

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting
And Pizza Party!**
January 20th, 2011
Pizza at 6:30
Meeting at 7PM
Lafayette

**Lafayette Edible Garden
Potluck Dinner**
January 23, 5 – 7 p.m.
Lafayette

Park Point Rummage Sale
June 10th & 11th

Park Point Art Fair
June 25th & 26th

The Pine Knot Undone



(Photo of the Pine Knot cabin by William Mittendorff)

You probable heard (or read) about the removal of the Pine Knot Cabin from the pine forest at the end of Park Point. This was the last remaining cabin from what was once known as Peabody's Landing, a community of some 30 cabins that existed in the early 1900's, with daily ferry service to Superior.

The cabin itself was donated to the city in 1999 by the Pollock family, who had owned it since 1927. Despite a couple attempts to preserve it, it has been scheduled for removal since at least 2002, when that part of the Point was designated a Scientific and Natural Area (SNA). The cabin's "pedigree" was in doubt – was it the original, or had it been replaced after a fire? It had been added on to several times, had no real foundation, and was a bit of a magnet for vandals, partiers and the occasional "squatter". Still, it was history.

So was it removed on the quiet, to avoid any protest from preservationists? Possibly. Still, it was unlikely that the city or the state would have had the funds available to move or protect it. So maybe better torn down than burned down. And soon enough, the forest will reclaim the site – as it has the sites of all the other cabins in the area. If you're willing to brave the poison ivy, there's quite a bit of evidence of past human habitation down there.

(I got most of this information from the Perfect Duluth Day blog. They've got lots more information if you want to check it out.)

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

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Submissions

The deadline is February 4th for the February 2011 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

This past week Steve Krmpotich and I helped capture and deliver a very sick Bald Eagle, through Peggy Farr, to the Raptor Center in Mpls. They tried to treat it but found it to be lead poisoned. The eagle was on Hearing Island, but not one of those that are trying to nest there. It possibly could have been one of their past years young. The eagle died Sunday night.

Peggy has forwarded me some of the info that the Raptor Society is trying to get out to the public to begin the conversion of lead fishing gear and ammunition to other metals that will not be toxic to wildlife and people. If you can get anything into the Breeze regarding this problem (*done*) it would be appreciated and read by many, as we can forward it a bunch.

I have hunted and fished all my life and the only thing I have seen comparable to the lead problem was DDT.

Peggy told me they see about 50 to 60 eagles a year in this area with lead poisoning, many from fishing jigs and weights. It is very sad to see an animal in such deplorable condition.

Dick

(Editor's note: I'm including just a small excerpt from the information Dick sent me.)

The Dept of Interior and USEPA are considering rules that would require the replacement of Pb (lead) fishing and hunting gear with non-toxic alternatives. Discussions are going on NOW and decisions may well be made in late Jan or early Feb.

So the time is NOW to try and generate a letter writing campaign to show that there IS widespread support for such a ban. Letter or emails should be in your original words...not just form letters and should stress several elements (add your own, too!!). Letters should be from the heart and could certainly contain scientific citations, websites, or your experiences with lead poisoned people and animals. Note that Pres. Obama strongly supported legislation to protect children from Pb poisoning when he was a senator.

Points to consider including:

There is LOTS of GOOD scientific evidence to show that lead has significant health effects on people, domestic animals and wildlife -- both acute and chronic.

Alternatives DO exist for Pb hunting and fishing gear and that they are not prohibitively expensive.

Hunters and anglers have always been thought of as active conservationists and that there is an important role for them in making this change -- to protect health, to protect the environment and to protect the resources that we all cherish.

CALL FOR ARTISTS TO ENTER 41st ANNUAL PARK POINT ART FAIR

Applications due March 1, 2011

DULUTH, Minn. (Dec. 29, 2010) -- Artists are invited to apply for entry into the 41st annual Park Point Art Fair, which features 120 visual artists exhibiting and selling their work June 25 and 26, 2011 at the Park Point Recreation Area in Duluth, Minn. Applications are due (postmarked) March 1.

This is a juried art fair of original, handmade work in clay, jewelry, glass, fiber, sculpture, photography, wood, painting, leather, 2D & 3D mixed media. Not accepted: kits, patterns, buy/sell or country crafts. Applicants submit four slides or electronic samples (jpeg) representing the work they will show and sell. A jury of three art professionals will judge the slides based on craftsmanship and originality. The highest scores in each category are then selected to attend the two-day event, where more than \$1,000 in cash awards, including a \$300 Best of Show, are bestowed upon artists.

