

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community Club
Meeting June 17th
7PM at Lafayette**

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

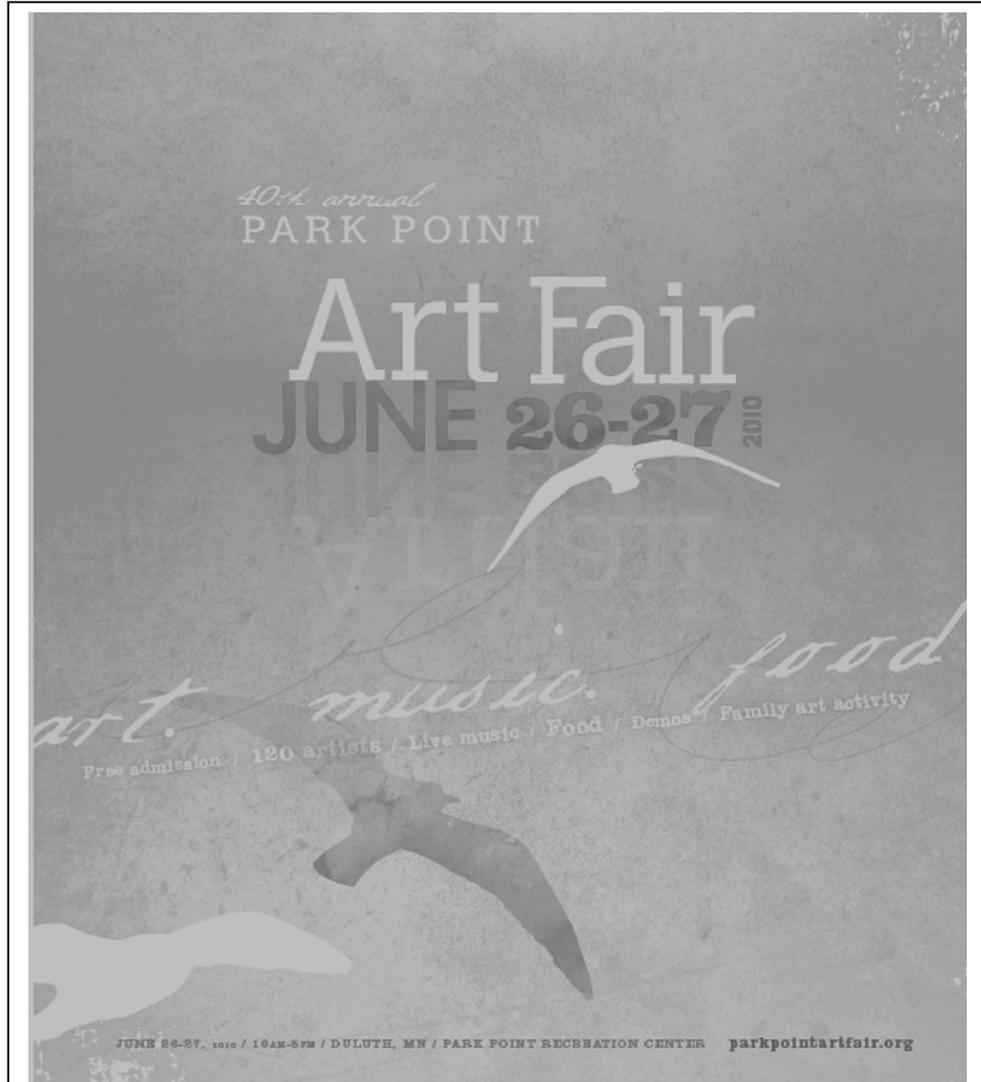
**S-curve Beautification
Meeting
June 15th, 7PM
Meet at the S-curve**

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

**Park Point 5-Miler
July 16th**

**Nancy English 5k
July 31st**

**Duluth Maritime Festival
July 28-August 3**



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 40th Annual Park Point Art Fair

What more can we say? This is our big event. Come. Volunteer. Invite friends to come: in addition to 120 original artists, you can enjoy food, live music by Michael Monroe, family art activity and more. Visit the parkpointartfair.org for the list of 2010 artists and 2009 medal winners, and please "like" us on Facebook:)

In it's 40 year history, from early efforts of Pat Joyal and Maggie McGillis, through various Art Fair coordinators and volunteer directors, The Park Point Art Fair remains a highlight of the Park Point Summer. Don't miss it.

