

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting
No December Meeting**

**Next meeting
January 19th, 7PM
At Lafayette
Happy Holidays!**

**First Day of Winter
December 21st**

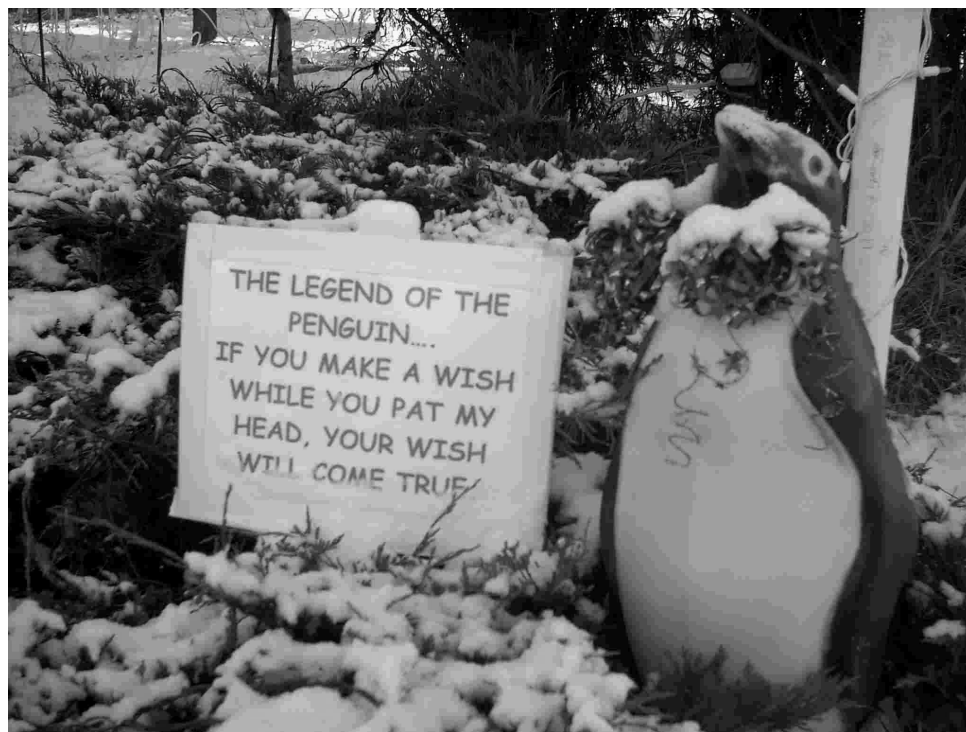
**First Day of Spring
March 21st**

In Between?

Well, Spirit Mountain's
open, but we still need snow
on the cross country trails!

And don't trust the ice yet!

We Wish You A.....



You name it...it's your wish – the Wishing Penguin at Spirit of the Lights

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 Holiday Lighting Season is starting. Deadline for the City Lighting Contest is the 8th with judging December 9,10,11. The month of November proved to be great weather for getting lights out and driving up the Point bright splashes of color have already popped up. You still have time to help make our neighborhood the brightest and best. If everyone just strung one strand of lights or put a candle in a window it would be Great!! This year let's take home first place for the neighborhood division.

Thanks to the Community Club for the donation to assist with cookies for light viewers who make the drive down Minnesota Avenue to walk through the Holiday Spirit of the Lights. Feel free to stop any evening and sip a cup of cider, nibble on a cookie, pour cider, stoke the fire, roast a marshmallow or just visit. Lights will be on 5 to 9 Sunday through Thursday and 5 to 10 Friday and Saturdays. Santa will be her Friday and Saturday nights 6:30 to 9.
Happy Holidays,
Marcia Hales, 3739 Lake Avenue South

The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is January 6th for the January 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

(Sort of. Due to computer problems, Dick wasn't able to e-mail me his comments, so this is the result of a brief telephone conversation – and I don't take very good notes. So call this, "from the president, as translated by the editor)

Everyone is urged to attend the January 19th Park point Community Club meeting. We will need to discuss what kind of grants the Minnesota Point Preservation Society should pursue.

One idea is to fund a study of the history of Park Point, perhaps even making a movie of it.

Another idea is finding funds to repair or replace Fire Hall 5 – which, you will notice, did not get painted as promised this year.

Dick would also like to give special thanks to Tom and Pam Griggs. Pam, as our Sunshine Committee, has been quietly sending out cards of congratulations or condolence to Park Pointers experiencing a significant event in their lives. The club has received numerous thank you notes for her efforts.

