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## Calendar

Park Point Community Club Meeting & Elections! May 20th 7PM at Lafayette

> Planting in the Dunes Saturdays in May

Park Point Garden Club Twin Cities garden center trip[ May 11<sup>th</sup>

Park Point Rummage sale June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12th

> Park Point Art Fair June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

Park Point 5-Miler July 16<sup>th</sup>

Nancy English 5k July 31<sup>st</sup>

Duluth Maritime Festival July 28-August 3

# The mission of the Breeze is to serve the community by:

- Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club
- Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects
- 3) Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns
- Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live

# Fire Hall #5 Needs A New Home



It doesn't take too close an inspection to see that Fire Hall #5 on Park Point needs major work. It's been on the top of the list for replacement for a couple years. Various plans have been proposed and then withdrawn – everything from relocating it to a new building at Lafayette Square to a bigger "pull through" building on it's current site, with a widening of  $22^{nd}$  Street and adding a turn around circle. Finally a more modest plan was approved, saving part of the old building, but changing the configuration and building a new addition. Construction is scheduled to begin in July and (we hope) finish up in February.

However, that presents another problem. During construction, both the fire truck and firefighters will need to find a temporary home on Park Point. They are our first responders. We need them here.

The Coast Guard has offered one of their bays as a temporary quarters, but only until ice-up. Then they'll need to put a boat in there. A hangar at the airport was suggested, but that would put the fire truck down at the far end of the Point.

As of this writing, I don't think a location has been found. So if you've got any good ideas, give Fire Hall #5 a call. 723-3215

# The Breeze

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**Submissions** 

The deadline is June 4th for the June 2010 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at <u>breezeditor@msn.com</u> by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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### Park Point Community Club May meeting Agenda

- \* Election of Officers and Committee Chairs (see below for a list of candidates)
- \* 2<sup>nd</sup> vote on spending up to \$500 on boardwalk at 12<sup>th</sup> St.

\* Discussion of park boundaries and Spring planting by environmental committee

\* Planning for building storage shed at Lafayette (already authorized)

\*Discussion on prepaying for portapotties for the Rummage Sale \*Presentation by VisitDuluth on Tall Ships Festival and its effect on Park Point

\*Presentation by Joel Johnson of Lakehead Boat Basin on proposed new hotel (and grocery store) development between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> streets.

### Park Point Community Club Elections

The nomination committee has rounded up a slate of candidates for most offices, to be voted on at the May 20<sup>th</sup> PPCC meeting. There are still a few committee chair positions for which no candidates have been found, and nominations from the floor will be accepted at the May meeting for ALL POSITIONS! You can run for any office even if another candidate has been nominated! It's called a contested election! We do that in America!

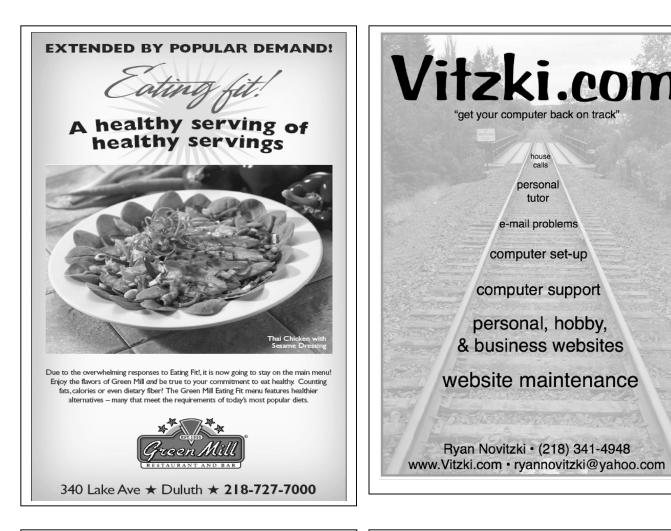
However, these are the candidates that have been nominated SO FAR.

<u>Officers</u>

President: Dick Gould V. President Liz Mackay Secretary: Sheryl Robbins Treasurer: Al Robbins <u>Committee Chairs</u> Hospitality: Diane Gould Environmental: Kinnan Stauber Finance: Dave Poulin Art Fair: Carla Tamburro Breeze: Alan Dartanyan Sunshine: Pam Griggs Youth: open Program: open Watch: open Rummage Sale: open

## Looking for Rip Current Monitors!

We've known for a number of years about rip currents on Park Point. Their deadliness was in full display in 2003, with one death and a number of rescues. Recently, the National Weather Service in Duluth began offering forecasts of rip current conditions for the beach. Unfortunately, rip currents in the Great Lakes are not well understood. We're looking for a few dependable folks to take several simple measurements on the beach daily during the summer to help us better understand and predict rip current conditions, and improve forecasting ability. Interested? Call or E mail Jesse at 726-6182 or jschombe@umn.edu



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

'We are a people on the Way to knowing, loving and serving God' (Mission Statement of St. Andrew's)

*The Way* is a code the early Christians used to refer to those who followed the life and teachings of Jesus. It was used at a time when those who followed Christ were being persecuted by the Roman government. Christians in America do not face persecution. If we face anything, it's apathy or acedia.

