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Calendar

Park Point Community Club Meeting March 18th 7PM at Lafayette

> St. Patrick's Day March 17th

Lafayette community
Edible Garden
Meeting and Potluck
March 21

Park Point Rummage sale June 11th & 12th

Park Point Art Fair June 26th & 27th

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

It's All About The Bridge



For those of us who live or work on Park Point, the Aerial Lift Bridge is both a fact of life, and a factor to be considered in anything scheduled or proposed out here, or in Canal Park.

The City recently contacted the Park Point Community Club about the planned Tall Ships visit planned for this July. The last visit by 3 tall ships was one of the biggest tourist draws in city history. This time 8 ships are expected. If they come in together, it should be and incredible spectacle. But not a good time to be caught on the "wrong" side of the bridge.

Proposals for the development west of Bayfront Park include a marina and transient boat docks. A proposed hotel at Harbor Cove Marina includes additional docking for visiting boaters. Both would increase boat traffic through the canal, and of course, bridge lifts.

There is a community Club supported effort right now to have scheduled bridge lifts for pleasure boats. This wouldn't effect commercial traffic, but sailboats and larger fishing and cruising boats that require a bridge lift, would gather together and go out at scheduled times, instead of whenever they signal the bridge. And that would make for easier scheduling for those of us who drive (or walk, or ride) across the bridge.

The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is April 2nd for the April 2010 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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March PPCC meeting March 18th

On the agenda:

Appointment of nominations committee
First nomination of officers and committee chairs
Presentation by Minnesota Sea Grant on rip current Warnings
Summer Youth Program
Pursuing 501c-3 status for PPCC
Discussing new scoping document on the Airport/Old Pines issue

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden:

Next meeting March 21: Sunday Potluck Supper at 5 p.m. at the Lafayette Community Center.

We hope to hear from garden member Dori Decker about her recent Witness for Peace delegation to Colombia with Lyn Pegg, where they learned about biodiversity and scored some very special seeds at an organic farm in the state of Cauca.

Plus, our guest speaker for this meeting will be Nancy Nelson, a resident of Duluth's East Hillside neighborhood who has spent many enjoyable hours transforming her yard into an urban homestead. Nancy will share her story of adding a flock of city chickens to her backyard - from the pleasures of eating fresh eggs to the challenges of cleaning out the coop.

Our meetings and dinners are open to anyone, but if you want to join us officially, call Coral (727-6455).

Save the Date:

March 27: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., The Permaculture Research Institute presents a Permaculture For Everyone workshop at the University of Minnesota – Duluth, Education Building (EduE), Room 16. Connect with others who are actively seeking local solutions to global issues. Discuss positive actions you can take in your own life and community. A diverse group of permaculturists from across North America will visit Duluth to present a full day of concurrent 90-minute classes covering different permaculture topics. The classes will present concrete, practical approaches to meeting our basic human needs locally and sustainably, turning different "wastes" into useful products, regenerating healthy communities, and reinvigorating the local economy. The presenters will showcase creative and non-traditional learning and teaching methods. Workshop fee \$15. For registration details, visit www.pricoldclimate.org/event/permaculture_everyone_duluth_workshop or email Evelyn at comcoord@pricoldclimate.org.

April 10: From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Slow Food Lake Superior will host "Get Started!", as part of this year's One Community One Book event. The book selected for this year is Barbara Kingsolver's Animal, Vegetable, Miracle, about how to get started doing some of the things Kingsolver's family did. Do you make your own cheese or yogurt? You are invited to spend an hour or two at the event sharing your ideas. Do you garden, preserve fruits and/or vegetables, keep chickens or bees? People want to know how to get started. Let's help them! This event will be at Peace Church, 1111 North 11th Avenue East. There will be conversation areas set up around the room, each of which will be topic-specific. People who come can visit with any of the people who are already started in these pursuits. Share your knowledge or come to get more information. For more information about this event, visit SlowFoodLakeSuperior.org. or call 218/728-5066.





St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church www.standrewsbythelake.org 727-1262

Come now, all of us, let us
turn aside for awhile from
our daily employment,
(or unemployment these days)
escape for a moment from
the tumult of our thoughts.
Put aside our weighty cares.
Let our burdensome distractions wait,
Free ourselves awhile for God and rest.
Let us enter the inner chambers of our souls,
shut out everything except God
and that which can help us in seeking God.
And when we have shut the door, say:
"I seek your face". God, it is your face we seek.
St. Anselm's Call to Meditation (1033-1109)

For some, this may sound escapist. But it's also a way to nourish our own hunger and thirst for the holy, as we prepare ourselves to work in the world to bring change for the common good.

