

The Breeze

OF PARK POINT

Vol. 41 issue 12

www.parkpointcommunityclub.org

December 2012

Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**
January 17th
No December meeting

Spirit of the Lights
Opening
November 30th
3739 Lake Ave. S

Hanukkah Begins
December 9th

Winter Solstice
December 21st

Christmas Day
December 25th

Kwanzaa Begins
December 26th

This Bears Checking Out



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

These bears greet visitors coming up the path from the beach at Marcia Hales' Spirit Of The Lights", 3739 Lake Avenue South. The lighting display draws both locals and tourists, many of who return year after year, perhaps seeking something a bit less hectic than the crowds at Bentleyville. Yes, Santa Claus is there most Fridays and Saturdays, and there are always kids about, but there's a peacefulness to this display, something that kind of slows you down, makes you breathe a little easier – at a time of year when simply finding time to breathe can be a challenge. Take a drive down there, checking out the lights along the way. Then stop, get out of your car, and just walk slowly along the path. Be sure to walk all the way down to the beach. I really think the view from the lake side – especially if you can hear the lake behind you – is the one that will effect you the most.

The Breeze

Editor: Alan Dartanyan
726-0110

Submissions

The deadline is January 4th for the January 2013 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

Park Point Community Club Officers:

President: Dawn Buck
parkpointcc@gmail.com
525-1764

Vice President: Jake Kapsner
2810 Minnesota Ave.
jakekapsner@yahoo.com

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

Rummage Sale

Charlene Shimmin 722-6828

ENVIRONMENTAL

Kinnan Stauber, 722-6255

HOSPITALITY

Diane Gould, 727-4067

LAFAYETTE SQUARE RENTALS

Missy Steichen 218-208-9545
ppccdhlh@gmail.com

THE POSTCARD

Dawn Buck
parkpoincc@gmail.com

SUNSHINE

Pam Griggs
727-2158
pegriggs@clearwire.net

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

From your president:

Hello Neighbors,
Happy Holidays!

At our last social before the regular meeting in November, PPCC members donated a wonderful assortment of festive lights. Call me if you'd like to look through the remaining strings and nets of lights. 525-1764.

Looking back at the year, meeting many new PP neighbors has been a highlight of my "presidency." Our island community is enriched by a diverse and interesting population of personalities; many thanks to those who have shared their ideas and enthusiasm with our community. Who knew we had so many beach glass collectors right next door? Park Point gardens were surely greener after the sand-pump primer. We got to pore over 100 plus potential beer names and sample a beer called "One Long, Two Short." I fondly remember the huge beautiful bowl of fresh Park Point blueberries at the Neighborhood Night Out BBQ and the young boy passing out paper cranes. A neighbor and her niece made a Lavvu at Lafayette that is now displayed in Iowa. Thank you for those opportunities to connect and exchange ideas.

Just because summer is gone, don't think that Lafayette will be a lonely place.

Add skate sharpening to your to-do list- Dave Lavamaki & crew will be making ice at Lafayette for our outdoor pleasure. Also, keep Lafayette in mind if you have friends looking for a gathering & party venue.

Take time to enjoy each other, our winter wonderland and see you on the ice (think iceboating too)!
Dawn

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

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

<http://www.standrewsbythelake.org/>

Holy Eucharist, Sundays, 9:45 am

He is the Way.
Follow Him through the Land of Unlikeness;
You will see rare beasts, and have unique adventures.

He is the Truth.
Seek Him in the Kingdom of Anxiety;
You will come to a great city that has expected your return
for years.

He is the Life.
Love Him in the World of the Flesh;
And at your marriage all its occasions shall dance for joy.

For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio; W.H. Auden

**Join us to celebrate
the Feast of the Word Made Flesh
December 24th at 4:30 pm.**

**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,

December Happenings at OLM

There will be a **Year of Faith** prayer service at Our Lady of Mercy on **December 19th at 6:00 PM**. During the Year of Faith, Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the Catechism so that they may deepen their knowledge of the faith. Please join us for this important service.

December 16th at 3:00 PM Fr. John will host our **Christmas holiday party** in the rectory at Our Lady of Mercy. As in the past, I am sure there will be lots of goodies, beverages and fellowship to share. Please RSVP on the list at the back of church so we can plan accordingly.

The **Christmas Eve** service on **December 24th**, will commence with caroling at **6:00 PM** followed by Mass at **6:30 PM**. Please join us for this beautiful evening celebration.

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 • 5401 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



Safe, HEATED Storage Units
CARS | BOAT | RV
MOTORCYCLES | CAMPER

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED 5 miles from
Lakeside along MN-61 Expressway

Call Dale Sola: 218-348-1503 or visit
LAKESUPERIORSTORAGE.COM
for details and sizes available.

