

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting
February 18th
7PM at Lafayette**

**President's Day
February 15th**

**Lafayette community
Edible Garden
Meeting and Potluck
March 21**

**Park Point Rummage sale
June 11th & 12th**

**Park Point Art Fair
June 26th & 27th**

Getting Up There



The scaffolding keeps growing up around the city-side tower, as workers continue painting and repairs of the aerial lift bridge. Walking those catwalks isn't quite my idea of the ideal job, especially on those cold windy days. My hat's off to those guys who do it. (But just for a minute – my hair's too thin to go bare for long). I'm not sure just where they are in the process, or how many more seasons they'll be at it, but despite a few late night closures, and intermittent single-lane traffic, it hasn't been much of an inconvenience this year. And it's certainly been interesting to watch.

I know it's our tax dollars being spent, and some of it comes from the economic stimulus funds, but it's good to see our vital link to the mainland being maintained. This isn't a "bridge to nowhere," it's the bridge to our homes.

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 February 26th for the March 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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February 18 Community Club Meeting

On the Agenda:

Accountant Mark Ball will explain the process of changing the PPCC to a 501c3 status

A short talk by the new owner of the 4th Street Market on what he has to offer

A presentation on home fire safety by the Fire Department

The announcement below was sent to me, and I'm printing it in the Breeze, not because we have any burning need for new playground equipment here on the Point, but rather as an example of the kind of grants we could apply for IF the Park Point Community club we to change our non-profit status to a 501c3
The Editor

Parks and Recreation Commission announces availability of grant funds for Neighborhood Playground Equipment Revitalization Projects. Application deadline is March 1st

Neighborhood groups have until March 1st to apply for the new grant funds for the purchase of new playground equipment or the repair of existing equipment at recognized city parks and clubhouse locations. These grants are limited to \$15,000 and require an equal cash dollar match.

City Council action this past summer created this new grant program that will be administered by the Parks and Recreation Commission once a year. Playground improvements are beneficial to neighborhoods and the community as a whole and the City would like to aid residents with this grant program to match funds they have raised.

Applications must be received by the Parks and Recreation Commission no later than March 1, 2010. For a grant application and additional information, call the Parks and Recreation office at 730-4309 or stop by or write to: City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Commission, 12 E 4th St, Duluth, MN 55805. Applications are also available on our website at:

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At St. Andrew's, each person is encouraged to offer some daily time to God to reflect on one's inner life and outer actions. A booklet some are reading for Lent is Not by Bread Alone by Jay Cormier. He offers an interesting illustration of the carnival week in New Orleans (and other places) that leads up to Lent.

"Carnival celebrations go back centuries, and during the time of the early church, some were 'adapted' and used as celebrations in their young faith. For the first generations of Christians, the early spring festivals became a prelude to the solemn observance of Lent. The wildness of Mardi Gras contrasted to the stark fast of Ash Wednesday. One of the funniest parts of carnival makes an important point about one of the most sobering dimensions of Lent - *putting death to death*. With great imagination, the carnival celebration depicts death as an ugly devil, a grumpy Old Man Winter, or the king of fools. On the last night of the carnival, this figure of death is tossed into a lake or chased from the town or reduced to ashes during a midnight bonfire. When death dies, the carnival comes to an abrupt end, masks are removed, greasepaint is wiped off, the revelries cease. The past is left in ashes - or exiled."

(Morehouse Publishing, p. 8)

One of the most difficult dimensions of Lent is to lay aside the masks we wear to hide not only from others and from God - but from ourselves as well. Lent asks us for honesty and a desire to live into what God wants us to be. It's all part of the faith pilgrimage. So a question to ponder, as Lent begins for those who observe it: Is there a mask you would like to remove or a tension you would like to put to death this Lenten season - so you can eventually walk with the eyes of Easter faith?

*You are invited to participate in **Ash Wednesday** worship, **February 17, 7 pm** Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes*

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

Priests : Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala and Fr. John Golobich
Deacon: Ted Windus Sr.

RCIA OUTREACH

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

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.

Services

Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations

Every Sunday at 9:00 A. M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Sunday at 8:30 A.M.

Say Thank You to your Breeze delivery people!

It happens every year about this time. As I'm running around dropping off bundles of the Breeze on a cold winter day, I think, "Geez, I always forget to thank all the people who trudge through the snow and cold to deliver the Breeze door to door." What's more, I bet half the Park Point residents don't even know who delivers their copy. So along with my personal "thank you", here's a list of your delivery people, so you can thank them as well.

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Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes January 21, 2010

(MSC=motion , seconded and carried)

The regular meeting of the PPCC was held on 1/21/2010 at Lafayette Square, upper level. President Dave Poulin called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. All officers were in attendance. Thirty members signed in. Guests included County Commissioner Dennis Fink, Scott Sannes from SEH, Brian Grefe and Dave Werner from Duluth Airport Authority.

MSC to approve minutes from November meeting. Flaig/Gould

Financial report- Chuck Flaig distributed profit and loss detail, current balance=\$48,645.02. Art Fair 2009 net profit =\$8,837.14. MSC to approve financial report.

