

# The Breeze

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September 2011

### Calendar

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting  
September 15, 7PM  
At Lafayette**

**Duluth Rowing Club  
125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration  
September 16th**

**Edible Garden Harvest  
Pot-luck Supper  
September 19  
6-8PM  
at Lafayette**

**Dwellings: a Tour of  
Contemporary Living  
paces  
October 1**

**National Food Day  
October 24<sup>th</sup>**



The Duluth Rowing Club came in second in total points for the Northwestern International Rowing Association Championships hosted on Park Point on August 19th and 20th. The Masters Division was won this year by the Duluth Rowing Club, with Duluth winning four events in that division. Gold medals were won by Park Pointers Greg Peterson and Tom Rauschenfels in the double, Greg, Tom, Jeff Ellison and Pete Olson in both the quad and straight four, and Pete Olson in the single over 50 events. Many thanks go to Park Point for the wonderful hospitality shown to all 400+ rowers from Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg,

Kenora, Thunder Bay, Milwaukee, Rochester, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth. Because of windy conditions, Friday's races were moved to the Lake side of the Point, while Saturday was able to be rowed on the Bay side utilizing stake boats and lanes.

The 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Duluth Rowing Club will be the social event of the Fall for any rower, past or present, plus anyone else that would like to be a part of the festivities at the St. Louis County Heritage & Arts Center (Depot). Appetizers from Scenic Cafe, exhibits of past and present rowing history, and Mike Cochran's now-famous lecture and books will be available, plus a fun-filled chance at a raffle of a wood-cut depicting rowers. Fun starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16th. Cost is \$25.00 and tickets are available from any rowing club master member or by calling 733-7586. ALL Park Pointers are welcome!

The Rowing Club's annual Death Row 25 kilometer row from the Boathouse to Fon du Lac is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th, starting at 8:00 a.m. Besides traditional rowing shells, all kayakers and canoeists are encouraged to participate. The finish line will be the site of the traditional banquet, complete with prizes for all participants.

The Duluth Rowing Club shiny paper collection dumpster will be at the Boathouse right through the fall and winter months, so please continue to dump your shiny paper products. Many thanks to all who use this green method of recycling because not only is it good for the environment, but it helps fund some of the youth activities for the junior rowers.

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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for the October 2011 issue.

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## **From The President**

The 501 C-3 has been approved by both the IRS and State. The name of the organization is, The Minnesota Point Preservation Society Inc.

After many hours conferring with IRS and Sec. of State I took the IRS persons advice, which was, "fire your attorney" and do this correctly. They gave us 90 days to correctly complete the application or lose our \$890.00 application fees, we finished with 2 days to spare.

Next we need to put a board of directors together to come up with possible projects to apply for grant money to complete. We have grant writers waiting to help with applications. We just need some ideas.

Hats off to Joy Fouts and her assistant! A job well done! I have never seen so many kids so unhappy that a school session was ending, they really had fun learning a lot.

Missy, our rental agent, is doing a great job. I just got a letter from a renter who was very happy and impressed with her efforts and promised to be back next year. Rental revenues have increased dramatically.

Please come to the meeting on the 15th of September, we need lots of input and will have some good cookies.

Dick

**Happy birthday** and congratulations to Park Pointer **Catherine Berg**, who is celebrating her 102nd birthday on 9/23/11. Wow!

I probably should have mentioned this earlier, but perhaps with the snow months approaching, it's a good time to remind people to **trim tree branches and bushes overhanging the sidewalks**. Low hanging branches can be quite a obstacle for people walking – or riding- on the sidewalks. And the weight of snow will make them hang even lower than they are now. (I won't mention shoveling – yet!)

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**Worship** this Sunday will be attentive to God's Presence in our lives, this nation and the world since **September 11, 2001**.

**September 18 - Worship and Ice Cream Social - 9:45 a.m.**

**October 2 - Blessing of the Animals. 9:45 a.m.** This will be a short service of prayers, music and blessings for any animals brought this morning. Bring the actual pet, a picture of a pet, a stuffed animal if you don't have a pet - for a blessing. There will be prayers offered for those animal friends who have died in the past year. Coffee hour will include treats for pets and their friends who come along.

