

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**
August 16th, 7PM
at Lafayette

Primary Elections
August 14th
Polls open from
7Am – 8PM

Edible Garden Potluck
September 17th
6-8PM
at Lafayette

City Wide Potluck
October 24th
6-8PM
at Lafayette
Featuring Beets!

54th Duluth International Regatta



I stopped by the Duluth Rowing Club on July 14th to watch a bit of the 54th Annual Duluth International Regatta. Unless you've been down there and seen for yourself, I don't think you can appreciate what an event this is. With rowing clubs coming in from throughout the Midwest and Canada, most of them arrive on Friday, and camp on the site. So there are tent villages spread out on both sides of the Duluth Rowing Club building at 39th Street. Closer to the building itself are the pop-up awnings, for the officials, the concessions, and as gathering places for individual clubs. Rowers are everywhere, wearing the uniforms of their various clubs, some watching, some talking, some stretched out in any patch of shade they can find.

Then there's the boats – on the water, on racks, being carried on the shoulders of their crews. Take a look at these boats - especially the big ones, the 8's. So incredibly long, and impossibly narrow, it doesn't seem possible that eight people could even sit in them, let alone remain upright in the water. Yet they do, and you see them pull away from the docks with coordinated strokes as they head down to the starting line. And then they come roaring back, straining for the finish.

I got to see a little bit of the Olympic rowing on TV this week, and I couldn't help thinking about the young rowers I see right here. People row for all kinds of reasons – for exercise, for camaraderie, for the sheer joy of it. But those Juniors, the teenagers who spend their summer mornings out there sweating at an oar, when they could be sitting at home, killing zombies. You have to believe that at least a few of them are harboring Olympic Dreams.

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

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Submissions

The deadline is August 31st for the September 2012 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

While rowing off of the beach yesterday morning, I had the pleasure of meeting people of all ages enjoying some extraordinary water conditions. I had to be extra mindful of my course due to the number of people in the water swimming, paddling, sailing and floating early in the morning. The several "floaters" I spoke to were in awe of the day and of the beauty of Park Point. How lucky we are to have this great water all around us. Seize every opportunity to get out and play on it and in it!

At our last meeting, we talked about strategies for encouraging trash pick-up on the beach, troubles with beach partying, and beach patrols by the police department. Please come to our next meeting on August 16th with your suggestions.

We'll also enjoy some ice cream and hear from several clever Park Pointers on the very useful topic of sand-point water systems.

We have a welcome letter ready for new neighbors so please notify Pam Griggs if you have someone new on your block. Consider inviting the new neighbor to the Neighborhood Night Out at Lafayette on August 7th.

See you out and about,

Dawn and canine companion, Klaus

PS Remember to take along an extra bag for trash pickup

--

Dawn Buck

Park Point Community Club President

PPCC members who are interested in getting emails about Park Point events, information from the City, recreational opportunities, good news, etc., please send me a note at parkpointcc@gmail.com. I have sent out a couple of emails to the addresses submitted with your memberships but many failed. I won't share this list with anyone but PPCC members. Thanks and keep in touch, Dawn

