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#### Calendar

Park Point Community Club Meeting September 20th, 7PM at Lafayette

MPPS meeting September 19<sup>th</sup>, 5PM At Lafayette

Edible Garden Potluck September 17<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM at Lafayette

City Wide Potluck October 24<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM at Lafayette Featuring Beets!

The mission of the Breeze is to serve the community by:

- 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
- Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live

## **Harbor Cove Marina Hotel**



Just about 3 years ago I attended a meeting at Harbor Cove Marina, at which marina owner Terry Anderson, and representatives of the architectural firm BDP unveiled plans for a hotel to be built on the site. Preliminary plans called for a three-story 116 room hotel, but Mr. Anderson reassured neighbors that things were still in the concept stage, that neighbors concerns would be taken into account, and they were at least 2 years from breaking ground.

Not much was heard about the project after that, until this past March, when a request to rezone the property from industrial-waterfront to mixed use-waterfront came before the Duluth Planning Commission. There was a public discussion, but as this change was already recommended in the City's Comprehensive Plan, it passed without much opposition.

The project itself had changed quite a bit though – downsized to 55 rooms, at least in the first stage. Its new design, including 48-foot towers and ornate touches, was inspired by the Duluth Boat Club clubhouse that stood on the site in the early 1900s and was the social center of Duluth for years.

Ground was broken on the project this summer, but I can't tell you much about how it's progressing. My "investigative reporting" consisted of just walking around the site, taking pictures and trying to stay out of the way. All I know is they've been moving dirt and pounding in footings.

I must say, though, compared to most developments on this Point, this one has been pretty low-drama and non-controversial. Yes, there is opposition, but Mr. Anderson and his partner Bob Maki, seem to have tried to develop a project that fit the site, without pushing the limits of what was allowed. Neighbors will continue to watch the project, of course, and it's still early. Snags may develop. Controversies may arise. But so far, it's pretty quiet.

## The Breeze

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## **Submissions**The deadline is October 5th for

the October 2012 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at <a href="mailto:breezeditor@msn.com">breezeditor@msn.com</a> by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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#### From The President

Hi Neighbors,

How nice to see so many of you at our last meeting! We had several new members joining and attending the meeting.

A big thank you to Rory and Tom for sharing their expertise on sand points. For September 20's meeting we will have a social half-hour beginning at 6:30. A Duluth Boat Club member is scheduled to visit and we are planning another fun "community ed" seminar. Check the website later for details, parkpointcommunityclub.org.

Also thank you to Ted B. for providing the ice cream and great toppings. We were happy to have our Breeze Editor at the meeting as well.

A discussion came up about the accessibility of Lafayette for voting. Here is a note I received from Jeff Cox, City Clerk:

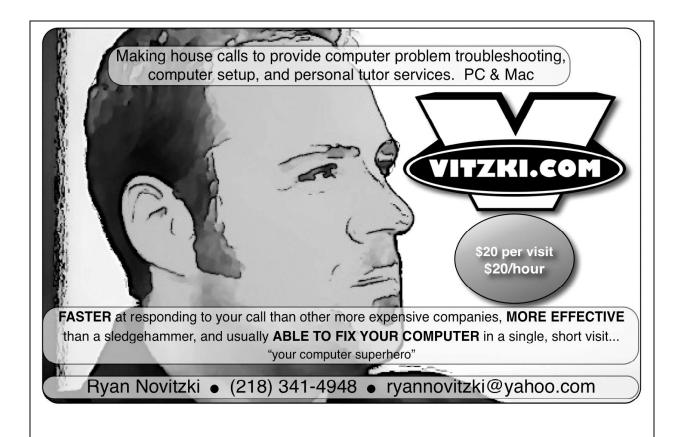
"Thank you all, for updating me on what transpired at the Park Point Community Club meeting where the polling site issue was brought up. The reference to the having the "most accessible" polling site, is somewhat difficult to respond to, in that most buildings these days meet the ADA minimum requirements, but usually there are some trade off's in comparing sites. As an example, with every other aspect being comparable, one location may have parking a little farther away from the entrance and the other one may have closer parking, but is more limited in the number of parking spaces and more difficult with the access and/or regress when multiple vehicles are moving at the same time, as compared to the other location. Because we want to minimize any voter confusion, we try to only make polling site changes when there is a SIGNIFICANT overall improvement in all the accessibility aspects. Specifically for this year, I have to inform you that by state statute, no polling site changes can be made between the state primary and general elections. Thank you for your input and each spring when we review the polling sites, we will keep vour concerns in mind."