**All are welcome.** Remember, 'All God's critters got a place in the choir'

**November 2 - All Soul's Day Spaghetti Dinner 5-8 pm**

Please join us for dinner on Wednesday, November 2nd to celebrate and remember some of the saints of Park Point. Come on your way home from work - or come later - we'll be serving until 8 pm. This is a fundraiser to help replace the roof over the sanctuary, which is now 20 years old - and losing shingles every time we get a high wind.

St. Andrew's by the Lake is a faith community that welcomes all people - wherever you are on your spiritual journey. Join us for worship. Join us for events. God meets us where we are.

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Fr. John Petrich

Our Lady of Mercy and St. Mary Star of the Sea churches will be hosting a Pumpkin Patch at 2002 Minnesota Ave.

Park Point

Dates: October 9<sup>th</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## **August 18, 2011 Park Point Community Club Meeting**

Meeting called to order by club president, Richard Gould, @ 7:00pm. There were 24 people in attendance.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the July, 2011 minutes.

### **Treasurer's Report**

2011 beginning balance	\$43,026
July 1, 2011 balance	\$53,592
Income	-\$ 3,118
Expenses	-\$ 6,646
July 31, 2011 ending balance	\$49,642

### **Environmental Committee**

Trees planted in the spring are doing well - per Dick Gould.

### **S Curve sign update**

David Johnson explained about the construction of the sign. Dave said the cost of the two boxes would cost around \$400 with \$100 more for miscellaneous expenses. He will be starting the construction of the new sign in September.

### **Communications**

Sharla Gardner and Kerry Gauthier were in attendance. Sharla came by to say 'Hello'. Spoke about a ballot this year, which could include a dedicated park fund. The money would be strictly used for parks and not for other usage.



She spoke about the garbage on the beach. Sharla is running unopposed this year and would not need to be campaigning. She said she was thinking of organizing listening sessions during the months of September and October.

She said she had nothing new to report on the Sky Harbor Airport.

Kerry Gauthier told of his job in St. Paul. Gave several suggestions about working with the Airport to come up with a plan where both parties are satisfied.

**Membership Committee** - nothing new to report

**Breeze report** - Breeze paper has increased to 12 pages. Alan said he was able to negotiate new prices to print the 12 pages.

**Sunshine Committee** - nothing new to report

**Art & Rummage Sale report** - Nothing new to report

**Summer Youth Program** - Program went great. Expected cost for the program was in excess of \$9000.

**501 C3** - Dick Gould said this status should be approved by 8/26/2011.

**Rentals** - Good

**Miscellaneous** -

Toilets at 22nd and 31st Sts were heavily used this summer. May need to increase the number of units next summer.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize up to \$500 for the s curve sign construction.

Door locks on the community club have all the electronics installed. Club has been unable to get information for keys.

Motion was made by Diane Gould to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Rutherford seconded the motion.

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

### **Park Point Garden and Food Festival update:**

The numbers are in. An estimated 300 people visited our event on August 19 and we raised about \$750 for the Lafayette Community Edible Garden. Our favorite police officer, Ken Zwak, made parking a breeze for everyone by facilitating permission to park on both sides of Minnesota Avenue during our event.

Winners of our raffle prizes included Park Pointers Bill Silver, Susan Peters, Yvette Vanda, and Coral McDonnell. Other raffle winners were: Emily Gaarder, and Kristi Johnson, who came all the way from Proctor for our event. Leftovers from our flea market were picked up by members of the Duluth Community Garden Program to be sold at their September 9th and 10th garage sale. Money from that event will be used to help pay for a deer fence at the Emerson Community Garden on West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Master Gardeners from near and far greeted the public in our community garden. We are grateful for these experts who added an educational element to our event: Dori Decker, Joanne Ellison, Jan Simmons, Dana Varland, and Edith Peterson.

Once again, thanks to all the volunteers who made this event the success it was. And, let's thank our local sponsors by supporting their businesses: Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory in Canal Park, Lake Avenue Café, Duluth Grill, Whole Foods Co-Op, Prairie Kitchen Specialty Foods, and Husby Pottery.

### **Wanted: Grass Clippings:**

For the next month we are looking for grass clippings from chemical-free lawns to add to our compost bins in the community garden. Please dump your grass clippings and take your bags with you. No leaves will be accepted this year in the composts. Do not dump any debris on the ground around the fruit trees.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday, September 10**, 11am to 5pm, Harvest Festival & Energy Fair in Bayfront Park. Bring the family to this free event featuring a farmer's market, energy and conservation exhibitions, live music and children's activities.

