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Calendar

**Get to the Point
Art and Gift Fair
October 13th, 10AM – 3PM
At Lafayette**

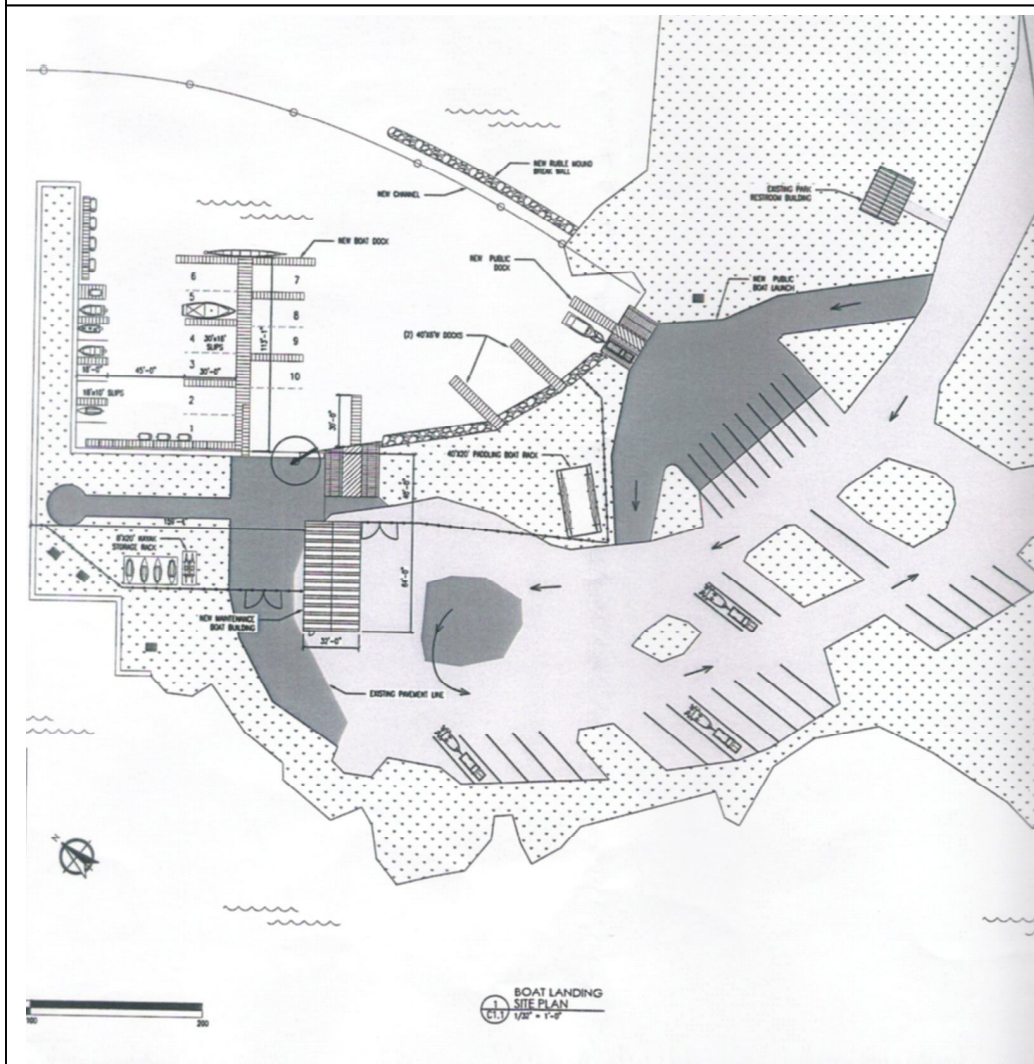
**Park Point Community
Club Meeting
October 18th, 7PM
at Lafayette**

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

**Election Day
November 6th**

**Edible Garden Potluck
November 11th
5-7PM
at Lafayette**

Big Plans for Boat Landing Site



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

Duluth Boat Club President Bob Oulette presented plans for a water sports center near the boat landing at the Park Point Recreation Area to the Community Club at the September Meeting. The Duluth Boat Club is an umbrella organization including a number of Duluth water sports clubs. One member, the Duluth superior Sailing Association, currently operates from the site, working from boat racks and a few dock boxes – and has suffered a few vandalism losses. The proposed new building would allow for indoor classes and more secure boat storage. Other changes would include a partial breakwall and a dredged channel to provide better access for boats. At this point things are still in the planning stage. And as this is public land – and water – there are quite a few hoops to jump through.