Jeff Cox City Clerk 330 City Hal 411 W. 1st Street Duluth, MN. 55802 (218) 730-5249 (218) 730-5923 Fax jcox@duluthmn.gov

Lafayette will be the polling site for November so let's work together to improve the process. More volunteers to take ballots outside to cars? Moving the voting downstairs and allowing handicapped parking on the field next to the door? These are just a few of the possibilities I have heard from community members. Please bring your ideas to the meeting.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday, September 20. The meeting starts at 7pm but we will have some socializing time beginning at 6:30 pm. Jim Sharrow from the Duluth Boat Club is scheduled to be at the meeting. Also, our "community ed" interesting seminar piece is tbd. Rory is working on a couple of possibilities plus maybe a beach glass event. Stay tuned for details.

See you on the beach! Dawn and Klaus



The Episcopal Mission of St. Andrew's-by-the-Lake 2802 Minnesota Avenue www.standrewsbythelake.org

#### Holy Eucharist, Sundays, 9:45 am

This afternoon was the colour of water falling through sunlight; The trees glittered with the tumbling of leaves; The sidewalks shone like alleys of dropped maple leaves And the houses ran along them laughing out of square, open windows. Under a tree in the park, two little boys, lying flat on their faces, were carefully gathering red berries to put in a pasteboard box. Some day there will be no war, then I shall take out this afternoon and turn it in my fingers, And remark the sweet taste of it upon my palate, and note the crisp variety of its flights of leaves. Today I can only gather it and put it into my lunchbox, For I have time for nothing but the endeavour to balance myself upon a broken

Amy Lowell, "September, 1918" from *The*Complete Poetical Works of Amy Lowell.

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

world.

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

722-3078

Fr. John Petrich,

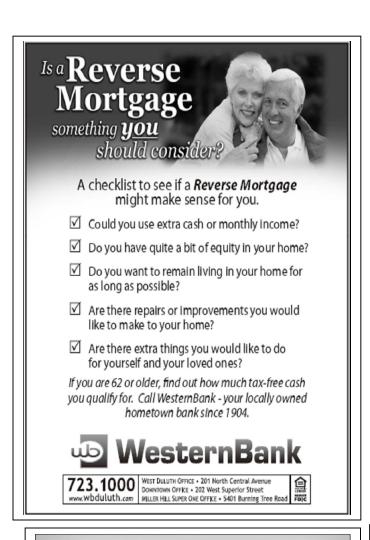
#### Let us also be Role Models

Thirteen-year-old Cameron's brother, Brandon, age 24 worked on the 104<sup>th</sup> floor of the Twin Towers. Two days after September 11<sup>th</sup>, Cameron called his brother's cell phone which was still taking messages. "I just wanted to talk to him one last time." He left a message saying he was his hero and he wanted to grow up and be like him.

When is one too old to have a hero? Some sports stars are seen as heroes, but make it a point to remind us that they are not role models. Often, they prove it by their actions. Still, we can all learn through role models. They are the theory put into practice.

Gracious Father, I want to be faithful to you, not only in word, but in deed. Grant me the grace through Jesus. Amen

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



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Due to the overwhelming responses to Eating Fitl, 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.



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## Yoga on Park Point

Where: Yoga at Lafayette on Park Point

When: Monday Mornings 6:15-7:05am

Dates: September 24 - October 26th - 10 week session Cost: \$100

Please contact Kyle Elden 218-341-6115 graceintoxicated@gmail.com

### Minutes for the August, 2012 Park Point Community Club meeting

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

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules to have the presentation first and socialize before regular meeting format. Rory Strange and Tom Mackay gave a program on how to install a sand point well. They gave tips on equipment needed and how to best install the sand point.