**Monday, September 19**, 6 to 8pm: Harvest Potluck Dinner. This event is open to all Park Pointers. Our meal will feature dishes made from ingredients harvested from our community garden, as well as our home gardens. Of course, anything goes, so if you don't have a garden to harvest from, bring whatever you like. For more information about this event or the Lafayette Community Edible Garden, contact Coral at 727-6455.

**Saturday September 24**, Urban Farm Tour put on by the Duluth Community Garden Program. For info check out [www.duluthcommunitygarden.org](http://www.duluthcommunitygarden.org)

**Monday, October 24:** In celebration of National Food Day, we will combine forces with the Duluth Community Garden Program for a potluck feast at Lafayette Square. Expect lots of kale on the menu. More details soon.

Members of the Hillside Public Orchard (located at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, East) invite us to participate in their upcoming events:

**Sunday, September 25**, 12:30pm: Harvest Potluck. Fall plantings, mushroom inoculation, set up cider press.

**Sunday, October 9:** Hillside Public Orchard Cider Press Fest. Bring apples and apple treats and a jar to take some cider home.

## **Park Point.....naturally.**

As if we needed a reminder that a new season is on the horizon, sixteen white pelicans descended from their high flight a week ago and made a brief rest stop just off the one remaining sandbar on the western end of Hearding Island. They are likely to have been the same flock spotted at the same location on May 15th.

Where they spent the summer I have no idea. By noon they spread their nine foot, black tipped wings, climbed to their preferred elevation of about two-thousand feet and, unlike geese, formed into a straight line and relied on their internal GPS to direct them to the Gulf Coast.

On arrival in the territory of the brown pelicans they won't use the same techniques in competing for fish. The browns dive onto their prey from the air while the white ones hunt in co-operative groups on the surface of the water and try to herd the fish into a kind of trap, enclosing them with their bodies. Humorist/poet Ogden Nash found them to be an odd bird. He observed that the pelican's mouth "holds more than its belly can."

By now you've probably noticed (and heard) the Canada geese as they form in immense flotillas in the bay at dawn before taking to the skies in crude formations. As the young birds mature they'll learn the skill of forming the V formation and taking the best route along the way with abundant stopovers.

One of our ducks, probably a mallard, ended its summer in the belly of a predator. A scattering of feathers floating close to shore Friday morning suggested it was likely that a resident fox hit the jackpot when patrolling the shoreline. This usually happens several times every summer near my waterfront location. Not to worry: there are plenty of others available to keep the mallard population from collapsing.

I never cease to be amazed, even after ten years as a resident on the Point, at the fascinating variety of wildlife that live or visit here. In early August I watched an aerial display that could best be described as a bird-world version of a combat dog fight. The low level flight over the bay was initiated by an Arctic visitor called a jaeger (pronounced yea-ger). It looks a whole lot like an immature gull and is only slightly larger. It has what humans would regard as the nasty habit of stealing food from other birds.

In the action I witnessed, it had spotted a tern that had deftly snatched a minnow swimming near the surface. As the hot pursuit began, the tern immediately went into its escape mode...a remarkable display of dives, twists and turns, but soon had the pursuer literally on its tail. The jaeger, known as an acrobatic flyer, aimed for the tern's head and neck. With a burst of speed it rammed its prey, forcing it to drop its dinner and flee while the attacker zoomed down to the water to gobble it up.

No colored leaves on trees on the Point at the moment but it's not too early to clean out and start refilling your bird feeders. The warblers and sparrows, now being seen in limited numbers, will soon be joined by a host of relatives and would appreciate the handout. I thank you in their behalf.

