

The Breeze

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Calendar

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

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

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

**Run Smelt Run Parade & Party
April 21st**

**Park Point Rummage Sale
June 14th & 15th**

**Park Point Art Fair
June 29 – 30**

**Duluth Aviation Centennial
Lark O' The Lake Festival
Sky Harbor Airport
July 12-14**

From This-----To This?



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

As was presented at the January Community Club meeting, the current communications tower at 22nd Street (the skinny one, pictured on the left) will be replaced by a new tower similar to the one on the right. No, it won't have a big building next to it – this picture is from the police station on Rice Lake Road. It's a much more substantial tower, but it won't require all the guide wires connected to the old one – good news for the birds. And it won't have any blinking lights, or make any loud humming noises. But it will present a very different profile from the one that's there now.

The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is April 5th for the April 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,

Nice to see many of you at the February meeting!

Thanks to our guests from the Coast Guard, Chiefs Robert Pump & Justin Olson. Judy Gibbs from the City was with us to discuss the tree species best for our warming climate that will be planted around the city and at Lafayette. Questions were answered about cutting down trees in the park. A new process for cutting a public tree is in the works. A big thank you to Bill Long who is donating a purple martin birdhouse to the club; the kids in the youth program will love it!

As of tonight, 36 people have taken the Lafayette Summer Youth Program survey. Thank you for your input and I urge families who have used the program or would like to use the program to take the survey via our website, parkpointcommunityclub.org. If you'd like to volunteer with the program, please take the survey and add your contact information. 128 people have taken the resident's survey (data coming soon); please take the survey if you have not. It's on our website.

The Small Area Plan public comment meeting will be held at 5:30pm on Wed., March 27, 2013 at Lafayette. John Kelley, City Planner, 218-730-5326, jkelly@duluthmn.gov, is wondering why he has not received comments from our community. You can submit comments on the City's website; the link is on the PPCC website. Items in discussion include: sewer infrastructure to accommodate development, rerouting traffic patterns near the new hotels, rezoning, signage, bike lane restriping & bike lane etiquette, vacating street ends, and more.

I had an email from a neighbor who was bitten by a dog on the beach. Please remember to control your dogs out in the park. If you choose to let your dogs run free, you had best train your dog the recall and have your leash handy when people and dogs pop over the dune. Train your dog some leash manners so walks on the leash are pleasant and relaxing. Use a gentle leader collar if your dog has the tendency to pull you down the shore. Call me if you need help fitting one on your dog, it's a good tool that I use with 120 lb Klaus from time to time.

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Maundy Thursday, March 28: 5:45 pm; agape meal, Holy Eucharist and the stripping of the altar

Good Friday, March 29: Noon, Prayer Book liturgy; 7:00 pm, a contemporary presentation

Holy Saturday, March 30: 7 pm; The Great Vigil and First Holy Eucharist of Easter

Easter Sunday, March 31: 9:45 am; Festal Holy Eucharist

Open minds, open hearts, open table.
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Fr. John Petrich,

A TIME TO GROW

A mother and her 3-year-old daughter were watching *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* for the first time together. The wicked queen appeared disguised as an old lady selling apples, and the daughter was spellbound. Then Snow White took a bite out of the poisoned apple and collapsed to the ground. As the apple rolled away, the daughter whispered, "See, Mommy, she doesn't like the skin either."

Maybe you have an aversion to Lent. You just don't like it. Perhaps Lent is too much of an intrusion into your daily routine and you prefer to ignore it. That would be a mistake. We need Lent, but we should understand why.

Lent is a special time, an "acceptable time" to grow, to change, to seek more earnestly the face of the Lord. And it is not just "my" private time, but rather is "our" time, the Church's time, the time in which as sisters and brothers throughout the world, we repent and believe the good news.

Father, help me to appreciate the need for Lenten prayer, meditation and discipline. Show me how I need to grow – and give me the grace to do so. May this Lent be for me and for all Christians a special time of salvation In Jesus' name, Amen

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Park Point Community Club February 21, 2013

The February 23, 2013 Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order by club president, Dawn Buck at 7:05 pm.

The Civility Checklist was read. Dawn asked for a motion to suspend the bi-laws in order to allow our guest speakers from the Coast Guard station to proceed with their presentation. The motion was made and seconded.

