

The Breeze

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Calendar

Park Point Community Club Meeting
August 20th,
Ice Cream Social, 6:30PM
Meeting, 7PM
At Lafayette

Good Dog Club
will resume the week of
September 14, call Dawn for
info and schedule@ 525-1764
or email me at
mrsarkpoint@gmail.com.

**Meeting and walk-through
of Pine Forest/Airport with
SEH**
Sept. 2, 3PM
Meet at airport

**Park Point Secret Garden
Tour**
August 30th

A New Roof For Lafayette



The Community Club Building at Lafayette Square got a much needed new roof during July. It was expected to be a straightforward re-roofing job, taking a week to 10 days. But as every homeowner knows, once you get into a job, things come up. As reported by PPCC President Dave Poulan, who kept a close eye on the job, "Major structural repairs had to be done, which called for jacking the roof up in the meeting hall which in turn would jack up the roof. Timbers were placed on the floor on top of the posts in the warming room and in the ceiling between the lights. They placed jacks in between and jacked up the ceiling. Cables were also placed across the roof to pull the walls in and also raise the roof. The roof was modified to a truss system. The meeting room now looks like nothing was ever done. The contractor also went out of his way to not interrupt the summer program, our monthly meeting and rentals. Overall we were very pleased. The contractor was Lipe Brothers Construction. We got a first class job. The roof looks great."

A big thanks is due to Lipe Brothers Construction and their crew, as well as the City of Duluth for coming through with this long scheduled and badly needed work in these hard economic times.

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

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Submissions

The deadline is September 3rd for the September 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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Sky Harbor Airport Environmental Review

Environmental scientists from SEH will be available for a visit to the Sky Harbor Airport and the Minnesota Point Pine Forest Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) on Wednesday, September 2nd. The primary purpose of the field visit is to hear your concerns and comments regarding the proposed airport project and the potential impacts to the old growth forest. If you have specific concerns you'd like to see addressed in the environmental review, please come to share them with the environmental scientists who are preparing the Environmental Assessment. Please meet at the Airport at 3:00 pm.

Park Point Garden Tour Planned August 30th

The Lafayette Community Edible Garden members are sponsoring a Park Point Secret Garden Tour, Sunday, August 30th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to experience seven private residential gardens on our unique freshwater sandbar. Get ideas for your own home garden while supporting the Edible Garden's fundraising efforts. Profits from this event will be used to purchase compost, soil, plant material and supplies for the edible garden planned for the old hockey rink at Lafayette Community Center. More information about the Lafayette Community Edible Garden will be available during the garden tour. Please come and be dazzled by what your neighbors are doing. And, invite your landlocked family and friends, too!

If you have questions about the Garden Tour or want more information about the Lafayette Community Edible Garden, please call Lyn Pegg, 727-3770.

Tickets will be \$5.00 per person (children under 12 are free) and will be sold at Lafayette Community Center the day of the event, or in advance at Country By The Lake, 723 South Lake Avenue, 722-8867. Tickets are limited in number, so get yours early!

The Get to the Point Awesome Art & Gift Fair Is coming

Sat., Oct 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At Lafayette Square

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History of Our Lady of Mercy Church

In the beginning of Duluth's history, the Point was part of the Sacred Heart Parish where the first Catholic Church was built in 1870. But as the number of Catholics living on the Point increased, and with the difficulty of getting to the mainland when the old suspension bridge was operating, as early as 1916 the priests from Sacred Heart began offering Sunday Mass on the Point.

In 1922 the Catholic community of Park Point acquired a building for a church. This building was already a significant part of Duluth's history. Originally it was the First Church of Christ Scientist Church and was located across from St. Luke's Hospital at 9th Ave. E and 1st. Street. In 1914 the building was purchased by the Duluth Drama League for its newly formed "Little Theatre". And in 1920 and 1921 it served as the first church of the newly created parish of Our Lady of the Rosary.

The story of the moving of the building to Park Point is an epic tale in itself. First the building was cut in half, then each section was towed across the ice of Lake Superior and finally the two sections were reassembled at the present location.

The first Mass was celebrated on June 26, 1922, and on April 14, 1930 the parish of Our Lady of Mercy was formally established by Bishop Thomas Welch. The rectory was completed on March 6, 1953.