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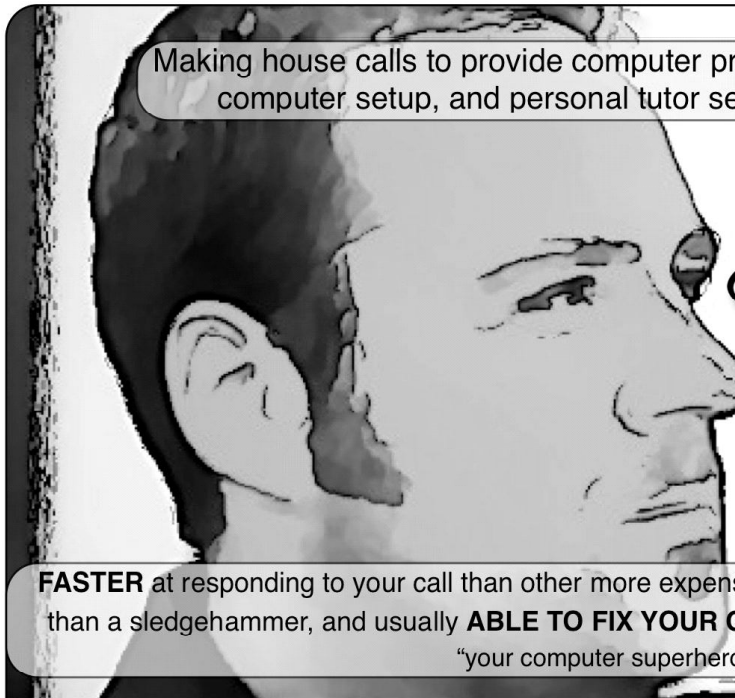
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A group of highly successful alumni got together with their old university professor and soon started complaining about stress in work and life. The professor offered them coffee and went to the kitchen, returning with a large pot and an assortment of cups - some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite. When everyone had taken a cup of coffee, the professor said: "Did you notice that all the 'good' cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones? It may be human nature for us to want only the best for ourselves, but that is the source of your problems and stress. "What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups and eyed each other's cups. Consider: Life is the coffee, and the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and don't change the quality of Life. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided. "So, don't let the cups drive you ... enjoy the coffee instead."

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Our vocation in life is to be the Lord's donkey. We are to be used by him for his purpose wherever and whatever that may be. We sink to know and love the Lord. We will be at times overworked, overlooked and taken advantage of. This is our sacrifice. Not only does the Lord know his sheep, he knows his donkeys as well.

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Minutes for the July, 2012 Park Point Community Club meeting

Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order by president, Dawn Buck, at 7:00 pm. The Civility Checklist was read.

Motion was made to accept the June, 2012 minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. All ayes. The affirmatives carry.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance January, 2012	\$39,442
Beginning Balance June, 2012	\$50,652
Ending Balance June, 2012	\$46,969

Communications read aloud:

Park Point 5 miler is scheduled for July 20, 2012 @ 6:30pm. A portion of Minnesota Ave. will be blocked off for traffic travel.

A notice from the City of Duluth, Planning Division, was read concerning the proposed ordinance for Vacation Home Rentals and their requirements.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine Committee - LeAne Rutherford spoke about the welcome letter she has compiled to send to new neighbors on Park Point. If someone new moves into the neighborhood, please notify LeAne and she will make arrangements to get a letter to the new Park Pointers.

Hospitality Committee - nothing to report

Program Committee-prospective Park Point 'How to' projects-Rory Strange. Rory gave several ideas of classes that could be held as educational projects suited for Park Point. Example would be learning how to install a sand point & etc. He was open to suggestions.

Watch Committee - the committee has no chairperson. It was reported that a pair of Ralph Lauren sunglasses were found around 34th St. on the beach. Set of car keys were also found.

Summer Youth Program is going strong. The last day of the program is scheduled for 8/9/2012.

The variance request for property @ 3129 Minnesota Ave. was defeated 7-1 by Planning Commission.

Art Fair Committee: Jake Kapsner reported the art fair outcome was awesome. They have applied for a grant from the MN State Arts. They will know by November, if they were approved.

Environmental Committee and Rummage Sale Committee; nothing to report

Unfinished Business

Short discussion about the fire station closure. A suggestion was given to teach the Park Point residents about surf rescue, CPR, first aid & etc.

Dick Gould made a second motion to reimburse for the cost of new tables purchased for Lafayette Square. All ayes. Affirmative carries.

Dawn asked people to send her their email address so she can update her list. She had an older list and when she sent out an email, many addresses came back as undeliverable.

It was suggested there be a 'beach sweep.' There is a lot of garbage left on the beach and the area needs to be cleaned. It was brought up for discussion about the police patrolling the beaches by using 4 wheelers.