Robert Pump, Coast Guard search and rescue, and Justin Olson, Coast Guard law enforcement spoke to the Park Point Community Club about their responsibilities at the station. Justin Olson said there were going to be 30 buoys decommissioned from Spirit Lake up river. Because of reduced water levels, buoys will not be able to be placed in this area. A buoy requires at least 6' of water and at this point, the area only has 1 1/2 foot of water. Funding is not available to dredge in this area as the small boat size does not warrant the need to have the area opened up.

Coast Guard is thinking of having an open house this summer. More to follow if this works out. The speakers were asked about the fire department closure. The club was told the Coast Guard is here to care for the water and would not be able to respond to house emergencies.

Our second speaker for the meeting was Judy Gibbs, environmental educator, who works for the City of Duluth. She spoke about tree planting at Lafayette. Judy spoke about planting more resilient trees, more appropriate types based on global warming. She asked for volunteers to help with planting and watering. A show of hands showed support for the tree project.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report from the January 17, 2013 meeting as reported in the Breeze.

Treasurer's Report was read as follows:

January, 2013 beginning balance \$31.083

February, 2013 beginning balance \$43,952

A return of \$9000 from the Minnesota Point Preservation Society and \$3200 from the city grant to support the summer youth program.

A recent audit results were given by Pam Griggs. Their findings were good. A motion was made and seconded to accept the results from the audit committee.

Committee Reports

Sunshine committee - Pam Griggs reported two get well cards were sent

Hospitality committee - Diane Gould and Ted Buck. Ted Buck provided wonderful refreshments for the meeting.

Program Committee - David Poulin made arrangements for the Coast Guard to attend the meeting.

Watch Committee - We are all on the watch committee. We are the eyes and ears. Please report any types of activities you feel are important.

The Small Area Planning meeting is scheduled for 3/27/2013. Posted on the Park Point Community Club website. The meeting is held at 5:00pm at Lafayette Square. Topics include discussions about rerouting traffic and street ends closures.

Again, please check schedules & etc at www.parkpointcommunityclub.org.

Art Fair Committee - artist's applications are due by the beginning of March. Nothing more to report.

Breeze Committee - Alan Dartanyan - Nothing to report

Youth Committee - Summer Youth Program received a grant from the city. In return, certain requirements need to be met. The Committee is trying to get these items in order.

Environmental Committee - Nothing to report

Rummage Sale Committee - The rummage sale is set for June 14, 2013 and June 15, 2013. Nothing more to report.

Unfinished business

Bill Long has offered to build and install a purple martin house for Lafayette Square. A motion was made and seconded to accept his offer. Bill Long will use the purple martin house, in part, for education for the youth program.

New business

___April 21, 2013 will be the 'Run Smelt Run' festival. The activities begin at the Aerial Lift Bridge with a short walk to Zeitgeist Art Cafe for a smelt fry.

Procedures were discussed about the process for approving funding projects greater than \$200. These projects would be given to the executive committee to review first and then the information would be posted. The projects would be brought before the regular membership for the required two votes.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

On February 17 we enjoyed another fantastic feast at our monthly potluck supper and a fine presentation by Francois Medion about greenhouses, coldframes, and row covers. If you are interested in seeing Francois' PowerPoint presentation, which is full of great info and resources, contact Coral (727-6455) or Susan (260-2149) and they can email it to you.

Marie Frank is collecting recipes from our potluck suppers to be included on the Park Point Community Club website. If you have a great recipe to share, email it to Marie at lakelocked@msn.com.

Are you looking for a gardening class to help you hone your skills or a cooking class to learn how to prepare squash, this year's One Vegetable – One Community vegetable? Check out those offered by the Duluth Community Garden Program on its website: www.duluthcommunitygarden.org. You can also order fruit trees and shrubs on this website. Advance orders are due in by April 1.

Remember: our monthly potluck suppers and programs are open to all Park Pointers, not just the community gardeners. They are family-friendly evenings and a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors. If you would like more information about our events or garden membership, feel free to contact Coral at 727-6455.


UPCOMING EVENTS:

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, 4 p.m. Second Annual Run Smelt Run parade, puppet show, and smelt fry. Park Pointer Jim Ouray is the mastermind of this event. The procession starts by the Aerial Lift Bridge and ends at Zeitgeist Arts Café.

MONDAY, April 22, 6 to 8 p.m. At this month's EARTH DAY potluck supper, 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". Hugelkultur beds are designed to take advantage of a natural water-retention cycle.

