



# *The Breeze*

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March 2011

### Calendar

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

**Lafayette Edible Garden  
Pot-luck Dinner**  
March 20, 5-7 PM  
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>

**Spring!**  
**I can see it on the  
horizon!**

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

### Park Point's "Winter People"



Park Point has always had its "Summer People", but it has its Winter people, too. Each year, as soon as the ice forms, they appear out on the bay, usually strung out along the shipping channel. At first they walk out, but as the ice thickens the more daring ones head out in their pickup trucks. There's a few solid walled fishing shanties, but these days it's mostly portable "pop-ups", that go up and down each day. The population usually peaks in mid-February, and on a nice afternoon there's often quite a community out there – and a matching one on the Wisconsin side of the channel. Then, as quickly as they appeared, they're gone. Walleye fishing ends, the ice houses and shelters are hauled away, and all that's left is their tracks and these funny looking circles in the ice.

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## **Submissions**

The deadline is April 1st for the April 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**

March is here! Soon, so will be the ice breaker and boats, I'll bet the ice fisher people are gone!

Eagles are back on the island, be careful about your small dogs and cats. I have seen collars, tags, etc. in abandoned eagle nests. The Fox seem to be leaving the point a bit. There is only one active den on Hearding island this spring, last year there were four. There is not much food left.

After waiting on hold for 17 minutes a person at IRS assured me that our 501C-3 app. would soon be done. 90 days has now taken 123.

Does anybody know where the doggie bag dispenser key is, and is there anyone who would like to volunteer to keep them filled?

The key mysteries continue to drive me nuts! (not far to go)

Things to discuss at the March meeting also include, rummage sale ,art fair, fishing contests, membership fees, alternate year officer elections, etc..

Gypsy moth problem is another thing that we should to address along with the disappearance of the Brown Bat population across the U.S. where these treatments have been done in the past.

Dick

# **Shredded**



Last month I described the canvassed wrapped lift bridge as looking like a ghostly high rise on Park point. Then the wild winds over Presidents Day weekend did a little demolition, shredding the canvas, exposing its iron skeleton. But the damage looked far worse than it was, and within a couple of days it was all buttoned up again, and the workers were back to business as usual.

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The Gospels carry the stories of God's good news for Christians. The Torah carries the stories of God's good news for Jews (and Christians). The Koran carries the stories of good news for Muslims. Maybe that's just another way of saying that the *whole world is but a glass, full of lights representing the divine wisdom* (St. Bonaventura). A story: Once upon a time (which is to say, right now and from the beginning and till the end), an old Sufi Mystic set out to make the Great Pilgrimage to Mecca. It was a difficult journey under any conditions. The large crowds jostled against each other and crowded him off the road. The path was rough and uneven. The sun beat down on the old man's head without mercy. The holy man decided, 'I must stop for awhile.' He lay down by the side of the road, just outside Mecca. Hardly asleep, he felt himself being roughly shaken awake. 'Sufi, get up!' The voice was not kind. The hand was not gentle. The stranger went on: 'Some Sufi you are! You're a disgrace!' The stranger circled around the old man, flailing his hands and shaking his head. 'How dare you lie down at the time for prayer,' he shouted, 'with your head pointed to the West and your feet pointed toward God in the holy shrine.' The old Sufi stirred a bit, opened one eye, looked at the man and smiled. 'I thank you for your concern, sir. So before I go back to sleep,' he went on, a grin playing at the corner of his mouth, 'would you be so kind as to turn my feet in some direction where they are not pointing at God?'" (Joan Chittister tells this story in her book, *Welcome to the Wisdom of the World and Its Meaning for You*)  
*May you have a Holy Lent.*

**Ash Wednesday Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes:**  
**12 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**Soup Supper and Study - Wednesdays in Lent 5:45 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 ALL ARE WELCOME**

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Ash Wednesday: Services will be March 9, at St. Mary's Star of the  
Sea. Times: 12:10 and 6:00 p.m.

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Good Friday services will be at Our Lady of Mercy church at 6:00 p.m.



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**Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2011**

Treasurer, Al Robins, called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm. There were 22 members in attendance. A motion was made to accept the January, 2011 minutes. Motion seconded.