A church does not exist to be a 'club' for those inside. A Christian faith community exists to worship the God of wonder, the God of creation, the God of love -- and then to go forth and share that love to mend a broken and hurting world. People of the church are never meant to stay inside the church – but to get out and live *with* others and *for* others - because that's what Jesus showed us in his life, death and resurrection.

In his book, <u>The Present Future</u>, Reggie McNeal tells the story of Pastor Cho in South Korea. This is what he instructs the people of his church to say when they are asked **about the** intentional acts of kindness they perform: "I am a disciple of Jesus. I am serving him by serving you, because that's what he came to do." How simple can it be? And why do we twist ourselves

into making it anything else but that?

Everyone is welcome at St. Andrew's. Come and join with others who want to make a difference in this world, because we follow the Way.

The Community gathers at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays to worship (and at various other times to do our work in the world)

#### Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church 2002 Minnesota Ave 722-3078

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

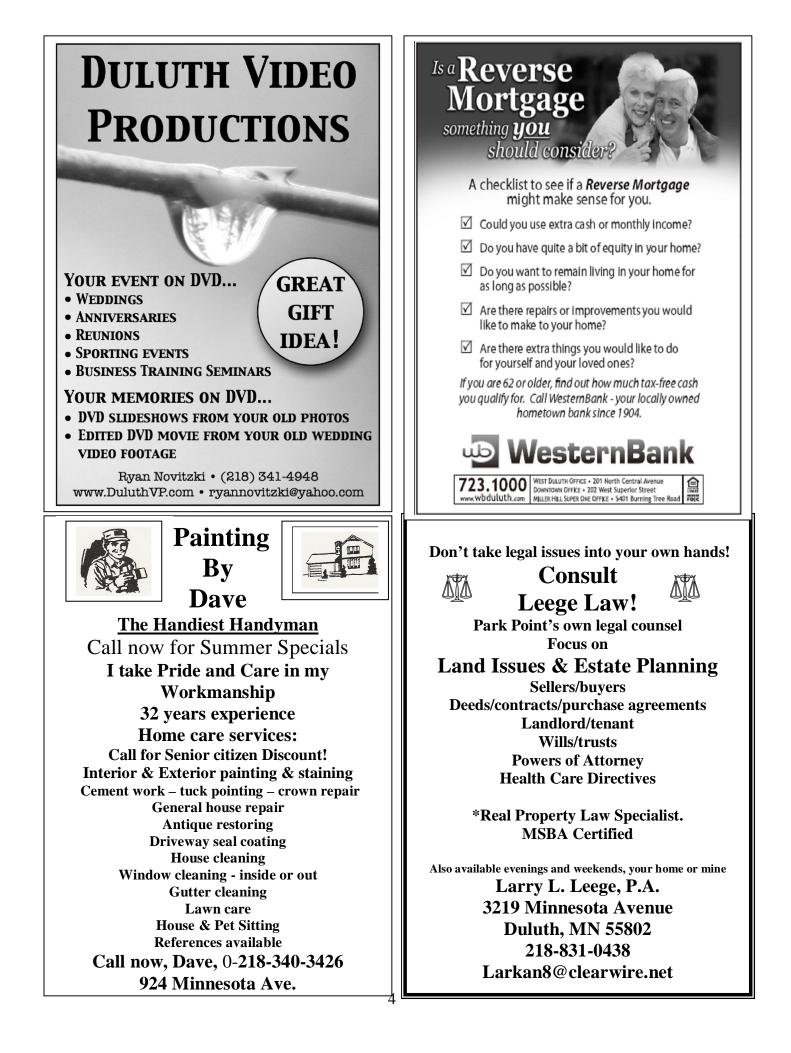
#### Courage Amid Rejection

It was bedtime and four-year-old Lillian complained that she didn't want to go to sleep. Her mom explained that when she was born, God gave her the job of taking care of her, making sure she ate right, dressed well and had enough sleep. "I'm not trying to be mean," her mom told her, "but it is the job that God gave me." Lillian pronounced, "Then you're fired!"