Scheduled bridge lifts- Dennis Hoelscher presented data on the number of bridge lifts per season, report states that 132,000 vehicles crossed the bridge in Dec. 2009.

MSC that the PPCC endorse the scheduled lifting of the Aerial Lift Bridge. Hoelscher/Wolfe.

Report from Dennis Fink-Dennis polled the crowd to get a feel on support for the Northern Lights Express and the deconstruction/sale of the jail. He reported on the status of the jail and costs associated with taking it down.

Sky Harbor Tree Obstruction Update- Scott Sannes from the engineering firm SEH, distributed handout entitled "Runway 32 Obstructions and Alternatives Update." He gave presentation and answered questions.

Art Fair-Carla Tamburro gave report.

MSC to pursue the process of moving PPCC to 501c3 non-profit status. Dartanyan/Gould.

Youth Committee-Dave Lavamaki and Dave Poulin reported steady use of the rink. Gate is unlocked for City of Duluth sweeper truck for ice maintenance. Liz Mackay reported that Americorps is interested in supplying another staff for our summer program.

Audit Committee- Liz Mackay reported the need to start one, Dick Gould volunteered for the project with the stipulation that he have access to all needed documentation for a proper audit.

Environmental Committee- Report by Dick Gould on the annual tree planting project.

MSC that the PPCC spend up to \$1500.00 on trees, spikes, fencing for this year's planting effort. Gould/Lavamaki (This will require another vote next month.)

MSC to rescind the Bjerklie/Robins motion from Nov. meeting "to adopt the shed design submitted by the Lafayette Edible Community Garden and to spend up to \$3500.00 on the shed(pending City approval)." Lavamaki/Dartanyan

MSC to spend up to \$1000.00 on a shed. Gould (This was second vote needed from October motion)

Membership report- Vice President Liz Mackay reported that 87 members have already signed up. Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Notes from January's Meeting:

Another delicious and informative Sunday Potluck Supper was enjoyed by garden members and guests on January 17 at the Community Center. Due to a schedule conflict, a last minute change of guest speakers gave us the chance to meet Duluth Hillside residents and gardeners Kristin Stuchis and her husband Michael Gabier. This plant-passionate couple gave an informative slide presentation about their garden and greenhouse.

Attendee Carol Kondrath reports, "Kristin and Michael's gardening approach is very much in line with the principles our garden is attempting to promote. They use recycled products as much as they can. They have a compost and also collect compost from various sites to add to theirs. Another principle they encourage is careful [plant] placement, considering sun, water, traffic etc.

"They [too] just planted fruit trees. Kristin had a full slide of the first apple. It was exquisite and her pride was also. She also mentioned that she did pluck some of the blossoms from this tree in line with helping to make it a healthier young tree.

"They have a greenhouse that a friend gave them and they move it within a season to two sites. This simple, clear plastic form can be lifted with four people doing it. In very early spring, they start things such as peas [in the greenhouse], and then move it and these are left out and the greenhouse then gets the tomato plants, etc.

"They have more than 10 varieties of garlic. And mentioned careful record keeping of what plants do well. We, of course, have two types [of garlic growing in our garden], and that is very exciting.

"They had much in their presentation and even gave a detailed handout explaining permaculture*. But my favorite part of their sharing was their joy and passion in doing sustainable, urban, gardening. "

*Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary defines *permaculture* as, "an agricultural system or method that seeks to integrate human activity with natural surroundings so as to create highly efficient self-sustaining ecosystems."

Upcoming Meetings:

February: No meeting this month as most gardeners will be hibernating or heading south to warmer climates.

March: Our meeting on March 21 will be a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Watch for more details in the *March Breeze*. Our meetings and dinners are open to anyone, but if you want to join us officially, call Coral (727-6455).

Save the Date for Slow Food:

For more information about the following events, visit SlowFoodLakeSuperior.org. or call 218/728-5066.

March 7: Enjoy a day outdoors at a Ski and Stew event. Test your Slow Food knowledge, and enjoy a potluck supper and great conversations.

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*. You are invited to spend an hour or two at the event sharing your ideas about how to get started doing some of the things Kingsolver's family did. Do you you're your own cheese or yogurt? 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.

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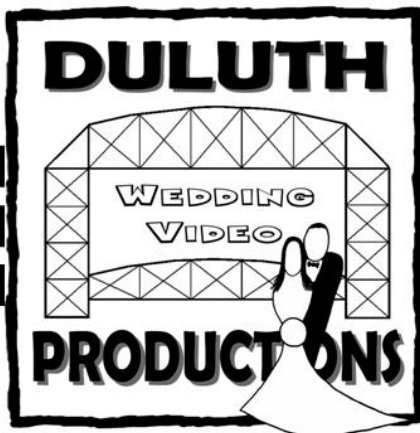
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More Fun on the Ice



