



The Breeze

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Calendar

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

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Club
Potluck Dinner
November 21, 5-7PM
At Lafayette**

**Thanksgiving
November 25th**

**First Blizzard of the Year
November 26th**

Picking it up....



And Laying it down!



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

Road construction crews ground up and removed the old surface from Minnesota Avenue and laid down a new double thick layer of asphalt. Only time – and a few hard winters – will tell us how this new mill and overlay will hold up, but it sure looks – and feels - good now!

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Submissions

The deadline is December 3rd for the December 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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From The President

Hooray! The 501c-3 has finally cleared all the accounting and legal questions and has been cleared and submitted to the IRS for approval as of yesterday. There were many questions to be answered but it is finally done. We expect it to be approved by years end.

Volunteers needed – as always:

A new sink and cabinets have been donated for the lower level at Lafayette – but we need help installing them

The walkways at both 125h Street and Lafayette need repair- help needed.

The Duluth Rowing club is looking at acquiring more land near its site at 39th Street, and replacing it's dilapidated old building with a new one. They're looking at fundraising options. The Community Club has previously discussed holding a fund-raising ice fishing contest on the bay. There may be an opportunity for collaboration here. But we'd need someone with some experience in running fishing contests.

A thank you to Denny Johnson for going around and collecting over 600 signatures opposing a campground on Park Point. Despite this, and objections from the DNR, this proposal continues to move forward.

There will be no December PPCC meeting, so if you've got any issues, November 18th is your last opportunity this year to bring them up!

Lafayette Rentals

We have a new person handling Lafayette rentals for the community club. Missy Steichen is now our rental agent. You can reach her by phone at 218-208-9545 or by e-mail at ppccdhlh@gmail.com

Lafayette is a great place to hold weddings, reunions, parties, meetings, etc...

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There is a Damage Deposit of \$100.00, which is refundable, after cleaning & inspection.

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Hey, you might want to check out the latest issue of Lake Superior Magazine, which profiled the Park Point community – and includes photos of some familiar faces!

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Thank you to all who supported us in our efforts to help bring peace in parts of the world - by participating in the Bridge to Peace 5K Walk/Run.

At our church convention (held in Duluth) on October 29-30 the St. Andrew's community was awarded two awards from the Minnesota Episcopal Environmental Stewardship Commission for being a 'Green Church'. We have put a lot of effort into trying to reduce our 'carbon footprint' - through our renovation, education, through choices we make to be as sustainable as possible, and through our worship (preaching about care of the environment and using liturgies that raise our awareness of caring for God's creation). We invite you to join us in these efforts!

The spiritual life is a journey - not a single event. As a faith community, we seek to become more conscious of how we can sustain this world, not just for ourselves, but for generations to come - because of God's love for all and our deepening love of God.

*The day of my spiritual awakening
was the day I saw all things in God and God in all
things. Mechthild of Magdeburg*

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Priests:

Fr. John Petrich, Fr. Tom Foster and Fr. John Golobich

Be Still and Listen

A troubled man went to visit his physician with a list of anxieties and fears. The wise doctor told his patient to take a day off from work and visit the beach. At the end of the consultation, the physician placed in his hand an envelope with instructions to open it when he reached his destination. The man found a quiet spot on the beach and opened the envelope. On a small piece of paper he read the words, "Listen carefully." Later he told of the rewards of hearing the lapping of waves, the birds chirping and the wind whistling.

When troubled, Jesus went to the desert. Where do you go? We would all benefit in giving ourselves a few minutes of quiet, of being still and listening to the Lord. You don't have to go into the desert or the beach, but find a quiet place right in your house. Listen to the Lord.

*Father of Peace, grant my soul the calm and tranquility that
come from being still before you. In Jesus' name, Amen*

Note: New Mass Time

Services

Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations
Every Sunday at **8:00 A. M.**

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something **you**
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A checklist to see if a **Reverse Mortgage** might make sense for you.

- ☒ Could you use extra cash or monthly income?
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- ☒ Are there repairs or improvements you would like to make to your home?
- ☒ Are there extra things you would like to do for yourself and your loved ones?

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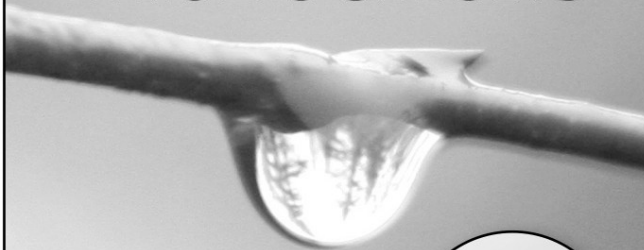


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October, 2010 Park Point Community Club Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm with 16 members present.

