



# The Breeze

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### Calendar

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting  
October 21st  
7PM at Lafayette**

**GET TO THE POINT  
Awesome Art & Gift Fair,  
Oct. 9 (SAT), 10-3 p.m.  
At Lafayette**

**Lafayette Edible Garden  
Club Potluck  
October 17, 5 – 7 p.m.)**

**Bridge to Peace 5k  
November 6th**

### Waiting For The Machine



At the September Community Club meeting Eric Shaffer from the City Engineering office said the “mill and overlay” resurfacing scheduled for Minnesota Avenue would begin as soon as the contractor’s “big machine” finished up an out of town job. He figured, weather permitting, it would be here about October 1<sup>st</sup>. I was hoping to have a picture of the machine at work for this issue, but it hasn’t shown up yet. So here we sit, waiting. Manhole and waterline access covers have been pulled up. The sidewalk and curb work appears to be done. While technically this was a separate project, no doubt it was coordinated with the scheduled street work. Same with some of the lateral sewer line work, where the street was dug up, but not yet patched. Everything sits waiting, hoping the contractor can hit that “sweet spot”, between the end of tourist and beach-going season, and the onset of - dare I say it – Winter! Bring on the Machine!

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 November 5th for the November 2010 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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## **From The President**

I went to the camp ground meetings and watched with disbelief as many issues were ignored or played down as the proposal was pushed forward. The issues that exist should have caused this toxic idea to never have reached the level that it has.

It is simple: our City wants to build this camp ground and will stop at nothing to do it!

The existence and danger to the pine forest and the wildlife that use and live in it is being mitigated by ignorance.

I have talked to or listened to people from the following: Duluth Police and Fire, Gold Cross, Department of Natural Resources, Audubon society, Isaac Walton, and people from all over the area and have heard all of them express their concerns about this project.

Please call, write or e-mail the Council and the Mayor with your concerns.

Thanks,  
Dick

## **Bridge Traffic**

As related at the September PPCC meeting, the city has been tracking the number of vehicles crossing the lift bridge this year. Below are the monthly figures, January through August. You might note that the highest traffic month, July, is more than twice the traffic seen in the slowest month of February. If traffic trends continue, by the end of the year we will see nearly **Two Million** vehicles cross the bridge!

128,294 Jan

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**Words of Prayer**

Missionaries who visit the people living along the Bene River in Bolivia sometimes stay overnight wherever space is available. On one trip a devoted missionary named Catherine spent the night in a storage shed infested with rats. She was unable to sleep – but the rats couldn't sleep either because this pious missionary sat up all night saying again and again:  
"Meow!, Meow!"

Prayer works. There is no secret formula, magic words or mandatory phrase that commands God's attention. There is only one condition – we must pray from our heart and in Jesus' name. The door that opens in prayer may not be the one you knocked on, but it will be the right one for you.

**Now is the time** – don't just recite words of prayer but rather talk to God as to a friend. Tell God what is on your mind and heart. We have God's promise to listen

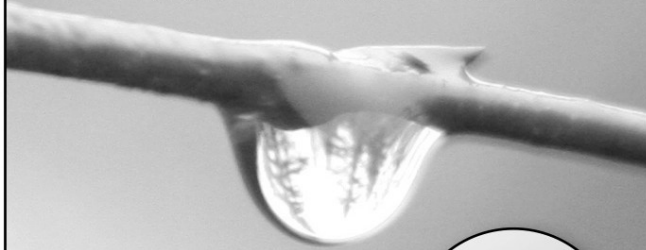
*O God, too often I feel as if I am pounding on the wrong doors. I am afraid that you are too busy for me or that I'm not good enough. Remind me that you are always there and all I need to do is to call your name. In Jesus' name, Amen*

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**Minutes from Park Point Community Club  
Sept. 16, 2010 meeting**

Elizabeth Mackay, vice president, called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm.

**Minutes from August, 2010 meeting**

Al Robins moved to accept the minutes. Bill Silver moved to second the motion. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report** by Al Robins

August, 2010 balance was \$56,166  
Sept. 1, 2010 balance was \$50,881

Expenses included Joy Fouts (Summer youth program); Carla Tamburro (Art Fair); shed.