Just because you do the right think, that doesn't mean people will accept you. Actually the opposite may very well happen. It happened to Jesus and it happened to his followers. Are you afraid of rejection? Are you worried about being different than others? Don't be, for if you are rejected you are in good company: our Lord's.

Gracious Father, too often I worry what others may say or think about me, so much so that I do not live as I should. Help me, by the grace of your spirit, to be courageous. I pray in Jesus' name, the Fearless One. Amen.

> Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations Every Sunday at 9:00 AM



#### Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes April 15,2010

Meeting called to order by President Dave Poulin at 7:07 pm, all officers present. Approximately 23 residents in attendance.

**Motion** made to accept minutes from March meeting as printed in the Breeze. Accepted with 2 corrections from Dave Poulin. 1-Scott Wolff and Kinnan Stauber contributed to the letter written by LeAnn Rutherford to Representative Jim Oberstar re. tree trimming at Sky Harbor Airport. 2- Re. shed donation. Shed donation did not work out at this time. Potential donor is out of town until May.

**Motion** to allow the Duluth Boat Club to use Lafayette facilities free of charge for an upcoming event. Wolfe/Robins. Motion carried.

Thanks to Dennis Hoelscher for his work on the scheduled lifts for the Aerial Bridge.

#### Youth Committee-

**Motion** made to spend up to \$5000.00 on the summer youth program. (This was the second vote on this expenditure.) Dartanyan/L. Mackay. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report**-Chuck Flaig presented report. Current balance = \$42,914.05

**Environmental Committee**-Kinnan Stauber presented report on tree planting projects. Call Dick Gould for time and place of Saturday planting events in May. Kinnan presented details of the 1939 conveyance of property on Park Point for recreational use. Questions were raised about the legitimacy of the sale of property past 43<sup>rd</sup> for development in 2008. The Park boundaries must be acknowledged to protect land from future development. Call Kinnan for more details. Dick Gould gave a report on the decaying sewer and water infrastructure on Park Point.

**Firefighter Chad Rindal**- 10 runs during the last 30 days -5 medical and 5 miscellaneous calls. Several residents took advantage of the smoke detector program. Call 723-3215 for details of that program. Housing is needed for fire truck and firefighter during construction of new fire hall. Construction scheduled to begin in July 2010 and wrap up February 2011. Please call Chad if you have a heated garage for rig and a place for a firefighter to stay during those months. Thank you to the firefighters who cleared off the boardwalk at the S curve.

**Motion** to spend up to \$500.00 to extend the walkway over to the porta-potty at the S curve site. Hoelscher/T. Mackay. Motion carried.

Art Fair report-Carla Tamburro presented report. 118 artists have been selected via jury. 10 are on the waiting list. Food vendors have been selected and are being notified.

Discussion about collaboration with the "Friends of the Parks" group.

Flagpole report-Tom Mackay thanked those who helped with this project at the S curve and donated flags.

**Motion** was made to reimburse Tom Mackay for supplies used on the flagpole project. Motion carried. **Dip in the Road** report- Tom Mackay will resume his quest to have these areas properly finished. There are several places with a significant "dip in the road" long after development is finished. Councilor Gardner has been contacted about these problem areas. Call Tom if you would like to help with this project.

Motion to adjourn, 8:11 pm. Dawn Buck, secretary.





## **Art Fair Volunteers Needed**

Here is a fun, easy way to get involved and get to know your neighbors, while supporting a great tradition on the Point.

Volunteers are needed before, during and after the Park Point Art Fair, Saturday and Sunday, June 26th and 27th. Help set up, clean up, greet visitors, booth sit or children at the art making tent. Family reunion the weekend of the fair? No worries you can still be involved. Volunteers are needed as early as June to help distribute posters and bookmarks to area businesses.

The event raises money that the Community Club uses to support the ever popular summer youth program! The proceeds also support environmental projects like the preservation of the Minnesota Pine Forest, dune restoration and tree plantings.

Sign up to share as little or as much time as you can spare. In addition to the good karma, volunteers gain an invite to an exclusive, yet highly inclusive, artist dinner.

Here is your chance to help make it another successful year at the Park Point Art Fair. Please contact Diane Gould, Hospitality Committee Chair at 727-4067 or Carla Tamburro, Art Fair Coordinator at 218-428-1916 or visit our website at parkpointcommunityclub.org where you can print, fill out and mail in a volunteer application.



