

# *The Breeze*

## OF PARK POINT

Vol. 41 issue 4

[www.parkpointcommunityclub.org](http://www.parkpointcommunityclub.org)

April 2012

### Calendar

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting  
April 19th 7PM  
at Lafayette**

**Lafayette Edible Garden  
Potluck  
April 15th, 4-7PM  
At Lafayette**

**Park Point Rummage Sale  
June 8 & 9**

**Park Point Art Fair  
June 23 & 24**

**Park Point 5-miler  
July 20th**

### What Happens When.....



By now everyone's heard about the consultants report delivered to the City, recommending that Fire Hall #5 on Park Point be closed. Now, we're not the only neighborhood fire hall they recommended closing, and so far it's just a recommendation. No action has been taken by the city, and no doubt there will be much discussion before any decisions are made. And I kind of hate to say that the Park Point neighborhood is special....but it is. And the reason is, simply, the bridge. When the bridge is up – and, with a 10 month shipping season, it often is – we are an island.

In last month's Breeze we printed a chart breaking down the type and number of calls that Fire Hall #5 responded to over the last 10 years. And while actual fires were rare, medical calls were not. In all, Fire Hall #5 responded to an average of 127 calls a year. That's roughly one every 3 days. So it's inevitable that some of these calls will occur when the bridge is up. So what happens then? What happens when an emergency of any kind occurs on the Point, and all emergency services are on the other side, and the bridge is up? That's the question the City will have to answer before they consider closing Fire Hall #5.

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***

**Editor: Alan Dartanyan**  
**726-0110**

## **Submissions**

The deadline is May 4<sup>th</sup> for the May 2012 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at [breezeditor@msn.com](mailto:breezeditor@msn.com) by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

## **Park Point Community Club Officers:**

**President:** Dick Gould  
3003 Minnesota Ave.  
727-4067

**Vice President:** Liz Mackay  
2233 Minnesota Ave.  
722-1834

**Secretary:** Sheryl Robins  
722 Minnesota Ave.  
720-6518

**Treasurer:** Al Robins  
722 Minnesota Ave.  
720-6518

## **Committees**

### **ART FAIR**

Carla Tamburro  
218-428-1916  
[coordinator@parkpointartfair.org](mailto:coordinator@parkpointartfair.org)

### **Rummage Sale**

Charlene Shimmin 722-6828  
Dave Lavamaki 729-8925

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Kinnan Stauber, 722-6255

## **HOSPITALITY**

Diane Gould, 727-4067

## **LAFAYETTE SQUARE RENTALS**

Missy Steichen 218-208-9545  
[ppccdhlh@gmail.com](mailto:ppccdhlh@gmail.com)

## **THE POSTCARD**

Dave Johnson, 722-9764  
[amethyst@chartermi.net](mailto:amethyst@chartermi.net)

## **SUNSHINE**

Pam Griggs  
727-2158  
[peggriggs@clearwire.net](mailto:peggriggs@clearwire.net)

**Park Point Community Club**  
**P.O. Box 16326**  
**Duluth, MN 55816-0326**  
**www.**  
[parkpointcommunityclub.org](http://parkpointcommunityclub.org)

## **From the President**

Fire hall, is it going to be closed? I have heard that question many times. This idea has been talked about for years. We don't have many fires down here, but do have emergency calls. With two nursing homes and many seniors living in apts. and individual homes, a few minutes can mean life or death. Considering the taxes we pay, I think we should take legal action if the fire hall is closed. If any of us had lead based paint falling off our building, blowing around the neighborhood and into the lake, we would be in big trouble!

Hotels? It will be interesting to see which way the sewage flows when everyone flushes the toilet and gets into the shower at the same time. It won't be hard to see, just take off the manhole cover in front of your house and watch. The sewer pipe is made of concrete and has been frozen and is broken so that the whole top of the concrete pipe is missing. You can just watch it go by! This 10" concrete sewer pipe was installed in 1961 and the foreman on the job has told me, "it leaked before we buried it". Taxes?

Some good news! The MPPS has formed its mission, bylaws and is forming a board of directors, which has some very impressive applicants. The board has set a date of July 1, 2012 to have the organization up and running. I believe we will see some very important projects proposed and developed by this 501C-3 organization.

Send in those memberships, come to the meeting, nominations are in April with elections in May.

