held at the entry pier outside the Lake Superior Museum at Canal Park on Thursday, April 30th. The ceremony honored the Coast Guard rescue team of Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Edgar A. Culbertson , who lost his life during the April 30, 1967, rescue attempt, Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Richard Callahan, and Fireman Ron Prei.

April 30, 1967, is a day many Minnesota residents refer to as "Black Sunday." A storm passed through the area causing waves as high as 20 feet on Lake Superior, here, with winds gusting up to 45 mph across the 36degree water. The Coast Guard rescue team of Culbertson, Callahan, and Prei were dispatched during the storm to search for three brothers who had been reported missing. Eric, Arthur and Nathan Halverson had last been seen on the North Pier break wall of the Duluth Harbor entry. The Coast Guardsmen tied themselves together, spaced 25 feet apart and

struggled to the end of the pier but were unable to reach the boys before they (continued on page 2)

The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is June 5th for the June 2009 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at <u>breezeditor@msn.com</u> by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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Park Point Community Club P.O. Box 16326 Duluth, MN 55816-0326 www. parkpointcommunityclub.org (continued from page 1) were swept over the side. As they traversed back across the pier, a large wave crashed into the team and swept Culbertson over the side, taking his

life. Family members of Culbertson were presented with a replacement Coast Guard Medal, one of the highest awards the Coast Guard can bestow on its members. Culbertson's award was accepted by his son, Craig, and daughter, Cristin Alpert. The citations for Callahan , who has since passed away, and Prei, who was in attendance, were also read at the ceremony. In his heroic attempt to rescue others in peril, Petty Officer Culbertson made the ultimate sacrifice," said Lebsack. "He will forever be remembered as a lifesaver and guardian."

Culbertson's name has been submitted to the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial in Washington, D.C. If accepted, his name will be added to the memorial in 2010.

The ceremony also honored the memory of the Halverson brothers and a letter of appreciation was presented to the ROMEO Group, a group of volunteers that clean and maintain an existing plaque dedicated to Culbertson.

Great Lakes Rip Current Conference

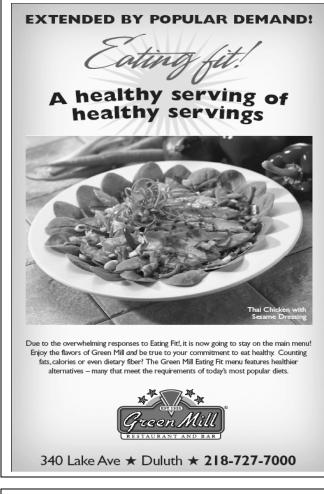
June 4, 2009

Lafayette Community Center, 3026 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN, 55802

Nationally, over 100 deaths a year are caused by rip currents, more than tornadoes or lightning, and the Great Lakes are not immune. Between 2002 through 2003, 18 people have died in Lake Michigan alone, and in 2003, a young man drowned in a rip current on Park Point in Duluth. Many of these deaths can be avoided by knowing what rip currents are, how to spot them, understanding the conditions in which they form, and knowing how to escape.

These items and others will be discussed on June 4, 2009 at the Lafayette Community Center in Duluth, MN, where Minnesota Sea Grant and the National Weather Service office in Duluth are sponsoring a day-long conference on Rip Currents in the Great Lakes. The 2009 Great Lakes Rip Current Conference will feature national experts on rip currents and hypothermia, discussing the mechanics of how, why, and where rip currents form in the Great Lakes, our ability to forecast rip current conditions, the effects of hypothermia and how cold water can affect rescues, and example programs from MI, WI, and MN on educating beach users to recognize and escape from rip currents.

