

The Breeze

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Calendar

Park Point Community Club
July 16th, 7PM
At Lafayette
Presentation on Sky Harbor/Old Pines Proposals

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

Duluth Rowing Club
International Regatta
July 11th

Park Point 5-Miler
July 17th

Celebrating Another Fine Fair



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

The picture above shows the artists and volunteers mingling and preparing for the Saturday night dinner and awards ceremony at the 2009 Park Point Art Fair. Over the years I have printed many different images of the art fair – of the crowds of shoppers, the artists and their wares, the various entertainers – but somehow it's the Artists and Volunteers' Dinner that really seems to sum up the Spirit of the Park Point Art Fair. To see the artists relaxing with a beer or a glass of wine, talking among themselves and with Park Point volunteers, enjoying the catered meal and exclaiming over the hand made awards – traditionally made by the last years "Best Of Show" winner – really shows the community spirit of the Park Point Art Fair. And speaking to the artists, they'll tell you it's one of the things, along with the location, that make the Park Point Art Fair unique. And while it may not be the most profitable art fair on the "circuit", it remains among the most popular with the artists. Which speaks well of everyone involved in putting on this event.

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The deadline is July 31st for the August 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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THE DULUTH ROWING CLUB'S 51st ANNUAL REGATTA JULY 11, 2009

Over 250 rowers from more than six clubs are expected to compete in the Duluth Rowing Club's 51st Annual International Rowing Regatta. The event will be held on Saturday, July 11, from 7:30 am - 5:00 pm at the site of the Duluth Rowing Club on Park Point, 3900 Minnesota Ave.

The US Rowing Certified regatta includes 29 events for both men and women in the Junior (under age 19), Master (over age 27) and open divisions. Crews from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan are expected to participate. The 2000 meter races include events for singles, doubles, fours and eights. An excellent place for photo opportunities and spectators to watch the races, is at the finish line, right in front of the Duluth Rowing Club.

At the end of last season, the Duluth Rowing Club placed third in the Northwest International Rowing Association Championship behind Winnipeg and Minneapolis. The Duluth Regatta is the first time these teams will compete against each other since last season.

Established in 1886, the Duluth Rowing Club is a non-profit organization encouraging the Duluth/Superior community and surrounding areas in the sport of rowing. The Duluth Rowing club has over 200 members and provides both recreational and competitive rowing opportunities.

Sky Harbor Airport

Scott Sannes from SEH Engineering will speak to the community at our July Community Club meeting about the latest proposals for Sky Harbor Airport. The three proposals on the table are:

1. Do nothing, which would result in closing the airport.
2. Relocate the runway 600' to the north. This is the least costly solution and the undesignated runway left over could be used in an emergency. The tree removal and trimming would be very noticeable to anyone hiking the trail in the center of the forest.
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*"Beauty takes us beyond the visible
to the height of consciousness,
past the ordinary to the mystical,
away from the expedient
to the endlessly true. Joan Chittister, OSB*

We are so blessed to live in a place surrounded by beauty – the lake, trees, earth, flowers, birds..... Beauty calls us forth to worship the Creator who has blessed and gifted us with so much. Beauty calls us forth to care deeply about all of the creation that surrounds us. 'Beauty'

could be another name for God, the Holy One, the Divine Presence. I have heard it said that the creation was the 'first' scriptures written by God. If you think about it -- the creation came long before the written word of Scriptures (whatever faith tradition we ascribe to - or none).

Take some time this summer to offer thanks for the beauty so generously offered to us. And remember the words of several poets and authors:

Let the beauty we love be what we do.....Rumi

Though we travel the world to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not.....Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes 6/18/2009

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm. All officers in attendance. 11 members signed in.

Regular meeting suspended for a report from Firefighter Chad Rindal. 9 calls for the last month- 2 medicals, 1 water rescue and 6 miscellaneous. Fewer runs this year compared to last year. Smoke detector program ongoing. 330 of 1500 smoke detectors have been installed so far. Call 723-3215 to schedule an appt. This program is for homeowners. The firefighters come out and do the installation. Program paid for by FEMA grant (80%) and Skyline Rotary (20%). There are new, preliminary plans for the Park Point station but no update on a new rig. Remember to replace smoke detectors that are older than 10 years. When you replace a smoke detector, mark new one with installation date.

Breeze Report- Tom Mackay brought up the location of Superior Bay vs. St. Louis Bay for future publications.