Thanks,  
Dick

## **Lafayette Rentals**

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

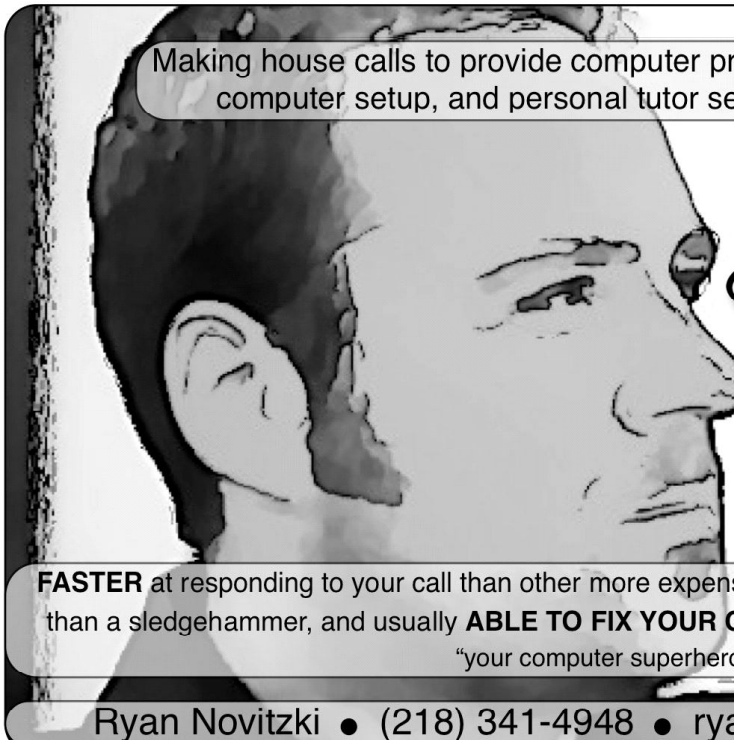
The Rental fees are as follows:

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.

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

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



Making house calls to provide computer problem troubleshooting,  
computer setup, and personal tutor services. PC & Mac



\$20 per visit  
\$20/hour

**FASTER** at responding to your call than other more expensive companies, **MORE EFFECTIVE**  
than a sledgehammer, and usually **ABLE TO FIX YOUR COMPUTER** in a single, short visit...  
"your computer superhero"

Ryan Novitzki • (218) 341-4948 • ryannovitzki@yahoo.com

### **The Episcopal Mission of St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake**

2802 Minnesota Avenue  
[www.standrewsbythelake.org](http://www.standrewsbythelake.org)  
Holy Eucharist, Sundays, 9:45 am

"Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love  
is come again, like wheat that springs up green."

The words of this familiar hymn speak to the wonder  
of this Easter season and the Great Fifty Days of  
rejoicing. It seems that the whole Creation is  
responding with new life to the call of the risen  
Christ. May that same call stir in each of us a desire  
for justice, equity for all people, and peace in our  
time. For God is unconditional love without  
distinction, and those who abide in God abide in love.

**We are a People on the Way to Knowing, Loving,  
and serving God.  
Come and See!**

### **Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church 2002 Minnesota Ave**

722-3078  
Fr. John Petrich,

### **Lenten Services**

Holy Thursday: St. Mary, Star of Sea - 7:00PM

Good Friday: St. Mary, Star of Sea - 12:10 PM

Good Friday: Our Lady of Mercy - 6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross, Veneration and  
Communion

Holy Saturday: St. Mary, Star of Sea - 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday: Our Lady of Mercy - 8:00 AM

Easter Sunday: St. Mary, Star of Sea - 9:30 AM

### **Holy Innocents Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

Open 24 hours, adjacent to St. Mary, Star of  
the Sea Church (Closed following Holy  
Thursday Mass until after Easter Vigil)

**Mass 8:00 AM every Sunday with confessions  
at 7:40**

# Is a Reverse Mortgage

something *you* should consider?



A checklist to see if a **Reverse Mortgage** might make sense for you.

- ☒ Could you use extra cash or monthly income?
- ☒ Do you have quite a bit of equity in your home?
- ☒ Do you want to remain living in your home for as long as possible?
- ☒ Are there repairs or improvements you would like to make to your home?
- ☒ Are there extra things you would like to do for yourself and your loved ones?