The conference is open to all; pre-registration is required; registration form and \$10 fee for lunch must be received by June 1. Forms are available at: <u>www.seagrant.umn.edu/rip</u> For more information, contact: Jesse Schomberg, MN Sea Grant at 218-726-6182 or jschombe@umn.edu or Dean Packingham, NWS Duluth Office at <u>Dean.Packingham@noaa.gov</u>



St. Andrew's by the Lake 2802 Minnesota Avenue

www.standrewsbythelake.org

Greetings in this Eastertide! In the Christian Church it is the 50 Great Days of Celebration for the Resurrection of Christ. The Rev. Dr. John Westerhoff, one of our educator/theologians, says it's the time to 'kick off our shoes, dance, have parties and celebrate!' I like his theology. As such, we'd like to invite you to a **Swing Dance**, to be held on Saturday, **May 16th from 7 to 10 p.m.** The location is still to be determined – but it will be on the Point. There will be good music, refreshments and fun dancing.

We are hoping to have a dance instructor present the first hour to help us brush up on our dancing skills. Maybe some of you don't even need that!

Proceeds from this event will go toward the Youth Group's next Pilgrimage in 2010. In addition, 25% of the proceeds will go to the Park Point Community Club to be divided between the summer youth program if there is one) and environmental projects. Youth and the environment are close to the heart of the mission of St. Andrew's by the Lake. These are two of the ways we like to reach out to everyone because of or life together in Christ.

So - please join us! All are welcome! Come and dance! Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.

> Nursery available. Christian Formation for youth, ages 3-17

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Our Lake of Mercy Catholic Church 2002 Minnesota Ave 722-3078

Priests: Fr. Tom Foster and Fr. John Golobich Deacons: Roger Birkland and Ted Windus Sr.

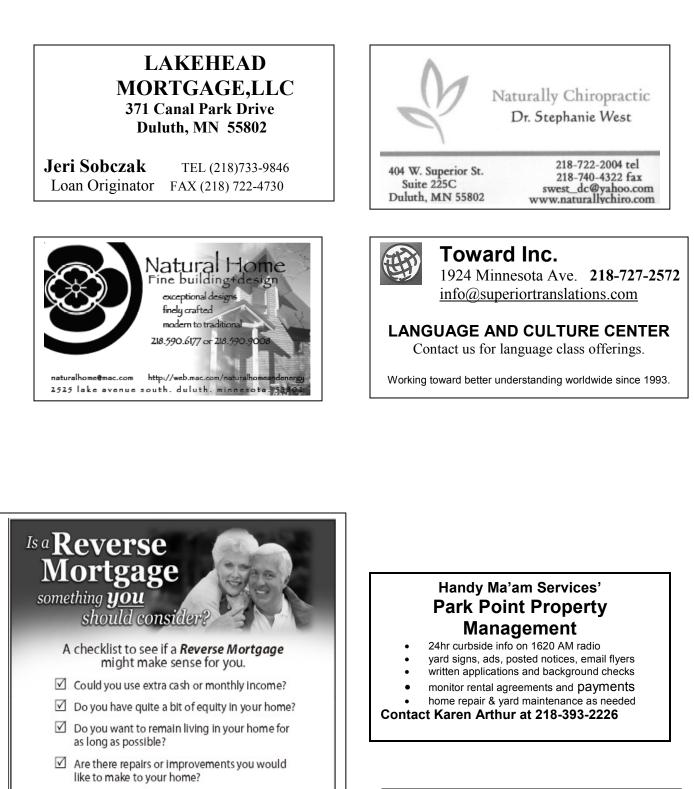
<u>RCIA OUTREACH</u>

A recent study showed that there are about 600 Catholics per parish in the U.S. who are inactive in their faith, plus an average of about 50 non-Catholic people per parish interested in becoming a Catholic or wanting to be involved in some of the parish activities that are appealing to them. The study further revealed that right before and after Christmas and Easter there is the greatest interest in becoming a Catholic Christian or "getting back to Church". If you know of someone interested in becoming Catholic or wanting to "get back to "being an active member please just call the Rectory Office and leave a message for Fr. Tom. That is all it takes to get started!!

Services

Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations Every Sunday at 9:00 A. M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Every Sunday at 8:30 A. M.





