

# The Breeze

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### Calendar

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting**  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7PM  
at Lafayette

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

**Summer Youth Program**  
Begins June 11th  
at Lafayette

**Summer Solstice Pot-luck  
Picnic**  
June 20, 6-8PM  
At Lafayette

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

**Park Point 5-miler**  
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- 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

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- Live performance area, featuring music by award-winning performer Michael Monroe 10am-2pm Sat. & 11am-4pm Sun.
- Performance by Bold Choice Theater 2:30 on Saturday.
- Food vendors selling everything from BBQ and gyros to kettle corn and ice cream;
- A family make-and-take art area where visitors can delve into the fun;
- Artist demonstrations that offer a closer look at forming hot glass and other processes.

Please "Like" the Park Point Art Fair on Facebook—and share the event with friends!

# *The Breeze*

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## **Submissions**

The deadline is July 6th for the July 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.

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## **A note from the new community club president:**

Thank you to Bruce Rutherford of the nominating committee for encouraging me to run for president.

My husband has questioned my sanity for volunteering to get involved at the club again. Why am I doing it? Basically I love Park Point and I feel lucky every day that I am able to enjoy the beauty of our unique "recreational mecca" that I spoke about at a recent city council meeting.

I grew up listening to Park Point lore from my grandma who lived on Park Point for all of her 92 years. I marvel at the lasting friendships of my parents who grew up on Park Point with their childhood companions. This large group of old friends gathers regularly and includes recently retired Pointers who left on their lives' journeys and then returned home to Park Point. These relationships that have endured the years and the stories "from the day" are fascinating.

I encourage all Park Point residents to join or rejoin the Park Point Community Club. Whether you grew up here and have a 5 generation pedigree or you have just joined us, we welcome you to our community and value your input. You will have the opportunity to listen to the old stories and to tell your own.

All voices are important to help determine what activities the Club should focus its attention upon; elections for the PPCC standing committee chairs will be held at our next meeting on June 21 at 7pm. If you would like to add an item to the meeting agenda, give me a call at 525-1764. Call me anytime with your ideas, celebrations and concerns.

Also, my email for club business is [parkpointcc@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointcc@gmail.com).

Klaus and I look forward to meeting you soon! (Klaus is my Rottweiler & hiking and boating companion)

**Dawn Buck**

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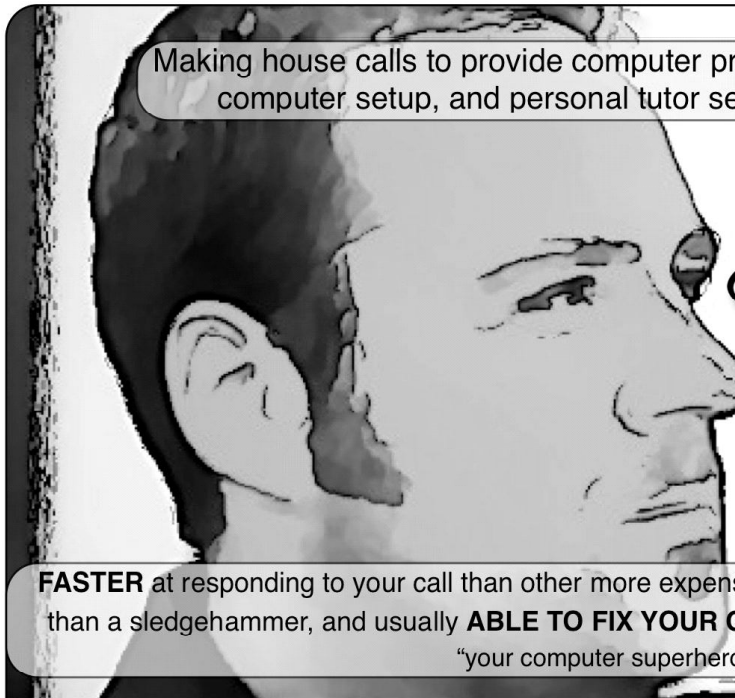
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Flee from it as you would a raging fire.

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## **Park Point Community Club Minutes**

### **May 17, 2012**

May, 2012 Park Point Community Club monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by club president Dick Gould. There were 76 in attendance for the meeting.

### **April, 2012 Minutes**

A motion was made by Don Freimuth to accept the minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. Tom Griggs seconded the motion.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Beginning balance 4/1/2012	\$25,991
Income	\$26,040 (Income from Art Fair, Community Club rentals)
Expenses	\$ 4,354
Ending balance 4/30/2012	\$50,452

Tom Rauschenfels made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

Dave Johnson seconded the motion.