Our Lady of Mercy has been the spiritual home of generations of Park Pointers. The little church has woven itself into the joys and sorrows of many and into the life of the nation as well. The Roll of Honor at the back of the church records the names of parishioners who served in the Armed Forces, many of whom gave their lives for their country.

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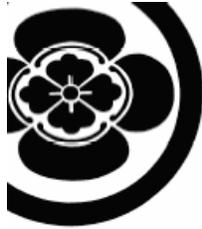
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924 Minnesota Ave.

Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes July 16,2009

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm. All officers in attendance. Approx. 40 people in attendance. Meeting held upstairs at Lafayette Square.

Correspondence-Dave Poulin read a note from St. Andrew's By-The Lake Youth, they donated \$300 of their Art Fair proceeds to PPCC youth or environmental projects.

Treasurer's report- Chuck Flaig gave a detailed report of the Art Fair income and expenditures.

Preliminary figures show a profit of nearly \$11,000. Chuck also reported the details of all incomes from Breeze ads, Lafayette rentals, dues etc. and expenditures for insurance for summer youth program, Breeze production and mailing etc. Current balance = \$57,706.70.

Regular meeting suspended for report from Officer Mike Tinsley. Overall, calls are down, things are relatively quiet. A speed monitoring trailer was set up on July 3 & 4 and recorded 13,701 vehicles passing by with an average speed of approx. 28 mph. He believes the trailer was located at 16th or 28th St. He reported a burglary at a non-residence on Park Point. Officers are using four-wheeler that is stored at Sky Harbor Airport to combat underage drinking. Four-wheeler also used as support vehicle for water rescues. Four-wheeler enters beach at airport or 22nd adjacent to fire hall. Residents report speeding cars between park at end and 39th St. Park rangers have been seen patrolling. Rangers can only advise and have no enforcement power. They call the police for enforcement. Partying has been occurring at S curve, on South pier and on the beach.

Presentation on the latest developments on tree trimming at Sky Harbor Airport by Brian Ryks (Airport Authority Director), Dave Warner(Sky Harbor Airport Manager), Roy Niemi(Airport Authority Board Member)and Kelly Henry(SEH engineering firm). Speakers explained the Final Scoping Document prepared by SEH and answered questions about the required FAA & MN DOT process that led to the scoping document. Dave Poulin has the information on CD if you are interested in viewing the final document. The document does not offer up the final plan but lays out options.

Several detailed maps were presented showing options for runway reconfiguration. Residents' concerns/options mentioned included funding of the airport and the scoping document, justifying the airport for use by few pilots, sewer and fuel storage issues, security, topping of trees leading to more blow downs, eliminating the runway and having seaplane base only, using the airport for housing development. Kelly Henry explained the Environmental Assessment process that is the next step. She has offered to schedule a walk through pine forest with interested residents to gather input on environmental concerns. There will be more opportunities for public input as the process continues.

Thank you to the speakers for sharing this information with our community.

Art Fair report- Diane Gould reported that many people called to volunteer. Artists were happy with the event. Thank you to Carla and Jake and everyone who stepped up to help make this year's art fair a huge success.

Breeze Report- Alan reported that Dave and Diane Lavamaki delivered bundles and the Breeze went out on schedule.

Rummage Sale- brief discussion of logistics for potties for next year's event.

Membership- Liz Mackay reports approx. 262 memberships. Call her for application.

Roof project update- Roof truss system needed reinforcement to ensure structural soundness , contractor doing a great job. Scope of job already larger than already thought.

Community Garden Update- Lyn Pegg presented a list of approx. 27 supporters and participants for a "Lafayette Community Edible Garden" on the hockey rink site. Discussion of the advantages/benefits of such a garden: youth involvement, educational value, growing locally, composting site for leaves, community building etc. Discussed various fundraising possibilities ie a Park Point Gardens Tour.

Motion that the Lafayette Community Edible Garden Project move forward with preparing a project

proposal to present to the City of Duluth, adopted after amendment. Motion that PPCC provide up to \$200 for a neighborhood night out party at Lafayette on August 4th, adopted.

August Meeting- Alan reminded us about the Ice Cream Social at next month's meeting on August 20. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Dawn Buck, Secretary.