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

#### Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance January, 2012	\$39,442
Beginning Balance July, 2012	\$46,969
Beginning Balance August, 2012	\$42,394

#### Communications

VRBO (Vacation Rentals By Owner) ordinance read aloud. It was brought out that the information for the ordinances were for information only, to keep the community informed.

The variance for 3129 Minnesota Ave was overturned by the City Council with a 7 to 1 vote. Gunnar Johnson, city attorney, said the variance should be held at 50'

#### Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs reported five cards were sent out during the month.

LeAne Rutherford asked that if you know of someone moving to the Point to either call her or Pam Griggs. Anyone interested in working on the Welcome Committee should contact either Pam or LeAne.

Hospitality Committee - Thanked Ted Buck for providing ice cream and treats for the yearly ice cream social. They were greatly appreciated.

Art Fair Committee - Jake Kapsner gave an update for the requested grant the Art Fair has applied for. He said a decision should be made by 11/2012.

Breeze Committee - Alan Dartanyan asked for Breeze items to be submitted early as the Breeze has increased in size and the time it takes to put the paper together has increased.

Youth Committee - Summer youth program had finished with another successful year.

Environmental Committee - nothing new to report

Rummage Sale Committee - There will be a need for a co-chair person for next year's rummage sale. Call Charlene Shimmin if you are interested.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Thanks to Edible Garden who hosted the Neighborhood Night Out event.

Per Melissa - a yoga class would be held at Lafayette Square at 6:30 am on Monday.

Charlene Shimmin spoke about the problems with having the elections at Layfayette Square and the accessibility for some people. She talked about having the elections at St. Andrews Church or the Reserve Center. She suggested we call Mr. Cox at City Hall to express concern about handicap accessibility.

Jim Sharrow from the Duluth Boat Club will speak at the September 20, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

### **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 ppccdlh@gmail.com

#### **News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden**

Who says you can't grow food where plants' roots grasp nutrients from sand and the harsh winds of Lake Superior blow? Your community gardeners have been busy gathering another successful year's crop of ripe produce from the garden at Lafayette Square. The harvest gets divvied up among the garden members, with a share going to the CHUM food shelf and the Damiano Center soup kitchen. The bounties of this Park Point garden have inspired us to assemble a collection of treasured recipes that we have enjoyed making and our friends and families have enjoyed eating – especially at our monthly potluck dinners. We are uncertain as yet what form our recipe collection will take - print or electronic. Watch for further updates.

#### **Donations Wanted:**

We are still taking contributions to our compost bins. 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. When you rake up your leaves this fall, remember that they, too, can go in our compost bins.

#### **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. The featured speaker will be Peggy Dahlberg, who will talk with us about caring for and thinning strawberries and raspberries and putting our gardens to bed for the winter. All Park Pointers 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. Brush up on your beet recipes, as there will be a contest to pick the Best Beet Dish(s) that evening.

Wintering Your Perennials On average in Duluth a frost can be expected beginning September 5 and almost



certainly by September 19. How can you prepare your perennials for this? Allow them to harden on their own by lowering the amount of moisture in the soil. Carefully dig up the less-hardy perennial bulbs (dahlias, cannas, gladiolus) and store them in a cool, dry location. Leaving 6 to 8 inches, trim other perennials after they have finished blooming. Work in 4 to 6 inches of compost around them. Dig up diseased plants. Use leaves, hay or straw to insulate the beds. http://www.ehow.com/how 4516375 winterize-perennials Congratulations to

Nancy, Julie, Kristelle and Stephanie for their winning entries to the Duluth Garden and Flower Society Show. Are you a Park Point resident and like gardening? Please consider becoming a member of the Park Point Garden Club. Call 727-2158 Pam Griggs, President, for more information.