### **Fire Station #5 Closure**

John Strongitharm, Fire Chief, spoke to the Community Club about the city's decision to close the firehall. The department needed to find an efficient way to run the fire dept. An outside firm was hired to collect run data for the last 10 years and then assess whether the Duluth Fire Dept. met the standards of the NFPA 1710. This is a standard for the 'Organization and Deployment of fire suppression operations, emergency medical operations, and special operations of career fire depts.'

A major concern of the Park Point residents have been the impact of the lifted bridge in the event of an emergency. John Strongitharm gave 'Bridge Facts - 2011'.

1. 1459 full lifts for Lake or Ocean Boats
2. Full lifts can be done in 10 minutes
3. Assuming every lift takes 10 minutes - the bridge is down 97.22%
4. 1/2 of the lifts are outbound. Most can be slowed or stopped in an emergency
5. In 2011, the bridge delayed one response (was not an emergency call)
6. The busiest month had an average of six full lifts a day

From July, 2010 to June 2011, there were a total of 8712.8 hours. 47.2 hours were spent on fire dept. calls. 88 calls were non urgent, 2 dumpster or car fires, 2 vehicle accidents and 23 emergency medical calls. Less than 1% of calls were affected by the bridge.

John Strongitharm said revamping the city fire dept. would be carried out in three phases.

Phase - 1 Close Station #5, remove the unit from the Point and reassign staff

Phase 2 - Redistrict city to prepare for changes in staff

Phase 3 - Budget process to reduce overtime cost, decide on whether it is feasible to build a new UMD station, combine new station and Woodland station, and increase staffing at the Lakeside station.

According to the fire chief - On completion of Phase 3, the fire dept. will be NFPA 1710 staffing and Osha compliant.

Suggestions were given for consideration about staffing the Point on high traffic days such as the garage sale, art fair, Grandmas, Blues Festival & etc. Also, the fire chief was asked about considering an EMT office on the Point to care for medical emergencies.

### **New Business**

Mike Fowler, Congdon hockey board member, spoke to the group about Congdon Hockey League using Lafayette ice rinks for possibly two seasons. Congdon rinks are unavailable to the league due to the remodeling of Congdon School. Mike said the rinks were adequate for what they need to use during the season. Congdon would provide boards, the basketball court would be flooded for pleasure use skating. Their association would provide the equipment and maintain the rinks.

Flooding of the rinks occur at night between 9:00 and 11:00pm.

The hockey rinks would be used Monday through Thursday from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. There would be occasional weekend games for Mites only. Anytime Congdon was not scheduled to use the rink, there would be open public skating. The flooded basketball rink would be open for public use at all times.

Congdon has one fundraiser planned, which would involve one weekend in the winter. Liability would be provided by Congdon Hockey Association for their events.

### **Auditing Committee**

The by-laws of the club require an audit of the treasurer's books on a yearly basis. This year, the audit committee members were Pam Griggs, David Poulin and Heidi Harrison. The committee completed their audit and said the treasurer's books were in good order.

### **Membership**

Liz Mackay reported 324 members have now signed up for the Park Point Community Club.

### **Garage Sale**

Ready to take place. Per Charlene Shimmin, a food vendor would like to set up a trailer in someone's yard. The vendor is willing to pay the property owner if they allow the use of their land for the sale.

### **Art Fair update**

Jake Kapsner brought bookmarks and postcards to the meeting. He is asking for volunteers to distribute posters. They are also looking for volunteers to help during the Art Fair.

### **Election of Officers**

A list of officers was presented by the election committee. They were as follows:

President	Dawn Buck
Vice President	Jake Kapsner
Treasurer	Al Robins
Secretary	Sheryl Robins

Tom Ward made a motion to accept the list of officers. Tom Rauschenfels seconded the motion.

Meeting ended at 9:20pm. A motion was made by Don Friemuth to adjourn the meeting. Dave Johnson seconded the motion.

# Change at St. Andrew's by the Lake

After 23 years, Cindy Peterson Wlosinski retired as Vicar of St. Andrew's by the Lake. A process is now underway to find a new Vicar. This process begins with work by a Discovery Team that looks into the church's past and assesses the future needs of the church. The Discovery Team is in the first stages of working on the agenda. An Interim Vicar, Fr. Theo Park, has been hired to serve as minister during the transition. It is expected that the Discovery Team's work and the actual search for a new Vicar will last about one year or longer.

St. Andrew's continues to be an active participant on Park Point. Youth sell brats and burgers during the Park Point Garage Sale raising money for youth activities. Youth are also part of the Park Point Art Fair where they have a popcorn concession. Membership at St. Andrew's consists for Park Pointers, both long timers and recent residents, as well as members from the Duluth and surrounding communities. There are about 150 total active members. The church building, renovated in 2008-9, is designated as a "green" building and is the only active church currently on Park Point.