Income included rentals of the Park Point Community Center.

Tom Mackay moved to accept the report. Tom Ward seconded the motion.

**New Business**

Eric Shaffer, city engineering office, spoke at the meeting in regards to street projects & etc. He said the street overlay was delayed 3 weeks due to equipment being used out of town.

No infrastructure will be corrected at this time. Only the overlay. Eric answered questions from members of the club about the project. If you voluntarily want a sewer lateral from the street to your home, two options were given.

1. \$3,000 if you voluntarily want the lateral
2. \$4,000 if the city requires a lateral to the house.

These options were only available for the next two weeks.

Officer Tinsley said 45 police calls were recorded last month.

**Communication**

Email of apology from the lady who owned the dogs who caused the problem. She said the dogs had been euthanized. She also felt more rules needed to be enforced with dogs that are running loose.

Community Club voted a second time to pay up to \$500 for attorney fees for consultation about the new proposed motel.

Kinnan Stauber motioned the payment be made to the attorney.

Beryl Payton seconded the motion.

13 for  
5 against

Motioned passed.

## Committee Reports

Art Committee            None to report  
Rummage Committee   None to report  
Environmental           None to report

Bridge committee    Dennis Holscher said during June, July and August, 2010 there were 706,000 vehicles that crossed the aerial lift bridge. To date, 1,449,410 bridge crossings. Dennis said this data should have great impact on infrastructure questions & etc. Dennis will write a report for the Breeze. He also noted there were 800 fewer lifts this past summer due to the scheduled lifts.

Breeze Committee    No changes or concerns

Campground issue was discussed. Counselor Hartman started the idea of campsites. They are proposing 5-15 rustic campsites would be allowed on the beach. There would be a volunteer - 24 hrs. per day to live at the campsite. Concerns were voiced about fire issues, trash and safety issues. Emergency services would be impossible to get to the campers.

October 13, 2010 @ 4:00 pm there will be a Parks & Rec. Meeting in regards to the campground. A petition was sent around for signatures of those who oppose the campground.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:20 pm. Seconded.

### News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

October will be a busy month for Park Point gardeners. It's time to harvest those last few bits of produce left ripening on the vines. Afterwards, chores will need to be done to prepare our gardens for the winter. Then, we can tend to raking the abundance of leaves that will gather in our yards. The members of the Lafayette Community Edible Garden have great ideas to help celebrate this special time of year and the activities associated with running a garden.

First, to deal with the piles of produce harvested from the garden this fall, we offer our monthly Sunday Potluck Supper on October 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lafayette Community Center. We'll focus on creative squash preparations, but any delicious dish is welcome. Come join the fun – you don't need to be a member of the garden to participate.

Second, during our October 17 Potluck Supper, we'll learn all about ways to prepare our gardens for the winter from Laura and Gerry Sundberg, who have been gardening a half-acre vegetable garden in rural Duluth for 42 years. They will tell us how and when to plant vegetables such as garlic and onions, how to prepare our gardens for the winter months and insure their fertility in the spring, and provide tips on canning and preserving this fall's crops.

Third, when it's time to tackle the leaves piling up in your yard, remember that the community garden accepts bagged leaves for its compost bins. Keep in mind that the leaves must be free of chemicals to ensure we keep our garden organic. You can reuse the large plastic bags that we recycle – there is a basket of them in the garden right by the entrance. Just bring them back filled with compostable material and set them inside the gate. We'll dump them in the compost bins for you.



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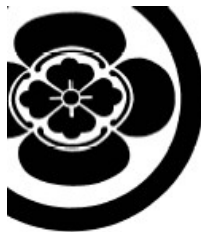
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## **Not Every idea is the Best idea**

On Wednesday Oct. 13 at 4 pm at Central hillside community club the parks and Recreation commission will discuss the proposed campsites at the end of the Point.(you can attend/comment)

a few points in the Sept 8th Task Force Final Report include the following excerpts::

1. Create 5-15 sites with up to 6 people per site
2. Camping season Mid May to mid October (22 weeks)
3. Fires permitted on the sand. Firewood provided with the \$30/night fee
4. Composting toilet( \$37,000 plus maintenance costs)
5. Management/Oversite by volunteers "...interact with campers and make sure all appropriate city ordinances are being followed"

In a telephone conversation with the assistant manager at Tettegouche State Park he did not think that volunteers would work and the level of supervision would be a Building and Grounds Worker (\$12-13/hour). On going training is needed on how to deal with confrontational issues. Campers wander, they use a lot of firewood and when they can access the sites by boat they can bring in a lot of stuff.

