

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting
November 17th, 7PM
At Lafayette**

**Thanksgiving
November 24th**

**Black Friday
November 25th**

**Hanukkah
December 20 - 28**

**Winter Solstice December
22nd**

**Christmas
December 25th**

**Kwanzaa
Dec. 26 – Jan. 1
(whew)**

Anchoring Down The Point



This photo from Lynn Wegner shows the anchor from the Algoma Mariner being lowered into his yard near 26th Street and Minnesota Avenue. It is felt that the correct placement of this 3000 pound anchor will reduce the risk of Park Point being washed away during the next extreme storm. It was set in place after careful considerations by Bob Swanson, Tom MacKay, and Lynn Wegner on the last weekend of October in time for the 2011 Gales of November season.

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

Time to Light Up!

A citywide residential outdoor holiday lighting contest will be announced soon. Several years ago Park Point won second place in the neighborhood division. Let's step up this year and make it first place. Its much easier hanging lights before the cold wind starts to blow!

Marcia Hales

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Submissions

The deadline is December 2nd for the December 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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The Postcard's In The Mail

"The Postcard" is the new "Welcome to Park Point" sign now being built to replace the old sign at the S-curve. Construction is well underway, and it may even be up before this issue comes out. I was given a sneak peak this week, and I think people will be as impressed as I was. Sign guru Dave Johnson says building the sign has been a real team effort, with many people contributing ideas and labor, with the design morphing over time into something that has him really excited. Watch for it soon. (And for all you neglected folks who live before the s-curve, this will be worth a walk down to see. It's going to be even better up close than it will be from a car driving by.)

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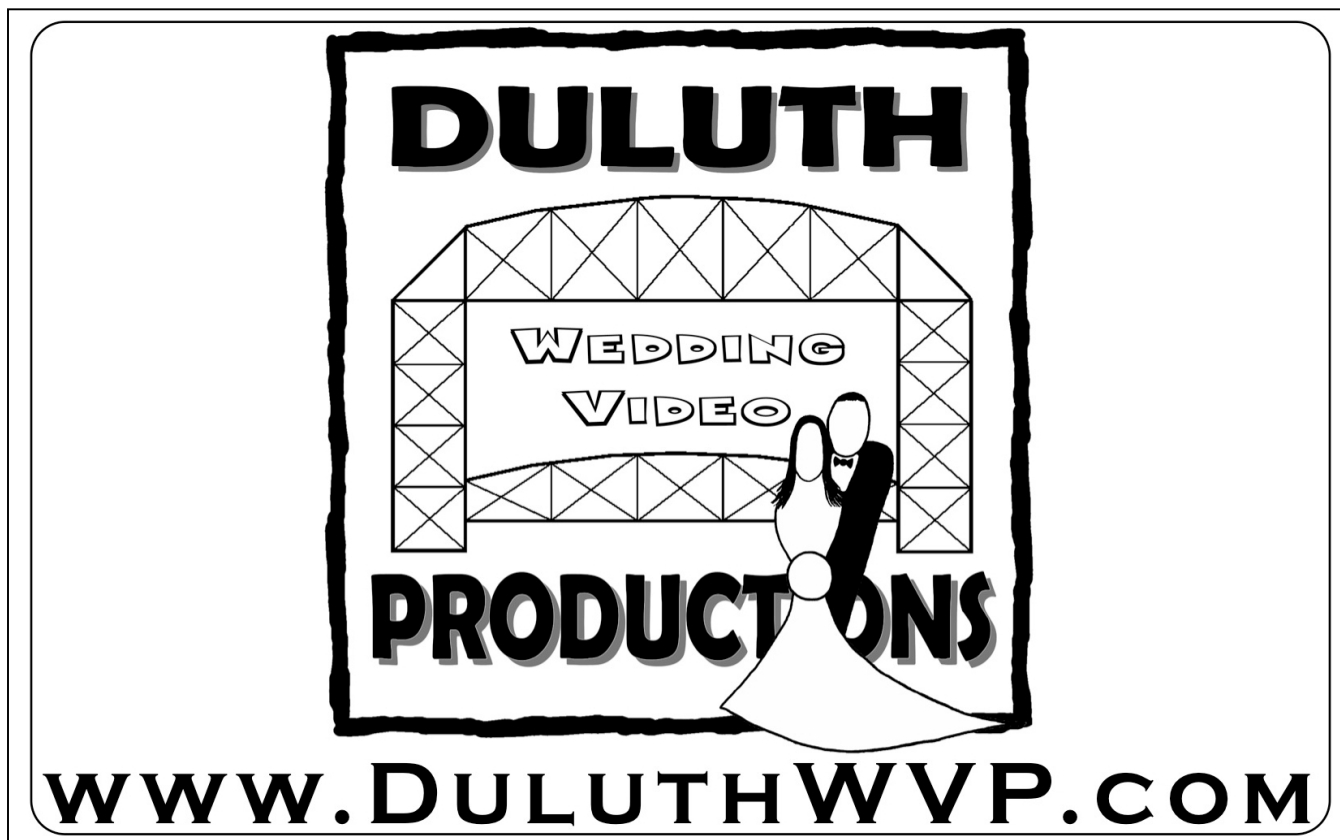
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In a few short weeks, I will be leaving St. Andrew's by the Lake and no longer be the Vicar (Priest in Charge). For 23 1/2 years I have been deeply blessed to be part of this faith community - and by extension - the community of Park Point. It has been my pleasure to meet many of you in different ways. My decision for leaving is to make way for new clergy leadership in this church community; it is time for them and for me. Change can bring a new ideas, new energy - new life. And yet, I leave with a great deal of sadness as I leave many loved ones and a vibrant worshipping community that has deeply in it's heart - to love God (as seen in Jesus the Christ) and to love what God loves - our neighbors, creation, our selves. So thank you to our neighbors close by - for your continued patience with all the parking issues. Thank you to all who have generously supported this community at various times of fund-raising - and attending our events. Thank you to all the generations of families I have known on the Point - you have been a blessing in many ways.