Last month I mentioned people out on the bay ice skating and ice boating, but I left out ice fishing! And they're the most dedicated ones out there. Some times there's just a few houses – as in this picture – but sometimes there's whole villages, mostly spread out along the edge of the shipping channel. Seinfeld might not understand the allure, but then, he doesn't speak Minnesotan. (Or Wisconsinite – it's kind of no mans land out there)

CALL FOR ARTISTS TO ENTER 40th ANNUAL PARK POINT ART FAIR

Applications due March 1, 2010

DULUTH, Minn. (Jan. 1, 2010)—Artists are invited to apply for entry into the 40th annual Park Point Art Fair, which will feature 115 visual artists exhibiting and selling their work June 26 and 27, 2010 at the Park Point Recreation Area in Duluth, Minn. Applications are due (postmarked) March 1. This is a juried art fair of original, handmade work in clay, jewelry, glass, fiber, sculpture, photography, wood, painting, leather, 2D & 3D mixed media. Not accepted: kits, patterns, buy/sell or country crafts. To apply, applicants submit four slides or electronic samples (jpeg) representing the work they will show and sell. A jury of three art professionals will judge the slides based on craftsmanship and originality. The highest scores in each category are then selected to attend the two-day event, where more than \$1,000 in cash awards, including a \$300 Best of Show, are bestowed upon artists, as well as a gift of original art and an automatic qualification for the next year's show. In 2009, 121 artists were selected from a pool of local, regional and national applicants. The free event attracted an estimated 8,000 - 10,000 visitors for its fine arts and crafts, food court, live music, interactive arts for children, storytelling, a puppet show and more. The Park Point Art Fair is presented by the Park Point Community Club, a volunteer citizen group that uses art fair proceeds to support local youth activities, environmental projects such as tree plantings and dune preservation, and other community-minded efforts. For an application, more information and a complete list of 2009 artists, visit www.parkpointartfair.org.

Mailing address:

Park Point Art Fair 2010,
P.O. Box 16326 Duluth, MN 55816-0326

At a glance:

- 10am - 5pm June 26 and 27, 2010, Park Point Recreation Area, Duluth, MN.
- 120 artists in variety of media, food, live music, children's activities.
- Artist applications due March 1, 2010; online at www.parkpointartfair.org.

MEDIA CONTACT: Carla Tamburro, coordinator

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Editor's Corner

I recently received a stack of old Breeze's from the late 80's and early 90's. Much of it concerns the Community Club's acquisition of the old Park Point School for use as a Community Center, and it's eventual re-sale and demolition. (Some of the school's old architectural features can still be seen on a few houses here on the Point. In fact, a couple of Pointer's are actually taking molds from a few of the decorative figures, and making copies of them).

There were lots of other interesting articles in those old Breeze's, too. Stories on kid's programs and senior programs at Lafayette. A great story on all the little grocery stores that used to line the Point, and an interview with Dick Gajewski at Bayside Market. A story on the building and launching of an ice boat on the bay. (Whatever happened to that?)

But what I find most interesting in these old issues is the things that haven't changed. Even back then there were questions about proper use of the bike, or recreation lane. There was discussion of scheduled bridge lifts. There was controversy surrounding proposed developments – some of which happened, some didn't. And so on.

There are always issues that divide us, and issues that unite us. And on-going, never-ending, probably unsolvable issues that just plain annoy us. That's just part of being a community – or a Community Club. So as the PPCC continues it's annual membership drive, I urge you to take a deep breath and join up. You don't have to come to every meeting, but when an issue comes up, and you have something to say, it's a place to be heard. (And yes, I'm printing names!)

Park Point Rummage Sale

The annual Park Point Rummage Sale is scheduled for Friday June 11th and Saturday June 12th. With snow on the ground it is hard to believe it is only 3 months until the big event. We would encourage you to look through those closets, attic and garage for unused treasures, get them priced and ready for the event.

Also, please get the word out to your friends and family. You are all on the committee. Publicity releases will be sent out mid-May to the news media. If you know of any non-profit groups that are going to be set up during the sale please let us know, so we can include the information in the news release.

Email to parkpoint@clearwire.net

Or call Charlene at 722-6828

Volunteers needed for financial review committee.

Wait, wait, don't run away yet! It's not as scary as it sounds! This isn't a full audit – a CPA is not required (though one would be welcome). It's just a members review committee, required by our by-laws, to look over the books to be sure there's no impropriety. We already have a chairperson in Dick Gould, who knows about this stuff. We just need a couple more warm bodies to assist him. If you're willing, contact Dick at 727-4067

Rowing Club Fundraiser Still Going On

A dumpster for the collection of shiny paper is still located at the Rowing Club Boathouse on 39th and Minnesota.

We are going to keep the dumpster as a fundraiser for the Rowing Club for as long as possible. The only paper accepted must be shiny: magazines, ads from the Sunday paper, shiny catalogs, brochures, etc..... Many thanks to the Park Pointers who have collected and recycled already; let's keep it going for the good of the environment AND as a money-maker for the Rowing Club.....win-win for all! Our goal is to raise enough money for a new double or quad for the youth and junior rowing programs.

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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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