Tom has been assisting PPCC treasurer Al Robins in setting up accounts and dealing with dealing with financial issues for the Minnesota Point Preservation Society.

Also note that this is an election year for the PPCC. (We do it every two years now.) Elections aren't until April, but it's time to start thinking about it. We could use some new blood. (says the tired president)

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*Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
9:45 a.m.*

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OLM Holiday Dinner December 18th

3:00 PM in the Rectory

Reconciliation Schedule: St. Mary Star of the Sea

Sunday, December 18. 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Monday, December 19, 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Monday, December 19, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, December 20, 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday, December 21, 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Thursday, December 22, 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Friday, December 23, 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24

4:30 PM at St. Mary Star of the Sea

6:30 PM at Our Lady of Mercy

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25

9:30 AM at St. Mary Star of the Sea

Note: New Sunday Mass Time
8:00 A. M.

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something *you* should consider?



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**Park Point Community Club Meeting
11/17/2011**

Meeting called to order by president Richard Gould at 7:00pm with 13 members in attendance.

October Minutes -

October minutes were approved as printed in the November, 2011 Breeze.

Treasurer's Report -

January 1, 2011 beginning balance	\$43,026
October 1, 2011 beginning balance	\$42,842
November 1, 2011 beginning balance	\$41,214
Income - October f2011	\$ 782
Expenses - October 2011	\$ 2,026
Net loss	\$ 1,244

Committee Reports -

Breeze Report -

Nothing new to report

Art Fair Report -

Carla provided a preliminary budget for 2012 Art Fair. Motion was made and seconded to approve this budget. Dates for the Art Fair are 6/24/2012 & 6/25/2012. Discussion was made concerning a new agreement with the City of Duluth about renting the park area. City of Duluth charges the community club \$1500 for the event, yet the YMCA can rent the park area for \$15 per day.

Rummage Sale Report -

Nothing new to report

Environmental Committee -

Nothing new to report

S Curve Sign -

David Johnson said the sign is coming along. Once the artists have finished their panels, the sign will be good to be installed.

Sunshine committee -

Nothing new to report

501C3 Committee -

Tom Karas spoke in behalf of the committee. Initially, the organization should be referred to as the Minnesota Preservation Society aka Park Point Community Club.

All assets should be moved to the new bank account with National Bank of Commerce by years end.

PPCC would be dissolved within 45 days of year's end. Dick Gould said we need a used working computer and printer to use Quicken Books software.

A second motion was made and seconded to do conduct a second vote to move \$10,000 from UBS to NBC. Motion was approved.

Miscellaneous club information -

No December meeting

No more brush needed for blow holes

More thefts have been reported.

Motion was made and seconded to give Marsha Hale \$200 for her Christmas lights display.

Bruce Rutherford said now that the club had a 501C3 status - donations are tax deductible.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Your green-thumbed neighbors wish all Park Pointers a happy, healthy holiday season. May your tables be laden with good things to eat. To help you in this endeavor, we want to share this fabulous soup recipe from LeAne Rutherford. She served it at one of our potluck dinners a while back and everyone raved about it. It's sure to take the chill of a cold winter's night and provide a break from all the heavy holiday food you are apt to indulge in.

CURRIED CAULIFLOWER THAI SOUP

Adapted by LeAne Rutherford from a recipe she found in the September, 2009, issue of *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine.

Yield: 4 servings, approximately 138 calories per serving

3 cups cauliflower florets

1 (14-ounce) can of vegetable or chicken broth

1 tablespoon curry powder (make sure it is fresh so it still has fragrance)

1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro, plus extra for garnish

2 cups frozen baby peas-vegetable blend

salt to taste

1 (14-ounce) can unsweetened light coconut milk

crushed red pepper for garnish

pita bread or pita chips

Combine cauliflower, broth, curry and cilantro in a kettle. Bring to boil over high heat, lower temperature and cook until the cauliflower is tender, approximately 10 minutes. Add frozen peas-vegetable mix and salt. Simmer until veggies are cooked. Lower heat and add the coconut milk.

To serve, sprinkle fresh cilantro and crushed red pepper.

Serve with pita bread wedges or pita chips.

NOTE: If you add the coconut milk too early, it may curdle or separate. If that happens, it is not quite as attractive, but it is still edible.

Park Point.....naturally.

Fresh scallops or sea bass anyone? Imagine, as Park Pointers, putting out lobster pots, buying fresh shrimp from trawlers as they returned from the off shore waters, or being able to board an ocean ship within a mile or so from your home...and having to worry about the danger of a shark attack when swimming from out from our waterfront!

