

The Breeze

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February 2013

Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**
February 21st 7PM
At Lafayette

**Lafayette Edible Garden
Potluck**
February 17th, 5-7PM
At Lafayette

**Park Point Small Area
Plan Public Meeting**
February 27th
5:30 PM

Park Point Rummage Sale
June 14th & 15th

Park Point Art Fair
June 29 - 30

More Mixed Emotions



Last week while running by I noticed the fire hall open, with a dumpster and city truck there. I went back and got my camera so I could take this picture. I couldn't really see what they were doing, and I'm not enough of a real Journalist to go out and pursue the story, but I'm assuming the city was cleaning it out before transferring the (former) fire hall to its new owners. I brought up a real mix of emotions. First of all, sadness at losing our fire hall, and our firefighters. Then concern over whether we'll have adequate emergency services here on Park Point. But also some curiosity, and a bit of eagerness to see what the new owners can do with this truly interesting building. And hopefulness, that some day it might be a stop on a tour of homes! Changes continue to come here on the point, as everywhere. We can't stop it – but sometimes, but we can influence it. That's what the Park Point Small Area plan is all about: Giving our input into what develops down here. The first public meeting on it is February 27th. Consider getting involved.

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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The deadline is March 8th for the March 2013 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

Hi Neighbors,

Please check out the survey on our website,

www.parkpointcommunityclub.org. We, the Park Point Community Club, want to hear from you! If you aren't online and would like to take the survey, call me and I will drop off a paper copy, 525-1764. I upgraded to the next level of Survey Monkey so we can hear from 1000 residents so please don't let me down!

The membership drive continues and VP Jake has been feverishly upgrading our membership roster. We invite new members to join us at our next meeting.

I just received notice that BMCS Robert Pump, Officer in Charge U.S. Coast Station Duluth, and Justin Olson will be our guests at this month's meeting. They will inform us about the US Coast Guard's extensive operations in the Duluth area which are headquartered on Park Point and in Canal Park. Thank you to Dave Poulin for arranging these guest speakers.

Please put Wednesday, February 27 on your calendars. This is the first Park Point Small Area Plan public meeting. Bring your ideas and comments about our very unique sand spit neighborhood. The meeting starts at 5:30.

I find myself already thinking ahead to spring while still hoping for some snow. Purple Martin enthusiast, Bill Long has generously offered to install a wonderful birdhouse at Lafayette and incorporate the birds' care into the summer youth program. Plans are set for John S. to replace the stone bench in a reconfigured garden area at the entry to the Lafayette walkway by the parking lot. (Thanks to Pam G. for her work on the project proposal.) I am looking forward to looking at more of your ideas in the survey data that I will share at our next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 21.

See you on the beach & bay,
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Just because you do the right thing, that doesn't mean people will accept you. Actually the opposite may very well happen. It happened to Jesus and it happened to his followers. Are you afraid of rejection? Are you worried about being different than others? Don't be, for if you are rejected you are in good company: our Lord's

Gracious Father, too often I worry what others may say or think about me, so much so that I do not live as I should. Help me, by the grace of your spirit, to be courageous./ I pray in Jesus' name, the Fearless One. Amen
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Park Point Community Club January 17, 2013

The January, 2013 Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order by club president, Dawn Buck.

The Civility Checklist was read. Dawn asked for a motion to suspend the bi-laws to allow our guest speaker to present his project information. The motion was made a seconded.

Joe Miller of the City of Duluth spoke on the progress of replacing the communication tower on Park Point. He said the power would soon be run over to the new tower. (End of February) He said it would take two weeks to erect the tower. Given nice weather, a new building would be built at the base of the tower. After the antennas are moved to new tower, the old tower would be torn down. August is the projected completion date.

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report from 11/15/2012 meeting. The motion was made and seconded to accept the report as written. Vote of the membership was unanimous. Report approved as it appeared in the December, 2012 Breeze.

Treasurer's Report was given by Al Robins. Ending balance for the year of 2012 was \$31,083.

