

# The Breeze

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### Calendar

**Park Point Community Club  
Meeting**  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 7PM  
At Lafayette

**Good Dog Club**  
Wednesdays at 6:30  
Starting September 16th

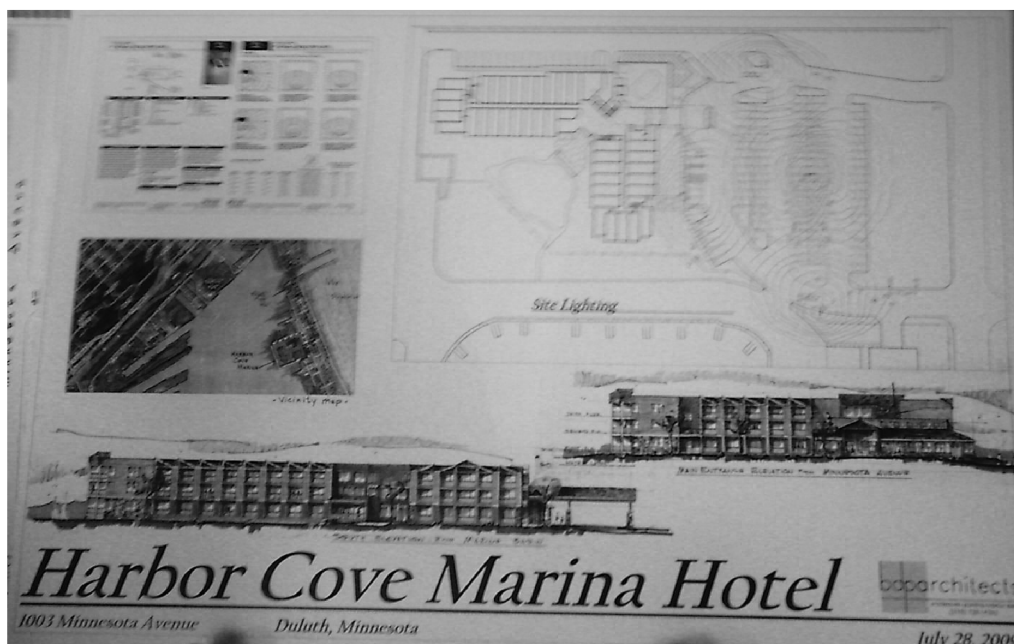
**Get to the Point  
Awesome Art and Gift Fair**  
October 10, 10am – 3pm  
At Lafayette

**Spiritual Transformation  
through Art**  
October 10, 3pm-6pm  
At St Andrews

**Duluth Trail Fest**  
Park Point Beach 5k  
September 27

**Nancy English Memorial 5k**  
November 14

## Another Hotel on Park Point?



On Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held at Harbor Cove Marina to unveil plans for a possible hotel to be built on the site. Approximately 30 neighbors and other interested parties attended, and Marina owner Terry Anderson and representatives of BDP Architects presented a tentative design, which calls for a 3 story 116 room hotel, with 128 parking spaces. The current W-1 (waterfront) zoning allows for such a development, and they have been working with the city for the past year, yet Mr. Anderson reassured concerned neighbors that the project is still in the concept stage, and they were at least two years from breaking ground.

A number of concerns were expressed – civilly; there was not Town Hall Meeting raucousness here. Neighbors questioned the draw on utilities, the positioning of buildings, blocked views, and most emphatically, the increased traffic. Attendees did seem sympathetic to Mr. Anderson's attempts to make this highly taxed property profitable, and to find the best use for the property, and Mr. Anderson stressed that the neighbors concerns would be taken into account. Yet, though there are still hurdles to overcome – including an appearance before the city planning board to request a variance on impervious surface - they were left with little doubt that some type of development was coming to the site.

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 Breeze***

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## **Submissions**

The deadline is October 1st for the October 2009 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at [breezeditor@msn.com](mailto:breezeditor@msn.com) by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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## **Edible Garden Update**

Permissions have been granted, fruit trees have been planted, raised gardens and compost bins are being built and a community garden is growing on Park Point.

Your gung-ho gardening neighbors are reveling in the success of their August 4<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Night Out event and the August 30<sup>th</sup> tour of the Secret Gardens of Park Point. It's now time to move on into the garden to ready it for the winter and prepare it for spring planting.

When you've got leaves and grass clippings, we've got a place for you to put them where they'll do some good. Please place bagged yard waste (compostable stuff – not tree limbs) inside the entry into the site of the old hockey rink at Lafayette Square and we'll turn it into compost and mulch for the edible garden.

The Lafayette Community Edible Garden will hold its next organizational meeting on Monday, September 14, at 7 p.m. at the Lafayette Square Community Center. Anyone interested in participating in the development of the edible garden is welcome. This is a great way to get to know your creative, fun-loving, community-minded neighbors. For more info, contact Susan Peters 260-2149, Coral McDonnell 727-6455, or Lyn Pegg 727-3770.

