

# The Breeze

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### Calendar

**Park Point Community Club**

**No December Meeting**

**Next Meeting**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**7PM at Lafayette**

**First Day of Winter**

**December 21<sup>st</sup>?**

**(I think it's already here!)**

**Christmas**

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**New Years Day**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Spring?**

**Too Far away!**

## The Future of Lafayette



As the City laid out its ideas for the future of Duluth's parks and recreation centers, the building at Lafayette Square was among those listed as having "active community groups" who could possibly take over maintenance and operation of the facility. What would this entail? It's not as if the Park Point Community Club hasn't been involved with the building upkeep for years. We painted the inside, both upstairs and down. We've bought appliances, installed cabinets, built an outside storage shed, and a wooden walkway to the beach. It's the club that handles building rentals, we finance the Summer Youth Program, and volunteers – some Community Club members, some not – have kept the skating rink going the last few years. And other organizations are involved. The Park Point (flower) Garden Club has landscaped and planted at the corner of 31<sup>st</sup> Street and all along the handicap ramp leading to the back of the building. And The Lafayette Edible Garden Club has transformed the former hockey rink into a garden of raised vegetable beds.

But the City has still handled major maintenance, from replacing the roof and the furnace to painting the outside of the building, and city workers handle any electrical or plumbing problems that occur. Would that all fall to the Club, and how would it be handled? Would the city still own the building, or would we? This proposal has possibilities, but also raises questions.

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 December 31st for the January 2011 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 through the Lafayette building with the State Fire Marshall while he inspected the problems that were found at the last inspection. He found that all problems had been corrected and the building was in better shape than most City buildings. Hooray! We still need an experienced, successful ice fishing promoter to help us put on a February ice fishing contest. If anyone knows of such a person please send him my way.

The ice skating rink is being brought up to speed and should be available for use by Christmas if the weather allows. This is thanks to Dave Lavamaki, Bob Boynten and Tom Kasper.

The snowblower has been stored in the new shed and can now be used to clear the walkways and rink if necessary.

The 501 C-3 is at the IRS and hopefully will be approved by years end.

I have heard rumors of both the possible closing of the fire hall and the idea of a volunteer fire group here on the point. At this time both seem to be un-founded.

I hope every one had a good Thanksgiving and will have a great Christmas and New Year.

No meeting in December, see you all in January.

Dick Gould

## **This Just In...**

A pair of Bald Eagles has started a nest on the south east corner of Hearing Island. If this progresses to a functional nest it could be quite an interesting event to watch. They return to the same nest for many years if it becomes successful for them. If small cats, dogs, or other pets are exposed, they could be in danger. Be careful!

I will inquire with the DNR about any special requirements for people around the nesting area.

Dick

## **Lafayette skating rink**

Flooding for the Skating Rink at Lafayette will begin in December when the weather stabilizes nice and cold. The goal is to have good ice for the Christmas break and sooner if possible. Bob Boynton has once again volunteered to keep the rink cleared of heavy snow with his very nifty truck plow. We still need and will appreciate any assistance we get from the City Parks and Recreation Department laying down an ice base and regularly sweeping the rink. I will do my best to keep up the rink with routine cleanup and flooding. If you would like to help and are willing to stand out in the cold on a sheet of ice with a heavy hose spraying water, contact me.

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Meister Eckhart (13th Century Mystic)

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★ **Advent Happenings** ★



Reconciliation Schedule: St. Mary Star of the Sea  
Sunday, December 19, 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
Monday, December 20, 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
Tuesday, December 21, 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
Friday, December 24, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**Mass Schedule**  
**Immaculate Conception** (Holy Day of Obligation)  
At St. Mary Star of the Sea  
Wednesday, December 8 – 12:10 and 6:00 PM  
**Christmas Eve** – Friday, December 24  
4:30 PM at St. Mary Star of the Sea  
6:00 PM at Our Lady of Mercy  
**Christmas Day** – Saturday, December 25  
9:00 AM at St. Mary Star of the Sea  
**Note: New Sunday Mass Time**  
**8:00 A. M.**



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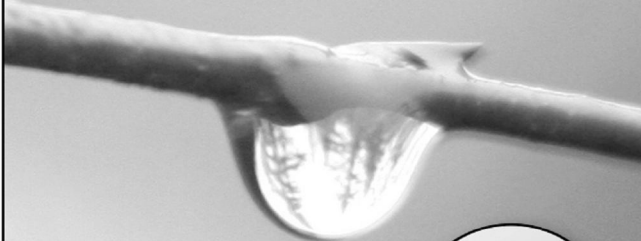
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## **Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes**

November 18, 2010

President Richard Gould called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

### **October, 2010 Minutes**

Three corrections to the October, 2010 meeting were as follows:

Dennis Hoelscher - Meeting on the bridge hours. It was incorrectly reported that no one from Park Point was invited to the meeting. Organizations only were invited.

October minutes were approved by Diane Gould and not Dick Gould.