If you are 62 or older, find out how much tax-free cash you qualify for. Call WesternBank - your locally owned hometown bank since 1904.

**WesternBank**

723.1000  
www.Wbduluth.com

WEST DULUTH OFFICE • 201 North Central Avenue  
DOWNTOWN OFFICE • 202 West Superior Street  
MILLER HILL SUPER ONE OFFICE • 3401 Burning Tree Road



Legal issues are too important to handle yourself!

**Consult**



## Larry L. Leege Attorney At Law

Primary areas of practice include:

**Real Estate, Estate Planning, & Business Planning**

Seller/Buyers  
Deeds/Contracts/Purchase Agreements  
Landlord/Tenant  
Wills/Trusts  
Power of Attorney  
Health Care Directive  
Transfer on Death Deeds  
Pre-Nuptial Agreements  
Corporations  
Partnerships  
LLC's

\*Real Property Law Specialist. MSBA certified  
Available at your home or mine

Larry L. Leege, P.A.  
218-831-0438  
Park Point Resident  
Leegepa@brainerd.net

**EXTENDED BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

*Eating fit!*

**A healthy serving of healthy servings**



Thai Chicken with Sesame Dressing

Due to the overwhelming responses to Eating Fit, it is now going to stay on the main menu! Enjoy the flavors of Green Mill and be true to your commitment to eat healthy. Counting fats, calories or even dietary fiber? The Green Mill Eating Fit menu features healthier alternatives - many that meet the requirements of today's most popular diets.



340 Lake Ave ★ Duluth ★ 218-727-7000

**Park Point Community Club Minutes**  
**March 15, 2012**

March, 2012 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order at 7:00pm by club president, Dick Gould. There were 23 members present. Minutes for the February, 2012 meeting were read. Don Freimuth made a motion to approve the minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. David Lavamaki seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

\$39,442	Beginning balance 1/1/2012
\$37,367	Beginning balance 2/1/2012
\$1,170	Income
(\$605)	Expenses
(\$10,000)	MPPS Loan
\$27,932	Ending balance for February 2012

Garden Club News

Cora McDonnell reminded the club that there was going to be a Garden Club potluck on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 4:30pm. They were going to make mozzarella cheese.

Art Fair Update

Carla Tamburro said there would be jurying of the artists on March 18, 2012 to determine who the exhibitors will be.

Summer Youth Program Update

A budget was proposed for the 2012 Summer Youth Program of \$8700. Liz Mackay made a motion to accept the budget as is. Diane Gould seconded the motion. A second vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Sunshine Committee Update

Several cards have been sent out.

Membership Committee Update

There are 247 members as of 3/15/2012. A membership list and application will be sent out in the April, 2012 Breeze edition.

Old Business

The nominating committee for the election of officers, consisting of Dennis Hoelscher, Bruce Rutherford and David Lavamaki was formed one month too early. Pam Griggs made a motion to



leave the newly formed committee as is. Al Robins seconded the motion.

### Audit Committee

According to the Park Point Community Club Bi-Laws, an audit report should have been completed for the February, 2012 club meeting. The report was not completed. Dick Gould and Liz Mackay were to make plans to discuss. Liz felt these reports should be kept current as described in the bi-laws.

### Current updates


Concerns were discussed about water pressure, sewage & etc. due to the proposed construction of the two motels. A letter was read from our fireman that was sent to the Fire Chief in regards to closing the Park Point fire hall. It was recommended the residents of Park Point take action by getting in touch with our public officials and keep staying in contact with them.

Diane Gould said there were only three weekend nights available this summer to rent the Park Point Community Center. Should book early.

Diane Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Liz Mackay seconded the motion.




This picture was sent in by a couple of traveling Park Pointers –Julie Calligure and Elisa Troiani. And while the picture is cute in itself, it's also a reminder to clean up after your dogs on the beach. But....I think it's the POO that goes in the bin, not the DOG!



