

# *The Breeze*

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### Calendar

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7PM  
At Lafayette**

**Lafayette Edible Garden  
Potluck Dinner  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 7 p.m.  
At Lafayette**

**Park Point Rummage Sale  
June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Park Point Art Fair  
June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Still waiting for Spring!**

### A New High Rise on Park Point?



Viewed from a distance, the south tower of the Aerial Lift Bridge, surrounded by scaffolding and wrapped in canvas looks like a ghostly hi-rise building in the middle of Lake Avenue. I sure didn't envy those guys putting up the scaffolding in the bitter cold weather. But now it's all enclosed, the heaters are blasting, and the workers are hard at it, painting and repairing, just as they did to the north tower last winter. They've only got a short window of time, while the shipping traffic is shut down for the winter, and they're making the most of it. And we're used to this. It hardly seems like an inconvenience now. Waits are no worse than a long red light.

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 March 4th for the March 2011 issue. Please send submissions to

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## **From The President**

The keys are being changed at Lafayette so we can know who comes and goes there. There seems to be many keys outstanding and the City does not know who has them. The City is going to install a programmable combination lock on the upstairs door with up to eight changeable codes. This will greatly help the rental agent, who is doing a great job of increasing the amount of renters for Lafayette! Also, does anyone know the whereabouts of a key for the metal filing cabinets in the back office at Lafayette? The historical records of the Point are stored in them. I have cleared out the small back office and would like to get the records and other historical items safely stored there, after we get the room painted. (We have the paint, brushes and rollers, we just need some painters) The February meeting will be done by the V.P. Liz Mackay, don't forget to get your memberships in.

Does anyone else notice how our repaved streets are breaking up? 13th to 43rd is already starting to fail and from the bridge to 13th is really a mess. (a band aid when it needed major rebuilding, along with the utilities) Over two million cars last year came across the bridge, and why do we have empty \$500,000.00 busses beating up the street when a simple van could serve the few bus riders. See you all in March,  
Dick

## **Here's a 2010 summary of traffic on the PPCC website.**

- 5,478 unique visitors – this means: 5,478 different computers looked at the web site at least once
  - 10,496 visits – this means: of the 5,478 different computers came back again, an average of 1.91 times
  - 39,834 pages – this means: every one of the 10,496 visits looked at an average of 3.79 pages per visit
- Ryan Novitzky, webmaster

## **Art on Walls**

Lafayette walls are looking nicely painted and fresh but a little bare. Anyone interested in fixing that problem? The club is in possession of two beautiful prints, historical photos and posters and at the same time in need of a vision. If you are interested in serving on the deck the walls of Lafayette committee please contact Carla Tamburro at 218 428 1916 or [carlajake@clearwire.net](mailto:carlajake@clearwire.net).

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A quote from Bishop Brian Prior (Episcopal Bishop of Minnesota) at the CHUM Clergy Assembly, February 3rd: "Nothing is more basic than finding God, and falling in love with God. It will affect what you do in life - what gets you out of bed in the morning, how you spend your day, your evenings, who you spend your time with, and what you do. Falling in love with God will determine what breaks open your love for others - and what draws out your gratitude. Fall in love - stay in love - it will decide everything."

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Fr. John Petrich,

### **Let God Speak**

Dr. J. Brown of Rochester, Minnesota was attempting to get the physical history of a patient. The patient's wife answered every question he asked. Finally, Dr. Brown requested that she leave the room only to find out that her husband couldn't speak. He called back the wife and apologized for not realizing the patient had aphasia (loss of speech). The wife was astonished. She didn't know it either!!

Do you ever stop and listen to God? Do you ever give God a chance to speak? All too often our prayer consists of our telling God what we need and when we need it. You don't have to speak, for silence is the atmosphere of prayer. Give God a few minutes a day and "listen to his voice."

*Father of stillness, I want to come to you and hear your voice. Settle my mind and heart that I may hear your voice. In the sacred name of Jesus, Amen*

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



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## **January 20, 2011 Park Point Community Club Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with 22 members present.

### Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance for December, 2011	\$43,076
Income for the month	\$ 490
Expenses for the month	\$ 1,303
Net Loss	\$ 813

### Breeze Report

Alan Dartanyan had nothing to report. He said changes in his current working schedule may result in his needing help with the publishing of the Breeze.

### Art Fair Report

Carla Tamburro said the Art Fair applications are out. She has started receiving entries. The deadline for the applications is 3/1/2011.

### Sunshine Committee Report

Nothing to report

### Rummage Sale Committee Report

Nothing to report

### Police Officer

Russ Bradley attended the meeting. He has been with the force 4 1/2 years. He said he was open to input. Had business card if anyone was interested.

### Communication Committee Report

Dick Gould said he received an unsigned letter. The unsigned letters are destroyed.

Cameras and video surveillance are scheduled to be installed on 12th St. this summer.

501 3c should be completed by 3/12/2011

Park Point Fire Department - building was inspected and passed the inspection.

A new rental agreement has been implemented per Malessa Streithen, rental coordinator

News about the Lafayette building. There will be no closing of the Lafayette Building.

There was a proposal made to move the polling place to St Andrew's Church because of accessibility. This is not a problem and the polling place should remain at Lafayette building. Liz Mackay made a motion to send a letter to the Jeff Cox at the city stating our position about the Park Point Community Club being opposed to moving the polling place. David Johnson seconded the motion.

## Old Business

Motion made and seconded on the second vote to donate \$2300 to the Rowing Club.  
All voting club members voted aye.