**Treasurer's Report**

January, 2011 starting balance	\$43,076
Income	\$ 743
Expenses	\$ 5578
 Ending balance	 \$39,480

Two major expenses were

- #1 \$2300 donation to the Duluth Rowing Club
- #2 \$1745 to the City of Duluth for permits for the Art Fair

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report

**Breeze Report**

There was nothing to report

**Art Fair Report**

Carla Tamburro reported the applications for the Art Fair exhibitors were on the internet. In March, Carla will be jurying the applicants to see who is selected. Carla asked if anyone would like to be a part of this process to call her.

Carla is also the chairperson for the committee who will decide what Art will be displayed at Lafayette Square. She said past art fair posters would be hung. Also, work from other artists from Park Point.

**Fire Department Report**

Chad Rindahl, the Park Point fireman, said there was no new in regards to the fire hall.

In 2009, the fire department responded to 138 runs.

In 2010, the fire department responded to 133 runs.

To date, 18 runs have been made. (10 medical; 7 miscellaneous; and 1 fire call).

Chad said the fire department had smoke alarms available. A person can call 723-3215 to request a free smoke alarm. The fire dept. comes to the home and installs the units at no charge.

**Rummage Sale Report** - Nothing to report

**Environmental Report** - Nothing to report

**Hospitality Report** - Nothing to report

It was reported the street assessment bills will be mailed out shortly.

Motion was made a seconded to adjourn the meeting.

## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

At our February 20<sup>th</sup> potluck dinner, Park Pointer Dave Hanlon shared his 18-years of community gardening experience and his breadmaking expertise. We discovered that his passion for making bread is much deeper than the garden-variety mix-a-dough-and-shove-it-in-the-oven technique most of us use. Dave's bread is based on using his own hand milled wheat and rye flour and baking his loaves in an outdoor clay oven behind his house. Who knew?

Dave takes gardening and its connection to life very seriously. He says, "Beyond being an anchor and medium for growing plants, a good garden soil is a dynamic, complex community and as we eat from it and live with it, it becomes part of *our* community. When we garden and recognize this little patch of earth as part of us, as part of what feeds us and gives us life, we begin to look at it differently. It is no longer just dirt. We begin to put our care, attention and hope into this place in our lives and deepen our relationship to the Earth."

We are in the midst of planning the beds for this summer's community garden and ideas such as square-foot and butterfly gardens are being tossed around. If you have an interest in learning more about gardening and what we're doing in our garden plot at Lafayette Square, join us at our next potluck dinner. If you want to expand your personal gardening knowledge, Joanne Ellison suggests this website as a great resource for Minnesota gardening: <http://umediblelandscape.blogspot.com>

As you do your spring clean-ups in your gardens, don't forget that the compost bins at the Community Garden are ready for donations of your chemical-free garden debris and leaves.

**Next potluck dinner:** Sunday March 20, 5 to 7 p.m. Our speaker will be John Fisher-Meritt, who will talk about soil enhancement and cover crops, as well as CSA and the Sustainable Farming Association. 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, 3:45p.m., UMD Library Rotunda (4th Floor), unless otherwise noted:

Thursday, March 31: "Institutionalizing Good Food: the Case of the Univ. of MN Morris"

Thursday, April 7: "Creating Student Centered College and University Gardens: The Case of the Cornercopia Farm"

Friday, April 22: "Growing Power and Growing Food" 7:00p.m., UMD Kirby Ballroom

Thursday, April 28: "Food Systems in Healthcare"

## Lafayette Rentals

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

The Rental fees are as follows:

up to 50 people - \$100.00

50-100 people - \$200.00

100-125 people - \$300.00

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

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

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## **Thank you Park Point Community**

The Duluth Rowing Club extends a grateful "Thank you" to the Park Point Community Club for the \$2300 contribution towards the purchase of 2 new rowing shells.

The Rowing Club has always valued the strong support the Park Point Community has provided over the years. The Rowing Club also appreciates that our neighbors don't seem to mind our early morning practices and the activity from our annual regatta.

We encourage people on the Point to try rowing. There are several Park Pointers who are members of the Rowing Club, from teenagers to retired folks. Learn to Row classes are held in June and July. Classes will be listed on the website in May, [www.duluthrowing.org](http://www.duluthrowing.org)

Again, thank you for the outstanding support the Park Point Community Club provides to the Duluth Rowing Club!