Diane Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

On Tuesday, August 7th, we hosted the annual National Neighbors Night Out with a picnic potluck supper at Lafayette Square. We thank the Park Point Community Club who partnered with us to provide the Old World Meats brats and hotdogs we served, and to all the volunteers who helped cook, set up, clean up and entertain us. Also, thanks to Joy and her talented kids in the Park Point summer youth program who made the signs promoting this event and colored hard-cooked eggs for us to savor. If you missed this year's event, we hope to see you at next year's National Neighbors Night Out, which is slated for the first Tuesday in August.

Donations Wanted: If your fresh produce scraps and crushed egg shells are piling up around your kitchen, we invite you to deposit them in one of the several compost bins located within the community garden at Lafayette Square. Please don't donate protein, dairy, or bread scraps, as these are not compostable.

Save the Dates:

Monday, September 17, 6 to 8 p.m., join us for another of our monthly potluck suppers. We will celebrate our garden's harvest by offering dishes utilizing our own Park Point produce and we'll probably have another informative speaker of some sort. Watch for details in the September Breeze. All Park Pointer are welcome, you don't have to be members of the community garden. For more information, contact Coral 727-6455.

Wednesday, October 24, 6 to 8 p.m., we host a city-wide potluck celebrating the One Vegetable, One Community initiative of the Duluth Community Garden Program. Be prepared to feast on the 2012 Vegetable of the Year: **Beets**.

Park Point Summer Youth Program

We have joined the circus! Traveling far and wide to unknown countries, we have tiptoed on the high wire, perfected our trapeze act, flipped and flopped during the gymnastics act and sent our friends flying from the cannon. We have danced with clowns and glowed in the dark wearing our glow in the dark jewelry while eating our easter egg treats.....all the while sitting on the edge of our seats at Duluth 10 watching Madagascar. We have swam with the fish at the Aquarium and became invisible when we put on the invisible capes. We have worn out the slide in the tree house sending the birds chirping and putting parrots into panic mode. We have sailed our boats on the mighty river, going thru treacherous waters to get to the lake, trying to keep the water in the trough while our sailors made waves and whirlpools. We have busted more gutters at Incline Station while bowling and kept the vending machine buzzing!

We celebrated July 4th on July 3rd with a beach party.....munching on snacks and patting each other on the back for a job well done on the S Curve sign. We have walked backwards to DQ for Backwards Day, having desert before lunch then running a few laps around Canal Park to work off the sugar. We have cooled down in the fountains, with our cloths dripping we have watched our feet make prints on the sidewalk making our way to the bus stop, hoping we all dry before our chariot arrives. We are still checking out more books than we can carry from the Library and picnicking on the stage below between the Kaleidoscope shows. Our feet are still pounding the pavement, making their way to Dairy Queen so we can Dilly Up and recharge from the summers heat, keeping our eyes peeled for lost hub caps waiting to be found. We have become masters of the water with our inner tube trains and noodle races. The handstand bunch is perfecting their act and the gymnasts are teaching us all water aerobics. We have celebrated our birthday while dining on donuts at the beach and dodging raindrops.

We have been treated to yummy foods from our Garden Friends and buzzed like Bees, taste testing honey while we were learning about BeeKeeping from the Bee Keeper that came to talk to us and show us all the equipment necessary. We are now experts and ready to start our own honey business. We have expanded our knowledge of Rip Currents from our guest speaker and know the do's and don'ts. We have painted furniture, rocks, driftwood and little bit of everything for the garden and are making posters for the Neighborhood Nite Out Potluck. Please don't forget to put that on your list of things to do, Aug.7th, 6:00 pm at Lafayette, the kids will have beautifully decorated boiled eggs to serve.

We have done so much and have so much more to do.....Trolley Car Ride and Canal Park Tour, our annual lunch at Dairy Queen and Popcorn Stand visit, the Marine Museum and Light House.....if you are in need of something to do, please join us, Monday thru Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, we never stop!