The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is July 2nd for the July 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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Park Point Community Club June 17th Meeting

Agenda

Approval of the resignation of Chuck as treasurer and approval of Al Robins as his successor.
Summer youth program. Price to be increased to help cover more costs.
501-c-3 status
Late tax reports 990's
Possible campground at the end of the point. Who will police it?
Sale of the popcorn machine that is never used in the basement
Building of the shed for storage of garden tools and snowblower.
Redesignation and zoning of park land after 43rd St.
Status of the airport study
Getting a Menard's card for the PPCC
A thank you to all who brought bags of leave to 12th Street. We now have enough.

Firehouse #5 foiled again.

It looked like it would really happen this time; the long awaited replacement of Fire House #5. A design was approved. Money was appropriated (\$400,000). Then it went out for bids – and the bids came in way above that. So it's back to the drawing board.
I don't know what the city's approach will be –try to find more money, or rework the design once again. I'm beginning to think we may have to look at an Extreme Makeover-Firehall Edition!

Volunteer for Art Fair

Enjoy the Art Fair and help the Artists!

This years 40th annual Art Fair is June 26th & 27th and we are looking for volunteers to help. Usually this means 2 hours either greeting guests and handing out the maps or giving the artists relief while they take a short break from their booth. Remember all volunteers are also invited to the artist dinner on Saturday night. Please contact Diane Gould at 727-4067 to get the time you want.

12th Street Vandalism

The "Portapotty" at 12th St Beach was burned down late one night last month. The city, self insured and liable, was not happy about it. But on the bright side, it has been replaced by not one but two portapotties, one of them handicap accessible. They're also looking at doing some "beautifying", planting some perennials and perhaps even running water to the site. Thanks to the fencing, planting and erosion control efforts of the community club, the flag pole and surrounding area are no long at risk of being swallowed by sand.

Tall Ships are coming. July 28 – August 3

Gene Shaw, of VisitDuluth, gave a presentation at the May PPCC meeting on the Tall Ships and Maritime Festival. Recognizing the confusion caused by the last (much smaller) tall ships visit, they are taking a number of steps to relieve the congestion. During the Parade of Ships, scheduled for July 29, only the 8 Tall Ships themselves, and perhaps a designated leader (The Sundew?) will be allowed in the ship canal, rather than the whole flotilla of small craft which greeted them last time. Shuttle buses will be provided from designated parking lots to bring visitors to the ships, easing the parking pressure in Canal Park. And only a limited number of tickets will be sold to tour the ships.

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This summer our Teens will take their **Pilgrimage** to Washington DC. This is one of the highlights of their confirmation journey, along with other experiences such as the Urban Adventure and camping on Madeline Island. As we reflect on our faith journey, it's important to have experiences out of which one then reflects. It's hard to visualize and talk about things we've not seen or done.

Washington DC may seem like a strange place for a religious pilgrimage, but our group will be experiencing such things as: the Amish Community in Lancaster, PA, Washington National Cathedral (day long contemplative experience), Virginia Theological Seminary (which was founded before the Civil War), Christ Church in Alexandria, VA., the Holocaust Museum, Church of the Savior (a church without walls that is immersed in local ministry), and the Sojourners Community. Of course, there will also be several large chunks of free time to do some general 'touristy' things. One of the questions our teens are asked to discern is 'what is the difference between a 'tourist' and 'pilgrim'?

In June, our Teens will hold a Brat Sale during the Park Point Rummage Sale. The church will hold a rummage sale at the same time. We hope to have a popcorn stand at the Art Fair. If you are at **any of these events, please consider supporting the teens so they can make this journey. Thank you!**

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A person of faith puts trust in God. We believe that God cares for us. No matter what we go through, God is there beside us. Most often God uses other people: family members, friends, doctors. But sometimes God may even act more directly in your life, through angels perhaps.

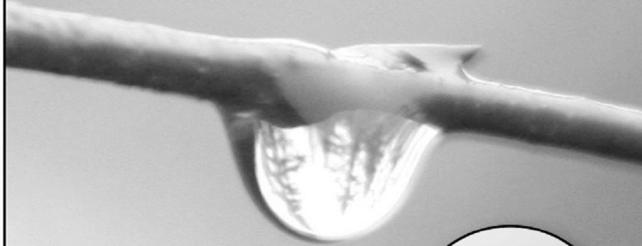
When you feel like your boat is sinking, talk to God, who will always be there for you.