Carla read thank you notes from artists about the success of the 2010 Art Fair.

Parks and Rec - Liz Mackay recommended anyone that can attend the Parks and Rec monthly meetings should do so. They are scheduled the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 4:00pm at the Central Hillside Community Center.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

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

The community garden may be snowbound, but garden members are still having fun. At the January 23rd potluck dinner, members shared a convivial meal and watched the engrossing movie, *My Father's Garden*, an emotionally charged documentary about the use and misuse of technology on the American farm.

If you are still uncertain about the value of participating in our local community garden, consider the following statements, written by garden member LeAnne Rutherford in a newsletter to her colleagues in the Instructional Development Service at UMD:

*"... What about this gardening group makes me want to get my hands dirty and learn about composting and red wiggler worms? A partial answer lies in defining the nature of the garden group. It is a learning community, a community of common purpose based on a set of shared values. It is bigger than self, having the potential for social impact beyond this group. Positive, it moves our focus outward from the individual to the group and back. In the Forward to Creative Collaboration, D. H. Feldman, cognitive theorist, calls this "a movement from the 'Age of the Individual' to the 'Era of Community.'"*

*"Learning doesn't have to be lonely. Besides providing company on the journey, other characteristics recommend learning communities: inclusiveness, support, knowledge building, shared experiences, emotional connectedness, collaboration, .... In other words, it is about more than growing pumpkins..."*

**The next Sunday potluck will be February 20, from 5 to 7pm. All Park Pointers are welcome – please join us and bring a dish to share. For more information, contact Coral at 727-6455.**

Other upcoming events:

New Food Regionalism Public Speaker Series, held at 3:45pm, UMD Library Rotunda (4th Floor):  
Thursday, February 17: "Assessing the Western Lake Superior Region for Food Localization."

Friday, February 18: "Incubating Farm(er)s, Creating the Duluth Community Farm: the Intervale Model."

Tuesday, March 1: "Community Based Education around Food, Farming, and Gardening."

**Once again I'm printing the Park Point Community Club membership list – or at least the list of those members who have paid their dues for 2011. If you're not on the list, and you want to be, you can join at any time. Just send \$3 per member to the Park Point Community Club, P.O. Box 16326, Duluth, MN 55816-0326. Or contact Vice President Liz Mackay at 722-1834**

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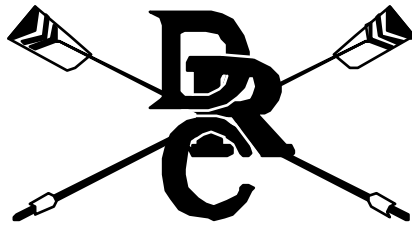
50-100 people - \$200.00

100-125 people - \$300.00

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

The hours available are from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm

Missy Steichen is our rental agent. You can reach her by phone at 218-208-9545 or by e-mail at [ppccdhl@gmail.com](mailto:ppccdhl@gmail.com)



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.

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## Editor's Corner

I enjoy winter. Really. Don't look at me that way. I ski, both downhill and cross country, I snowshoe, ice fish a little (with limited success). I like climbing around on the ice, and though I can't say I really enjoy those bitterly cold days, there's something about surviving them that feels good. I call it "testing weather". And every time we get through a cold snap without dead car batteries or frozen water pipes, we passed the test.

But there are times that the simple necessities can seem such a burden. When simply taking the dog for a walk requires piling on parkas, pack boots and choppers, and putting booties on an uncooperative dog, it makes you long for those summer days, when you just slip on a pair of shorts and walk out the door. No shirt, no shoes, no problem!

It must have been the pizza! What else could have brought an above average crowd to our January Community club meeting, on one of those bitterly cold nights. True Minnesotans won't let a little cold weather stand between them and a free slice!

Note the "Art On Walls" notice on page two. Lafayette needs decorating. We've got stuff: prints, pictures, posters. What we need is people with taste to figure out where to hang them. Counts me out. How about you?

## Park Point Garage Sale June 10 & 11

Only 4 months until the big rush to the 30th Annual Park Point Garage Sale. This is good time of the year to get stuff price for the sale. Yes, we promise the snow will be gone and the bargain hunters will be coming to Park Point. The committee is already looking for those that will have non profit sales, so we can included them in our Press Releases that will be going out in the spring. Call or email and let us know if you have a non profit group setting up at your place. Also, we usually are looking for yards for food vendors. If you have a yard that could be used please let us know. You can set your own rate to have the vendors set up in your yard. A good way to earn extra cash.

Charlene Shimmin 722-682 David Lavamaki 729-8925

## Let's call them Lake Trout Burps



Maybe you heard (or read) it in the news, after a few a few of these "whale burps" washed up on the shore in Canal Park. Also known as surf balls, these oval or round bundles of fibrous material periodically show up on coastlines throughout the world.

Oregon Sea Grant writes that although no formal research has been done on these aquatic oddities, theory suggests that as lost monofilament (or in this case, strands of black plastic) rolls about in nearshore waves, it gradually collects seaweed, pine needles, dune grass, small feathers, shell fragments, and other debris, forming a tight bristly ball. Scientists have found surf balls made of fine vegetative strands on Egyptian beaches and surf balls twice the size of a large orange on Australian shores.

They were quite common on Park Point last summer. The ones pictured above were picked up by my wife, and used, along with some driftwood, in an "artistic display".

I kind of compare it to the beach glass we've been collecting for years. Though discarded plastic is no joke, it still amuses me how the lake (or the oceans) can take our trash, and turn it into something, well, if not beautiful, at least interesting.

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