We welcome comments to the Discovery Team that may be useful in our finding a new Vicar. If you have thoughts about St. Andrew's that may assist us in this transition, please contact MaryGaidis [beach60516@aol.com](mailto:beach60516@aol.com)

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## From the New Vice - President

Hello,

I'm your new, accidental vice-president who was kindly nominated by Dawn Buck and Dennis Hoelscher. About me: I like moonlit walks on the beach, as well as sunrise walks, afternoon walks and crazy windblown anytime walks. My beloved daughters, son and wife, Carla the Art Fair maven/coordinator, enjoy some of these walks more than others. So does my mom, who lives right down the street from us.

If you also enjoy the occasional stroll, you're invited to help us recruit new Community Club members this year by knocking on a few doors in the neighborhood. We aim to enlist a dozen people, each responsible for covering a 3-4 block span of the Point.

With enough help, this fall we'll launch the "Walk, Knock and Chalk 2012 Member Recruitment Drive." Why "Chalk?" Maybe because of the tallying joy you can experience by bringing neighbors into the fold; maybe just because it rhymes. And we'll have a contest—with the winner getting something chalky. Anyway, that's a working title. I'm open to suggestions—not just on naming a recruitment drive, but how to recruit, since this apparently is the primary function of the vice president.. That, and walking.

**Full disclosure:** door knocking was not my brilliant idea. It came from Captain Tom MacKay, who isn't at all competitive with his wife, Liz, over who was the more zealous recruiter of Community Club members when they served their respective turns as VP. Both made huge inroads with membership #s. I'm not looking to add that many, I just don't want to anger the MacKays by not adding any.

**Even more disclosure:** My folks moved to the Point in 1985, having been smitten by this sandbar for years. We bought a place 2001 and count our blessings for it—despite the ongoing repair of a home built partially out of flotsam and jetsam.

### **How to become an annual PPCC Member**

Just send \$5 (or \$10 for a household) with your address and email to the Park Point Community Club (contact info on page 2). It's simple, and the benefits for the neighborhood are many. Questions? Contact [jakekapsner@yahoo.com](mailto:jakekapsner@yahoo.com)



## News from the Lafayette Community Garden

### Harbingers of Harvest Celebrations

From Caribou Coffee our Bucket Brigade picks up spent coffee grounds destined for our compost piles. Our Watering Angels sprinkle the buds of green poking their heads toward the sun. And, stakes marked with the common names of favorite edibles appear in the garden beds, indicating what we'll look forward to eating at future monthly potluck dinners. Stop by for a visit to the garden located at Lafayette Square in the old hockey rink.

If you didn't make it to our May 21<sup>st</sup> potluck dinner, you missed a presentation by Scott Vesterstein, founder of Sydney's Green Garden. He gave an informative talk on how to grow edible produce in containers and introduced us to his container system. His kits make container gardening easy and cost effective, as well as provide everything you need to get started except the dirt. Visit [www.SydneysGreenGarden.com](http://www.SydneysGreenGarden.com) for more info.

### Donations Wanted

We thank Dick Gould for his donation of tomato plants and another Park Pointer's donation of a fixable picnic table. But, we still need some more new or restorable picnic tables to place in the garden. If you have a picnic table or other outdoor furniture to donate, please let us know. We will repurpose it for you. We are also seeking donations of funky old clothes for our annual scarecrow-making project that we do with the children participating in the Summer Youth Program. Just bag up the clothes and drop them off at the basement door of Lafayette Square by June 15.

### Mark Your Calendars

**Wednesday, June 20**, 6 to 8 p.m., potluck supper to celebrate the summer solstice. Weather permitting, this will be a picnic in the garden. All Park Pointer are welcome, you don't have to be members of the community garden. For more information, contact Coral 727-6455.

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

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



Several of the **Park Point Garden Club** Members, along with a few of the spouses enjoyed an afternoon of planting. Members invited everyone to stop by and enjoy the garden during the summer. Located at 31st St, back next to the ramp to the upper level of Lafayette.

## Park Point.....Naturally!

The morning of May 17 at 6:00 AM was not, in terms of major news in the media, anything auspicious. But for me it was one of the rare fleeting moments of life when a trivial happening reminded me that it's well worth it to take time to smell the roses...to allow one's self to see and enjoy something that could be easily dismissed as too mundane to rate a second glance or thought.

As is my routine habit on getting out of bed, the first thing I did was to look down on the bay from my third floor window to check for wildlife. The sky was partly cloudy, the temp 47 the wind absent and the bay free of ripples...the classic scene of serenity.