While walking around a petition these past two weeks ( we have almost 500 )these are a few of the concerns that were expressed by the petition signers:

"With the city budget in trouble it's a terrible idea to add this expense"

"If it happens to make any money they'll want to turn it into a campground"

"I'd love to camp there ...not sure about the other guy"

"I can't have a fire in front of my own home and someone can go down near the woods and build one"

"The city has a hard time providing enough toilets and long enough in the park...take care of what we've got"

"More people will be camping everywhere...it's a can of worms"

"Volunteers living on the beach...how long will that last"

"Dry beach grass could easily catch on fire and then the trees are next and it would be indefensible"

The end of the point is now used by people seeking a calm and restorative connection to serene lake views and old growth pine forest. This resource is well used by a lot of people with very little impact on the environment. In planning language this is the highest and best use of this sliver of land. Not every new idea is the best idea. Leave it as it is. If you agree, one thing you can do is go on line.. go to Save Park Point go to the blue box to sign the petition and leave your comments.

Joanne and Tom Ellison

## **The GET TO THE POINT Awesome Art & Gift Fair**

will be held Saturday, **October 9, 2010** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lafayette Square Community Building, 3026 Minnesota Ave, Park Point DULUTH

Awesome things made in the region. Local-made jewelry, photography, stained glass, candles, Scandinavian hand-carved figures, clothing, cards, local books/authors, and more will be featured in this lovely building 2 miles passed the Lift Bridge. Come shop from all local vendors.



### Editor's Corner

As usual, there are several things I want to comment on. I'll start with one I've written about before: The proposed hotel near 10<sup>th</sup> street on the Point. In it's initial incarnation I opposed this, as it called for zoning changes and ran contrary to the city's comprehensive plan. Now, according to that "other" newspaper in town, property owner Joel Johnson has come back with a new plan. The plan as shown wasn't complete, and the details may contain more causes for concern, but my initial reaction was "That's more like it".

The plans showed a waterfront hotel, entirely below Minnesota Avenue, where Lakehead Basin now lies. It doesn't appear to require any zoning changes, and would leave the traditional neighborhood on Lake Avenue South intact. Yes, it would still bring in more traffic, and development of a "Small Area Plan", to better determine what best fits down there, should still be done. But this kind of project would be harder to oppose.

Moving on to the street resurfacing project, we learned a few things at the last PPCC meeting. Specifically, some of what we thought was scary broken sewer pipes were actually accesses that are supposed to be open, so cleaning and inspection equipment can get into the lines. Oh, there's still utility work that should be done, but it's not in quite the dire straits that many of us thought.

Finally, there's the camping on the Point issue. As a kayaker who's camped in a few, shall we say, "undesigned" sites around Lake Superior in my time, maybe I'd better just keep my head down and let other people do the commenting here.

### Park Point's Handyman

Not more than 3 minutes after I had parked my car in the driveway my doorbell rang. There stood a fellow Park Pointer who had noticed that one of my rear tires was flat. "May I change it for you?" How could I refuse that offer? Not only did he do a masterly job of it, but he also carefully explained to me each step of the procedure should I ever have to do it myself.

This hero was David Oferosky, well known by his frequently seen "Painting by Dave" signs which do not disclose that he is master of many trades, from driveway seal coating to general house repair, to pet sitting, and now with "Fall Specials", as advertised in Park Point's "*Breeze*".

The irony is that he had been taking this drive along the Point because his red and black, extra large sized Diamondback bike had been stolen from his yard the night before. He was hoping that he might see it abandoned somewhere along the way. If anyone has knowledge about this theft, please respond to [breezeditor@msn.com](mailto:breezeditor@msn.com), or call this good Samaritan himself at 218-340-3426.

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### **Park Point Resident**

#### **Numbers you can use**

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Fire station #5 (Park Point): 723-3215 Community Police Officer Mike Tinsley: 218-730-5684.

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