## **A Special Thanks**

The members of the Lafayette Community Edible Garden would like to extend a special thanks to those families who opened their gardens to the public on August 30 for the Park Point Secret Garden Tour. Visitors relished the beauty and diversity of these gardens.

Betty Sola & Patty Peters, 726 & 728 Minnesota Ave.

Mary & Paul Treuer, 2700 Minnesota Ave.

Pat & Rod Olson, 2925 Minnesota Ave.

Jack Hockemeyer, 2939 Minnesota Ave.

Diane & Dick Gould, 3003 Minnesota Ave.

Geri & Walter Pietrowski, 3702 S. Lake Ave.

Truella & Eugene Hicks, Tahirih Bushey, and Joanne MacQuarrie, 4048 & 4050 Minnesota Ave.

In recognition of their participation in our fundraiser, they are now named as Charter Members of the Edible Garden. For more information about charter memberships, contact Coral McDonnell, 218/727-6455, [coraljean@charter.net](mailto:coraljean@charter.net).

## **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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**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS –  
October 4th, 3 p.m.**

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**SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH ART**  
A public opening of the St. Andrew's Art Exhibit  
October 10, 2010, 3-6 p.m.

Speaker: Jane Fisher-Merritt (3:30 p.m.)  
Topic: Art and Spirituality

Jane is an accomplished textile artist and spiritual director.

**ALL PARK POINT NEIGHBORS ARE INVITED AND  
WELCOME AT THE ABOVE EVENTS.**

Sunday Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Christian Formation Classes begin September 13

**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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 am mass at St. Mary Star of the Sea church. If your child was previously registered last year, you will receive a registration form in the mail along with the calendar for the year. Registration forms will be available at the church.

**SICK OR HOMEBOUND??**

Please notify the parish office if someone is very ill or going into the hospital.

**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Every Monday at Franciscan Nursing home there is a communion service at 9:30 for the residents. Anyone interested in attending, please join us.

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## **Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes 8/20/2009**

The regular meeting of the Park Point Community Club was held on Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 7pm at Lafayette Square, upper level. The President, Vice President and Secretary were present. Twenty two members signed in. Dave Lavamaki made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Motion adopted .

**Correspondence-** President Dave Poulin distributed copies of a report prepared by Joy Fouts, PPCC Summer Youth Program Director.

**Environmental Committee-** Dave Poulin spoke about the environmental committee's meeting with Karna Peters of Peters and Peters, PLC, in regards to the final scoping document prepared in response to the proposed tree trimming/cutting at Sky Harbor Airport. Dick Gould made a motion that the PPCC spend up to \$400.00 on attorney fees to further study the final scoping document and make recommendations to the PPCC environmental committee. Motion adopted.

**Art Fair-** Carla Tamburro, Art Fair Coordinator, spoke about a planning an Art Fair follow-up meeting.

**Breeze Report-** Alan gave us an update.

**Membership-** Liz Mackay reported 2 additional memberships since last month. Call Liz to join.

**Lafayette Community Edible Garden** – Janine Bjerklie presented a report on the latest progress towards the garden on the hockey rink. Several fruit trees are planted and more donations are welcome. Charter memberships in the garden are available for \$25. Come to the next meeting at Lafayette on September 14 to help develop ideas for the garden. Support the garden by purchasing tickets for the First Annual Secret Garden Tour. Discussion about the successful Neighborhood Night Out at Lafayette. Further discussion about the lack of interest in the hockey rink last year.

**New Coffee Shop at Bayside Market site?** - Park Pointer Gordon Lynn described his vision for a cozy and casual coffee shop at the market location. Coffee shop would include art exhibits and PP history.

Discussion about the lack of bathrooms at Lafayette and previous attempts to provide porta-potties and previous plans for restroom construction. Liz Mackay made a motion that PPCC authorizes Dick Gould to start the process of putting together a project proposal for a bathroom at Lafayette. Motion adopted after discussion. Further discussion about the City's removal of porta-potties and garbage cans too early in the fall and arrival too late in the spring. Dave Poulin will write a letter asking for the necessary facilities to remain in place longer and arrive earlier.

Discussion about the proposed hotel at Harbor Cove site. Residents voiced concerns re. inadequate sewer systems, increased traffic, environmental concerns, other site concerns.

Park Pointer Bob Fierek described his property on the Bay at 13<sup>th</sup> next to the Reserves and the installation of storage containers to generate revenue to pay his property taxes. Lot is zoned M1-manufacturing. Discussion about taxes and land use.

LeAnne Rutherford brought up the hazards of bikers who don't use the recreational, non-motorized lane. More discussion about lack of signage explaining what the lane is for.