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Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes 4/16/09

Vice-president Liz Mackay called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. The minutes from PPCC meeting on 3/19/09 were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's report: Chuck Flaig presented a summary of income and payments. Current balance \$41,026.82. He reported that the amount spent on airport legal fees since Jan. 2008 is \$ 2975.00. (This question was asked at the last meeting.) The Art Fair fees are starting to flow in.

Environmental report: Kinnan Stauber discussed the formation of a committee for a management plan for dune preservation. Contact her if you are interested in working on this committee. Second motion was made to spend up to \$1500.00 for trees and shrubs for PPCC 's annual planting event. Passed unanimously. Please get ready to plant some greenery in our community.

Regular meeting suspended for reports from Firefighter Chad Rindal and Police Officer Mike Tinsley. Chad reported that calls are down from last year. This year 32 calls- 18 medicals, 12 misc and 2 fire alarms. Recreational fire season is here. Fires must be 25 feet from any structure, max. of 3 feet wide and 2 feet high. The fire must be constantly attended and attendee must have extinguishing material handy – water, dirt, shovel. Burning materials should be clean wood, no painted or stained wood. No news on new fire station or fire truck. Existing rig is 28 years old. Chad had to rush out on that note on a call.....Officer Mike Tinsley distributed the crime statistics for Park Point and answered questions about the calls. He urged residents to lock cars, garages and homes to prevent crimes of opportunity. He also cautioned about phone and Internet fraud. NEVER give out personal account numbers or information. Park Point will have increased police coverage this summer. Mike will be working as the bike patrol instructor. There has been some nefarious activity in the skywalk systemblocking and foul language- so be careful in those area. Skateboarders are also causing some problems in Canal Park.

Art Fair report: Carla reported that exhibition fees are starting to come in. The food vendors have chosen. Carla will be meeting with the City to discuss the electrical supply issues. The website is almost ready. Discussion about caterers and vendors who are willing to trade services for advertising. There will be a Cessna convention at Sky Harbor and a Hog Rally(motorcycles) also that weekend. Could lead to more business for the vendors.

Breeze report: Community members joined Alan Dartanyan in sending a big thank you to Dave Lavamaki for helping with The Breeze last month. Ads are down since Bayside closed.

Rummage Sale report: Get ready! June 12 and 13th rapidly approaching.

Sunshine Committee: Pam Griggs will expand this committee to include welcoming new residents to Park Point.

Youth Committee: Nothing new from the City or YMCA at this time.

Old Business: Motion to approve updated bylaws, approved unanimously.

New Business: Ryan Novitzke is interested in developing a new website for PPCC in exchange for Breeze advertising. Discussion of the advantages of this. Possibly the Breeze on-line, maybe a blog option. Motion approved that Ryan make a presentation of his proposed website to PPCC. Carla and Jake will collaborate with Ryan on this project.

Discussion of skateboarders in Canal Park. Motion that PPCC send a letter to the City Council in support of the Canal Park Merchant Association's decision to ban skateboarders in Canal Park. Motion failed. Several members wanted to know the details of the merchant's proposed ban before supporting it.

Motion approved that PPCC will have annual hot dog grill party before next month's meeting. Alan will gather supplies and light the grill.

Store update: Nothing happening to re-open Bayside Market at this time, seems to be a lack of interest in this project right now.

Tom Mackay brought up the lack of proper street patching after development projects. Discussion of who is monitoring these projects to make sure contractors are patching the street properly and in a timely fashion. Discussion about our antiquated sewer lines. Motion approved that Tom Mackay will draft a letter about inadequate street patching for Pres. Poulin to sign and send to the City Council. Chris Heim of 2540 Lake Ave. South brought up concerns about property for sale at 26th on the north side of Lake Ave. Disruption of the tall dune and beach grass would be substantial when developing the street end for new home construction. Other neighbors also voiced their concerns. Discussion about the most recent street end case at 40th which was argued last fall in the MN Supreme Court. Motion to adjourn, approved 8:39 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Dawn Buck, PPCC secretary.