In 2010, 120 artists were selected from a pool of local, regional and national applicants. The free event attracted an estimated 8,000 - 10,000 visitors for its fine arts and crafts, food court, live music, interactive arts for children, storytelling and more.

The Park Point Art Fair is presented by the Park Point Community Club, a volunteer citizen group that uses art fair proceeds to support local youth activities, environmental projects such as tree plantings and dune preservation, and other community-minded efforts.

For an application, more information and a complete list of 2010 artists, visit www.parkpointartfair.org. Or, contact coordinator Carla Tamburro at carlajake@clearwire.net or 218-428-1916. Mailing address: Park Point Art Fair 2010, P.O. Box 16326 Duluth, MN 55816-0326

41st PARK POINT ART FAIR, at a glance:

- 10am - 5pm June 25 and 26, 2011, Park Point Recreation Area, Duluth, MN.
- 120 artists in variety of media, food, live music, children's activities.
- Artist applications due March 1, 2011; online at www.parkpointartfair.org.

Carla Tamburro

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

The new year brings new opportunities to grow our friendships, our skills and our community spirit. What better place to explore these growing opportunities than in our own backyard, or more precisely, our community garden just down the street. Sure the beds and compost bins are covered with snow right now, but in a mere few months everything will be green again and we'll be ready to dig in the dirt. Help us plan this year's garden endeavors as we rub elbows at our next Sunday Potluck Supper on January 23rd from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lafayette Community Center. Perhaps we'll have a speaker to educate us, or a movie to entertain us. As usual, all Park Pointers are welcome to join us, whether you're garden members or not. For more information about our dinners or becoming garden members, contact Coral at 727-6455.

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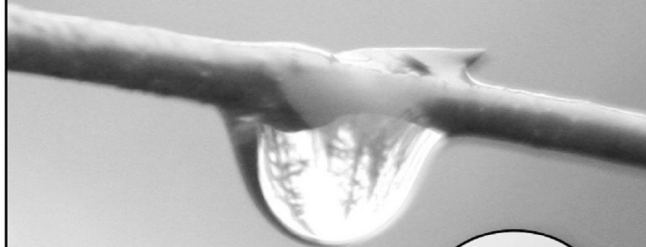
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Park Point Community Club Membership Drive 2011

The Park Point Community Club is conducting its annual membership drive. The club gives the community a common voice on issues, aids youth programs, manages the annual Park Point Art Fair and Rummage Sale, works on environmental projects and publishes The Breeze monthly. Individual memberships are \$3 a year and allow one vote at meetings. If more than one family member wishes to have a vote please buy additional memberships. Membership is limited to Park Point residents 18 years or older.

Mail your memberships to the Park Point Community Club, P.O. Box 16326, Duluth, MN 55816-0326. Or bring them to any Community Club meeting, which are held the 3rd Thursday of each month, at Lafayette Community Center. Meetings start at 7PM

Membership Form

Name(s)_____

Address_____

E-Mail address_____

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Happy New Year! But even more deeply, you are wished 'good zeal' for the coming year. Good zeal is based in Romans 12:10: *They should each try to be the first to show respect to the other.*

Good zeal is to care for the people you live with and love the people you don't and love God more than yourself. It depends on listening for the voice of God everywhere in life - especially right now and in one another.

A disciple asked the Holy One: "Where shall I look for Enlightenment?"

The Holy One said, "Here".

"When will it happen?" asked the disciple.

The Holy One said, "It is happening right now.

"Then why don't I experience it?"

The Holy One said, "Because you do not look."

"What should I look for?"

"Nothing," the Holy One said, "Just look".

"At what?" asked the disciple.

"Anything your eyes alight upon," the Holy One said.

"Must I look in a special kind of way?"

"No, the ordinary way will do," said the Holy One.

"But don't I always look the ordinary way?" asked the disciple?

"No, you don't. To look you must be here. You're mostly somewhere else."**

Good zeal in the coming year.

Worship at SABTL begins at 9:45 a.m., Sunday mornings.

***Story from 'The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century' by Joan Chittister**

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
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Fr. John Petrich,

Let Us Seek God's Will

A woman who went to the police station to report her husband missing described him as "29 years old, six foot three, fit and handsome." "I know your husband," pointed out the desk sergeant. "He's 48, short and overweight." "Sure he is," the woman answered, "but who would want that guy back?"

We have dreams that we believe would make us content if they came true. We may dream of winning the lottery, having a bigger home, or a more attractive appearance. If only God would grant our wish!! But true contentment does not come from things, which quickly lose their luster. The secret is to do God's will, which brings us God's joy.