# 1st Best of the Beach September 20th 2012

Beach Glass Collectors! Whether you have been collecting for 50 years or just a couple of months this is the opportunity you have been waiting for. What do you have for all those hours spent wandering the Beach? Show off, win a prize, make a deal, this is the opportunity for collectors to share stories and see what **you missed!** 

**Beach Glass Show**: Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 4 different classes and of course the Best of Show! (Traveling Trophy)

Categories:

Theme: (ex) Heart shaped or some other configuration.

Color 4 classes:

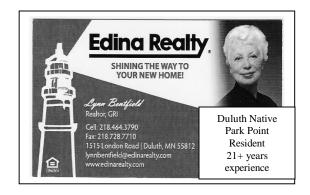
White 5 pieces Green 5 pieces Brown 5 pieces Rare (hard to find color) 3 pieces (ex) Red, Blue etc.

**Best of Show Piece:** 1 piece

**Rules:** 

Provide 5 pieces for each category you wish to enter except for the Best of Show and the Rare (hard to find) category. Pieces need to be placed in a zip lock bag with name, address and phone number. Entries need to be received by Tuesday September 18th. All entries will be returned and available at the end of the regular community club meeting. Our professional judge appreciates Beach Glass and owns an Art Gallery within the Duluth area. Best of Show category will be judged by those in attendance at the community club meeting. All others will be judged prior to the meeting and will be displayed during the meeting. Due to space limitations (and prize budget) we can only accept only 40 entries. Make sure you register early. You need not enter all categories to participate. Please call 340-7220 to make arrangements for entry and drop off information, or email Best of the Beach at parkpointcc@gmail.com to register.





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

Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 AM. Drawn to my third floor, west facing open window by the alarm calls of a distressed hen black duck, I just had to look for the source of her concern. She and her five halfgrown brood had been silently gliding along a few feet off the bay shore dabbling for their breakfast. A bit farther out, a dozen or so geese were heading the same way and in no particular hurry.

In a moment, I spied the reason she was upset. The scene was like the beginning of a story from a children's book: Once upon a time, a hungry red fox slipped into the tall, narrow strip of tansy and raspberry bushes lining the shore. From my observation post three stories above, I watched it slither through the dense foliage towards the approaching duck family. At times it disappeared from my view but only briefly. In the half-light of dawn it hunkered down, stayed hidden in the thicket while creeping towards its intended banquet of tender ducklings. Unseen by the mother duck, but obvious from my vantage point, the pure white, cotton-like fur at the end of its bushy tail flashed like a signal flag. Finally, the animal came to a spot where the bushes were sparse and its cover was blown. I was sure the duck and her young would race away to deeper water. I was wrong. Instead, she actually swam *toward* shore in a kind of attack mode but didn't leave the water. She honked an alarm call again. It was clearly understood by the goose flock. Sharing their hate for the marauding fox, they halted a moment, reversed course and raced toward the ducks in a show of strength in numbers...and to the fox conveying an "oh no you don't" threat. It worked.



As I watch the fox fade back into the shrubs I was reminded of the old fable about the fox that, being unable to jump high enough get a snack of grapes, consoled itself by concluding, "they were probably too sour anyway." In this fable I imagined it thinking, "Oh well. Those ducklings were so tiny they couldn't have possibly satisfied my hunger" and then trotted off. Where wildlife viewing is concerned, this is the slow time of the year. Fall migration has barely begun but, with suitable weather conditions, should pick up considerably later this month.

This would probably be a good time to pass on a bit of "off subject" information that came to my attention from a Korean war buddy who lives in Ohio---a half-page clipping from the travel section of the *Toledo Blade* newspaper. It's headline is: Sandy Beach stretches for miles in Duluth's Park Point. The writer, James Schiffer, visited the Point on a clear, hot day in August.

"The only way to get there" he said, "is to cross the Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge---few tourists actually cross the bridge to see what's on the other side." Really? Schiffer did cross the bridge, walked down to the beach and waded in. "Then I looked down through the crystalline water. My feet were losing what little color they had, as if the blood were fleeing up my legs." He abandoned any thought of cold-water swimming, rented a kayak and a wet suit, paddled off shore on a glassy-smooth lake surface, and enjoyed watching the movement of lake and ocean carriers. All in all, it was a positive article. He described the Point in a manner that might well motivate some of the readers to pick Duluth as a vacation destination. If you would like to read the whole story you can access it on line: Toledoblade.com The paper is dated August 5<sup>th</sup>. All in all it was a positive article. He described the Point in a manner that might well motivate some of the readers to pick Duluth as a vacation destination. If you would like to read the whole story you can access it on line: www.toledoblade.com. It was printed on Sunday 8/5/12.