**Lynn Bentfield**  
Realtor, GRI  
Duluth Native  
Park Point Resident  
20 yrs experience

Cell: 218-464-3790  
Direct: 218-728-7702  
Fax: 218-728-7710  
Toll free: 800-777-8403

[lynnbentfield@edinarealty.com](mailto:lynnbentfield@edinarealty.com)



Duluth Office  
1515 Linden Road  
Duluth, MN 55812

**Duluth-Superior Sailing Association**  
[www.SailingForAll.org](http://www.SailingForAll.org)  
(218) 391-5521

Join our  
Sunday afternoons  
at the races



Proudly hosting  
D21 Laser Regatta  
August 7-8

Youth, Adult, Group, and Private Lessons  
Weekly Races, Advanced Sail/Race Coaching  
Community Sailing

*We're on Park Point, next to the public boat launch.*

## Park point Community Club

### 2012 membership List

Anderson, Brooks 2939 Lake Av So  
 Anderson, Lyle & Rose 4112 Minnesota Ave  
 Ault, Susan 1701 Minnesota Ave  
 Baker, Doug & Kay 728 Lake Ave So  
 Ball, Lee 1902 St Louis Ave #110  
 Beechler, Lynn 2130 Minnesota Ave  
 Bentfield, Lynn & Bill 1902 St Louis Ave #402  
 Bernick, Charles PO Box 16419  
 Blevins, Kerrianne 1939 Lake Ave So  
 Bohlmann, Dick & Bunny 3605 Minnesota Ave  
 Boit, Ian Kiprono 2929 Minnesota Ave  
 Boynton, Bob & Sandy 2939 Minnesota Ave  
 Brown, Barbara 1902 St Louis Ave #415  
 Buck, Sally 3314 Minnesota Ave  
 Bushey, Ron & Tahirih 4050 Minnesota Ave  
 Bye, Douglas & Lynn 1700 Minnesota Ave  
 Cameron, John 1919 Minnesota Ave #5  
 Catanzarite, Kathy 2940 Minnesota Ave  
 Cervenka, Debbie 4200 Minnesot Ave  
 Chadwick, James 3536 Minnesota Ave  
 Christensen, Evonne 1900 St Louis Ave #413  
 Clemetsen, Ruby 3640 Lake Ave So  
 Cooper, John & Pat 819 Lake Ave So  
 Crain, John 1902 St Louis Ave #215  
 Crain, Marylou 1902 St Louis Ave #215  
 Curran, Tom & Linda 1331 Lake Ave So  
 Curtis, J C 3302 Minnesota Ave  
 Dacey, Cornelia 3818 Lake Ave So  
 Dartanyan, Alan & Cheryl 1540 Minnesota Ave  
 Dorr, Neil & Danae 3701 Minnesota Ave  
 Dunlap, Ellen 2908 Minneota Ave  
 Dwyer, Judy Anne 2627 Minnesota Ave  
 Elden, Mark 1239 Minnesota Ave  
 Ellison, Tom & Joanne 4030 Minnesota Ave  
 Feiro, Bob & Mary 905 Lake Ave So  
 Fisher, Harry & Pat 216 - 26<sup>th</sup> St So  
 Forrest, Barbara 1902 St Louis Ave #211  
 Fortier, Susan 1902 St. Louis Ave #216  
 Foster, Scherrie 3435 Lake Ave So  
 Freimuth, Don & Gita 1900 St Louis Ave #306  
 Gaidis, Mike & Mary 3820 Minnesota Ave  
 Gallice, Ritch & JuAnn 2612 Minnesota Ave  
 Gardner, Tom 1629 Lake Ave So  
 Glass, Gary & Fayth 3215 Lake Ave So  
 Gleeson, Liz & Ed 1731 Minnesota Ave  
 Goldish, Bob & Selma 1902 St. Loois Ave  
 Goldish, Melanie 2716 Minnesota Ave  
 Gooder, Bill & Katie 1426 Minnesota Ave  
 Dick & Diane Gould 3003 Minnesota Ave  
 Graham, Cherly 3501 Lake Ave. S.  
 Gregoire, Rogier 1701 Minnesota Ave  
 Griggs, Tom & Pam 3429 Minnesota Ave  
 Gruba, Jim 2525 Minnesota Ave  
 Haavik, Dave 2202 Minnesota Ave  
 Hadland, Jerry 1119 Minnesota Ave  
 Hales, Marcia 3739 Lake Ave. S  
 Hanna, Lorrie 3315 Minnesota Ave