The following letter was sent to Duluth city officials, as authorized at the April PPCC meeting

At the Park Point Community Club meeting on April 16th 2009, a motion was made and seconded and then passed unanimously, for me to write this letter. We have noticed over the years, that the City of Duluth has for some reason not been doing its job of overseeing the completion of road repairs done by private contractors. When the road is ripped up for new water and sewer lines, the hole is filled in with a temporary patch, that turns into a lousy permanent patch. This permanent patch is then in need of constant fill at our cities expense. When the hole is dug, the sand and gravel caves in around the edges and if this is not filled in properly, the edge will start to cave in almost immediately, resulting in a dip and a bump in the road. About four years ago, the street from the bridge to the S-turn received a cover coat of blacktop. When the new Condos at 9th Street and Lake Avenue were built the road was never fixed properly and has been filled in since by city crews at taxpayer expense and is still an annoying bump. In the same area the road was just torn up for a new house on 8th and Lake and we are hoping that will be repaired to original specs. as soon as the weather permits. I am not putting any blame on the owners of these two properties, as it is in their interest as well that the road be put back to its normal condition. I would like to ask that a response from the City of Duluth be given to the Park Point Community by our next meeting, which is always the 3rd Thursday of the month. Respectfully, Capt Tom Mackay (Ret.) 722-1834

Art Fair: Calling all Volunteers

Here is a fun way to get involved and get to know your neighbors-while supporting a great tradition on the Point. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the Park Point Art Fair, June 25, 26 & 27 to check in artists, set-up, clean-up, greet visitors, booth sit and help children at the art make and take area.

Not going to be around art fair weekend? Don't fret you can still do your share. Volunteers willed be needed in early June to help distribute posters and bookmarks to area businesses.

Signup to share as little or as much time as you can spare. (In addition to the good karma, volunteers gain an invite to an exclusive, yet highly inclusive, artist dinner. Plus you can take home a t-shirt!)

Contact Diane Gould, Hospitality Committee Chair (phone number in the Park Point Breeze) or Carla Tamburro, Art Fair Coordinator at 218-428-1916

Posters and bookmarks can be picked up at the May Community Club meeting. If everybody takes three or four and signs up for a few locations we can really get the word out! Work in a public place? Bring one to work.

Proceeds from the event go toward environmental projects and summer youth programs.

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Sunshine committee

It was brought up at the April PPCC meeting that some people may not know just what the Sunshine Committee is. Like so many of our committees, it is a committee of one, currently in the person of Pam Griggs. She sends out cards from the Park Point Community Club to cheer up who are ill, or have had a death in the family. Pam has suggested that we might expand the Sunshine Committee's mission to recognize happier events, such as a new baby, or a new neighbor moving in, or celebrating a landmark birthday or anniversary. But she can't respond to any of these events unless she knows about them! And that's up to us. If you know someone who could use a card, contact Pam at **727-2158 or pegriggs@clearwire.net**





Attention Park Point Parents. Unite for our youth.

Six Park Point mothers met in April to discuss the lack of a youth program on the horizons for summer 2009 at Lafayette. We represent at least seven more families and upwards of 25 Park Point children who are interested in making something happen. Here are the results of that discussion.

Parents are interested in a program at Lafayette for its convenience, safety and ease of supervision at that facility. We feel a three day program would adequately meet the children's needs. We are in support of Joy running that program and working within her schedule. Our children know Joy and like her. The program she runs is relatively unstructured (lots of choices) which is what our children want after nine months of school.

Parents are willing to pay, volunteer and donate to show their commitment to the program. They like how the program was run in the past as a drop off without having to sign up for specific times. We prefer if snacks were not sold on the premises, instead parents are willing to donate snacks or bring their own. Parents have questions about how to limit numbers if the program were open to the whole city and are therefore wanting more of a community focus. A program where Park Point children can get to know one another and form bonds early, as many of them attend different schools.