Copy by Glenn Maxham---photo by Lyle Anderson.

## **Neighborhood Night Out**





The Neighborhood Night Out event at Lafayette (above, left) drew a good crowd, but it was far from the only gathering on Park Point. The picture on the right, sent in by Brian and Mary Grover, shows the gathering for those living between the s-curve and the Bridge. It was held at Kevin and Diane Kellehers house. We non-conformists at 16<sup>th</sup> street held our block party a few days after the actual event – so I was able to attend more than one!

# Important Information regarding the November election.

Are you registered to Vote? Are you new to Park Point or never voted on Park Point? Have you got a Mn Driver License or Mn ID Card (looks like a drivers license) with your current address? If not, it is wise to make an address change at the DMV NOW. Time is flying by.

A complete list of information regarding what you can use to register to vote can be found by Googling in MINNESOTA VOTERS REGISTRATION.

If you have any questions you may call the City Clerk's Office 730-5500.

Also, if you are not able to get into vote or plan to be out of town on Nov. 6, and want to vote, it would be wise to contact the City Clerk's Office, Please contact City Clerks Office as soon as possible.

Charlene Shimmin Head Judge Prescient 18

#### **Editor's Corner**

The other day I saw some people duck under the branches of my balsam tree as they walked down the sidewalk. It reminded me that it was time once again to trim my trees and bushes that overhang the walks. So I'm reminding everyone else. Please keep your sidewalks clear of any overhanging obstructions. And remember, it's not just the branches that are in the way right now. It won't be long until there's that white stuff building up on the branches and weighing them down, so branches that are now well above your head will be hanging in your face – and preparing to dump their load down your neck.

Now that it's September and the heart of the tourist season is behind us, it's time to reclaim the beach, and get down to the serious business of hunting for beach glass! And for those who'd like to show off their treasures, we're announcing the first ever "Best of the Beach" Beach Glass Show. Details of this event can be found on page 8 of this issue. Whether you're a serious collector or you just stumbled on a treasure or two, this is your chance to show them off.

Those who have attended a Community Club meeting recently (I finally got to one last month!) have probably noticed that there is a serious effort afoot to make the meetings less....serious? Maybe less contentious would be a better way to put it, for serious issues will still be discussed. But there's a real effort to do so civilly, and to include more fun stuff, more interesting presentations, more time for socializing. So if you've been avoiding community club meetings because you grew tired of all the tension and complaining, now is the time to come back to the fold.

#### **Minnesota Point Preservation society**

The Mn. Point Preservation Society 501 C-3 continues to form. We could use a few more board members, if you have an interest or ideas for the MPPS please consider serving on the board of directors. It will consist of only four meetings per year. The general focus is to preserve and enhance the environment of the entire area on this end of Lake Superior. Being a 501 C-3 allows us to apply for grant monies for many ideas from a wide variety of sources. Many projects could be pursued. Got any ideas? The next formative meeting will be at Lafayette, Wednesday the 19th of Sept. at 5PM.

Dick Gould

(The following note was sent to President Buck, and we thought it was worth printing in the Breeze)

Ms. Buck

Good day. Please pardon the interruption, I just wanted to take a minute to introduce myself and offer our efforts. I am the new officer in Charge of the Coast Guard Station on park Point. I assumed command last Friday from CWO Sikes. I just wanted to give you a name and a number to contact if we may participate in the community in any way. I have an open station policy for you and our neighbors to come in and visit our Station and Sailors. It is our goal to not only be good stewards and servants of maritime community but good neighbors as well. Thank you for your time

Respectfully
BMCS Robert Pump
Officer in Charge
U.S. Coast Guard Station Duluth
218-529-3128

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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. 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









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