Park Point Community Club Minutes

November 15, 2012

November 15, 2012 Park Point Community Club monthly meeting was called to order by club president, Dawn Buck at 7:00pm.

Welcome to Guests

Civility Checklist - PPCC President, Dawn Buck

A motion was made by Ted Buck and seconded by Dick Gould to suspend the meeting rules in order to accommodate our speaker, Marcia Hale. She gave a demonstration about making ice candles for outside display during the cold winter months.

Communications were received and read aloud and discussed.

Secretary's report from 10/18/2012. Dick Gould made a motion to accept the minutes as they appeared in the November, 2012 Breeze. Al Robins seconded the motion. Membership votes resulted in all ayes. Minutes approved as they read in the Breeze.

Treasurer's Report, Al Robins

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/12	\$39,444
Beginning Balance as of 10/1/2012	\$34,835
Income	\$625
Expenses	\$2,066
Ending Balance as 10/31/2012	\$33,339

Committee Reports:

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

Nothing new. Several cards were sent out to the Park Point Community Club members.

Hospitality Committee - Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thanks to Diane and Ted for providing treats to go along with the beer, Rory Strange provided. Once again, they were terrific.

Program Committee - Rory Strange explained the Lighting Exchange. At the meeting, anyone could exchange their lights. The extras lights were given to the Damiano Center.

Rory Strange announced the winner of the beer naming contest. Nancy Olson was the winner with the name One Long, Two Short.

David Poulin is lining up topics for our January and February meetings.

Watch Committee: Dick Gould said the trees that have been planted on the Point are being

chopped down and used as wood for beach fires.

Art Fair Committee: Jake Kapsner passed out a budget for the 2013 Art Fair. He went over the figures for approval. A second reading is required for a final approval.

A grant was applied for to help with the Art Fair. The Art Fair did not get their grant approved. There were 36 grants applied for. Of those, 16 were approved. Mostly the metro grants were approved. Jake said they are waiting for the audio review to be sent to them in order to see why it was denied.

Breeze Committee: Nothing new to report

Youth Committee: Need parents, grandparents and other volunteers to help get the summer youth program in place prior to the start of the program. It would better serve the youth program as a more efficient way to run the program.

Rummage Sale Committee: Nothing new to report

Discussion and Action on unfinished Business:

Second vote was needed for the PPCC to donate \$300 to Marcia Hale to help support her Lights Festival. Al Robins made a motion to donate the \$300 to Marcia. Lynn Bentfield seconded the motion. Membership vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

Second vote was needed by the PPCC to donate \$5000 to the Duluth Boat Club after the city approval and all the building permits were in place. Motion made, seconded and 16 ayes were counted from the membership. Motion carried.

County Land Sale - please contact Frank Jewell 726-2450, with your questions and concerns.
Rink Flooding: Dave Lavamaki has offered to take the lead but needs volunteers to help.
Please contact Dave or Dawn if you are able to help.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON NEW BUSINESS:

Deb Strange has offered to organize & scan Park Point photos and Park Point documents.
There will be no Park Point Community Club meeting in the month of December, 2012.

Concerning the S turn, David Johnson has agreed to continue to maintain the sign.
Membership drive will start in January, 2013.

Dick Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Rutherford seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Our Safety for sale?

By now I imagine everyone is aware of the impending auction sale of Fire Hall #5, scheduled for December 14th. I stole the following bit of Fire Hall history from Zenith City On-line, along with this 1930's era picture. Interesting how the same concerns expressed by Park Pointers back then, that led to the construction of the Fire Hall in 1931, still exist today. With the fire hall likely gone for good, we on the Point will have to continue to advocate for adequate emergency coverage – at the very least the continued stationing of an emergency vehicle on the Point, as was done last summer. I noticed that when the vehicle was not out on a call, it was still parked at the fire hall. I wonder where it will park now.



Shortly after Duluth's Aerial Bridge was converted from a transfer bridge to a lift bridge in 1929, the Duluth Fire Department retired [Park Point's fire trolley](#), a streetcar rigged for firefighting, as well as the barn it was stored in since it first went into service in 1907: it would be much easier for fire trucks from downtown stations to reach a conflagration on the point now that the canal was bridged with a roadway. Still, Park Pointers soon learned how often the bridge would raise, and worried that it could cause life-threatening delays. In February of 1931 the community was relieved when the department constructed Fire Hall No. 5 at 2140 Minnesota Avenue. Duluth architect

[A. Reinhold Melander](#)—who designs include St. Luke's, St. Mary's, and Miller-Dwan Hospitals as well as First Lutheran Church and St. Scholastica's Somers Hall and Science Building—crafted the building to fit in with the architecture of the surrounding neighborhood. His simple wood-frame structure was semi-residential and sided with grey cedar shingles and cost just \$5,050, including the property (about \$73,000 today).