Hanson, Lori 927 Lake Ave So  
 Harrison, Heidi 3516 Minnesota Ave  
 Hausauer, Candace Jo 2201-1/2 Lake Ave So  
 Hill, Carol 2834 Minnesota Ave  
 Hoelscher, Dennis 3023 Minnesota Ave  
 Holliday, Mary 1629 Lake Ave So  
 Hooper, Elizabeth 1717 Minnesota Ave  
 Jackson, Ken 1900 St Louis Ave #207  
 Jaros, Mike 3108 Minnesota Ave  
 Johnson, Dave 2920 Minnesota Ave  
 Johnson, Denny & Sue 4019 Lake Ave So  
 Johnson, Steve 3236 Minnesota Ave  
 Johnston, Nancy L. 1902 St. Louis Ave  
 Kaim, Ethelyn 2832 Minnesota Ave  
 Karas, Tom 1900 Minnesota Ave #5  
 Kassel, Ayuko 2114 Minnesota Ave  
 Katchuba, Jeramy 2818 Minnesota Ave  
 Kelleher, Dianne & Kevin 939 Lake Ave So  
 Kellner, Ralph & Mary 2722 Minnesota Ave  
 Kerns, Gale, & Gordon 714 Lake Ave So  
 Kerns, Carolyn 706 Lake Ave So  
 Kerpe, Rom & Mary 4056 Minnesota Ave  
 King, Steve & Anita 1316 Minnesota Ave  
 Kollodge, Ken & Kathy 1409 Minnesota Ave  
 Komrska, Roberta 4242 Minnesota Ave  
 Kondrath, Carol 3236 Minnesota Ave  
 Krenelka, Glen & Rene 3720 Minnesota Ave  
 Krieger, Peter 2109 Minnesota Ave  
 Krizan, Jeanne 1919 Minnesota Ave #5  
 Kronzer, Dick & Terri 1235 Minnesota Ave  
 Larson, Donn & Donna 3925 Lake Ave So  
 Larson, Les & Shari 1626 Minnesota Ave  
 Lavamaki, Dave & Diane 315 Harbor Point Circle  
 Lent, Bob & Carole 3635 Lake Ave So  
 Lindskog, Mr Lynn & Lois 2040 Minnesota Ave  
 Litvinoff, Arlene 4200 Minnesota Ave  
 Lombardi, Richard 3401 Lake Ave So  
 Lovestrand, Jim & Karen 4226 Minnesota Ave  
 Lundgren, Muriel 1900 St Louis Ave #404  
 Lunning, Bruce & Stephanie 2831 Minnesota Ave  
 Lyons, Rev J C  
 Mackay, Tom & Liz 2233 Minnesota Ave  
 Malyuk, E George 3502 Minnesota Ave  
 Mancuso, Tony & Mariann 2805 Minnesota Ave  
 Mantay, Don & Jackie 1902 St Louis Ave #308  
 Margitan, Marie 3501 Lake Ave. S  
 Maynard, Carleen 2709 Minnesota Ave  
 Maynard, Joel 1125 Lake Ave So  
 McDonnell, Coral 2939 Lake Ave So  
 McKhann, Lisa 2109 Minnesota Ave  
 McNabney, Vicki 1123 Minnesota Ave  
 Meagher, Jerry & Harriet 3239 Minnesota Ave  
 Medlin, Joe 928 Lake Ave. S  
 Miller, Gina 2818 Minnesota Ave  
 Mimm, Beverly 829 Lake Ave So  
 Mock, Rachel 1014 Lake Ave So  
 Monicken, Audry 1902 St. Louis Ave #310