The Breeze

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From The President

Hi Neighbors,

The wind and water continue to provide opportunities for many great Park Point activities; it's been great seeing so many people out enjoying the favorable conditions. Many thanks to the crew of Radio Flyer, Ed and Ellie Alspach's sailboat, for letting me tag along on the *Fray on the Bay*, a ten-mile race on the bay on September 15. (Photos soon to website.) My weekend water sports trifecta- sailing, rowing and paddling- has been attainable! Thank you to the organizers and the participants of the first ever "Best of the Beach" event held at our last social hour and meeting. Take a look at the photos on our website. Attendees of the event selected Cheryl Dartanyan's entry as the "Best in Show" and she was awarded a very special, one of a kind, traveling trophy. Congratulations, Cheryl! The apple crisp was great and may be back next month by popular demand.

Thank you to the Duluth Boat Club (representatives Bob Oulette & Mike Sawinski) for presenting updates on the club's developing plans for a youth and family focused sailing and paddling facility. This facility would be constructed where the non-profit sailing school, Duluth Superior Sailing Association, operates now. The DBC is working with Tari Rayala, City Architect on finalizing the details for the site. Tari was also at the meeting speaking about the new communications tower behind the fire hall. (The new tower will not have guy wires or lights.) She also had good news about new bathroom facilities at Lafayette in 2013.

Check our website for other information about the meeting.
parkpointcommunityclub.org

Items For October 18th's PPCC meeting:

Bob Pokorney will speak about 12th street beach safety and cleanliness

Sky Harbor Airport - an informal update to bring everyone up to speed on the project details, environmental review process, and upcoming activities.

Other informational events:

County Land Sale of Park Point properties, October 3, 6:30pm
Lafayette

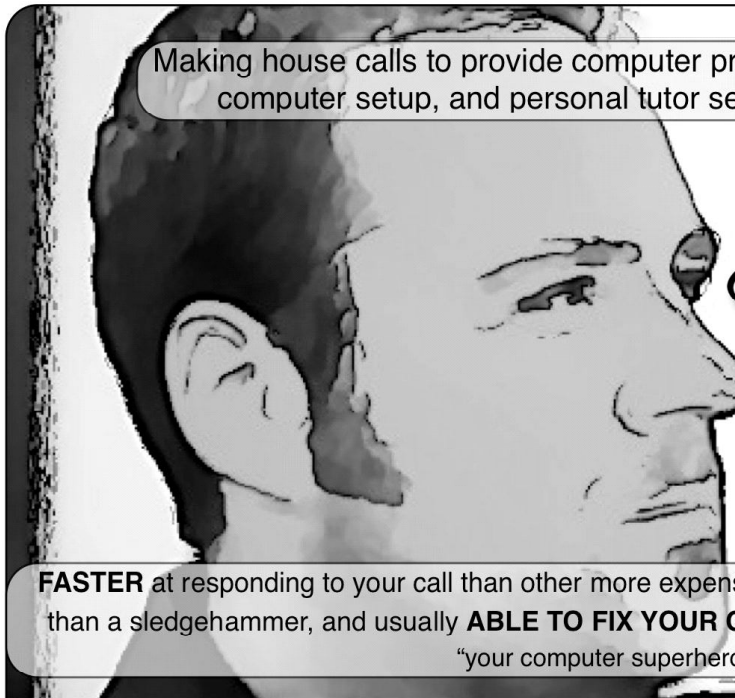
Political Forum, October 11, 7pm, Lafayette

Looking forward to seeing you out and about, ☐

Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

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Dawn Buck
Park Point Community Club President



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

Come and See!

**Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
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Fr. John Petrich,

Holding Our Tongues

All of us probably remember the news stories about Fr. Judge, the firefighters' chaplain who gave his life while ministering to victims of the Twin Towers attack on that fateful Sept. 11, 2001. One of the Franciscan friars, of which he was a member, described Fr. Judge as anything but judgmental, noting that he never spoke "an unkind word against another friar" and never judged or condemned anyone.

Most of us will not have the opportunity to perform the heroic. Our life for the most part is "ordinary," yet we can be "extraordinary." The extraordinary task of our daily routine with all its demands can be just as challenging. Holding our tongue in the face of struggles, unkindness and vindictiveness is much closer to the heroic than we assume.

O God, help me to realize how my tongue can bless or curse. Too easily I slip and forget the harm I can cause by my speech. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit may I use my tongue for good and holy purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Mass 8:00 AM every Sunday with confessions at
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Saturday, October 13 is the day for the **Get to the Point Awesome Art & Gift Fair**

at the Lafayette Community Building,
3026 Minnesota Ave.
Seventeen local artists will have a nice variety of locally-made items for sale. Pottery, photography, water color paintings, soap, things of wood and stone, jewelry, native items, and plenty of items to decorate you, your home or to give as gifts. The fair is organized by WendyUpNorth.com - organizing local art & gift fairs in Duluth throughout the year. The fair runs 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Park Point Community Club Meeting

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Social began @ 6:30 pm with beach glass collections available to see. Regular meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm by PPCC president, Dawn Buck.

The civility checklist was read. A motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules for the regularly scheduled meeting to allow City of Duluth employees to update us about the new communication tower that will be built.. The existing tower that sits behind the fire station is in need of being replaced. The site of the new tower will be 80' north of the existing tower. Tari Rayala, City Architect, explained the reason for this site being most crucial. Jared DeMaster also spoke about the plans to build the new tower. Project should be completed Spring, 2013. If there are questions about this project, please contact Dawn Buck for an email address for Tari Rayla.

Tari also spoke about grant money being approved for the bathroom, with an outside entrance, that will be attached to Lafayette building. The first 'Best of the Beach' glass competition was held, judged and trophies given. It provided an opportunity for those collectors to show their glass pieces they have found along the beach on Lake Superior. Congratulations to those persons who won the different categories.

Duluth Boat Club president, Bob Oulette spoke about their continuing plans to erect a building at the end of the Point close to the boat launch area. Mike Sawinski and Bob Oulette showed, in part, the proposed site for the building. Twelve years ago, the Duluth Boat Club reorganized. Their goal was to build a water sports center to involve more children, adults and families to Lake Superior water sports. The building they are proposing would be used in the summer for classes and in the winter for boat storage.

Jane Peterson from the Sons of Norway spoke about the Gingerbread City project. Jane said the Sons of Norway needed 1500 gingerbread houses to make up the city. The buildings should be built based on all walks of life, including businesses, schools, and regular homes. She said the display would be open starting with the Christmas City of the North parade at the Sons of Norway meeting hall on Lake Ave. and the display would be open to the public. Gingerbread baking classes will be offered. The City should not be built only of houses. She threw out ideas about a Park Point group offering to construct part of the Gingerbread City with water, aerial lift bridge & etc. Display pieces would be built out of gingerbread pieces and not graham crackers & etc.

Bryan Madson, Sky Harbor Airport manager introduced himself at the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes 8/15/2012 meeting as they appeared in the Breeze. Members vote resulted in all ayes. Passed.

Treasurer's Report by Al Robins

Beginning balance as of 1/1/2012	\$39,442
" as of 8/1/2012	\$42,394
Ending balance as of 8/31/2012	\$36,687

The Youth Program went over budget by \$350. Dick Gould made a motion to pay Joy for the rest of the budget. Motion was seconded by Melanie Goldish. Members vote resulted in all ayes. Passed. A second vote will be needed at the October 2012 monthly meeting because of the dollar amount. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report.

Unfinished Business:

Polling place for the November election will remain at Lafayette. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Charlene Shimmin if you would be able to volunteer.