Meister Eckhart, a 13th Century Mystic once said, "If all you ever pray is *Thank You* - that is enough". I leave with a very grateful heart. Thank you.

The Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski
 Vicar, St. Andrew's by the Lake

We go to God not by walking, but by loving.
 (Augustine)

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Fr. John Petrich,

Giving What's Needed

A young man was jogging in the early evening and decided to call ahead for pizza. Just as he was to make the call, a homeless man asked for some spare change. He reached into his sweat pants and pulled out a handful of change. "Take what you need." The homeless man couldn't believe his good fortune and said, "I'll take it all." Just then he realized he had no change to make the phone call. In turn he asked the homeless man if he could borrow some change. The homeless man turned and held out the handful of coins. "Here," he said, "take what you need."

We must be like Abraham whose actions expressed those words "Take whatever you need." Abraham believed it so much that he was willing to sacrifice his own son. God does ask though, that nothing come before him and your relationship with him. Not family, job, leisure, or life itself. God asks for a lot, but God gives a hundredfold in return.

Services

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Park Point Community Club Meeting

Called to order at 7:05pm on 10/20/2011. Minutes were approved by Diane Gould and seconded by Bruce Rutherford.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning year balance	\$43,206
9/1/11 Balance	\$44,603
Income for Sept.	\$ 300
Expenses for Sept.	\$ 2,019
Net Loss	\$ 1,719
10/1/11 Balance	\$42,843

Youth Program

No help is available from the city or Ameri-corps.

Wendy Grethen gave a presentation.

Grant applied for \$5,100 for film on History of Park Point. This was the first grant for the Minnesota Point Preservation Society.

Bob Ouelette President of the Duluth Boat Club was to combine all water sports in one area. This includes sailing and paddling. They want to build a building in the park area near boat launch area. At this time, the 13th St. land does not have utilities. The 13th St. property is not for sale.

Jim Sherrill of Port Authority spoke. They bought 11 laser sailboats. UMD dropped their sailing. Sherrill met with Mayor Don Ness and Mark McShane and there should be no impediment to current use.