P.S. The Rowing Club is very close to reaching the fundraising goal for the new shells. Additional contributions can be sent to the Duluth Rowing Club, PO Box 655, Duluth MN 55801. Contributions over \$300 will receive an exclusive woodcut print donated by noted artist Tom Rauschenfels.

## **Gypsy Moths**

**City Gardener Judy Gibbs will speak at Park Point Garden Club Meeting, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7Pm at Lafayette. She will be discussing Gypsy Moth control efforts, and the spraying that is slated to begin this Spring. This meeting is open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend.**

The Park Point Garden Club meets monthly on the fourth Thursday. Join us at our meetings and in our upkeep of the flower garden at Lafayette.

Email Pam at: [peggriggs@clearwire.net](mailto:peggriggs@clearwire.net) or

Phone: 727 2158 for time and place



## Editor's Corner

I really should have done an article this month on the zoning issues in the 10<sup>th</sup> street area. But it's a complex issue that would take considerable time and space to even begin explain – and I'm not sure I understand it all myself. Plus, with items being pulled on and off the city council agenda, I can't say for sure when things will come to a head. But I encourage everyone to pay attention. There are some important issues here, which will affect much more than just the surrounding neighbors.

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I don't know if you noticed the "Golden Shovel" awards given out to people who go above and beyond to help their neighbors – and neighborhoods – keep their sidewalks clear of snow, but topping the list was former long time Park Pointer (and full time curmudgeon) Cliff Tchida. It's been a few years since he "escaped" to Gary-New Duluth, but given the state of some of our sidewalks here, do you think we can lure him back?

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I don't have anything else to say here. I just like making those little lines of stars.

## Ruth Marie McVann Harris- 84 years old

Ruth Marie McVann (Harris) died on January 16th at the Golden Living Nursing Home in Saint Louis Park, MN at the age of 84. She was born in Peabody, Massachusetts on December 2, 1926. She is preceded in death by her husband Paul Edward McVann and brothers, Donald and Gerald, of Peabody, Massachusetts. She is survived by her children Mark of Moraga, CA, Neil (Mary) of Rock Hill, SC, Owen (Laura) of Milwaukee, WI, and Norine (Vicki Breese) of Bloomington, MN, five grandchildren, Kari, Nathan, Emily, Meghan and Evan, two great grandchildren, Dylan and Madysin and one brother, James Harris, of Maryland. A long time resident of Duluth, MN, Ruth had been a member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish on Park Point. She was a gifted knitter and produced hundreds of beautiful handcrafted items, creating a small business over many years. She was an avid reader and an active volunteer in adult literacy programs in Duluth. She was also a long-time volunteer in fundraising efforts for the Duluth Rowing Club. She was a devoted wife and loving mother and will be greatly missed by her family. A private family memorial service will be held in Duluth, MN in the spring. The family requests that any donations be made to The ALS Association of Wisconsin, 2505 North 124<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 105, Brookfield, WI 53005.

*(editor's note: I don't usually run obituaries, but I was asked to run this one of a former Park Pointer, and saw no reason not to.)*

## PARK POINT RUMMAGE SALE

**Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11 8 AM – 6 PM.**

The countdown is on! 3 months until the bargain hunters come to Park Point! Please let your friends and family know the dates so they won't miss the 30th Annual Sale.

Please let us know of any nonprofit groups that will be having sales including food so we can include the information in the Press Releases. Information should be submitted no later than May 15.

A reminder anyone that is serving food during the rummage sale needs to call St. Louis County Health Department regarding license.

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Fire station #5 (Park Point): 723-3215

City Councilor Sharla Gardner: 724-4701 [sharla.gardner@gmail.com](mailto:sharla.gardner@gmail.com)

## ***Join Us for the Unveiling***

***Jackie Kotlarek's collection of paintings  
depicting Duluth during the late 1800's—early 1900's***

**March 24th, 2011 from 2– 3:30 pm**

### ***'Old Duluth'***

**The event will feature a presentation by Mrs. Kotlarek  
, a life time resident of Duluth.**

**A reception with punch and cake will follow.**

***Bayshore Health Center  
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