Youth Report-17 children in attendance on several days. May put notice on S-curve sign to spread the word about the summer youth program. Chester Bowl's program had 40 kids sign up but 20 show up. Liz is making opaque window shades and Dave P. will install a fan if it gets hot in the lower level.

Art Fair Report- call Diane Gould to volunteer. Dave L. will possibly coordinate with the rowers to move heavy tables. Dave P. will call a contact with the DRC.

Environmental Report- Kelly Fleissner, city forester, and Peggy Booth, DNR, and the airport engineer will walk the airport site and look at the location of possible trimming at Sky Harbor. Approx. 2% of the forest may be trimmed. Dave P. will follow up on this evaluation.

Rummage Sale- There were some issues with the number and location of the porta-potties during the sale. Will evaluate problem for next year's event. Several members have offered to help with sale next year.

Treasurer's Report- Chuck F. gave a detailed report of the Art Fair income and expenditures. Income also from cookbooks, rentals and memberships. Balance = \$59,392.04.

Membership Report- Approx. 257 members. Call Liz Mackay to join !

Discussion about the dredging and the affect on fishing, more on the street repairs in front of building projects. Tom Mackay has spoken with Cindy at the city and she is working on the problem. City is stuck fixing streets where contractors did not finish the job correctly.

Check out the WDSE website, click on great gardening and see photos of the Park Point Garden Club's accomplishments.

Discussion about LED streetlights and the objections to the type of light they emit.

Airport Authority will come to next month's meeting to discuss scoping document.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Dawn Buck, secretary.

Lafayette Summer Youth Program going Strong

Park Point Summer Youth Program Update.....July 2009

We have 29 kids registered and we have been very busy. We have made many interesting art projects which include clothes pin/Popsicle stick dolls, bead mosaics, belt bags, paintings, crayon art, tissue paper art, Popsicle stick houses, origami and many more wonderful imaginative creations.

We have built Lego towns, played soccer, softball, tennis, basketball, made water parks on the playground, built water worlds at the beach with PVC pipe, played numerous games of ping pong, had super soaker/water balloon day, made forts inside the club house on rainy days and much more. We were visited by the Police, Fire Dept. and Gold Cross Ambulance for safety day and were able to operate the sirens and flashing lights on their vehicles. We have just had fun.

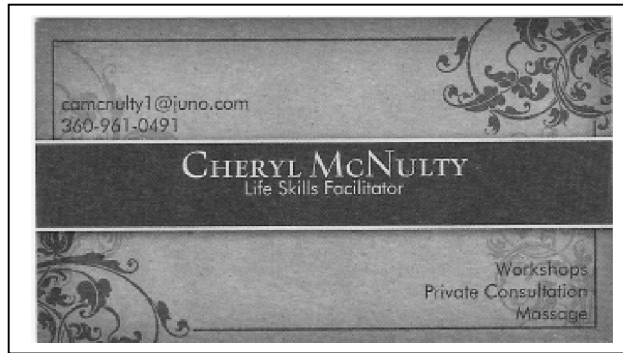
We have done some traveling via DTA to Incline Station for bowling, visited the Coast Guard Station and were served cupcakes, cookies and fruit punch in the dining area which were prepared especially for the kids. We dressed up as kings, queens, knights in shining armor, magicians, rode stick ponies, we were chased by a blue dragon, planted a pretend garden, lived in a castle (and much more) while at the Children's Museum and took a trip to Alaska and the South Pacific while at the Depot.

For the upcoming weeks we will have water balloon olympics, celebrate everyone's birthday on a special, have a picnic and beach day at the end of the Point, super soaker day, art creations, outdoor games, water world and whatever else the kids would like to do. We will also travel to the Fire Station, Incline Station, Duluth 10 for a movie, the Library for their Kaleidoscope programs and possibly a Canal Park tour.

Please come down and join the fun or join us for a field trip. Our hours are Monday thru Thursday 10 am to 4 pm,
Lafayette Club House.

Think sunshine and warm weather,

Joy



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Free Smoke Alarms

Firefighter Chad Rindal spoke at the June PPCC meeting of a program to provide 1500 free smoke detectors to Duluth homeowners. The costs are paid for by a grant, 80% from FEMA and 20% from Skyline Rotary. Duluth firefighters will come and install these alarms. We were also reminded that most smoke alarms only have an effective life of 10 years. If yours are older than that, they should be replaced. To apply for one or more of these alarms, call Fire Station 5 at 723-3215.

Check out our new website!