Fire Hall #5 as it appeared in the late 1930's. Not much different, really. Picture from the Duluth Public Library collection

Duluth-Superior Sailing Association

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.

Edina Realty

SHINING THE WAY TO
YOUR NEW HOME!

Lynn Bentfield
Realtor, GRI

Cell: 218.464.3790
Fax: 218.728.7710
1515 London Road | Duluth, MN 55812
lynnbentfield@edinarealty.com
www.edinarealty.com



Duluth Native
Park Point
Resident
22 years
experience

Park Point.....Naturally

Pigeons are damaging our bridge's new paint job! That bit of information perhaps should not have surprised me. After all, I, like you, have watched flocks of these birds circle the span as the lift went up, the horn blew and the birds settling back down when things were quiet again.

The problem is not so much with the nests they make, estimated at as many as two hundred at any given time, but with the thousands of droppings piling up mostly on flat surfaces. It seems that the yucky substance, if not quickly removed, has a chemical effect on the paint. It is not a pleasant sight or a pleasant issue to write about...and there are apparently no plans in the works yet to evict the squatters.

In the summer time, our small but growing population of peregrine falcons come by and grab a squab dinner. Crows will pick off some of the hatchlings but there are not nearly enough predators and far too many pigeons to make a difference.

We on the Point can't see the mess created by the birds as we drive across the span and are unaware, until now, of the seriousness of piles of pigeon poo overhead. Sadly, this is not true for tourists and "locals" who love to walk over and back but find handrails, especially on the north end, have been whitewashed by the feathered residents, not to mention the gooey missiles raining down from above.

As far as I know, neither city officials nor the promoters of tourism have asked for suggestions on ways to make the Aerial Bridge off limits for pigeons...but maybe you should submit ideas anyway. Several million dollars were spent over a three-year period to preserve and beautify the bridge...too bad no money was allocated for a "bird proofing" it.

Bridge crew members do the best they can to flush away the problem with power washes, especially in places where it is encountered by pedestrians. Shooting the pigeons isn't an option--- guns can't be fired in the city.

It was a pleasure to see the beauty winter is now affording us beginning late in the day on Thanksgiving. For a brief time that evening every tree branch and shrub I passed on my trip home from above the Skyline was outlined with a garland of snow.

On my balcony a rather shaggy bunch of dried stems of herb plants were transformed into a fine bouquet reminding me of cotton---Minnesota cotton!



PS...A bridge operator verified a late evening lift last month for three boats in a row, holding up traffic for 42 minutes! Fortunately, no emergency vehicles were in line.

Copy and photo by Glenn Maxham



Grandmothers for Peace are collecting nonviolent toys for the holidays to be given to children staying at local shelters. You may drop a toy or hat or mittens donation in the box at DeWitt-Seitz Marketplace near Taste of Saigon. Thank you. We wish you peaceful holidays.

The News

Snow on Park Point

By Ian Hopp

Park Point finally has some snow. Lots of people have been waiting for it. It will be a good winter, and a good Christmas. "It will be fun to go out-side and sled". says Isaak Hopp. "It will be fun to ice-skate too".

"Everyone is looking forward to Christmas". says Michele DeNoble.

"It's going to be a good hunting year". says Gary Hopp. "My son just got a deer".

Looks like everyone's happy about the upcoming year.

The End

**Save 40% on
meat & fresh produce!**

Lake Superior SHARE
Food Buying Club Network
www.sharefoodclub.org

218-727-2088

Check out our new TimeBank!

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Your Park Point gardeners wish everyone a very merry holiday season.

Save the date for our first fun event in the new year: Sunday, January 20, 5 p.m., for our monthly potluck dinner at Lafayette Community Center.

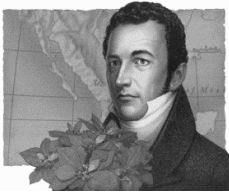
Look for more details in the January Breeze.



GLOBAL VILLAGE
UNIQUE GIFTS FROM AROUND OUR WORLD

25 WEST SUPERIOR STREET
218.723.1177
globalvillageduluth.com

• CLOTHING • • CARDS • • JEWELRY •
• ANTIQUES • • TOYS • • HOME DÉCOR • • CALENDARS •



A Common Christmas Flower In 1825 Joel Poinsett, US Ambassador to Mexico, introduced Poinsettias (poin SET ahs) to the USA. December 12 is National Poinsettia Day. Ninety percent of all poinsettias are exported from the USA and they represent over 85% of potted plant sales during the holiday season. 80% of the buyers are women.