Communication Reports:

- * Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

3 Get well cards were sent

1 sympathy card was sent

1 New neighbor card was sent

* Hospitality Committee - Diane Gould and Ted Buck. Thanks to Diane Gould for putting the pizza party together. The pizza came from the Green Mill. Thanks to all.

* Program Committee - David Poulin said the Airport Authority would be at the next Park Point Community Club meeting.

Rory Strange asked for ideas for upcoming community education programs.

- * Watch Committee - All members are on this committee. Bring your observations and questions.

Small area plan, county land sale, vacation rentals. Information available on the PPCC website. There are meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 5:00pm. See website.

- * Environmental Committee - Kinnan Stauber has indicated she would stay on this committee. Dick Gould says there will be free new trees that will need to be planted in May. Volunteers will be needed.

- * Art Fair Committee - Carla Tamburro - Second vote for the budget for the 2013 art fair. A motion was made and seconded to accept the projected budget. Membership vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

* The Breeze Committee - Alan Dartvanyan - nothing new to report.

* Youth Committee - **Need Volunteers !**

We need a lot of volunteers to assure the youth program success.
The grant for the youth program was \$3,200 and not \$5,000.

* Rummage Sale Committee - Charlene Shimmin and Dave Lavamaki

The only words we heard about the rummage sale this summer is "It's Coming."
More to come closer to the date.

DISCUSSIONS

\$9,000 was transferred to the Park Point Community Club from the Minnesota Point Preservation Society. They returned this money by to the Community Club.

There was discussion about erecting a purple martin house in the Lafayette Edible Community Garden. Bill Long proposed this project.

The club is planning to survey the membership to see what projects the club would like to support for the upcoming year.

At 8:20 pm, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

2013 is off to a great start when it comes to community garden events. All Park Pointers are invited to participate in our monthly potluck dinners and programs – they are not just for the active gardeners. If you would like more information about our events or garden membership, feel free to contact Coral at 727-6455.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUNDAY, February 17, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck dinner at Lafayette Square. After we eat, Francois Medion will do a presentation about hoop green houses and cold frames. Come with your ideas and questions to ensure a lively discussion.

SUNDAY, March 17, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck dinner and program. Our guest will be Michael Gabler, the Duluth Community Garden Program's One Vegetable – One Community Ambassador, who will talk about the 2013 vegetable: SQUASH. What a perfect time to share your favorite squash recipe.

SUNDAY, April 21, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck dinner and program. This month, we will be joined by Chad Johnson, a disciple of Sepp Holzer, the noted European permaculturist. He will talk to us about Hugelkultur, a German term that roughly translates to "mound culture". The *hugelkultur* gardening method has been used in Eastern Europe for centuries and is essentially a sheet-composting method that involves burying woody debris (logs, branches, sticks) and other organic matter under a mound of earth. This gardening method mimics nutrient cycling that occurs in nature. When trees and branches fall to the floor of a forest, they act like a sponge as they decay. That sponge-like property allows the wood to soak up rainfall and then release it slowly into the soil use by surrounding plants. Hugelkultur beds are designed to take advantage of this natural water-retention cycle – so much so that some gardeners who use this method claim they never water at all. (Others say they have to water every few weeks or just once per season.)

Park Point Garden Club



January meeting of Park Point Garden Club included installation of officers. Pictured L to R are Pat Olson, Treasurer Charlene Shimmin, Vice President, Diane Lavamaki, Secretary and Diane Gould, President. Next meeting is February 28th. Visitors are welcome.

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Park Point.....Naturally

Few of the many natural features we have on the Point are as eye-catching as does the sight of a pair of cardinals perched on a snow-covered branch. Their brilliant red feathers are a startling contrast with an otherwise rather drab mid-winter scene. In the nearly sixty years of living in Duluth, (12 of them on the Point) I have yet to see them anywhere in this city! Twice I heard them singing but they were in deep summer foliage and they didn't want to be seen. Yet I know several honest people who can verify their presence and provided them with meals at their feeders.