Neinstadt, Anita 1902 St Louis Ave #306 Nelson, Brian & Marcia 3702 Minnesota Ave Nelson, Gary & Laura 1710 Minnesota Ave Nelson, Gilbert & Janice 1900 St Louis Ave #107 Nelson, Glorian 3421 Minnesota Ave Olsen, Nancy 1140 Minnesota Ave Olson, Rod, Pat & Tricia 2925 Minnesota Ave O'Neill, Dan 2929 Lake Ave So Ouellette, Bob & Val 702 Lake Ave So Ouray, Jim 1014 Lake Ave So Paull, Bobbie 2730 Minnesota Ave Paulson, Jeanette 3532 Minnesota Ave Pederson, Doug 1902 St Louis Ave #407 Pegg, Lyn Clark 1335 Minnesota Ave Perrault, Rosemary 1938 Minnesota Ave Peterson, Greg & Jenny 2121 Minnesota Ave Petrovic, Betty 2221 Minnesota Ave Pietrowski, Walt & Geri 3702 Lake Ave So Pitschka, Heather 2440 Lake Ave So Presley, Betsy 3221 Minnesota Ave Puglisi, Frank & Marian 3240 Minnesota Ave Quakenbush, Mary Ann 3730 Minnesota Ave Ralph, Charlene & Chuck 3535 Minnesota Ave Rauschenfels, Tom & Kris 3711 Minnesota Ave Redman, Tracy & Blaine G 2524 Minnesota Ave Reierson, Shirley 2525 Minnesota Ave Remer, Dennis & Lora 2201 Lake Ave So Renken, Arlene 3407 Minnesota Ave Reyelts, Steve & Barbara 3939 Lake Ave So Robins, Al & Sheryl 722 Minnesota Ave Rolle, Phil & Sharon 4040 Minnesota Ave Roseen, Clarice 1834 Minnesota Ave Ross, Dan & Mary 2733 Minnesota Ave	Rutherford, Bruce & LeAne 3205 Minnesota Ave Rys, Jim, Nancy & Joe 3515 Minnesota Ave Sabo, Doug 3315 Minnesota Ave Sahlberg, Kathy 3536 Minnesota Ave Schmidt, Susan 1119 Minnesota Ave Schmidt, John 2330 Minnesota Ave Shabatura, Lois 2833 Lake Ave So Sedgwick, John & Nancy 3427 Minnesota Ave Shimmin, Charlene 2801 Minnesota Ave Shimmin, Dale 2832 Minnesota Ave Silver, Bill & Barbara 4240 Minnesota Ave Sobczak, Tim & Liz 3301 Lake Ave So Soderstrom, John 2034 Minnesota Ave Solon, David & Heather 2129 Minnesota Ave Solon, Yvonne 1919 Minnesota Ave #9 Stauber, Keith, Kinnan & Nate 4139 Lake Ave Strange, Rory & Deb 3632 Minnesota Ave Strum, Scott & Rhonda 3224 Minnesota Ave Swanson, Bob 3401 Lake Ave. S Stuermer, Jeff & Laura 931 Lake Ave So Thums, Dawn 3401 Lake Ave So Townsend, Rochelle 2330 Minnesota Ave Treuer, Paul & Mary 2700 Minnesota Ave Trolander, Judy 3934 Minnesota Ave VanDyken, Peter 3435 Lake Ave So Walstrom, Michael 1939 Lake Ave So Warnygora, Betsy 1108 Lake Ave. S Watts, Howard 1834 Minnesota Ave Wedge, Lora 1814 Minnesota Ave Wegner, Mr Lynn 2615 Minnesota Ave Werner, Berni 3712 Minnesota Ave Welles, Mac 3439 Minnesota Ave Wickstrom, David & Beverly 3524 Minnesota Ave Witrak, Gudrun & Geof 2223 Lake Ave So
---	---

## Park Point Community Club Membership Form

**Name(s)**\_\_\_\_\_

**Address**\_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail address**\_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Memberships**\_\_\_\_\_ **X \$5.00=**\_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail Checks to:

**Park Point Community Club  
P.O. Box 16326  
Duluth, MN 55816-0326**



## **Park Point.....Naturally!**

We desperately needed the late March rain and we enjoyed the warmth but that stretch of pea soup fog, after three days of less than a block of visibility became a bit much. Even the bird life didn't like being grounded. A few dozen geese by my place made a foray into the bay on the morning of the second day of thick, water-level mist. But they didn't go anywhere and behaved like inert wooden decoys, anxiously waiting for the mist to lift so they could find their feeding grounds.

Below my window an immature ring billed gull stood unmoving on the shore, its neck twisted in an odd angle suggesting it might have been sick or injured. After taking a bit of video I kept the camera trained on the bird but went on to other things, returning ten minutes later to check on its welfare. By then it had wedged its body between rocks near shore. I had never seen a gull do that before and figured I had better get that on camera just to show bird expert friends who could try to explain the oddity. Finally, when the fog disappeared so did the gull.

Many of the more than 200 species of birds known to spend the summer here, or just stop over to rest and feed on the Point, are already back from their winter habitats and others are surely on the way.