March 9 - Bill McKibben (environmentalist) speaks at CSS, 7:30 pm Wednesdays in Lent (March 10, 17, 24) - Soup Suppers and Study (Affectionately Yours, Screwtape: C.S. Lewis and the Devil)

You are invited to come for supper and spiritual nourishment.

March 19-21 - Teens Encounter Christ

March 28 - Palm/Passion Sunday (9:45 am) - Drama and Music

March 29- April 3 - Holy Week Events (check our website)

April 4 - Easter Sunday (9:45 am)

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

Priests: Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala and Fr. John Golobich

Deacon: Ted Windus Sr.

A TIME TO GROW

A mother and her 3 year old daughter were watching *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* for the first time together. The wicked queen appeared disguised as an old lady selling apples, and the daughter was spellbound. Then Snow White took a bite out of the poisoned apple and collapsed to the ground. As the apple rolled away, the daughter whispered, "See, Mommy, she doesn't like the skin either."

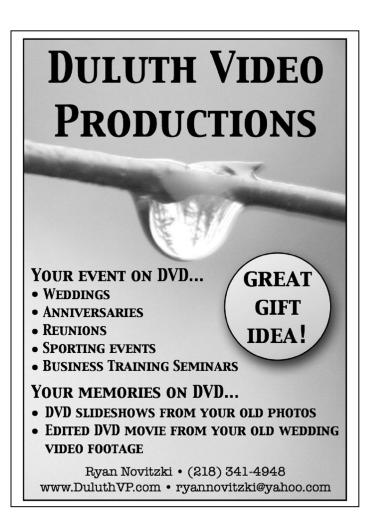
Maybe you have an aversion to Lent. Perhaps Lent is too much of an intrusion into your daily routine and you prefer to ignore it. That would be a mistake. We need Lent, but we should understand why.

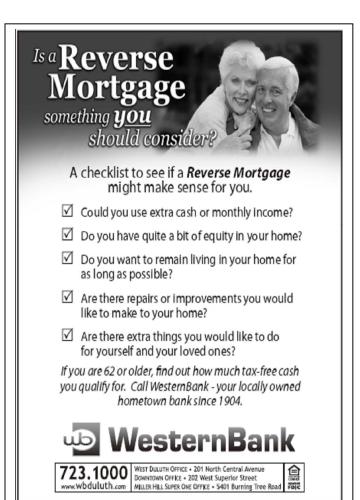
Lent is a special time, an "acceptable time" to grow, to change, and to seek more earnestly the face of the Lord. It is not just "my" private time, but rather is "our" time, the Church's time, the time in which as sisters and brothers throughout the world, we repent and believe the good news.

Father, help me to appreciate the need for Lenten prayer, meditation and discipline. Show me how I need to grow and give me the grace to do so. May this Lent be for me and for all Christians a special time of salvation. In Jesus' name, Amen

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Park Point Community Club Minutes February 18, 2010

18 people present

Meeting called to order 7:05

Pete Dane from the Fire Department put on a program with visual aid about fires, fire prevention, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. High points:

Most fires are started by unattended candles or electrical appliances –including stoves.

Both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are required by state law.

There was a discussion on the re-opening of the 4th street Market, with catering and possible delivery services

Communication from the City on a Tall Ships event coming in late July with 8 tall ships expected

Minnesota Sea Grant officials have asked to come to our next meeting to speak to us

A Captain's License School will be held at Lafayette Community Center, holding 4 weekend classes. They would like to make this an annual event, with a long term rental commitment.

Financial Review Committee under Chair Dick Gould still looking for a 3rd member

City Councilors Sharla Gardner and Dan Hartman attended the meeting. Gardner gave an update on the 16th St. rezoning request, and R2 zoning as the new zoning goes into effect at the end of the summer.

No update available on attempts to get an outside washroom at Lafayette.

Discussion again on environmental impact of Sky Harbor Airport by Pres. Poulin. New scoping document now available.

Potholes have been filled by City Streets Dept. (Hooray!)

City and Parks & Rec. Dept. making headway supporting activities on Park Point. (Another hooray!) Rink volunteers say rink has been flooded and cleaned regularly, and is in daily use.

Information presented by Pres. Poulin on changing the Park Point community Club's non-profit status to a 501C-3. A motion was passed to pursue this status, at an estimated future filing cost of \$850.

Old Business: A second vote was taken on a motion to spend up to \$1500 on trees and shrubs to be planted along Park Point by the Environmental Committee. Passed

A second related motion was made and passed will have the right to approve if trees will be planted where they may obstruct the view from their property.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 by unanimous approval.