GARDENS on DISPLAY

Gardens on Display is sponsored by the Duluth Garden Flower Society and their challenge is to beautify your community by beautifying your yard. The awards were given out on Friday July 24th at the Duluth Depot at their 82nd Annual Duluth Garden Flower Society Flower Show.

Park Point winners included:

The Park Point Garden Club won in the Masters Garden Club division for the community garden at Lafayette, 3026 Minnesota Avenue. The 22 members of the Park Point Garden Club maintain the garden for the enjoyment of everyone who passes by.

Brian and Mary Grover won the Masters Commercial division for their gardens at Solglint, 828 S. Lake Avenue.

Patty Peters and Betty Sola won for the Residential and Community Block Gardens on the 700 block on Minnesota Avenue.

There are many more beautiful gardens on Park Point as you drive from one end to the other. Each and everyone helps to beautify our Community which is visited by so many people year round.

Diane Gould

Park Point Garden Club

Park Point Cuisine By Susan Peters

Park Point Aguas Frescas

If your garden is brimming with fruits, herbs, vegetables and edible flowers, it might be time to make some *aguas frescas* (fresh waters). Simply made by steeping fresh produce in water, straining out the solids, and then sweetening it up a bit, if needed, these beverages can be refreshing, healthy and inexpensive treats.

At the Lafayette Community Edible Garden's event celebrating Neighborhood Night Out on August 4, I served the following aguas frescas.

Orange Mint Chiller

Yield: 8 cups

8 cups water

2 large bunches fresh mint

1/4 cup orange juice

Honey, to taste

Heat the water to boiling in a 4 quart pot.

Clean the mint by running it under cold water, and then coarsely chop the leaves and stems. Drop the mint into the boiling water. Turn off the heat and let the mint steep in the water about 30 minutes.

Strain the liquid into a 2-quart pitcher, discarding the mint (put it in your compost pile).

Add orange juice and sweeten with a couple tablespoons of honey, if desired.

Chill thoroughly before serving. This will keep in the refrigerator for three days.

Cucumber Water

Yield: 6 cups

6 cups cold water

1/2 cucumber, cleaned and sliced

1/2 lemon, cleaned and sliced

In a 2 quart pitcher, combine the water, cucumber and lemon slices. Refrigerate 4 hours before serving. This can be served with the cucumber and lemon slices left in the water or strained out. Drink within three days.

Racing On The Point



50th Duluth International Regatta



38th Park Point 5-Miler

As the pictures and captions above show, there's a long history of racing on Park Point. On July 11th the Duluth Rowing Club hosted the 50th Duluth International Regatta, on the lake side of the Point near 39th St.. Despite battling contrary winds, it was again a first class event.

And just a week later, on July 17th, the 38th Annual Park Point 5-Miler took over the Point from the recreation area to 24th St.. The picture above shows the leaders in a close battle at the turn around point. Lazy days of Summer? Not for some folks around here.

Website Corner with Ryan Novitzki:

If you're like me, you are very interested to see the statistics for the www.parkpointcommunityclub.org web site. Stats can be confusing if you aren't familiar with the terminology, so I'll do my best to explain them as we go.

These numbers are for the dates July 1 - July 28, 2009:

- 268 unique visitors - This means 268 different computers looked at the website at least once.
- 518 visits - this means the 268 different computers came back again, an average of 1.93 times.
- 1710 pages - this means every one of the 518 visits, looked at an average of 3.3 pages per visit.

Computers from many different countries looked at pages on the web site. Here they are listed in order of most pages to least. Added up, these equal the 1710 pages number.

- United States (1424)
- China (105)
- Russian Federation (61)
- Kazakhstan (21)
- Canada (18)
- Great Britain, Romania, Denmark, Indonesia, Sweden, Japan, France, Ukraine, Cyprus, South Africa, Nigeria, Chile, Taiwan, European country (all with 10 pages or less)

Here's the operating systems that visit, based off of hit percent.