The Duluth Boat Club proposal is included in the Breeze.

The DNR says zebra mussels are cleaning the water in the St. Louis Bay. With clearer water, the fish have no place to hide.

There was a 1st vote to raise membership dues from \$3.00 to \$5.00 and the vote passed. This is for the year of 2012. Motion made by Bruce Rutherford and seconded by Lynn Bentfield.

New sign at the S turn. Dave Johnson appreciates donated material. The sign is almost finished. Several Park Point artists are completing the artwork.

Community Garden

Coral McDonnell spoke for the Community Garden Club. She said they had a successful pot luck dinner on 10/24/11. They need bags of leaves. Also, keep pine needles separate. They do those also.

Brush is still needed in blow holes by the airport to help keep the sand in check.

Minnesota Point Preservation Society - 501C3

Motion was made to transfer \$10,000 from Park Point Community Club. It passed. Next reading at next meeting. We are reviewing the best approach to use Quick Books as our accounting tool. Motion was made by Tom Karas and seconded by Don Freimuth. Motion passed.

There have been several thefts on Park Point. Just a reminder to keep cars, garages & home locked.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Diane Gould made motion and Bruce Rutherford seconded that motion.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Front Page News

How wonderful that our October 24th Kale Potluck Dinner was recognized by the Duluth News Tribune as front-page worthy news. Our collaborative dinner with the Duluth Community Garden Program was a real hit with the 60 attendees who created appetizers, entrees, side dishes and desserts featuring kale. Watch for the kale recipes to appear on the One Vegetable, One Community Facebook page and the Duluth Community Garden Program website.

Fall Projects

In October we got our garden cleaned up and ready to plant in the spring and we planted the fall crop of garlic. Thanks to a donation of wood chips from our generous neighbor Lois Shabatura, we have been able to start covering the garden pathways with clean mulch. If anyone else has woodchips or pine needles they want to get rid of, we would be happy to reuse them in this ongoing garden project. Please pack them in separate bags from any other compostable yard debris you donate to go in our compost bins.

Animal Repellent Recommendations Wanted

Let's help each other find a solution to the ongoing problem of deer and rabbits munching away on our gardens and trees. One Park Pointer swears by a product called Plantskydd. It's a natural, organic, environmentally friendly repellent that is safe to use on food crops. Unfortunately, it's hard to find locally. But, it's available online in granular, powder and liquid form. If you know of other products that work well, spread the news!

Upcoming Events:

We are not planning any potluck dinners in November or December. Enjoy a bountiful and blessed holiday season around your dining tables with family and friends.

SPIRIT OF THE LIGHTS



CHUCK FREDERICK

I don't usually do book reviews in the Breeze, But the News Tribune's Chuck Frederick has a great new book about Marcia Hales and her "Spirit of the Lights" holiday lighting display. It's full of great stories about people that this lighting display has touched. Chuck's doing a series of book signings around the area (schedule below) including a special "Cider with Chuck and Marcia" down at Marcia's on December 1st. The lighting display doesn't officially open until December 2nd, but Marcia says the lights will be on for this event. So come on down, check out the book and take an early stroll through the "Spirit of the Lights."

SPIRIT OF THE LIGHTS APPEARANCE SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 5: Scout & Morgan Booksellers 11:30 – 1:30
114 Buchanan St N Cambridge, MN 55008 763-689-2474

Saturday, November 12: Barnes & Noble 1-3 p.m. Miller Hill Mall
Duluth, MN 55811 218-786-0710

Saturday, November 19: Festival of the Trees DECC 10 a.m. - noon
Duluth MN 218-722-5002

Saturday, November 26: Small Business Saturday Open House
Lake Superior Magazine Outlet Store 1-3 p.m. 310 E Superior St. Duluth MN 218-722-5002

Thursday December 1: Cider with Chuck and Marcia 6-8 p.m.
Marcia Hales Home and Lighting Display
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Duluth Boat Club Water Sports Center Proposal



FAQ: Duluth Boat Club water sports center

What is the Duluth Boat Club?