Lynn Bentfield Realtor, GRI Duluth Native Park Point Resident 19 Yrs. Experience Cell:218-464-3790 Direct 218-728-7702 Fax:218-728-7710 Toll free:800-777-8403 lynnbenfield@edinarealty.com



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the Bay at the S curve.

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#### Coming to a Forest Near You! Hartley Nature Center's Urban Wilderness Camp

This will be the third summer in which Hartley is offering its Urban Wilderness Camp with sponsorship from whole Foods Co-op, Duluth superior Community Foundation and Minnesota's Lake superior coastal Program. The day camp runs eight weeks, Monday through Thursday, from June 21 to August 20, from 9am until 4pm. Youth ages 9-12 can sign up for one week, or many weeks. This year, the camp will be based at four different Duluth parks for two weeks each including **Canal Park and Park Point** during the weeks of July 6-9 and July 12-15. Each week focuses on a different theme – wildlife, plants, water and humans. Campers will have opportunities for hiking, exploring, canoeing, field games, learning outdoor skills, stewardship, meeting new friends, being part of a team, and most importantly – fun! Scholarships and discounted family memberships are available for students that qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program.

To sign up or for more information on this, or any of Hartley's other summer camps please contact Hartley Nature Center at 218-724-6735. More information is also available at *www.hartleynature.org*.

#### **Duluth Rowing Club Open House**

## Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – noon

Everyone is welcome to come and see what rowing is all about. There will be information about the upcoming season for juniors, learn-to-row, recreation, racing, and everything in between for rowers that are junior high students up to age ?.

#### DRC Learn to Row Registration 2010

#### Notice: We currently have openings in all sessions

The Duluth Rowing club is offering a beginners course for adults on the fundamentals of rowing as an introduction to the sport of rowing. Rowing is a great full body workout and a non-impact activity. It is also an excellent way to cross-train for other sports such as running or skiing. Rowing attire consists of workout clothing and sport/tennis shoes.

Three sessions will be offered and held at the Duluth Rowing Club, Park Point, 3900 Minnesota Avenue. Each two-week session is \$75.00 and class size is limited/

#1. June 21-July 1, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

#2. July 12-22, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

#3. July 26-August 5, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

### Save your glossy magazines and paper

The DRC is continuing to collect glossy magazines and other glossy paper as a fundraiser. Bring it down to the boathouse any time. Many thanks to those that have saved and left paper in the dumpster.

### Upcoming Regatta Dates at the Boathouse:

Duluth International Regatta: July 10, 2010

Death Row 25K Regatta: September 19, 2010

### Duluth Rowing Club Website: http://www.duluthrowing.org/

### **Boat Club Site**

The Eco Rotary has been doing a great job of cleaning up the Boat Club Site at 13<sup>th</sup> St. and the Bay – even going so far as to rake glass shards out of the sand. All the dredge material has been leveled out or put into a berm.

Unfortunately, it looks as if someone has dumped more sand there. At the end nearest the grove of aspen trees, you can see tire tracks where it looks like someone came in, turned around, and dumped two loads of sand – perhaps three yards or so. The Boat Club, and the Community Club, would like to remind everyone that there is NO DUMPING allowed at the site.

#### News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Come see our recent expansions. With a load of timbers obtained from the dismantling of the Playfront playground, new gardening beds are being built. Also included in the haul from Playfront are decorative objects and fencing.

At our April 18 meeting, Paul Treuer gave us some history of Duluth's community gardens and he shared with each family in attendance an heirloom bean from a past Park Point gardener and cuttings from his own table grape plants.

Our meetings and dinners are open to anyone, but if you want to join us officially, call Coral (727-6455). If you want to be an active member in this year's community garden, you must join NOW.

#### **Individual Garden Plots Available**

Our community garden has two large raised beds available for rent for personal gardens. We'll supply the plantready soil and irrigation. You supply the plants and labor, and you get to keep the harvest. Each bed is \$40 for this growing season, plus \$25 for membership in the community garden. If more than 2 people apply for these gardens, their names will be drawn by lottery at the May 16 general meeting. Contact Coral (727-6455) to apply or for more info. **Upcoming Events** 

## Upcoming Events

May 16, 5pm, Clean Out Your Larder Sunday Potluck Supper and monthly meeting at the Lafayette Square Community Club. Bring any seeds, plantings or seedlings you would like to donate to the community garden effort. Laurel Sanders, coordinator of the Kid's Café at the Damiano Center, will speak about the kids' organic garden program at the Duluth Community Garden.