Communication from fire chief, J Strogitharm, said the Park Point fire station would be torn down and the

property sold. The service the city provided during the end of summer with a truck and two firefighters ended Labor Day. The possibility of this happening next summer will be revisited next year.

County Land sale date for foreclosed land will be discussed at an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm with Frank Jewell, as speaker.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine Committee: Welcoming letters are being sent to new Park Point residents. If you know of new residents, please contact Pam Griggs or LeAne Rutherford with the new names of these people.

Hospitality Committee: Thank you to Diane Gould and Ted Buck for planning another wonderful treat for our monthly meeting. They are appreciated.

Watch Committee: This committee is made up of everyone. Purpose is to keep their eyes open for happenings on the Point. Fortunately, there was nothing new to report.

Art Fair Committee: Jake Kapsner said the budget for next year's art fair will be presented in October or November. They are waiting for the Grant report which results should be given by November, 2012.

Breeze Committee: Nothing to report

Environmental Committee: Kinnan Stauber recommended the Park Point Community Club transfer all environmental issues over to the Minnesota Point Preservation Society as the MPPS could focus on primarily these issues.

Rummage Sale Committee: Nothing to report

Dawn asked for people to contact her if they wanted to have a message or a sign on the 'S' turn sign. She would also like ideas for socials prior to the regular meetings. Any ideas, please contact her.

Pam Griggs made a motion to adjourn and meeting with Diane Gould seconding the motion. This occurred at 8:30 pm.

Lafayette Rentals

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

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PARK POINT.....NATURALLY

Spectacular! That's how I'd rate the great shot Lyle Anderson took last month. On the lake side of the Point near the bathhouse, with the multiple telephoto attachments, he was able to keep a steady hand despite the weight and size of his camera.



He estimated the migrant pelican flock to number about forty, more than twice as many as I have ever seen on Lake Superior and he caught them as they formed a tight knit group fishing line. In this formation they create a kind of net with their feet to force small fish into the shallows. They will also take amphibians and crustaceans

These birds may have spent the summer in western Canadian bogs and marshes and will keep going south until they reach the gulf coast They are an odd creature in several ways including the method both parents use to incubate their eggs; they hold them on top of or under their feet! During that time an increase of blood flows into the feet to keep them warmer than in non-breeding times.

Researchers still don't know why the adults sometimes drag the chicks around by the neck prior to feeding them. Two eggs are usually laid but only one chick will survive. The first born hogs the food brought by the adult and may dump the smaller nestling out of the nest to make sure it doesn't survive. I have never found any reports of pelicans nesting on Lake Superior. As noted in the July issue of the Breeze, the first record of a brown pelican in Minnesota followed reports of a single adult seen in the Mississippi River near Red Wing.

Watch for a gray-headed gull. We have a wide variety of gulls on the Point and most of us find it difficult to tell which species is which because of the similarity of color. There's one, however, that has been seen lately on Minnesota and Wisconsin Points and is easy to identify. Sabine's gull has a very dark gray head and a black bill with a yellow tip. It's truly a bird of the Arctic and winters in the southern hemisphere. Other Arctic migrants seen here at the end of September include the golden and black bellied plovers and sanderlings.

The juncos are back from a northern summer and many will stay around at least until late fall...a few may have been around all summer. They are regulars at feeders, usually feeding on the ground. They have a novel way of distracting predators about to pounce on them. They rapidly spread their dark tail feathers to display pure white ones. They have a cheery song, often referred to as a trill, but it's expressed in a single pitch. These birds tend to move about in flocks.

Parasitic jaegers are down again from the Canadian Arctic. As noted in past issues of the Breeze, this is the fast-flying marauder that sneaks up on local gulls that have picked up some food and will be forced to drop it when a jaeger (pronounced yeager) rams it while in flight!

They are uncommon here and this fact brings bird watchers to Minnesota and Wisconsin Point. I have seen them on the wing chasing gulls over the Bay. Just once did I watch one in hot pursuit of a ringbilled gull but it didn't get close enough to ram it and grab its lunch. I don't believe you could identify a jaeger based on my description---better to get a bird book. Living where you do it's certain you will find it very useful.