Motion was made to accept the September minutes by David Lavamaki and seconded by Dick Gould.

Treasurer's report stated on 10/1/2010, the balance on the account was \$49,721. Tom Ward made the motion to accept the report and Pat Olson seconded the motion.

Officer Tinsley reported 30 calls last month. Mostly medical calls. There were 4 or 5 cars broken into. Speed sign was placed near the base of the bridge to remind drivers to slow down on the bridge.

Jesse Schamberg at the Sea Grant Project discussed the current rip tide system with warning flags. Flags run through 10/15/2010. There were 29 deaths four of which were on Lake Superior due to rip currents this past year. None in Duluth. Jesse said they would like to put electronic signs at the S-turn. Would like the Park Point Community Club to split cost for the sign. \$2,000 to \$5000 for sign. Electricity would need to be installed. No answer as to who would pay for the electrical installation.

Three political candidates attended the meeting: Kerry Gauthier, Tony Salls and Dennis Fink.

501C3 - \$850 was paid to the attorney who filed paperwork.

Need help to finish S-turn.

Proposed campground on Park Point. 600 signatures against the campground. DNR supports no camping.

Hotel @ 10th going forward.

Anonymous donor gave cupboards and sink for downstairs. Thank you!

No one from Park Point was invited to the meeting on the bridge hours. Charter captains, marinas and city officials were there.

The club's by-laws will be changed so there will be an election of two officers every two years instead of 4 officers every four years. This will eliminate the problem of have 4 new officers coming in at the same time.

Terry Mattson of the Duluth Visitor Bureau spoke about Randy Bollinger's plan for a float plane conference at Sky Harbor Airport in July or August, 2010. There will be approximately 150 people in attendance. DECC will be involved. Will use shuttle buses to airport & hotels.

AMY & Associates.com. Motion was made by Tom Ward to honor the request to support the float plane expo. Dennis Hoelscher seconded the motion. Discussion by members. Motion passed.

Boat Club is going to build a new boat club south of the existing club. Needs to raise funds. Suggestion was made to hold an ice fishing contest in the winter.

Dennis Hoelscher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. David Lavamaki seconded the motion.



FUNDRAISING BEGINS FOR TWO QUADS

The DRC has launched a fundraising drive to buy 2 quads. With the popularity of sculling at the Club, quads are in demand. The DRC Board has identified the need for a new competitive racing quad and a good, new or gently-used quad that could also be suitable for competition.

The fundraising goal is \$35,000. At this point, we are over half-way there. Two very generous contributions from a DRC member and the Duluth Veterinary Hospital (Schuder Family) totaling \$9,000 have been made as a challenge grant to DRC members to match this amount. The Club also received a bequest from Jim Martin who, although from Madison, enjoyed the DRC and was a friend of many master rowers. Other DRC members have also made significant contributions.

**We need the help of ALL members to reach the \$35,000 goal. No contribution is too big or too small.
All contributions are tax-deductible.**

A special gift is available for those contributing \$300 or more. DRC member and noted artist/printmaker, Tom Rauschenfels, has graciously created an exclusive 5-color woodcut print in an edition of 50, especially for this fundraising effort. Anyone contributing \$300 or more will be offered this unique print as a "thank you" gift.

These new quads will be used in the junior rowing program, by the growing number of master's rowers, and for anyone in between. The Club would like to order the quads soon so that they will be here for spring rowing.

Please consider a generous gift to meet the challenge grant to purchase the two quads. Checks can be made payable to the "Duluth Rowing Club" and sent to PO Box 655, Duluth MN 55801. If you would like to discuss your gift or make a multi-year pledge, please contact Greg or Jenny Peterson, 722-0668.

Thank You!



News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Laura and Gerry Sundberg, the speakers at our October 17th potluck dinner, encouraged us Park Pointers to stake our newly-planted trees. A mere two weeks later, the hurricane-force winds that blew across the Point drove that point home. Our fruit trees in the community garden are fairly protected, being shielded by the dunes. But, if your trees are out in the open, you may want to try staking them before the ground freezes.