**WANT TO LURE NESTING BIRDS TO YOUR YARD?** If you would like to increase the odds of having one or more choosing your trees or shrubs as a nesting site, here are some ideas for enticing them to stay on your property: save the lint from your dryer, cotton from medicine bottles, dental floss...you could even unravel an old sweater and cut the yarn in short pieces. When you groom your dog, cat or your own head, save a hand full of hair. Chipping sparrows, pine siskins, nuthatches, chickadees and pine warblers (all are found here) favor hair for nest lining.

The next step is important. Place small clumps of the materials in tree crotches, on a hedge or other places out of the reach of cats or dogs. Do not put any on the ground where pets can pounce on the birds intent on gathering your donation.

Research has shown that birds raised in well insulated nests will grow faster and use fewer calories to keep warm and have more energy for growth. If you are about to get rid of an old fashioned pillow, grab a few handfuls of feathers. They are ideal for nest linings of tree swallows that take over unused woodpecker cavities.

**RETURNING THE PIPING PLOVER** This small, killdeer-like shorebird, now on the list of endangered birds, was once somewhat common on and near Park Point, especially on Hearing Island where dogs and cats were absent...and when gulls were in far smaller numbers. As one of the projects of the St. Louis River estuary recovery program, a serious effort is now in progress to return them locally.

Wisconsin Point was picked as the location for the start up, but if the project is successful (there are no guarantees it will be), an expanding population could spread to Park Point. Aware that nestlings would be fodder for raiding gulls, nets will be placed over nests as a deterrent. Gulls are known to fear flying under such a cover.

Their nests are about as simple as they could be---just a shallow depression in the sand, perhaps located next to tufts of beach grass. The three to four eggs are a pale, creamy color with black and gray spots.

Though it's unlikely you'd have the good fortune of seeing one here, it would be a good idea to look them up now in your bird identification book just in case.

Glenn Maxham

## News from the Lafayette Community Garden

At our March 18 potluck supper we were treated to a demonstration on how to make fresh Mozzarella by Anne Skwira-Brown. After her demo, we got to sample the cheese on crackers with pesto made from last year's kale crop.

### Join the Fun

The Lafayette Community Edible Garden, located at Lafayette Square, has room for new members. Join this core group of about 25 Park Point families and you'll be rewarded with good company, community-building activities and fresh produce for your family's table. Yes, there is work involved, which averages 1 or 2 hours a week during the growing season. Yes, there is a cost: a one-time \$25 per family for "initiation" fees plus \$5 to \$10 per year for planting materials. Yes, we do give back to the community: a portion of our harvest goes to our neighbors in need at the Damiano Center Soup Kitchen and the CHUM food shelf. For more information, contact Coral 727-6455.

### Yard Waste Wanted

As you clean out your garden beds this spring, consider bagging the unwanted leaves and pine needles and donate them to the community garden. Bag them separately and drop off the bags inside the gate to the community garden. We'll compost the leaves and use the pine needles to line the walkways. Thanks.

### Upcoming events:

Sunday, April 15, 5 to 7 p.m. Potluck supper at Lafayette Community Center (upstairs). Michael Gabler, from the Duluth Community Garden Program, will be with us to tell us all about the Vegetable of the Year: Beets mission. You won't want to miss his ideas about how to grow and cook beets and his handouts of free beet seeds. All Park Pointer are welcome, you don't have to be members of the community garden.

Monday, May 21, 6 to 8pm potluck supper. Experienced container gardener, Scott Vesterstein, will share tips on his area of expertise.

Wednesday, June 20, 6 to 8 pm, potluck supper to celebrate the summer solstice.

Monday, July 16, 6 to 8 pm, potluck supper.

Saturday, July 21, 7th Annual Respect Your Mother Earth Day Festival in Leif Erickson Park.



**Park Point Garden Club** suggests looking for one of the first blossoms of late winter/early spring. Crocus is in the Iris family. An easy to grow bulb, crocuses can be deep purple, yellow, or white with grass-like leaves. Plant them in the fall by remembering where they bloomed. Dig them up and split the bulbs. Crocus bulbs can be forced to bloom while inside to make a lovely gift. Our next meeting is April 18, 7pm. New members and visitors are welcomed. Pam Griggs, President, 727-2158

### Editor's Corner

With this issue, I have now been editor of the Breeze for 8 years – longer than the last 3 editors combined. And the truth is, I enjoy it. I've simplified the format, I've got a number of regular submitters and some long term advertisers, so it isn't that time consuming a job. Oh, I still do my share of swearing at the computer, but that's more due to my own ineptitude than anything else.