Photo by Lyle Anderson...copy by Glenn Maxham

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

On Monday, September 17, our monthly potluck supper was well attended by about 30 people. Not only did we enjoy a delicious meal, but we also learned about caring for strawberries and raspberries from Peggy Dahlberg, the recently-retired UMD grounds supervisor. Thanks to Janine Bjerklie, we have notes on what we learned:

1. For raspberry plants, each fall remove the old or diseased canes, leaving 4 or 5 strong healthy canes on each plant. Cut the canes down to 4 to 5 feet high. Weed the beds, lay down cardboard around the plants, then a layer of straw mulch. Wet down the beds thoroughly.
2. For strawberry plants, thin out the plants so there are only 4 or 5 runners off of each main plant. Healthy runners removed from the garden are easily transplanted. Once the main plants are three years old, remove them. After one or two frosts, mulch strawberry plants with straw or pine needles.
3. Test your soil in the fall so you can confidently amend your soil before winter. The form for the extension service is found at www.stlouiscountymn.gov. Cost is \$15.
4. Maintain good hygiene in the garden by bagging and discarding diseased plants – don't compost them. It's also not a good idea to compost tomato or potato plants, as they can spread blights within composts that don't reach high enough temperatures.

Leaves Wanted:

Save your falling leaves and bring them to the community garden for composting.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, October 24, 6 to 8 p.m., Lafayette Community Center. We are hosting the One Vegetable, One Community beet harvest feast. All Park Pointers are invited to this city-wide potluck celebration 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. We will also discuss what next year's Vegetable of the Year will be.

Sunday, November 11, 5 to 7 p.m. Monthly potluck dinner at Lafayette Community Center.



What do flower gardeners do in the winter?

Besides thinking about whether their perennials will make it through the winter and catching up with ignored inside chores, some gardeners enjoy feeding the birds. Homemade suet is an idea. Melt 1 c. lard (or suet - beef fat) and 1 c. peanut butter together on low, take off heat and add 2 c. quick oats, 2 c. yellow cornmeal, 1 c. flour and 1/3 c. sugar. Spread on a cookie sheet and allow it to cool in the refrigerator until the mixture is just hard enough to cut into pieces. Store in small freezer bags and use as needed. Park Point Garden Club invites you to join us for our October 25th meeting. Please call 727-2158, Pam Griggs, president.

INVITATION

Sons of Norway, Nortun Lodge, invites you to participate in
PEPPERKAKEBYEN - translation: "GINGERBREAD CITY"

Open November 16 to December 16, 2012

Gingerbread City is modeled after Pepperkakebyen in Bergen, Norway, a holiday tradition in which people and organizations from across the city make gingerbread houses for a huge display that is open to the public. Making, eating, and decorating with gingerbread has a long history throughout all the Scandinavian countries of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland.

For the 2012 holiday season, we are inviting you (children, adults, schools, churches, businesses, community clubs, agencies, and area lodges) to make your own authentic gingerbread house or building for display in Gingerbread City. The only requirement is that you use real gingerbread – the rest is up to your imagination! We encourage houses, public buildings, landmarks, and unique creations so that Gingerbread City portrays our beautiful area and neighborhoods.

Deadline: Gingerbread City will be on display at the Nordic Culture Center, 23 North Lake Avenue, Duluth, MN. You may drop off your gingerbread creation from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, November 10th & 11th. Please label for display and identification. Following the closing of Gingerbread City on December 16th, you may pick up your house/building for your holiday enjoyment.

Gingerbread City will open to the public on November 16 prior to the Christmas City of the North Parade.

Call 218-722-0029 or e-mail janepkpt@yahoo.com for more information.



Best of the Beach Beach Glass Show

You know I had to print this picture: show organizer Rory Strange presenting the Best of Show traveling trophy to **Cheryl Dartanyan** for her collection of pink and purple glass. Ribbons were also given out for a variety of categories, colors and shapes.

We are hoping to make this an annual event – and I know there are lots more beach glass collectors out there. Maybe next year this traveling trophy might be spending time at your house – instead of ours!