If you are a parent with input into this discussion please email me at carlajake@clearwire.net and PLEASE ATTEND THE MAY COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING to show your support as we ask the whole Community Club to support the program for 2009 (as we try this thing without the city). Remember Park Point Art Fair proceeds have gone toward subsidizing these programs in the past. You can also show your commitment and support by volunteering at the fair, see the separate column on volunteering.

Editor's Corner

At the May 21st PPCC meeting, I will once again be burning hot dogs for all who attend, along with chips and soda. (Well, I won't burn those) Although a free meal is reason enough to attend the meeting, it's hardly the only one. We've got lots going on.

One of the most pressing is a discussion of a proposed community based summer youth program at Lafayette, to replace the City-run program that has been discontinued. Given the Community Club's long history of support for youth programs on Park Point, this should attract considerable interest, and hopefully spark some action.

The Environmental Committee's Spring Planting and Dune Restoration Projects should already be underway, and hopefully we'll get an update on progress, and opportunities for volunteers to assist with this.

And speaking of volunteers, whether you attend the meeting or not, now is the time to get your name on the list of volunteers for the Art Fair. Remember, it's the profits from the Art Fair that underwrite virtually everything the PPCC does, from supporting youth activities to buying trees – and hot dogs. (Sadly, The Breeze is not a money maker. I'm thinking of applying for a bailout).

One thing I'm really excited about: The PPCC has a new web site! Developed and hosted by Ryan Novitzki, who is doing it all in exchange for a couple of ads in the Breeze! Talk about getting something for nothing! Check it out at <u>www.parkpointcommunityclub.org</u> Then check out the ads for Ryan's businesses Vitzki.com and Duluth Wedding Video Productions.

Do we want a Store on Park Point?

(Not Enough)

Thanks to all of you who sent in the questionnaires and came to the meeting about re-opening Bay Side market. Many of your suggestions were really good and well thought out. After considering the price of the property, cost of start-up, taxes, labor, needs of the Park Pointers and many other things, it appears that the store would not support the costs, erstwhile be a failure

I have consulted with suppliers such as ICO, Sandstroms and others, as well as people who create and support Co-ops. Also have consulted with bankers, real estate brokers, estimators and CPA,s with the same result, costs are too high, the condition of the economy is not good, and there are not enough people here on the point to support it. I'm sad to say it looks like a dead issue. Thanks again for all of your support, Dick Gould

Buoys & Gulls Club

Buoys & Gulls Meet on the 1st Tuesday of the Month at 1PM in the Bay Point Estates Club Room, 1902 St. Louis Avenue. We have had some excellent entertainment and speakers. Anyone over 55 is welcome to join us. Any questions, contact Elaine Edwardson, 279-3755 or any member.

Spring Planting

The Environmental Committee is once more seeking volunteers to help plant trees and shrubs in the dunes. Plants will be available in mid-May, so we will be planting the **16th**, **23rd and the 30th**.

16th meet at the S-curve parking area and work from 9-12 23rd, meet at Lafayette, plant, and any repairs from 9-12 30th, meet at the last boardwalk, and work on fencing repairs and more planting 9-12

Kinnan Stauber, Environmental Committee

Dog Walking Reminders for the Beach from The Good Dog Club

Pick up ALL of your dog's waste. No excuses. It's good manners and it's the law. Take along an extra bag just in case. Take another bag for beach trash.

Control your dog. When people and dogs approach, make sure your dog is leashed. It doesn't matter how friendly, small or well trained your dog is, use the leash. Again, it's good manners and it's the law. Don't assume that because a walker is leashing a dog that it is an aggressive or mean dog. This is a polite dog owner acting responsibly.

See you on the beach! Dawn Buck

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

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)
Fire station #5 (Park Point): 723-3215 Community Police Officer Mike Tinsley: 390-2863
City Councilor Sharla Gardner: 724-4701 sharla.gardner@gmail.com