Dick Gould will check the basement for ceiling tiles to replace stained tiles.

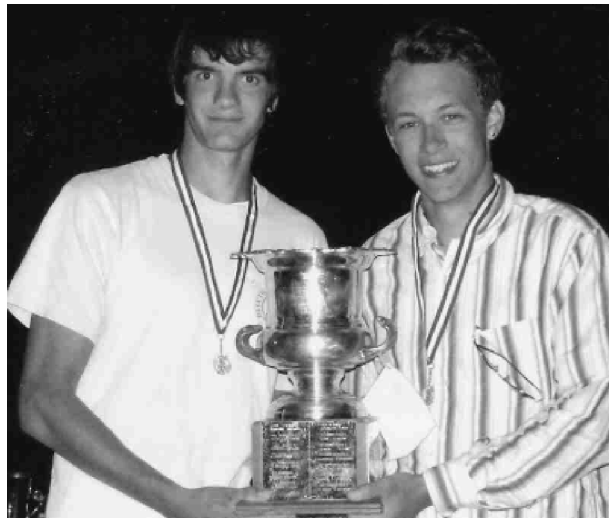
Motion to adjourn, 8:10 p.m.

Dawn Buck, secretary.

### **Duluth Rowing Club Fundraiser Still Going On**

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.

## Park Point Rowers Make Good



Erik McLaughlin and Jordan Sobczak, both residents of Park Point, won the Junior Men's Double competition at the Northwest International Rowing Regatta in Lake Elmo, MN on August 22, 2009. The Duluth Rowing Club had a clean sweep in the event including second place with Gus and Owen Downs (brothers) in second, and Caleb Schuder and Josh Hill in third.

The competition included the Minneapolis Rowing Club, the Minnesota Rowing Club (Saint Paul), the Twin Cities Rowing Club, Winnipeg Rowing Association, Kenora Ontario Rowing Club, and others. Erik McLaughlin will be a senior at Duluth East this coming year and has been rowing for 5 years with the Duluth Rowing Club. Jordan Sobczak graduated in 2009 from Duluth East and has been rowing for three years. The coach of the Duluth Rowing Club is Bonnie Fuller-Kask.

In the overall competition for the Lipton Cup, the Duluth Rowing Club placed third behind the Minnesota Boat Club (St. Paul) and Minneapolis Boat Club.

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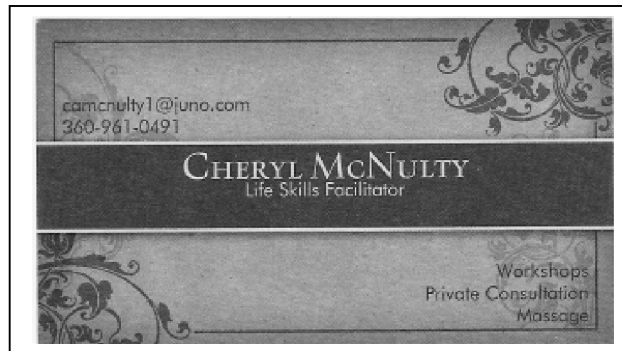
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At last month's Community club meeting we discussed (once again) the possibility of an outside-accessible toilet attached to Lafayette. The problem we have had in the past attempts is that the City architect/engineers did not have time to address the project and abandoned it for other problems. We would like to go to the City with a preliminary design for their approval. To do that, we need a qualified designer/architect/engineer person who can help us design it with the City.

A project proposal was submitted to the City by Dick Gould, and has received tentative approval to proceed to the design phase. If you are so qualified, and willing to help with this project, you can contact Dick at 727-4067 or [rpgould@charter.net](mailto:rpgould@charter.net)



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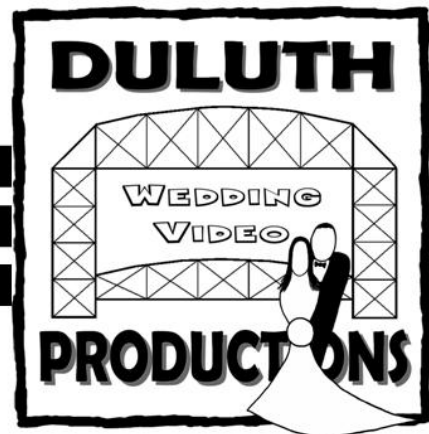
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## What is this stuff, and where does it come from?



It's a question I've often asked myself, whenever a pile of this black woody stuff washed up on "my" stretch of beach. I know others have too. In fact, it was brought up at the last Community Club meeting. So I sent this picture and my questions to some people I thought might know. These are the replies I got.