Submitted by Acting Secretary Al Robins

PPCC Elections

According to the Community Club by-laws, In March of each election year (this is one!), at the club's regular March meeting, any member of the Club is eligible to present himself or herself to the membership as a candidate for any office of the club or it's committees. At that meeting, the Club also selects a Nominating Committee of 3 members who are not candidates for any office. They must prepare a slate of candidates for each and every office, which is presented at the April meeting. The elections then take place at the May meeting.

Everybody knows what the main offices are – the usual President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. But there are also the chairs 10 standing committees that must be elected, or else the post becomes vacant – even if someone has served in that post for years. My guess is many members don't even know what those committees are, or what they do. So I'll run through them.

Breeze Committee. The breeze committee chair is also the editor of the Breeze – that's me. The "committee" is only active when the editor needs help, as I occasionally do.

Art Fair Committee. A big one. This one is chaired by the Art Fair Coordinator, Carla Tamburro, as part of her contract. She's the chief, but she must call on many volunteers and delegate many of the tasks required to put together the Club's signature event.

Rummage Sale Committee. This used to be part of the Art Fair Committee, but she's got enough on her plate. Currently held by Charlene Shimmin, this is the person who arranges the advertising, portapotties, etc., that make this event work.

Financial Review Committee. This is an important committee of 3 members that review the books of the club each year. We haven't really followed the rules on this one. The books are reviewed after the end of the year, and we didn't pick a committee chair – Dick Gould – until this January, and he's still looking for a third member to fill out the committee. If we had done this on time, we wouldn't be rushing now.

Environmental Committee. Another big one, currently chaired by Kinnan Stauber. Involved not only with the annual plantings of trees, shrubs and grasses along the point, but also the lead group on such issues as the protection of the Park Point Pine Forest.

Hospitality Committee. This is the all important person who provides coffee and cookies at our monthly meetings. Currently held by Diane Gould, a committee of one, except, of course, if she's off in Belize or somewhere...

Sunshine Committee. Another committee of one, currently Pam Griggs. She's the one who sends out cards from the Club to members who have a significant event, be it a death or serious illness, or a "landmark" birthday or anniversary. Providing, of course, that someone lets her know about them. Then we have 3 committees that are currently vacant, or inactive:

Watch Committee. This is a committee charged with keeping an eye on the government, be it City, County, State or whatever. They are to then keep the Club informed of any matters that may concern members of the Park Point Community. We haven't had an active chair of this

Committee for some time, but as the by-laws state, every member of the Club is on this committee. **Program Committee.** This was a committee or person who, in coordination with the President, arranges for speakers, presentations, candidate forums, etc, at our monthly meetings. This job has basically fallen on the President, though he does get help some times. Take the excellent presentation by the Fire Marshall at last month's meeting, which was arranged by Dennis Hoelsher. We don't need a speaker at every meeting, but it would take some of the load off the President if he had someone designated to help with this.

Youth Committee. This is one that's been vacant for awhile, but really should be filled. Last summer when the Club sponsored a Summer Youth Program, we simply appointed a liaison to communicate between the Youth Program and the Club. If we sponsor the program again – and I sure hope we do – it would be nice to have a committee in place to work with them. A Youth Committee could also work with the volunteers who have maintained our skating rink the last two winters.

See anything here you'd like to do?

2010 Park Point Community Club Membership

Below is a listing of the paid members of the PPCC, received as of March 4th. They're being printed so you can see who's in the Club, and if you're not, to remind you to send in your dues to Club VP Liz Mackay, at 2233 Minnesota Avenue. Any questions, you can call her at 722-1834. Misspellings are probably my fault, but you can check with her on that, too.

Anderson, Brooks Ball, Bob & Lee

Beechler, Lynn & Darrell Bentfield, Bill & Lynn

Bjerklie, Janine
Brown, Barbara
Buck, Dawn & Ted
Cameron, John
Catanzarite, Kathy
Clementsen, Ruby
Clark-Pegg, John & Lyn

Cooper, John & Pat Dartanyan, Alan & Cheryl DeMeria, Billy "D"

Dorr, Neil & Dana'e Dwyer, Judy Anne Eggert, David Fisher, Harry & Pat Freimuth. Donald

Gallice, Richard & JoAnn

Gardner, Tom

Gooder, Bill & Katie Gould, Dick & Diane Griggs, Tom & Pam

Hales, Marcia

Hausauer, Candace J. Heide, Kimberly Hoelscher, Dennis Holliday, Mary

Hooper, Elizabeth Gay Jacobs, Howard & Bette

Johnson, Bryan Johnson, Duane Johnson, Steven Johnston, Nancy Kaim, Ethelyn Kapsner, Jake Kaspari, Cameron & Pearl