#### To: Park Point Citizens, Members of the Community Club, Lake Users and Lovers From: Dick Gould

When I contacted city officials about our water and sewer problems, they said they had not received many letters or emails about the problems, and therefore, were not as interested as they might have been if that were not the case. So, how about writing a letter? Here is some information you might use. Write from your perspective. Where are your concerns?

Talking or writing points: How about writing a letter?

We Park Pointers have 2 major water problems. Input and Output

Input: our water mains

- Are about 105 years old. (circa 1905)
- Do not recirculate as most mains do
- Unacceptably end in a septic leaching field surrounding the last hydrant at Sky Harbor Airport
- Provide increasingly poorer water clarity as distance from the bridge increases. (brown water)

Question: In what ways does the quality of our water mains affect you now? Do you have enough water pressure? Is your water clean and clear? How much more water can be provided if demand increases due to development or increased population on the Point? Who needs to know your concerns? What do you want: new water mains, increased zoning with water demands in mind? Other?

Output: Our existing sewer line from the bridge to the end of the Point

- Leaks
- Is about 50 years old
- Is the same old single pipe going over the bridge
- Is made of concrete which is leaky (and no longer used for sewers
- Is a major source of e-coli bacteria from human, not bird, waste in the water.
- Would qualify for funding under Focus Area 3, Goal 3 of latest Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Question: Are you concerned about the adequacy of the sewer line? Are you concerned about the pollution of the bay and lake from leaks? Are you apprehensive about potential health issues related to e-coli? Are you interested in federal money under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to help us address our pollution problems? What can you do? Write to ------- The more letters, the greater chance

Ask that studies be conducted. Ask EPA to apply part of that 475 million grant for Great Lakes Restoration, 2010. Ask to be included in new federal funding \$\$\$\$\$

#### **Editor's Corner**

Boy, there are just so many subjects I could ramble on about this month. What happened – or didn't happen – with the bridge lift schedule?

How about the Minnesota Avenue overlay? My last letter from the city, postponing the informational meeting and Public Hearing, said it was still a go for this summer. Could they wind up doing some sewer work, too? And how would that effect our assessments?

And there's yet another proposed hotel development for Park Point – I hear this one even has a small grocery store in the plans. How will the neighborhood react to that?

Then there's the Park Point Community Club's own business. We've got the election of all officers and committee chairs coming up at the May Meeting. We've still got some slots that we haven't found any candidates for yet.

But rather than get into any of those controversial subjects, I'll just state the obvious: Hey, all those new evergreen trees they transplanted into the Franklin Park Tot Lot sure look nice!



The phone has been ringing and the emails are coming wanting to know about the Annual Park Point Garage Sale. Buyers are coming from many, many miles away to help Park Pointers get rid of stuff they no need!! I was responding to both phone calls (call forwarding!) and emails while vacationing in Apache Junction AZ. for 2 months. In AZ sales are called Patio Sales.

It is hard to believe but it is only 1 month before the Annual Park Point Garage Sale June 11 & 12. Approx times are 8 AM to 5 PM. I can predict if you are out setting up at 7 AM you may make a sale. Please try and have a sale even if it is only a few items. This is a fun event. A very long block party!

Please let me know if you know of any non profit groups that are having sales. That information is needed by May 15 if you want it to be put into the News Release. Please don't assume I have the information, from other years.

As Park Pointers you are all on the committee. If you see someone selling on public property please kindly ask them not to do it. All sales must be in private yards.

If you have any questions please call at 722-6828 or email at parkpoint@clearwire.net

Again, this event is sponsored by the Park Point Community Club and the ask that there be NO RUMMAGE SALES DURING THE PARK POINT ART FAIR.

Charlene Shimmin Volunteer Chairperson

> Found: "Cocktail" Ring Near 33<sup>rd</sup>. St. and Minnesota Ave. Call 722-1834 to describe and collect the ring.



Flagpole at 12<sup>th</sup> St. painted, repaired and lighted

Those that worked on the flagpole project were myself, Dick Gould, Dave Johnson, Mark Elden, Lynn Wegner, Dan O'Neil and Boomer Brown. The flag that is flying right now was donated by Cap't Dean and Marie Olson as well as Jim Banks who owns Allouez Marine. We also have on hand two more flags donated by Les Larson from 16th her on the Point. All three 4X6 ft. flags are of high quality materials, made in the USA and have embroidered stars. There are two solar powered lights under the flag for night time illumination. At some point in time when these flags wear out we will ask for donations of flags in someone's memory and will publish whose honor the current flag is being flown. Cap't Tom Mackay (Retired)

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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 City Councilor Sharla Gardner: 724-4701 sharla.gardner@gmail.com