Jesse Schomberg, Coastal Communities Extension Educator for the Minnesota Sea Grant College Program, said, "To my knowledge, no one has ever tracked this woody debris to specifically identify where it's coming from, but it's a common "product" of streams, rivers, and wetlands as wood and leaves get broken down by the currents, waves, critters, and decomposition into smaller and smaller chunks. Some wetlands have many feet of this organic matter built up, and I would suspect a large source is the St. Louis River Estuary and the wetlands upriver. If I'm not mistaken, you can find similar organic deposits on the bayside of the point as well. I've never heard of any harm caused by it, though it's not nearly as nice as the sand to walk and swim in."

Don Schreiner, Lake Superior Area Fisheries Supervisor, wasn't quite as sure. He said, "That's pretty ugly looking stuff. I have not witnessed anything that severe. Maybe some folks over at the MNPCA would have more info." He gave me a couple of names, so I queried them as well.

Heidi Bauman, Project Leader of Superfund Unit 3, replied, "I had been told by someone that the woody debris is remnants from the logging days. I don't remember who told me that piece of information. As far as beach monitoring goes it doesn't seem to affect the bacteria counts at the beaches. Sorry I can't be more help."

Brian L. Fredrickson, Lake Superior Basin Coordinator for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, followed up on that. He writes, "As Heidi alluded to, the wood debris probably has its origins in the hey day of the logging and paper industry. At one point in history, there were some 13 sawmills in the Duluth-Superior Harbor alone (some of which were floating). These mills were removing bark and discharging mountains of saw dust right into the river. So, this legacy is still in the sediments and is occasionally reintroduced into the water column by the wind driven waves, high flows and physical disturbance (dredging and the movement of ships or other vessels)."

My own conclusion? It may a natural product, it may have historical roots, but when it lands on my stretch of beach, it's just "yucky".

Alan Dartanyan



## Editor's Corner

Yes, it's September. Summer, such as it was, has slipped away. But there's still plenty going on around here.

There's been a lot of talk about commercial development on the Point, and three possible businesses/developments were discussed at the August Community Club meeting. What I found interesting was the varying reactions to them.

First up was the one I chose for the front page of this issue – the proposed hotel at Harbor Cove Marina. While this proposed project is still years from breaking ground, and will no doubt go through many changes before it does, there were immediately objections raised and concerns voiced over utilizes, traffic, etc.

Then there was another project presented by a Park Point resident, who wanted to put some shipping container storage units on a narrow back lot off 13<sup>th</sup> Street (see the ad on page 6). The reaction. Eh? Do what you want to do. Won't bother us.

The third possible business, proposed by another Park Pointer, was to open a coffee shop/café in the former Bayside Market building. This was met with a very vocal, overwhelmingly positive reaction. Yes! Do it! The only serious question asked, by S-curve sign guru Dave Johnson, was "Will there be cookies?"

Now Park Point, and Duluth in general, has a reputation for being anti-development. But this shows we aren't all anti-business, or anti-development. Most of us don't even know much about business, but we know what we like! (Cookies!)

Save the date! Join us at the Sky Harbor Airport for the

### **2009 Nancy English Memorial 5k run/walk**

The run/walk and kids ½ mile fun run will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Last year \$15,000 was raised and put into a scholarship fund for women going back to school later in life. We had 700 registrations last year and a fun time was had by all!

To register, volunteer and/or make a donation visit our website at [www.nancyenglishmemorial5k.com](http://www.nancyenglishmemorial5k.com). The police will be closing the road at the end of Park Point from about 9:30 -11:00am due to the race event. We apologize ahead of time for any inconvenience this may cause for you. Please email [eveestein@gmail.com](mailto:eveestein@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Spiritual Transformation through Art**

Last spring a year-long renovation of St. Andrew's by the Lake was completed. Transformation of the physical structure gave incentive to hold a congregational art exhibit reflecting the corresponding theme of spiritual transformation through art. Approximately 30 members have signed up to show original works in varied media.

The exhibit will open with a public reception on Saturday, October 10, 3:00- 6:00. Refreshments will be served and guest speaker, Jane Fisher- Merritt, will address the topic of art and spirituality. We invite all of our Park Point neighbors to attend.

Arlene Renken

### **Rummage Sale Roundup**

A little belated: A BIG THANK YOU for all those that participated in the Annual Park Point Garage Sale. I heard from many of the shoppers how please they were with all the great bargains.

A former neighbor returned to visit her Park Point family and returned to Ca. without her fancy red sports car. She was smiling! If you sold anything unusual please let me know. Or maybe you have another story to tell about what happen during the garage sale.

A co-chair is still needed. Must enjoy the annual sale and want it to continue. No, you won't have to miss your own sale. The work is will be done by then. As most of you know my house is up for sale and so it is very important that someone is found. Just be one of those that can hardy wait for the sale and want to have fun volunteering for the Park Point Community Club. Charlene 722-6828

Next sale is June 11&12, 2010.

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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

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