The editor

25th Annual Gales of November Celebrates & Explores Lake Superior Maritime Heritage

Mark your calendars and register now to attend the 25th annual Gales of November, the Lake Superior Marine Museum Association's annual maritime conference and fundraiser.

The two day educational, fundraising and networking event begins Friday, November 2 with a joint luncheon with the Duluth-Superior Propeller Club at Grandma's Sports Garden, 425 Lake Avenue South in historic Canal Park in Duluth, MN. The luncheon's keynote speaker, Bob Krumenaker, National Park Service Superintendent at the Apostle Islands, will present "Managing the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore: A Behind the Scenes Look at the Challenges of Maintaining Maritime Heritage." Friday afternoon provides various tour options including behind-the-scenes tours at of the Lake Superior Maritime Collections at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, Superior Public Museum's Fairlawn Mansion and at the Great Lakes Aquarium. The day concludes with an Opening Gala reception, sponsored by *Lake Superior Magazine*, at the Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center in historic Canal Park.

Gales of November festivities resume at 8:30 am on Saturday, November 3 at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center. The day is filled with maritime related educational breakout presentations, a trade show, an interactive "maritime activities area," a silent auction, and an opportunity to win the summer 2013 Cruise of a Lifetime raffle on the 1,000-foot *Edwin H. Gott*. Saturday's keynote luncheon presentation features Dr. James Delgado, Director of Maritime Heritage, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA,) presenting "The Great Museum Beneath the Seas".

Tickets to Gales of November are required. Immediate Gales of November details and registration information can be found at www.LSMMA.com.

LSMMA is a nonprofit organization established in 1973 to preserve the region's maritime history. It also helps support the Marine Museum at the Army Corps of Engineers' Lake Superior Maritime Visitors Center. The association sponsors maritime-related educational and promotional programs and assists in maintenance and purchase of museum displays. For more information, call LSMMA at 218 727-2497 or visit www.lsmma.com.

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Editor's Corner

This has been a month for recognizing the limitations of a monthly publication like the Breeze. A couple of events have come up recently that I know would be of interest to residents, but due to our timelines and my work schedule, I've been unable to publicize or report on them. The first being the meeting on county land sales of property on Park Point that happened on October 3rd, and the other being the candidate forum scheduled for October 11th. Both were announced and will occur between the publication of one issue of the Breeze and the next. In the battle between old and new media, a monthly newsletter like the Breeze can kind of get trampled underfoot.

But there's still a lot we can publicize, and there's plenty of stuff in this issue: an Art and Gift fair, a Halloween Carnival, a Gingerbread City invite, the Marine Museum's Gales of November events, meetings, potlucks, all kinds of things. Plus I try to add a little more detail to things that are discussed at the monthly PPCC meetings. So I guess we're not completely irrelevant yet.

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As usual we have both good and bad news coming from the City. It appears our fire hall is gone for good. It's scheduled to be torn down and the property sold. And the emergency vehicle that was stationed on Park point has been removed, and the issue of when and if it will return is still being discussed.

But there has been some talk of adding a lifeguard at 12th Street Beach. Though it's not an "official" swimming beach, it is very popular, not just with swimmers, but surfers and sailboarders as well. And it accounts for a lot of emergency calls

And an outside bathroom at Lafayette – how long have we been asking for that? Now it could actually happen!

Halloween Carnival at Franciscan Health Center 3910 Minnesota Ave

There will be many games and prizes.
Dress in a costume and you may win a prize.

Refreshments will also be sold. We will have a raffle with prizes from area businesses.

Everyone welcome..
hope you can join us.

Stray Cat

A lot of stray animals hang out in our garage. Most of them resemble humans, but lately a friendly stray cat has joined us. He is a gray striped tabby, declawed, and maybe a couple of years old. Now that the weather has turned cold, he is spending the night in the garage. That's good, because the fox up on our back dune is stalking him for food, and without claws he would be without his primary defense. If he sounds familiar, call us at 722-9764. If you're letting him out of his "daytime residence," please knock it off and take responsibility for him! He's a cool guy and deserves a better fate. Thanks.

Dave Johnson

The Breeze

Park Point Community Club

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

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