Glenn Maxham



**The GET TO THE POINT Awesome  
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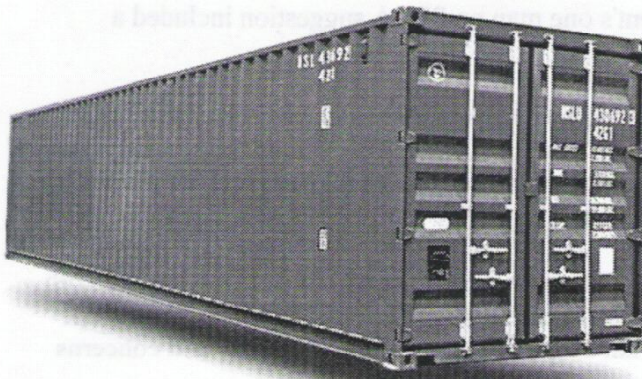
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Cynthia Hakala,

Lake Superior Beaches Program Minnesota Department of Health,  
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### **From The Bridge**

As you may know, the Mayor of Duluth has proposed budget cuts for 2012. Included in those cuts would be a limited staff at the Aerial Bridge. There is currently a city ordinance that states: that the bridge is to be manned by two operators at all times during the navigation season. The plan is to revoke this ordinance and man the bridge with only one operator. Speaking for myself and the other operators we feel problems will arise, ranging from safety issues to traffic delays. Operations with just one operator will mean increased time added to preparation for lifts. In addition to operation, we have also been responsible for maintenance and troubleshooting problems. The Aerial Bridge has been dependable most of the time but the old gal sometimes has her faults. With two operators here, one can be free to fix problems as they arise, usually resetting a breaker or fault device. With only one operator we would have to call someone in from the city staff, which could take a considerable amount of time. We also see a problem with maintenance, which would probably have to be contracted out at a greater expense. I would like to ask for your support by contacting your city council members, or attend the meetings and ask them to vote "NO", on the ordinance change. Help us keep the Bridge running smoothly and safely! Many thanks in advance,

The Bridge Tenders

### **Editor's Corner**

The Breeze got lots of letters and commentaries this month, so I'm just going to get out of the way and let others speak!

#### **To the Editor,**

The Mackay's letter in last month's Breeze claimed the Facebook page and website, "Save Park Point," was "initiated by somebody who lives out of town but owns property" on Park Point. To correct the record, I am the organizer of Save Park Point as well as the author of its content. I have lived on Park Point since 1997 and I have been a Community Club member. The Mackays may have been referring to the web designer who volunteered his time and resources to help me launch the site, but even he is a Duluth resident who has lived on Park Point.

The letter also characterized the opposition to the hotel as a small group of vocal residents who do not represent the majority view of Park Pointers. To the contrary, we collected more than 500 signatures opposing the hotel in just a couple hours of door knocking. Only a small number of residents we polled declined to sign the petition.

While we did oppose the construction of a hotel at Lake and 10th, we do not oppose Joel Johnson's plan to build a hotel in his marina. We are not happy about the current 9-story design, but the architects have met the city's building and land use codes. We now seek to mitigate the effects of increased traffic and visitors on our neighborhood, and we have begun a constructive dialogue with the developers to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to correct the record.

Captain Carl Sherman

#### **To the editor:**

The open letter to the Mayor (The Breeze, August 2011) says that the only people who got any press about the proposed hotel are those, "we never see...at Community Club meetings because most of them have not joined the Community Club."

For the record, not only did I join the PPCC my first few years back in Duluth on The Point, I also served as secretary for two years. I know there are many others who you, "never see", with similar histories; you have, in fact, seen most of us at one time or another. I asked my neighbors, and most of the folks you're referring to have been or currently are members. Others distribute or have distributed the Breeze, another has edited and produced the Breeze, and in addition to me, others have been officers in the club or on committees.

To be accurate, most of the people you referred to have been and a number currently are contributing members of the Park Point Community Club.

Jan Karon

#### **Editor:**

Very disappointed in the August 2011 Open Letter to the Editor. I have been a resident of Park Point almost 60 years, lived in our current location over 34 years and been a member of the Park Point Community Club most of those years with Mary. I was the President of the Park Point Community Club for at least 2 years. We have always been proactive with concerns and issues related to Park Point and getting a 9 story hotel with a "top floor yacht club", 30 space RV park and reduced parking for all (including the Marina) is a very large concern for all of us that will have to deal with all the adverse issues that will be coming with this project. Furthermore, I don't see a 20 x 20 foot "convenience store" as being a boon to anyone on the Point. Park Point Community Club meetings are not the only meetings where issues related to Park Point are presented or dealt with regarding concerns and changes to Park Point. Those of us in the neighborhood that have had concerns with this project have been vigilant with all City of Duluth meetings regarding this eminent, disruptive project.

Brian & Mary Grover



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## **Park Point Resident**

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