The new Duluth Boat Club is a 501c3 nonprofit with a mission to build a center for area water sports organizations, encourage new water sports, and help existing water sports organizations through networking and support for their activities.

What are your plans for a water sports center?

The DBC is currently investigating the feasibility of building its center on the Park Point Recreation Area near where the Duluth-Superior Community Sailing pier is located.

Why is the Park Point Recreation Area being considered?

The DBC board believes there are several advantages to this location over the 13th Street site formerly under consideration.

A key advantage is cost. The 13th Street site would have required a considerable amount of money to develop. Water, sewer and roads would have to be brought to the site, and a harbor would have had to been dredged with a breakwall built to enclose it.

The Park Point Recreation Area already has a suitable harbor, which historically appears to have been intended for small boat use. Water, sewer, and roads are available.

What would be built there?

The DBC's current plans are more modest and flexible than our original building concept for 13th Street. Land-based needs include structures for boat storage, a building for boat repair, classrooms and sanitary facilities. Our development will preserve access for all existing uses in the area, such as fishing and private use of the boat ramp, and other recreational uses wouldn't be impacted.

The harbor itself would need to be dredged to provide adequate depth for sailboats and paddle craft. Currently, the harbor doesn't have adequate depth for Courage Duluth to offer sailing programs, and there isn't enough deep water for docks for dragon boats, outriggers or other paddle craft.

The DBC will proceed carefully with its plans. We have signed a contract with AMI Consulting Engineers to do a preliminary site layout, develop cost estimates, and identify permits that would be necessary, among other things. We also seeking input from the community to make sure our plans will be compatible with the Park Point neighborhood, and benefit the regional water sports community, the city of Duluth and surrounding areas.

Editor's Corner

I wanted to run a list of holidays in the calendar section just to show how busy the “holiday season” really is. But it’s more than that. Seems like just about every religion and culture - in the northern hemisphere anyway – has a holiday or festival of some sort this time of year. And they mostly involve light – bonfires, candles, flashing blue-light specials. It’s all about adding some light to the darkest time of year, and showing a faith that the sun will come back again.

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Other items of note: Duluth boat Club’s proposal for a development at the recreation area is outlined on page 8. And from the minutes, a second vote to transfer \$10,000 from the PPCC to the Minnesota Point Preservation Society will take place at the November PPCC meeting.

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Wendy Grethen

The Pirates of Park Point

(Editor's note: I really should have run this story during the Maritime Festival this summer, while Captain Jack Sparrow was staggering about the water front. But I hadn't heard about it then. Now, having been put onto the story, I'm going to shamelessly steal the tale from the book "True North" by Tony Diecrkins and Terry Elliot. Yeah, its plagiarism, but there are pirates in journalism, too).

Back in 1889, Minnesota Point—at the time, the village of Park Point—was not nearly as heavily populated as it is today. Few houses stood along the world's largest sand bar, and no roads had been built. It was mostly sand dunes and scrub pine, the perfect place to hide pirate booty.

Park Point's pirates weren't your typical, cutlass-wielding-aaargh-exclaiming-peglegged-hook-handed-eye-patch-wearin'-parrot-totin' buccaneers of the Caribbean, and they hardly plundered ships for gold doubloons and pieces of eight. Duluth's pirates were a band of about six young men who apparently had an aversion to labor and turned to crime on the not-so-high seas to earn their keep.

They dug themselves a cave on Park Point at a site close to 39th Street, near what in 1906 would become the Duluth Boat Club's Oatka Boat Club Branch. With open water on both sides, this was a strategic spot for their operation. While they hardly fit the stereotype, their style was not much different than traditional pirates. They plundered various vessels, sawmills, and warehouses.

Apparently, the cave was a temporary lair, and the pirates' goal was to set up permanent housing on the point, as the lumber they stole was used to build a house. Much of that lumber was stolen from the mill of Duluthian R. A. Gray, and Gray had had enough. When Duluth's buccaneers tried to make off with more of his lumber one night, Gray decided to do something about it. He watched, then pursued the thieves. But the band of ne'er-do-wells had a large sailboat and managed to escape in the Lake Superior darkness.

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

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