Compassionate Father, I often feel alone and abandoned. But you have redeemed me and called me to live as your faithful child. Help me to respond wholeheartedly. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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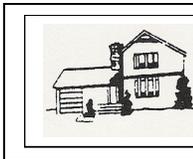
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Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes

May 20,2010

President Dave Poulin called the meeting to order, 7:05 pm.

MSC Motion to accept meeting minutes from April 15 meeting.

Treasurer's report- Chuck Flaig reported current balance of \$45,254.38. Last month's deposits totaled \$4323, outflows= \$1176.48.

MSC Motion to accept treasurer's report.

Audit Committee- Dick Gould presented report on the club becoming a 501c3 organization. This process will start after new officers are in place.

Youth Committee- Liz Mackay presented report on the summer youth program at Lafayette. Joy Fouts will run the program again with an Americorps worker. Several parents will also be involved with getting the program up and running.

Environmental Committee- Kinnan Stauber gave a presentation on the Minnesota Point Development Project and the 1939 Land Conveyance and how this relates to the current park designation. This land should revert back to the state if not used as parkland. Call Kinnan if you would like more information.

Membership Committee-Liz Mackay distributed the latest PPCC member roster. Call Liz to join us.

Art Fair report- Carla Tamburro encouraged the crowd to check out the Art Fair's website - www.parkpointartfair.org. Food vendors have been selected. Burrito Union will cater the volunteer picnic. KUMD will feature the artists the week before the show. Volunteers are needed to distribute bookmarks, postcards and posters so call or email Carla and Jake. Call Diane Gould to sign to work at the Art Fair. See you there!

Fire hall update- Chad Rindal presented report on status of new facility. Bids for construction came in high so station in limbo for now. Call #5 station for smoke detectors and a firefighter will come out and install for free. Call for details.

17 runs over the past month- 9 medicals, 7 miscellaneous and 1 vehicle accident.

Elections- MSC Motions to elect Dick Gould for President, Liz Mackay for VP, Sheryl Robins for Secretary, Chuck Flaig for treasurer.

Committee Chairs-

Breeze- Alan Dartanyan

Hostess- Diane Gould

Art Fair- Carla Tamburro

Watch- not filled yet

Sunshine – Pam Griggs

Program Committee- not filled yet

Youth Committee- not filled yet but several parents may co-chair

Financial Review Committee- Dave Poulin

MSC Motion to accept committee chairs.

Tall Ships Challenge- Gene Shaw from Visit Duluth spoke about the festival this summer. Check out visitduluth.com for all of the details. Watch for the Parade of Sail on July 29th.

Proposed hotel between 10th and 11th on S Lake Ave- Builder Troy Hoekstra of Cornerstone Construction and property owner Joel Johnson presented preliminary concepts for a 53 unit suite hotel. This hotel would possibly include a 2000 sq. foot convenience store. Contact Joel or Troy for more details.

S-curve garden- Lynn Bentfield presented ideas for gardening at this site.

Lynn also spoke on behalf of **Councilor Sharla Gardner** who could not attend the meeting. Sharla would like input from residents regarding several issues: sewer dye test, proposed hotel(s), campground on the end of Park Point and representation on the Parks and Recreation Board. [sgardner@duluthmn.gov]

Motion to adjourn. 9:15ish.

Dawn Buck, outgoing secretary.

New Hotel Planned on Park Point

Property owner Joel Johnson and developer Troy Hoekstra of Cornerstone Construction gave a presentation at the May PPCC meeting on an hotel they are planning to build on the corner of Lake Avenue South and 10th St. The 53 unit hotel would take up approximately half the block, extending down to Minnesota Avenue. The entrance would be off Lake Avenue, about where two duplexes stand now. It will have underground parking for guests, a pool, and unusually, a convenience store that will be open to the public. The response from those present was surprising civil, given that developers are routinely roasted and devoured at Community Club meetings. Perhaps it was because Joel Johnson is such a well known figure on Park Point. His family has run Lakehead Boat Basin since 1959. And the developers emphasis on building “green” may have helped. Plus the inclusion of a convenience store – insisted on by Joel Johnson, and a first for the developer in hotel projects – made a good impression. This may be a bone tossed to Park Pointers still smarting over the loss of Bayside Market, but it is a juicy one.