Kellner, Deb & Paul

Kellner, Ralph & Mary

Kerns, Carolyn Kerns, Gale & Jeri

King, Steve & Anita Kollodge, Kathy & Ken

Kondrath, Carol

Krenelka, Glen & Rene

Krieger, Peter A. Krizan, Jeanne A. Larson, Donn & Donna

Lavamaki, Dave & Diane Lent, Bob & Carole

Linn, Gordon & Caro Lombardi, Dick

Long, Bill

Lundgren, Muriel Lyle, Tom & Gloria Mackay, Tom & Liz

Maki, Barbara Malyuk, George

Mantay, Jackie & Don

Margitan, Marie Maynard, Carleen Maynard, Joel McDonnell, Coral McKHann, Lisa Mock, Rachel

Nelson, Gary & Linda Nelson, Glorian J.

Nelson, Janice & Gilbert (Pete)

Nelson, Deanne Olson, Nancy

Olson, Rodney, Patricia & Tricia

O'Neill, Dan

Ouray, Jim

Pauley, Peter, Candave &

Meghan

Paulson, Jeanette

Peterson, Greg & Jenny

Petrovic, Betty

Pietrowski, Walter & Geri

Pitcher, Gratia L. Pitcher, Gratia S. Poulin, Dave

Prettner-Solon, Yvonne Quackenbush, Mary Anne

Robins, Al & Sheryl

Rutherford, Bruce & LeAne

Scholz, Michael Schmidt, John Scott, Mary Shabatura, Lois Shaw, Dick & Nancy

Shimmin, Dale

Skinner, Charles & A Park Strumm, Scott & Rhonda Stuermer, Jeff & Laura

Swanson, bob Tamburro, Carla Thyms, Dawn Townsend, Chelly Trolander, Judy Truel, Jan

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As an Enrolled Agent, I am credentialed to practice before the IRS. This service is free to any of my clients who are subject to an IRS audit. You should know that only three professional groups are granted the right to represent clients before the IRS. They are: Lawyers who have passed a state bar, Certified Public Accountants (CPA's), and Enrolled Agents (EA's). All three professions are required to go through extensive schooling and testing to acquire their designated status.

My goal is to provide quality, personal, and low cost tax preparation and advice to individuals and small business. My practice is limited to only those returns to which I can give my full attention. This keeps overhead down, and because of the lower costs, I can, in most cases, do your individual return for very close to the cost of an individual software package.

Unless otherwise directed, all of the returns I prepare are e-filed to include the 1040 and Minnesota State return. Refunds under this system can be received within a week to 10 days of filing.

If you have been with a qualified preparer for a number of years, (s)he has probably earned your business. If you have been doing your own return and are ready to turn it over to someone, I would appreciate being considered for doing your taxes.

If you are leaving a paid preparer, I believe I can save you up to 50% of the tax preparation fees you paid last year.

Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

Thomas Griggs, E.A.

Editor's Corner

Once again I've printed the Community Club Membership list in the Breeze. It's an incomplete list. Our membership drive continues, there's still plenty of time to get in your dues. Part of the reason I print it is to remind you to do just that. Still, it's already a pretty impressive list. Looking at it, it shouldn't be hard to come up with a slate of candidates for Club offices, should it?

The elections don't take place until the May meeting, but it's this month, at the March 18th meeting, is when we begin the process, by appointing a nominating committee, and taking nominations for all offices and committee chairs.

Terms for all officers and committee chairs are two years, and if they are not re-nominated and re-elected, and if no one is willing to take their place, the office simply becomes vacant. We have several vacant positions right now. With as many members as we have, we really ought to be able to fill them. You don't have to go out and drum up support. You're allowed, and encouraged, to nominate yourself. We could really use some "new blood". And we promise not to take much of yours.

PARK POINT GARAGE SALE FRIDAY JUNE 11 & SAT. JUNE 12

Park Point's "Get rid of Stuff" event is coming fast and it now is a great time to get STUFF sorted out and price. Call friends and family and invite them to have a sale with you.

Have you ever wondered who suggested there be a special weekend for the Park Point Garage Sale? It was Pat Joyal. Pat was the one who, also, started the Park Point Art Fair. In her quiet way she has done much for our community. Pat deserves a big "THANK YOU PAT". Pat is one very special Park Pointer.

If you have any questions regarding the garage sale please call Charlene 722-6828 or email at parkpoint@clearwire.net

April 1 is Park Point Tunnel Appreciation Day

The Park Point Tunnel Commissioner announces that "April 1st is once again to be honored as Tunnel Appreciation Day." The location of the tunnel remains secret, known to residents only, though guests may be admitted to the celebration by permitholders. Revelers are asked to restrict celebrations to the tunnel's west entrance, Point-side, due to construction issues.





The Breeze

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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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