But the problem I face – and I've mentioned this before – is that due to a change in my work schedule, I can no longer attend Park Point Community Club meetings. Oh, I might get to a couple in the summer, but that's it. And as the Breeze is supposed to be the information arm of the PPCC, that puts me at a disadvantage. I don't know anything about what happened at the meetings until I receive the minutes, often right before I go to print. And as anyone who attends the meeting knows, most of the interesting stuff that happens never shows up in the minutes anyway. I don't know what people are getting passionate about, what stories to pursue, what information to print. And the Breeze suffers for it.

As the April meeting is when the nominating committee begins collecting candidates for club offices and committee chairs, this seems like a good time to bring this up. I am willing to put my name in for another two year term BUT....if there is anyone who attends the meetings who would like to give being editor a shot, I would be willing to step aside. If you're not sure, you could even take a shot as "guest editor" for an issue or two. It wouldn't be hard to send you a blank format, and give you access to the submissions. And you wouldn't have to step in right now. I'm open to stepping down at any time in my next term. But whatever happens, this will be my last term. If I wind up going a full 10 years, that's long enough for anybody. The Breeze needs new blood from time to time – and mine's getting a little thin.

### Call for Candidates

PPCC elections will be held during the May meeting per our by-laws. Any member can run for any office and must make that declaration at the April meeting or by contacting any of the nominating committee members (Bruce Rutherford, Dennis Hoelscher, Dave Lavamaki). After the April meeting a slate of candidates will be compiled and will be published in the May Breeze. Elections will be held at the May meeting in accordance with club by-laws. Becoming a club officer for two (2) years can be a very rewarding experience and is a great way to become more involved with club operations and will also be a strong addition to any resume. It should be noted that President Dick Gould and Vice President Liz Mackay **"will not"** be seeking reelection in order to pursue other interests (hey, they're in their 70's).

### ANNUAL PARK POINT GARAGE SALE FRIDAY JUNE 8 & SATURDAY JUNE 9 8 AM - 5 PM

Only 2 months to get ready for the annual sale. The sales goes on whatever the weather may be!!!

Check the house, the garage and even the yard for stuff you haven't used for sometime or just plain tired of it. It is wise to price the stuff has you set it a side for the sale. Then you won't have a last minute rush.

Invite your friends and family over and enjoy a nice visit as you get rid of unwanted stuff.

Non profit groups please let the committee know what organization will be selling so we can include the name of the organization in the Press Release. We need the info by May 1! If you are selling food or beverages, you must have a vendor license.

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE NO GARAGE RUMMAGE SALES THE WEEKEND OF THE PARK POINT ART FAIR.**

Both events are sponsored by the Park Point Community Club.

Committee Co Chairs

Charlene Shimmin 722-6828

Dave Lavamaki 729-8925

## ***The Breeze***

Park Point Community Club  
P.O. Box 16326  
Duluth, MN 55816-0326



### **Park Point Resident**

#### **Numbers you can use**

Got (non-emergency) issues you'd like to discuss, but don't know whom to call? Here's some numbers you can use: Community Police Officer Nick Lukovsky 730-5646. [Nlukovsky@duluth.mn.gov](mailto:Nlukovsky@duluth.mn.gov). Parks Maintenance Division: 730-4491 (after hours 730-4150) Fire station #5 (Park Point): 723-3215 City Councilor Sharla Gardner: 724-4701 [sharla.gardner@gmail.com](mailto:sharla.gardner@gmail.com)



## **A Place You Can Call Home.**

With beautiful views, caring staff and a daily schedule of activities, Bayshore combines the comforts of home with the comfort of having 24-hour healthcare services. Bayshore is a licensed nursing home that is Medicare and Medicaid certified.

- ~ Rehab services with private suites ~ Wound and IV therapy
- ~ 24-hour skilled nursing care ~ Dementia care specialty
- ~ Young adult care specialty ~ Spiritual care



Bayshore is a member of the Ecumen family of senior housing and services.



Call for a tour: (218) 727-8651

1601 St. Louis Avenue ~ Duluth, MN 55802  
[www.bayshoreduluth.org](http://www.bayshoreduluth.org)