Happy August,

Joy

Park Point.....Naturally

Most of the time while sitting on my 3rd floor balcony my concentration is on watching---or should I say spying on---wildlife. However now, with a better comfort level in summer time warmth, I find it very satisfying to simply listen, especially around daybreak before the din of city activities. But I would rather talk about martins (not to be confused with martens which are mammals of the weasel family.) Their color is not exceptional and it's not known for singing like true songbirds but I am charmed by the peculiar twittering--- they can "twitter" without the electronic gadget and do it often when in hot pursuit of a moth, mosquito, gnat, or any winged food source above me. My National Geographic bird book describes it as a "rich, liquid gurgling and whistle; also as a low churr." Few things in nature give me more pleasure and relaxation than sitting on my balcony, oblivious to the cares of the day, lazily tracing their quick movements high above. It's a pleasant sight at any time, especially so when the birds have a backdrop of fluffy white clouds amid a field of blue sky. The flight pattern of this species seems very erratic. That is because where they go is dictated solely by their need to more or less, sift the air to home in on their prey. They glide aimlessly over the shoreline until seeing something good to eat and then increase their speed with rapid wing flapping. Sometimes mistaken for European starlings, martins have broad wings and a forked tail typical of swallows, all of whom are, says the bird book, "adept aerialists." You may not want to spend your idle time watching them but can't help appreciating their role in lowering the mosquito hordes and other bothersome flying pests. Martins are just one more among the many free little amenities here at the edge of the world's greatest lake.

By now you may have noticed the gradual disappearance of the mess of debris that rode the rushing flood waters of the St. Louis River from the uplands to the shallow places in our bay. Unsightly but harmless, the dead wood will probably stay anchored firmly where it is until rots. On this late July morning the geese swam on a course that was clogged with a nearly solid mass of shredded wood just a few weeks before. Be patient... beauty of the shore is returning.

...by Glenn Maxham



Deadheading

Deadheading is an important task and can be very therapeutic both to you and the flowering plants. It helps repeat-flowering plants, such as roses or day lilies, to create more blossoms and your garden looks so much nicer when you are done. Fair warning...it is addictive and you may find yourself deadheading in gardens other than your own! If you don't deadhead rose bushes you will end up with tiny apple-looking growths. These are called rosehips. Wildlife, pet chinchillas and guinea pigs love these. They can also be used to make jam, jelly, marmalade and rosehip wine. The fine hairs found inside rosehips are used as itching powder. Park Point Garden Club welcomes visitors and new members to our next meeting, August 23, 7pm. Please call President Pam Griggs, 727-2158

Editor's Corner

What a summer this has been. I don't mean to sound like it's over, though as every Duluthian knows, it could end tomorrow. But still, I've lived on Park Point for 25 years, and I don't ever remember spending as much time in the water as I have already this year. And I mean IN the water. This hasn't been just take a quick dip then warm on the sand water. This is actual relax and float, maybe take a long swim, sit neck deep on the sand bar water. Incredible.

I also don't remember having quite this much sand in the bed at night, either. Comes from those late evening – one –last-dip- swims (Though NEVER after 10PM. That would be illegal!) But you never seem to get all that sand off your feet before bedtime!

The plethora of driftwood washed down the rivers and onto the shore by the flood has led to quite a variety of beach structures popping up on the beach as well. Many of them just seem to appear overnight, the apparent work of young adults with an excess of energy – or alcohol – to work off. Oh well, better to have them building than destroying things.

By the time this issue comes out we'll have already had the Neighborhood Night Out gathering at Lafayette – and no doubt many smaller ones at micro-neighborhoods along the Point. This is always a good opportunity to meet and welcome new neighbors. The Park Point Community Club is making an effort to reach out to new neighbors as well. LeAne Rutherford has written a "Welcome Letter" to be sent to new Park Point residents. If you have any new neighbors, please let Pam Griggs, chair of our Sunshine committee, know, and she'll send a copy of the letter to them.



Standing Ready

This is the emergency response vehicle – complete with surfboard – stationed on the Point during the busy summer months. With all the people in the water this year, it's been pretty busy

Fiesta en la Playa

Party on the Point

to benefit Witness for Peace

Wednesday, August 8th, 2012

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Lafayette Square Community Center

30th block, Minnesota Ave, Park Point, Duluth

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

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