Supporting a tree with stakes is a temporary way to promote root growth and help protect the tree from strong winds. If your tree is less than a couple inches in diameter, a single stake will suffice. Larger trees require more stakes, each tied separately to the trunk. Using tie materials such as nylon stockings, bicycle tire inner tubes, or elastic webbing, place your ties no higher than two-thirds the height of the trunk. The tree should be able to move freely at the canopy and the trunk should be able to move a little bit without abrasion from the ties.

Most trees only need to be staked for 6 months to two years, although some, such as certain dwarf apple trees, need to be staked their whole lives. Check with your nursery.

You and your family are invited to our next potluck dinner Sunday, November 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lafayette Community Center.

Bring a dish to share and your own plates and silverware. In addition to enjoying a great pre-Thanksgiving feast (hopefully consisting of anything but turkey), we'll welcome father-and-son team, Tom and Louis Hanson, owners of the Duluth Grill, who will give us a presentation entitled "Building a Framework of Sustainability." Our dinners are open to all Park Point families. For more information about our monthly dinners or the Lafayette Community Edible Garden, contact Coral 218-727-6455.

LEAVES WANTED: Our community garden accepts your bagged chemical-free leaves for its compost bins. Place your bags of compostable material inside the garden gate – at the old hockey rink in Lafayette Square. We'll dump them in the compost bins for you.

A Reminder on

Road Safety for non-motorized users - like bikers, walkers, runners - ESPECIALLY those who are out in the dark.

Wearing light colors is not enough. All black is really bad. Anything with reflective or lit-up surfaces is exceptional.

I don't think anyone really thinks when they go out for "just a walk, just a run... a quick bike ride".

Prepare for this. Before sunrise, after dark, wear a REFLECTIVE piece of clothing. The little tabs on the back of your shoes are not enough. Waving a flashlight around is not enough. The reflectors on your bike pedals are not enough. Bright green doesn't help in the dark.

Start watching for other people on the road when you are driving - notice how difficult it is to spot them until you nearly run them over.

Thanks, and be safe.

Kinnan Stauber



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Park Point Camp Ground

Editor:

My name is Nick Lansing. I chair the Parks and Recreation Commission's Park Point Camping Task force, but in this letter I do not speak for the task force. I speak only for myself.

Last month's *From The President* column reflected Dick Gould's passion as an advocate for the Park Point community. His passion may have influenced the first sentence of his column.

Last month's *From The President* claimed "...this toxic idea (should) never have reached the level it has." The City council asked the Parks and Recreation Commission to "...study the feasibility of establishing primitive camping at the end of Minnesota Point." Studying feasibility means we can't shoot down ideas some consider "toxic." We owe it to all Duluthians to study all aspects of the proposal. We report on camping's logistics, costs strengths and weaknesses so officials can make informed decisions.

Another statement was "The City wants to build this camp ground and will stop at nothing to do it!" I disagree. If that were the case, a camp ground would already be in place.

Task force activities have been and continue to be above board. Meetings are announced and Held in public. Documents are shared. All opinions are sought.

Dick has been and will continue to be a valuable, respected member of the task force. I enjoy our conversations and learned much about Park Point from him. The final report will be better because of his participation

Thank you

Nick Lansing

Editor's Corner

Got a couple pictures to the right of this column that I want to comment on.

First, October 10, 2010 was declared a Global Day of Action on Climate Change. Among the local activities was a family beach cleanup sponsored by the group 350 Duluth. It wasn't a big group that turned out – and for some of the smaller participants, it was just an opportunity to play at the beach – but the most remarkable thing to me was how little trash we found.

I know there have been other beach cleanups this year. There's the annual Great Lakes Beach Sweep. And there was a Great Lakes surfing group I saw picking up trash another time. And of course many Park Pointers make picking up trash a part of their daily walks on the beach. But there just seems to be less trash in general on the beach. People just seem to be showing the lake a little more love.

Then, there's the picture sent to me by Bob Lent, of the old trolley tracks that lay under the pavement on Minnesota Avenue. It got me wondering: is there anyone around who remembers when this trolley was still running? When did it stop running? For that matter, when did it start? Did it run all the way down the middle of Minnesota Avenue? And wouldn't it be great if we could make all the tourists and "mainlanders" leave their cars in Canal Park, and take the trolley to the beach?

A reminder to all Park Pointers, especially a certain "long time resident of Park Point". I'll be happy to print anyone's letter to the editor in the Breeze, providing they're not obscene or libelous, but they must be signed! Unsigned letters go in the circular file.



Family Beach Cleanup held on 10/10/10



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