Currently, a male and female have made frequent stops for helpings of black sunflower seeds at 3730 Minnesota Avenue to the delight of Mary Anne Quackenbush. She and Lyle Anderson who lives in the same general area have also attracted redpolls to their feeders last month. Now that daylight is about an hour longer in the afternoon than on the shortest day, more species will be headed our way...an encouragement to "think spring."

You can't see them, but they are there! The voles, shrews, a few weasels, and maybe some lemmings. No doubt all of them would like a whole lot more snow to make their lives more comfortable with the insulation serving as a warm blanket. Because it seemed odd to me that a foot or two of snow could result in a temperature much warmer at the ground level than on the surface, I set out (in a time with deeper snow) to find whether what I had read about this was true or false. The thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero in the air an inch above the snow cover. I dug down more than two feet to reach the bare ground and the reading there was thirty-three degrees above zero! The matted grass had not turned brown but would do so later when some of it would be gathered and made into a ball in which a vole would have litters all through the winter. Not all was cozy, however. Circulation of air is very limited under the smothering effect of the white mass overhead. Carbon dioxide builds up and the little mammals, in need of oxygen, burrow up to the surface to create a tiny breathing hole. The fox, weasel and shrews look for the ventilation shaft or detect the scent of the creatures and then eagerly dig for a warm morsel. The landscape may appear bland, featureless and barren but life goes on no matter how severe the winter.

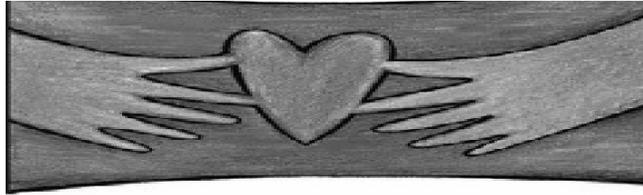
Our fox population will no doubt expand its numbers at roughly the same time the snow melts and exposes the litters of prey that were born during the winter. Nature evolved a fine system of timing and balance among the prey and predators to their mutual benefit. If left unchecked the voles, for example, could produce so many offspring we would be overrun with them.

Finally, if you're worried about bird survival in the extreme cold, you could buy a shelter imported from Tibet made of wool for chickadees and other small birds...serves as a warming house in winter and as a nest in summer. The Pinetree Garden Seeds and Accessories Company sells them---or you could spend the \$25.00 for more birdseed.

Copy by Glenn Maxham with technical assistance from Anita Neinstadt

Here's our Park Point Community Club 2013 Membership list to date. There's room for lots more. Please note: we apologize if there are any errors or unintentional omissions of names. Please contact us if you think your name was left out.

Anderson, Brooks	Lyle, Tom & Gloria
Ball, Lee	Mackay, Tom & Liz
Ball, Rick	Mantay, Don & Jackie
Beechler, Lynn	Maynard, Carleen
Bohlmann, Dick & Bunny	Maynard, Joel
Brown, Barbara	McDonnell, Coral
Buck, Dawn & Ted	Mock, Rachel
Bye, Douglas & Lynn	Neinstadt, Anita
Calligure, Julie	Nelson, Brian & Marcia
Catanzarite, Kathy	Nelson, Glorian
Christensen, Evonne	Olson, Nancy
Clemetsen, Ruby	Olson, Rod, Pat & Tricia
Crain, John	Ouray, Jim
Crain, Marylou	Paulson, Jeanette
Crook, Thomas	Peters, Susan & Bob
Dartanyan, Alan & Cheryl	Petrovic, Betty
Dorr, Neil & Danae	Pietrowski, Walt & Geri
Erickson, Sue & Mark	Poulin, Dave
Feyen, Ann & Bob	Rauschenfels, Tom & Kris
Freimuth, Don & Gita	Reierson, Shirley
Gaidis, Mike & Mary	Remer, Dennis & Lora
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Glass, Gary & Fayth	Rolle, Phil & Sharon
Gooder, Bill & Katie	Sabo, Doug
Gould, Dick & Diane	Sargent, John & Ruth
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Gruba, Jim	Shimmin, Dale ; Kaim, Ethelyn
Gustaveson, Pam	Silver, Bill & Barbara
Hanna, Lorri	Tamburro, Carla
Hoelscher, Dennis	Tolander, Judy
Howe, Carol Ann	Trela, Joe
Johnson, Denny & Sue	Treuer, Paul & Mary
Johnson, Steve	Troiani, Elisa
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Kondrath, Carol	Wallerstein, Dan & Michele
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Linn, Gordon & Caro	Welles, Mac