\$850 was paid to the IRS and not an attorney

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October, 2010 minutes.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Beginning balance 11/1/10	\$48,841
Income	\$ 1,386
Expenses	\$ 3,115
Net Loss	\$ 1,729

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report.

### **Communication**

501C3 - Per Dick Gould, the 501C3 should be in place within 90 days

UBS - Money was transferred from one checking account to another without the club's permission. UBS is in the process of correcting the problem.

### **Art Fair**

Jake Kapsner brought a proposed budget for the 2011 Park Point Art Fair

### **Campground update**

November 19, 2011 will be the day there is a walk to the campground area. DNR, public & etc are able to make the walk. Concerns are the pine forest, a beetle specie, and the dune grass.

### **Float Plane Air Show**

Scheduled for 8/19/10 to 8/21/10. Speaker, Randy Bolinger, said the event will be small. Approximately 50 float planes will be landing at the Park Point airport. When questioned about the noise level, Randy said Noise Procedures have been published and should be followed..

## **Rowing Club**

Tom Rauschenfels spoke about the fund raising for the new boathouse. Bruce Rutherford made a motion to donate \$2,300 to the club. This would include the donation to the club plus purchase of two rowing prints. Lynn Wegner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A second motion will be needed due to the amount of the donation.

## **Miscellaneous**

\$200 will be donated to Marcia Hales to help with expenses for her lighting display. A motion was made and seconded.

Tom Mackay made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Wolf seconded the motion.

### **News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden**

#### **Sunday Potluck Dinners:**

Our

November 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Potluck Dinner was a great celebration based on an anything-but-turkey theme. Among the non-turkey dishes we enjoyed were Lake Superior herring chowder, spicy pumpkin soup, sweet potato salad, greens and apple salad, fresh bread, hummus and veggies, and apple bundt cake.

Lyn Pegg reports, "Our speakers that night were Tom and Louis Hanson of The Duluth Grill on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. Their PowerPoint presentation on The Natural Step explained how to build an infrastructure of sustainability in our community. They told many personal stories about how their restaurant was selected to be an "early adopter" of The Natural Step practices by Sustainable Twin Ports. Theirs and 13 other local businesses, organizations and municipalities have received training in how to develop environmentally, economically and socially sustainable practices." For more details on this program, visit

[www.sustainabletwinports.org](http://www.sustainabletwinports.org) or [www.naturalstep.org](http://www.naturalstep.org). Mark your calendars: Our next monthly potluck dinner will be on January 24<sup>th</sup>. All Park Pointers are welcome to join us. For more information about our dinners or becoming garden members, contact Coral at 727-6455.

#### **Other News:**

Thanks to Hillside urban farmers Mary Dragich and Jon Pastor for their donation of raised garden bed forms, which will add more planting space for next summer's crops. And, our compost efforts are infused with spent coffee grounds from Tom Lyle's daily coffee sessions at McDonalds and members' pick-ups from Dunn Brothers at 2401 London Road. Maybe we'll be harvesting coffee beans next year? Come find out.

### Editor's Corner

People who notice these kinds of things will find something missing from this month's slightly abbreviated Breeze. In the "numbers you can use" section on the back page, there is no longer a phone number for Community Patrol Officer Mike Tinsley. I was informed that Officer Tinsley has been transferred to another area. I can't tell you how much he will be missed. In the years that he has been "our" community patrol officer, Mike has been a familiar presence at Community Club meetings, giving reports, gathering and presenting data, answering questions and just making himself available to anyone with concerns about crime, traffic, and general safety in our neighborhood. He was our "go-to guy" on any police related issues, and a real asset to the community as a whole. I'm told we'll have a new officer assigned to Park Point, and hopefully I'll again have a contact number to list – perhaps even the same one. But whoever the new officer is, he or she will have big shoes to fill. And I want to take this opportunity to send a big Thank You out to Mike for all he has done.

The Park Point Community Club has once again cancelled its December meeting, to put one less demand on everyone's time during this busy holiday season. I haven't been able to attend the last few meetings, due to work conflicts, and it doesn't look to be getting any better soon. It leaves me feeling a little out of the loop. Yes, I get the meeting minutes, but often the really good stuff comes up in off the record conversations. So I'm asking everyone to please keep me informed of what's going on on Park Point. Whether it's an article, an update, or just a heads up, the Breeze wants to know.

## Same deal, Other Side



I took this picture shortly after the scaffolding started going up around the south tower of the aerial lift bridge. It's already gone higher, and will continue to, until the entire tower is surrounded. With the cold weather we've been experiencing I don't envy the guys who have to climb up there and bolt this stuff together. Eventually it will be wrapped in canvas, just as the north tower was last winter, then heated, so the patching, painting and repair work can be done. We've already seen the first of the late night closings, and a bit of one-lane traffic, but the serious work can't start until the shipping season ends. It's a minor inconvenience for us, but it allows for vital maintenance of our only link to the mainland. (Until that tunnel gets built. anvwav)



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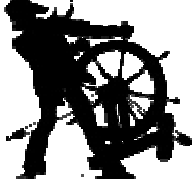


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