This isn't to say there weren't questions and concerns. It will certainly add to the already too heavy traffic situation. There were questions on the buildings height, utility pressure, the effect on neighbors views, and property values. It does require some zoning changes, and the City Planning Commission opposes them, stating, **“The list of permitted and special uses in the proposed R-4 zoning are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plans designation of the subject property as Traditional Neighborhood. Rezoning to R-4 would be against good zoning practice as provided in the Minnesota Planning Act and relevant case law.”**

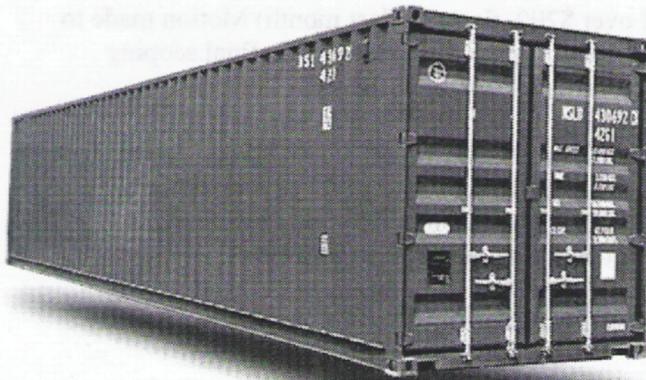
Will this opinion hold up when it comes before the City Council? This will take at least two meetings. Likely dates are June 28th and July 12th, but the agenda's haven't been set yet. There will be opportunities for public comment – and e-mails can always be sent to City Councilors. The time for neighbors to weigh in is now.

When asked about a construction time line, developer Troy Hoekstra stated that if everything went perfectly, they could break ground by this August. But, he added, in projects like this, nothing ever goes perfectly. Still, planning seems to be pretty well along, and there seemed to be a confidence that this project would indeed come off.

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To the Park Point Community Club -

This spring, the DSSA has had a major problem with vandalism on our pier. So far this month, we've been broken into three times. Each time boats and equipment have been tossed in the water, some of it lost entirely, some found and hauled out of the water nearby, and the rest fetched up on the rocks in Superior.

We'd appreciate anything you might be able to do to help keep an eye on the place. Please pass the word among your membership that the DSSA is offering a \$1000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the responsible individual(s).

Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police and/or DSSA board members:

Jim Sharrow - 218 590-1062

Mike Sawinski - 218 940-2440

Louise Prescott - 218 591-8560

Thank you,

Louise Prescott

Duluth-Superior Sailing Association

I received the above letter from the Duluth Superior Sailing Association. For those not familiar with the DSSA, it is a non-profit dedicated to promoting sailing for all. And I do mean all. It was formed to take over a program formerly run by the city. (Sound familiar?)

Their Mission statement: To provide Duluth area persons of all ages and family groups access to sailing experiences, regardless of skill level, physical and sensory ability, and financial means.

This is accomplished through low cost recreation, instruction and competition.

They have Youth programs, adult programs, and adaptive programs. They have boats from 8' to 31' for skill levels from child beginner to Olympic class. They have scholarships available for anyone who needs one. They have experienced, U.S. Sailing certified staff.

In short, they have a wonderful program, operating from the dock at the Park Point Recreation Area. What they don't have is a lot of money, and losses from this kind of senseless vandalism really hurt. If there's anything you can do to help solve this problem, please do.

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The City of Duluth has received approval from the Ninth Coast Guard District and the Duluth City Council to test a new schedule for the Aerial Lift Bridge. The new schedule will apply for the period of May 15 to October 31, 2010. The bridge will open on the hour and the half hour between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., seven days per week. The bridge will open on signal for all vessels between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and at all times for Federal, state, and local government vessels used for public safety, vessels in distress, commercial vessels engaged in rescue or emergency salvage operations, vessels engaged in pilot duties, vessels seeking shelter from severe weather, and all commercial vessels 300 gross tons or greater.

This new schedule will help improve vehicular traffic flow, relieve traffic congestion, and improve access and response times for emergency responders to Minnesota Point while still providing access for water vessels. The City and Coast Guard will be compiling comments during the test period. In addition, City Administration will meet with the Coast Guard and community stakeholders, 30 days following the end of the test period, to evaluate data and assess the effectiveness of the schedule. For additional information, contact Ryan Beamer, Lift Bridge Supervisor at 723-3387.