When purchasing a plant, note that colored bracts are modified leaves and the flowers, or cyathia, are the center of the bracts. A fresh poinsettia is one on which little or no yellow pollen is showing. Plants that have shed their pollen will soon drop their colorful bracts. Place it near a sunny window. Maintain room temperature of 65-75° ; 60° at night is ok. Cold drafts or touching a cold window can injure the leaves. Water the plant whenever the surface feels dry. Water until it drains from the bottom but don't let it sit in water.

Now, the question: "Let it die or nurture it for the next holiday season?"

April 1. Gradually decrease water, allowing it to dry between watering. 7 – 14 days it will be acclimated to this drying process. Move it to a cool spot like the basement where the temperature remains about 60 °. mid-May, cut the stems back to 4 inches and repot in a slightly larger container, with new potting soil. Water it well. Back to the brightest window until outside temperatures reach 65-75 degrees. Water as when you first received the plant. Upon new growth, fertilize every two weeks.

In June when temperatures are at least 65 ° move the pot outside, partial shade. In early July pinch back each stem about one inch. Otherwise, it will grow tall and spindly. Mid-August pinch back, leaving 3-4 leaves on each shoot. Bring inside, continue watering and fertilizing. Temperature stays at 65 degrees.

In October poinsettias need no more than 12 hours of sunlight per day. During these short days their buds are set. Change to complete darkness from 5pm to 8am. Last week of November stop the darkness treatment. The plant can remain in the window. You should see flower buds at this point. Stop fertilizing about December 15th. Keep watering and treat your plant the way you did when you first brought it home in bloom.

These plants are not toxic to have in the house and are safe for the compost. They are not meant to be eaten and could cause stomach upset in humans, pets or livestock.

Let us know your experience with your poinsettia this year and consider attending a Garden Club meeting. Call President Pam Griggs 727-2158 for information.



In their tradition, Park Point Garden Club spends November meetings creating Holiday decorations for plates. Pictured 1 to r: Donna Grover, Nancy Sedgwick and Nancy Shaw.

Editor's Corner

I had thought to put the article on the sale of the fire hall on the front page, but it seemed kind of depressing. This is supposed to be the holiday season, after all. So instead I figured I'd just go down to Marcia Hales and get a picture of the lights instead.

There's plenty of good news around anyway. Take a look at the "youth view" of The News from Ian Hopp. Remember when we all used to look forward to the snow, and playing in it? We still can, you know. I hope I'll be printing more articles from Ian in the future.

The announcement that the Lafayette Youth Program had received a city grant is certainly good news, too. When the city stopped running it, our Summer Youth Program could have died. But the Community Club stepped up to provide the funding, and Joy Fouts, who had run the program as a city employee, continued the program as an independent contractor. The grant not only eases the financial burden on the club, but recognizes the continued success of the program itself.

Coming back to the less happy news on the fire hall. I'm assuming the city will go ahead and auction it off. There doesn't seem to be much hope of stopping that. And, though it looks kind of dilapidated right now, it's not hard to imagine a "This Old House" style makeover that could convert it into nice home, while maintaining the character of the building. That's probably the best we can hope for, as far as the building itself goes.

But the building is just a building. The real concern remains to be the same one they had back before the fire hall was built. How do we maintain adequate emergency services on the Point when the bridge is up? That's what we must continue to work on. And we will.

Lafayette Summer Youth Program Receives Grant

This is big news – the City of Duluth has announced that it will give a \$5000 Parks and Recreation Grant to Lafayette Summer Youth Program. For the last few years this program has been entirely funded by the Park Point Community Club, and last year that cost exceeded \$9000. Although a portion of this was recouped from fees paid by the parents of the youth program participants, the Youth Program budget still exceeded the profit the Community Club received from the Park Point Art Fair – and that is the Club's main source of income. Receiving this grant not only allows the Summer Youth Program to continue, but is a huge compliment to the program itself, and director Joy Fouts.

As we work to create light for others...we naturally light our own way. Every one's efforts to light the holiday evenings are viewed and appreciated by all of our visitors. Thanks to you, Park Point looks wonderful.

Thanks to the Park Point Community Club for your generous donation which has been applied to the cost of cookies and cider. Volunteers are welcome to come pour cider or tend the fire. Give me a call to get on the calendar...

727-4527.

Have a GREAT holiday.

Marcia Hales

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.

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



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