Don't be misled by false hopes. Put God first.

*Father, may your will be done. Nothing more, nothing less.
Amen*

Note: New Mass Time
Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations
Every Sunday at 8:00 A. M.

Breeze Financial Report 2010

Income:

Advertising: \$2080.00
Subscriptions: \$ 20.00
\$2100.00

Expenses:

Printing: \$4010.96
Postage: \$ 132.00
\$4142.96

Cost to the Club: \$4142.96
-\$2100.00
\$2042.96

That's just a slight improvement from last year, when the costs were \$2093.06 for the year. Still a worthwhile investment?

Lafayette Rentals

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

FUNDRAISING CONTINUES FOR TWO ROWING QUADS

FREE TAX PREPARATION

As an additional way to raise funds for the purchase of two new rowing quads, a Duluth Rowing Club member has volunteered to prepare individual tax returns for the first **50 Park Pointers or DRC members** who contribute to this fundraiser.

The recommended donations for this program are:

- 1) If you did your own tax return last year: \$100
- 2) If a paid preparer did your taxes: ½ of last years' fee, or \$100, whichever is greater.
- 3) If you received as a gift an original Rauschenfels rowing woodcut print: \$ free.

These new four person rowing shells will be used by the boys and girls junior program, the growing number of master rowers, and for anyone in between. The Club would like to order the boats in time for spring rowing.

Tom Griggs, Enrolled Agent, licensed by the US Treasury Department to represent taxpayers before the IRS, will prepare all tax returns. To set up an appointment and help buy these boats, call Tom, 260-6056.

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Editor's Corner

I really wanted to run a picture of skaters at Lafayette in this issue. Seems like there's been someone out there every time I've gone by lately. Sometimes just a couple kids or a family. Sometimes bigger groups, often playing hockey. Sometimes the lights were on – inside and out. Other times not. I even saw a picture of a skater with her dog there on the DNT web page. The main thing is, the rink is being used.

The weather has cooperated this year. The city has been helpful, and Dave Lavamaki has put in many hours with a hose. But in order for all those involved to continue their efforts – to maintain the *will* to continue their efforts – they need to see that the rink is being used, and that the community still appreciates having the rink to use. So show your appreciation by getting out there. Lace up those skates and take a few turns. It's good for you – and good for all of us.

January is of course our annual membership meeting, and you will find a membership form printed in this issue. To encourage turnout on a (usually) cold January evening we start off with a bit of a pizza party before the meeting. So whether you're a renewing member or new to the Point, bring your membership form and three bucks (checks preferred), grab a slice of pizza and come meet your neighbors.

On a sadder note, I recently received notice of the passing of Sally Ramey. Though she had lived in Oregon for the last 9 years, she and her late husband Harold were long time Park Pointers and fixtures of the community. Both of them will be remembered for their tireless volunteering in so many capacities over the years.

To The Park Point Community Club:

I have been re-assigned to the Miller Hill Mall area as Community Officer. I have been proud to work with such a great group of individuals. Officer Russ Bradley has been assigned to the Canal Park/Park Point area as the new Squad 53. Please address any new concerns to him. His telephone number is

(218)730-5725

Officer Mike Tinsley

Duluth Police Department

Delivery Person Needed

I'm looking for a volunteer to deliver the Breeze from 25th to 28th St. Perhaps somebody living in that area that would be willing to do the delivering. But you don't have to live there. It's been ably done by Liz Mackay for many years (thanks, Liz) It's only once a month, and is a good way to meet your neighbors. If interested, contact me at 726-0110 or

breezeditor@msn.com

Alan Dartanyan

Editor and Chief Delivery Coordinator

A BIG THANK YOU!!

Maurices Cooperate Office's are replacing their office chairs and were offering them to community organizations that would put them to good use. Val Ouellette, an employee and Park Pointer, remembered the hard folding chairs we now use at Lafayette. She called with the offer of some softer chairs. On December 29th, Dave Lavamaki and Dick Gould brought 20 chairs to Lafayette and they look great. Come early to the next Community Club meeting for a soft seat. The Park Point Community Club thanks Maurices and Val for the generous donation.

Happy New Year!

The Annual Park Point Garage Sale will be here sooner than you think. It is time to mark your calendar with the dates of Friday June 10th and Saturday June 11 for this event. It is never too early to get stuff ready. Don't forget to price as you find unwanted treasures.

Charlene Shimmin

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

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