This scenario is not as wild as you might think and would have actually happened if an ancient major geological process not halted. It was twenty-two million years ago when the North American continent was starting to pull apart---and we were on the edge of the abyss.

The process began with the creation of a huge horseshoe-shaped rift. The west leg followed a wide swath from what is now Lake Superior, south from present day Duluth, along eastern Minnesota, west through west central Iowa, into eastern Nebraska and slight bit into eastern Kansas.

The east leg ran from northwestern tip of Michigan and down, almost to Lake Erie. Along the entire length billions of tons of lava erupted and widened the river of fire until some counter force intervened and the scorching surface cooled.

The account of the dramatic fracturing comes from the scientific publication Superior Pursuit, Facts About the Greatest Lake jointly produced by Minnesota Sea Grant, UMD, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and WLSRD. It explains, A.....the deep forces that fueled the rifting stopped, leaving behind the basalt-covered North Shore. The (Lake Superior) basin continued to sink, accumulating eroded sand and mud. Ancient rivers deposited the sand that became the Apostle Islands and the Bayfield Peninsula in Wisconsin.

As for the local wildlife status; the Canada goose numbers have begun to expand as northern relatives stopped in the bay and join in the early morning flotilla that forms near Hearing Island. If the bay hasn't iced over and deep snow cover isn't a deterrent, they swim or fly to points north to forage on the grass of lawns, leaving behind abundant fertilizer. Mallards and a few grebes frequently appear among the goose swimmers.

I'm lucky in living on the third level of my apartment building because that places me at eye-level with many gaggles of airborne geese as they exit the confines of the water around the Sand Point Marina and head toward the grazing grounds of Bayfront Park. At times they appear to be a dozen feet from my windows. No matter how frequently this happens I never tire of watching the elegance of their form when on the wing, especially when coming together in a large V.

They have their detractors who might rather see them in a roasting pan. To me they are among the cherished amenities afforded me while living in their territory.

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the years, and wish all a nice holiday
and a Happy New Year.



Take care
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Editor's Corner

Following the money! Readers of the minutes might note the transfer of \$10,000 from the Park Point Community Club to a new account set up for the Minnesota Point Preservation Society. Have you followed the path that got us here, and can you see where it's going? It's a bit convoluted, but here's how I understand it.

The Park Point Community Club voted, about a year or so ago, to pursue changing the club's tax exempt status from its current 504 to 501c3. Without going into the details, the 501c3 status would have allowed the club to pursue grant monies that they currently aren't qualified for. After considerable time and money wasted on lawyers a definitive opinion was rendered by the IRS, saying that the activities of the Park Point Community Club, such as running an Art Fair and publishing an informational newsletter, did not qualify for 501c3 status.

They did however, allow us to use the application money already paid to apply for 501c3 status for a brand new organization, called the Minnesota Point Preservation Society.

So, now we have two completely separate organizations, the Park Point Community Club (PPCC) and the Minnesota Point Preservation Society (MPPS). And here's where it starts to get interesting. We've begun to see a transfer of funds from the PPCC to the MPPS. The plan, as I understand it, is to dissolve the Park Point Community Club, with all the PPCC's funds going to the new Minnesota Point Preservation Society. That done, after a required interval, the NAME Park Point Community Club becomes available – and the MPPS changes its name to the Park Point Community Club. The end result is a 501c3 organization named the Park Point Community Club, with all the assets and activities of the old PPCC. And that was the original intent of the Club's votes on the matter.

Apparently we've been assured that such maneuverings are legal, although I'm not sure where the assurances came from. And I'm not sure why the activities of the NEW PPCC qualify for 501c3 status if the same activities supported by the OLD PPCC did not. But I claim no expertise in tax law – and I don't really count on logic in government regulations. So maybe this will work. I hope so.

Update: Minnesota Point Preservation Society

The Minnesota Point Preservation Society has received recognition from the IRS as an official 501-C-3 organization. This is really great news and opens the doors to many opportunities. An interim board of directors held their first meeting on Nov. 3 to establish the initial foundation for what may be a great new asset to the Park Point community.

During the holiday season as you compile various wish lists, give some thought to what you may want to see from this new organization. In 2012 we hope to give residents an opportunity to provide input about their hopes and dreams for this new organization.

Please stay tuned and have a wonderful holiday season. Tom Karas

*So where's the
"Postcard"?
It's coming by
"snail mail".*

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

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