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Coast Guard to Speak at February PPCC meeting

BMCS Robert Pump , Officer in Charge U.S. Coast Station Duluth, and Justin Olson have agreed to tell the Park Point Community Club at it's February Meeting about the US Coast Guard's extensive operations in the Duluth area which are headquartered on Park Point and in Canal Park. Areas of discussion are the station, Aids to Navigation Unit, Coast Guard Cutter Alder, Marine Safety Office, search and rescue and the new airboat for ice rescues. They will also discuss their needs for information for reporting of emergencies.

Editor's Corner

First of all I have to say how bummed out I was to miss last month's meeting – Green Mill makes great pizza! And it was our annual membership meeting, and quite a few people took the opportunity to join up again. You'll find a list of 2013 members on page 9. A good start, but still far short of the numbers we had last year. We're just getting started, though. Lots of time to join up, and I'll probably print the list again next month, so you can have your name listed in good company.

I know I've run quite a few pictures and stories on the (former) Fire Hall #5, but some losses are just hard to take. After all, I'm still whining about the closing of Bayside Market, and that's been, what, 5 years now? And it's still just sitting there empty – and I'm still hopeful.

We're just coming out of another cold snap, and there's even a bit of an ice pack out on the lake. Put already people are looking forward to warmer weather. Both our gardening clubs – flower and “edible” – remain active through the winter. And is there anything more hopeful and optimistic than talking gardening in the dead of winter? Plus representatives from our Coast Guard station will be speaking at the February PPCC meeting, reminding us there will be open water on the bay again.

We've got plenty going on this month, from meetings to potlucks to concerts, but perhaps the most important is the first public meeting on the Park Point Small Area plan. This is the opportunity for community members to have their say in what development takes place down here. Changes have come, and will continue to come to the Point. This is our opportunity to help shape it.

THANKS GREEN MILL RESTAURANT AND BAR

A special thanks goes to Green Mill Restaurant and Bar. At the January membership meeting of the Park Point Community Club we had wonderful pizza's from Green Mill. They have been long time advertisers and supporters of the Breeze. If you enjoyed the pizza visit them in their Canal Park location and thank them yourself. To those who missed the meeting stop in and give their great pizza's a try. Diane Gould and Ted Buck

In Memory of Les

On Jan. 18th lifelong resident Les Larson of the 1600 block on Minnesota Ave died at 68 years of age. About 5 years ago when we took over the Flag Pole on the 12th Street Turn he helped us put the pole back up once it was painted and re-rigged with new line. The first flag was donated by Cap't Dean and Marie Olson via Allouze Marine of Superior. After that Les started donating good quality 4' x 6' Made in America flags for our pole. I still have two in reserve from Les and the next one will be flown in his memory. I have always looked upon this pole as a way to remember all our Veterans and all the Good Citizens of Park Point who have passed on. Thanks Les for your contributions and help. Rest in Peace.

Captain Tom Mackay (Ret.)
Park Point's Affluent Poor

PARK POINT RUMMAGE SALE

JUNE 14TH & JUNE 15TH

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 8 AM - 5 PM

Only 4 Months until the Annual Park Point Rummage Sale. It is hard to believe when we see snow and feel the cold, that soon many of us will be selling our clutter, that is just taking up room!!! Now is a great time to price items before we get out in our yards. You are ALL on the committee: Tell everyone the dates and invite them to Park Point for a great fun event. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email.

Charlene Shimmin. Co Chair

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This event is sponsored by the Park Point Community Club and the Club asks that there be no rummage sales the weekend of the Park Point Art Fair.

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