Dr. Nancy English Memorial 5k Run/Walk Registration Form

The goal of the run/walk is to raise money for the Dr. Nancy I English Memorial Foundation that gives scholarships to community-service oriented women going back to school later in life. Please join us on **July 31st, 2010** at Sky Harbor Airport on Park Point! Race starts at 8:30am (Kids Fun Run 8:15am). Please arrive early, race will start on time! Please fill out this form, sign the waiver, attach payment and send to: **Mary Anderson 4047 Camberwell Dr N. Eagan, MN 55123** or visit online to register: www.nancyenglishmemorial5k.com

Prices until July 28th (after July 28th): Adults \$25 (\$30), Children \$10 (\$15) and Families \$60 (\$70)
Race bag pick up: The Edge 3-7 on July 30th or at the Airport 7-8am on July 31st (also registration at this time)

Name: _____ M or F Age at Race Day _____

5K _____ or kid run _____ Short Sleeve T-Shirt Adult S M L XL or Child S M L

I am unable to run but would like to make a donation \$_____ (Make check payable to the Dr. Nancy I English Memorial Foundation)

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Editor's Corner

Squeezed again! So much to say, but everybody else already said it! I'll stay in my corner and shut up!

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Have you noticed the updated décor going on at our Community Garden? We happy salvagers replaced some of the worn whitewashed fencing with timber we rescued from Playfront Park, which was recently updated with a more modern look. Plus, Some of the whimsical steeple structures from Playfront also adorn our Lafayette Square garden now. And you wondered where the old Playfront Park materials went to!

Why not join us on our next fun scavenging outing, or help us till, plant, water and harvest. Oh, yes, we're also known for our delicious, family-friendly monthly potluck suppers. There is usually a featured speaker and lots of laughter. Come find out what we're all about. Our next potluck supper is:

Tuesday, June 22, 6 to 8pm, upstairs at the Lafayette Community Center. Bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils.

If you want to join us officially, contact Coral at 727-6455.

Let's Beautify the S-curve Area!

**Everyone Welcome!
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Park Point Community Club Youth Program.....

Is getting ready to open its doors Monday, June 21, 2010 at 10:00 am for children ages 5 years old to 12. Registration is limited to 40 children in the priority that follows:

1. Children living on Park Point
2. Children who are relatives of Park Pointers
3. Those who are "grandfathered" into the program
4. All others interested.

The fee is \$75.00 per family for the first child, \$15.00 for each additional child. We will be open Monday thru Thursday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; June 21st thru August 19th. Please come ready to Rock and Roll with a lunch (more food than you think your child could possibly eat), beverage, swimsuit, sunscreen, towel and a smile. What to wear? Anything your child can get sandy, dirty, paint splattered, glue splattered, wet and comfortable.

We are also in need of things you may be interested in letting go of.....craft items, glue, crayons, colored pencils, pens, paint, construction paper, plain card board, poster board, beads, needles, thread, wood glue, paint brushes, clothes pins, string, yarn, magazines to cut (National Geographic are great), cards, puzzles, games, ribbon, crepe paper, sand toys.....plastic anything, pvc pipe, tape (all kinds), buckets, fabric, yarn, crochet hooks, knitting needles, scissors, sequins, ziplock bags(any size), a few old dressers and book cases kids can paint, buttons, glitter,, sports equipment, tennis balls, ping pong balls, old cotton shirts, jeans, carpet squares, hangers, leather, tile, legos,suede.....and anything else you may think we can use, we will put to good use.

We are looking forward to a summer filled with many smiles and happy memories

Thank You,
Joy Fouts
Director.

The Annual Park Point Garage Sale

PLEASE E try and have a sale even if it is only a few items. Invited your friends and family to bring their stuff and food (potluck) and have lots of fun. I am happy to say there is now a Co-Chair for the Garage Sale. Dave Lavamaki called and is willing to be Co-Chair. It is best if you call or email me if you have any questions. Soon Dave will have it all learned.

PLEASE tell your friends and family about the sale. This event is sponsored by the Park Point Community Club. The Community Club request there be **NO rummage sales** Art Fair Weekend .All sales must be in private yards.

Thanks. Charlene Shimmin, Co-Chair. parkpoint@clearwire.net or 722-6828

The Breeze

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