Literally a stone's throw below my window a miniature piece of the natural world of the kind that generates that a warm and fuzzy feeling we males may deny exists in our souls. The first of the Park Point goslings had arrived! There were just three of them...so little it was likely they were not yet a day old and their every move closely monitored by attentive parents.

In watching them follow their ingrained instincts as they zipped around the rocks of the irregular shore searching for their first meal while exploring every nook and cranny, it was hard to escape the urge to describe their antics in words reflecting human behavior. I could not help thinking of them as being akin to a spring-wound toy duckling in a child's bath tub, albeit one that never needs rewinding.

I know it would be foolish to ascribe intelligence, rather than instinct, as the source of their ability to immediately adapt to their environment after just hours of life. Who among us would not want to hold one in our hand and pet it while talking to it as we would a human baby?

Surely our Park Point fox population would dismiss my admiration of these little fuzz balls as absurd and would eye them only as a tender tidbit they would love to eat...if only they could snatch them away from the ever present, fiercely protective parents.

**Some new but "just passing through" birds:** In the regular daybreak parade of perhaps fifty Canada geese on May 20 the almost straight line of black and gray Canadas was punctuated by a petite, nearly pure white interloper---a Ross's goose. Only 23 inches long, compared to the 40 inch length of a Canada goose, it hasn't reappeared and, by now, is probably on nesting grounds in the Arctic. On Friday, May 25, a Twin Cities couple told me they trained their scope on a pair of whimbrels on Hearding Island's north shore...another of the birds that will summer in the Arctic along with the red throated loons seen again this spring far out from shore on the lake side of the Point.

(Speaking of Hearding Island, as I so often do, I hope that the man who walks his dog around the island will hold off repeating that hike until winter when there are no nesting birds to disturb.)

Two groups of white pelicans dropped by in mid-May on their way to points unknown. As usual, they stayed around for less than a full day and, as near as I could tell, did no fishing to refuel...just rested their flight muscles, did a lot of wing stretching exercises as they stood in just an inch or two of water off the west end of Hearding Island...just long enough for Lyle Anderson to attach his longest lens to get their portrait for the Breeze.

Glenn Maxham



### **Editor's Corner**

Yes, it's June again, that Mad Month on Park Point. As usual this issue will come out just prior to the Rummage Sale, so you may or may not receive your issue that first weekend, as many of our delivery people are caught up in that annual event.

Then our much admired Summer Youth Program begins on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Lafayette, serving not just Park Point Families but others as well.

And on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of course, is the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Park Point Art Fair, the Community Club's signature event, and the one that pays for most everything else we do. Volunteers are still needed, so don't hesitate to call Carla or Diane and get signed up.

One less than welcome event scheduled for the first of June this year was the closing of our Park Point Fire hall. We had a big turnout at the last Community Club meeting, where Fire Chief John Strongitharm explained the rationale behind the closing. As I'm writing this, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, I'm not really sure if the closing has actually happened, but I'm assuming it has. As Chief Strongitharm laid out the numbers, he showed that less than 1% of the calls to Park Point over the years have been affected by bridge lifts. This is one situation in which we can all HOPE we're part of the 99%!

There has been some effort at compromise, such as stationing an EMT or Public Safety Officer on Park Point. That would cut the odds of a "Bridging Tragedy" even more. But there was a real sense of security in knowing that, no matter what the emergency, or what the time, with just a call "our guy" from Fire Hall #5 could be there in a matter of minutes. And that security, sadly, will be lost.

But I'm not going to spend any more time whining – or sitting at this computer. It's a beautiful sunny day – almost beach weather. I've already had my feet in the water this morning – and I'm thinking about going for more!

### **Calling all Volunteers:**

Here is a fun easy way to get involved and get to know your neighbors-while supporting a great tradition on the Point. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the Park Point Art Fair, June 22, 23 & 24 to check in artists, set-up, clean-up, greet visitors, booth sit and help children at the art make and take area.

Not going to be around art fair weekend, don't fret you can still do your share, volunteers will be needed in early June to help distribute posters and bookmarks to area businesses.

Sign up to share as little or as much time as you can spare. (In addition to the good karma, volunteers gain an invite to an exclusive, yet highly inclusive, artist dinner. Plus you can take home a t-shirt!)

Contact Diane Gould, Volunteer Committee Chair, at 727-4067 or Carla Tamburro, Art Fair Coordinator at [coordinator@parkpointartfair.org](mailto:coordinator@parkpointartfair.org).

Posters and bookmarks can be picked up at my house, (218-428-1916) give a call for the address. If everybody takes three or four and signs up for a few locations we can really get the word out! Work in a public place? Bring one to work.

Proceeds from the event go toward environmental projects and summer youth programs. So parents please don't hesitate to volunteer!!!

## ***The Breeze***

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## **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)



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