- Windows (86%)
- Macintosh (7%)
- Unknown (6%)
- Linux (1%)

Here's the browsers that access the web site, based off of hit percent:

- MS Internet Explorer (50%)
- Firefox (36%)
- Safari (4%)
- unknown. Mozilla. Opera. Google Chrome. and Netscape (all with 2% or less)

Editor's Corner

This is one of those months where I received so many good submissions that I'm just going to get out of the way and let you read what's here. I hope you've got your reading glasses, because I had to print some of it in a smaller font in order to get it all in. Lot's of good information here – be sure to read it all.

One small personal note. After my encounter with a tree a month or so ago, I had the "opportunity" to spend a few days as a resident at Bayshore Health Center. I can't say enough about the wonderful staff, and the level of care I received while there. We're lucky to have them in the neighborhood.

Did you miss the Park Point Neighborhood Night Out party at Lafayette Square the evening of August 4? Those who attended called the event a great success with over sixty adults, twenty-five kids, and three police officers turning out to celebrate our special community and the beginnings of our new Lafayette Community Edible Garden. Snacks were provided by Park Point residents and our local artistic kids contributed colorful decorations and welcomed party guests with music. In the spirit of generosity, many people came forth with monetary and in-kind donations to help get the garden started. That night we broke ground and welcomed our first garden inhabitants: two apple trees and one cherry tree. The evening ended with many people saying, "We should do this more often."
-SP

Duluth Rowing Club Fundraiser

The rowing club is collecting magazines, catalogues, and "shiny paper" newspaper inserts (like those target and Best Buy ads) at their site at 3900 Minnesota Avenue. There's a big blue DBJ dumpster in front of their building. Just bring those old magazines down and dump them in, and help support the Rowing Club.

I love my city and the white sand beaches of Park Point:
It's time to discuss beach safety.

My toddler's foot was burned a few days ago when he kicked a pile of sand at the Park Point Beach. Someone had covered a fire they enjoyed the night before with sand rather than completely extinguishing the embers. One would think that with 3 QUADRILLION GALLONS OF WATER in front of them they would have used some to put out the fire. Perhaps they believed WIND ceased to exist that night and there was no way that the molten sand would carry to the beach grass. All jabs aside, this carelessness could have caused a severe injury to my child. Not to mention, it is illegal to have fires on Park Point. The Park and Recreational Department of the City of Duluth does not issue permits for fires on Park Point.

As a former Park Point Resident, I witnessed several dangerous situations at the beach. Besides fires, a common danger was the creation of deep sand holes. These deep sand holes can collapse on a child and cause suffocation within minutes (more than a dozen deaths nationwide in the last decade). I encourage parents to council their children on the dangers of deep sand holes and fill in any deep sand holes they encounter. I'd like to give a few tips on sun protection. Remember to apply UVA/UVB sunscreen 30 minutes prior to sun exposure. Use 1 oz (a handful) of sunscreen for entire body. Zinc oxide and sunscreen work in different ways and can be used together. Apply zinc oxide (now comes in clear!) to highly exposed areas such as the nasal bridge, cheeks, tips of ears. Remember that sand, concrete and water reflect the sun's rays and intensify the sun's effect. Hats, sunscreen and proper beach footwear are necessities.

The Duluth News Tribune ran a feature on Lake Superior's rip tides a few years ago that was informative. If caught in a rip tide, swim parallel to the shore until free of the tide, not against the tide. Rip tides are the most common reason for a life guard rescue nationwide with over 12,000 rescues a year as reported by the National Association of Life Guards. Special thanks to the YMCA for providing life guards this summer from 11-4pm everyday through the end of August. Enjoy our gorgeous 7-mile Park Point Beach with respect for others and safety for yourself and your family. As part of the "Pick a Day" Program through the Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Duluth, each Friday at 10am, volunteers meet at Park Point Beach House for trash and debris cleanup. Thanks to all those volunteers.

Dr.
Sharnell Valentine,
Pediatrician

To: Park Point Community Club Officers
From: Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski

Dear Dave, Liz, Dawn & Chuck;

In June, the St. Andrew's Youth Group had two fundraisers to earn money for their Pilgrimage next summer. They would like to tithe (10%) their earnings to the Park Point Community Club and ask that it be dispersed for the Youth Program and/or environmental concerns.

Thank you again for offering them space at the Art Fair for their popcorn/water stand.

Sincerely,

Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski
Vicar, SABTL

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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)
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