Everything is running smoothly with Park Point Community Club's (PPCC) new website, which has been operational for about a month now. I encourage you to visit the website and connect with your community. While you're on the website, you can check out current and archive editions of the Breeze, the upcoming events calendar, and PPCC websites from the past. You can also contribute photos and stories to the website, as well as read other's contributions. From the home page, you can stay updated on changes to the website and use features like searching by tags or by using the searchable text box. If you haven't already, point your favorite web browser to www.parkpointcommunityclub.org and explore for yourself!

Officer on Duty

I was unable to make the last meeting due to backfilling the street. I was working a regular patrol squad vs. my community officer job during the last meeting. Here are the stats - there were 72 calls for service in the month of June.

Officer Mike Tinsley

2009

	May	Jun
Accidents		1
Animal Disturbances	2	1
Attempt to Locate		6
Burglaries		1
Check Welfare		3
Damage to Property		2
Disturbances	2	2
Drunks	2	
Fire Alarms/ Alarms		3
Fire Cracker Call		1
Fires Outside	2	3
Hotrodders	1	
Information Call	5	6
Kid Trouble	1	1
Loud Parties	1	1
Medicals	4	4
Misc	3	5
Neighbor Trouble		1
Park Rules Enforcement	5	6
Parking Problems	3	7
Permit to Acquire/Carry	1	1
Phone Harassment	1	
Pysch Issues	1	1
Recovered Property	1	
Suicide Threats		1
Suspicious Persons		2
Suspicious Vehicles	1	2
Thefts		2
Traffic Stops Advised	3	4
Traffic Stops Tagged	1	2
Trouble Unknown	2	
Unwants	2	1
Vehicle Prowls	2	
Violation Protection Ord		1

Editor's Corner

Here we are in the middle of another busy Park Point Summer. The hugely successful 39th Park Point Art Fair is behind us, as is the rummage sale. And the Lafayette Summer Youth Program, which was very much in doubt just a month or so ago, is up and running and going strong.

A beautiful 4th of July brought the usual crowd of fireworks watchers. And coming up on July 17th we will once again be hosting Minnesota's oldest road race, **The Park Point 5-Miler**. But before that, and as a special treat for all you people getting tired of seeing all those skinny runners, and who'd prefer to see some guys (and gals) with **Shoulders**, on July 11th we have the **Duluth Rowing Clubs 51st Annual International Rowing Regatta**.

That's what it's like living on Duluth's Playground – one event after another. We may complain about tourists and traffic, but the things that bring them down here are often the same reasons we choose to live here. So, like the Bridge, it's just something we live with.

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On a personal note, I can't really vouch for all the proofreading in this issue. If it comes out looking like it was done by some guy with 24 metal staples in his head, it's because it was!

And for all of you who've said the editor needed a good knock in the head, stay tuned. If the Breeze improves in future months, it just proves you were right!

Thanks To Volunteers

I can't thank the community of Park Point Art Fair volunteers enough this year! It was another successful art fair largely due to the volunteer turnout. I could not have done it without you. William Sol Kapsner thanks you too. William was 7 pounds, 2 ounces, 19.5 inches long, healthy and beautiful and born on June 21 just six days before the fair. He was able to enjoy the full attention of his mother who could relax knowing that so many competent and dependable Park Pointers would help to run the fair smoothly. It is wonderful being a part of this caring and close knit community. You are all plenty generous and I am once again honored to be your art fair coordinator.

Looking forward to the next.

Carla Tamburro

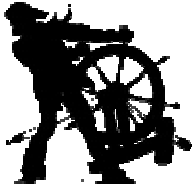
And To The Director

The 39th annual Art Fair was a success in my estimation. Carla and Jake had every small and large task assign to either family members or long time volunteers in case she was unavailable the days of the Fair. It was a good thing, since William was born June 21st a week before the Art Fair. In spite of a few drizzles on Saturday and high winds on Sunday, things went off with very few problems and if we had no problems it would not be Art Fair weekend. Carla and William even attended for a short time each day. The artists told me how much they enjoy the smoothness of this Art Fair and appreciate the all the help volunteers give to make this a successful weekend. This was the first year since I have been coordinating volunteers for the days of the Art Fair that people were calling me and I had to make very few calls. We had several new families to Park Point that called to volunteer and some long time helpers just show up as needed. Park Point has a great sense of community, which is why we can all look forward to next years 40th Art Fair. I can only speculate on what Carla and Jake have planned.

Diane Gould

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