MONDAY, May 20, 6 to 8 p.m., monthly potluck dinner and program. This will be mushroom month, with a talk by Deb Ortman. And, Bill Long will lead a discussion about putting up another hotel on Park Point – this one would be for purple martins.



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Park Point.....Naturally

Were they wolves, foxes, or coyotes? Opinions vary but I chose the latter. Where a trio of coyotes found shelter from the February 10th storm, I haven't a clue, but it was obvious at 7:30 the next morning that they exited their shelter and met in a rendezvous. When I saw them on the otherwise featureless white comforter spread evenly on the bay, they were just off the bow of the immobile Laker John Munson now hibernating at the Port Terminal and headed for Hearing Island. They almost never travel as a pair and even less frequently seen as a threesome.



I reasoned that the trio members included one female and two males. When they stopped every few minutes, it became clear why they were on the joint venture. Two of them paused long enough preparing to do what coyotes, wolves, and foxes do at this time of the year. At least while I was spying on them, the third member gave no hints as to his tag-along behavior. I have no explanation as to why the male didn't force him to go away and mind his own business.

For reasons known only to our wild canines, they choose to fulfill their mating urge by leaving the forest to go onto a frozen lake or bay. Though the distance from the idle ship to Hearing Island was only about two blocks, it took the trio almost fifteen minutes to trudge through the deep snow---including time spent in apparent "romantic interludes."

This practice exposes them to human predators. Until the DNR enforced a law halting the inhumane "sport" of chasing the canines on snowmobiles and then shooting the animals when they dropped on the ice from exhaustion. This disgusting hunt was done on inland lakes and on Lake Superior. (I personally witnessed it and still have film in my files to prove the cruel act happened.)

Here's a thought to lift your spirits if you have been infected with some late winter cabin fever: the redwing blackbirds are leaving their winter habitat in the central agricultural states to our south and are heading back north! Don't expect to see them in a marsh or at your feeder for several more weeks, but the males have now gathered in flocks after adding extra fat to fuel them for the rigorous journey. The females will follow a couple of weeks later. Their delay gives the males, now outfitted with new flight feathers and the brilliant red shoulder patches, the time to stake out a territory.

Once they select and defend one, the idea of flocking together and enjoying each other dissolves into fierce rivalry including battles over a piece of cattail swamp. There are fifteen members in the redwing family including cowbirds, grackles, meadowlarks, and Baltimore orioles.

The largest number of redwing nesting sites that I've found locally is in the marsh along the first mile or so of Wisconsin Point. I go there every spring to watch the males defend their private turf and enjoy their not too beautiful but welcome song. Farmers with grain crops in the bird's winter quarters don't share my enthusiasm for the seed and insect eater---in fact they are happy see them leave as they head north to us.

Copy by Glenn Maxham---Anita N, technical assistant

Park Point Community Club 2013 Membership list.

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Five Park Pointers join Singing Delegation to Northern Iraq

Park Point will be well represented when Brooks Anderson, Carol Kondrath, Janine Bjerklie, Gudrun Witrak, and Coral McDonnell travel to Rania, Iraqi Kurdistan, March 15-24, 2013, as part of an Echoes of Peace singing delegation. Co-sponsored by the Echoes of Peace Choir and the Duluth-Rania Friendship Exchange Project, the 23 member delegation will continue efforts which began in 2009 to build friendship between our cities and countries. In the spirit of citizen diplomacy, the Duluth-Rania Friendship Exchange Project endeavors to establish a friendship based on respect and understanding through cultural and educational exchange. Through the recognition of the special gifts that each city offers the world, we strive to create a more peaceful global community.

The mission of Echoes of Peace is to inspire awareness, action and reflection on critical social issues using music and the arts to build informed, engaged, and caring communities. The singing delegation is a unique opportunity to join the peace building efforts of these two Duluth organizations. The group will be singing in several communities in Kurdistan.



The Importance of Texture in a Garden

What do flower gardeners do during the painfully slow journey to spring? Some are looking at seed catalogues. Some are thinking about new perennials, especially replacing those that did not make it through the winter.

When thinking about your flower garden consider the variations of color and texture. This picture is all green. Its beauty and interest comes from the varying textures. In the bottom center is spiky Pennistemon 'Little Bunny.' Next, counter clockwise, is variegated Hosta, Solomon's Seal, Cast Iron Plant, Yellow Flag Iris, Dixie Wood Fern and far right is Dwarf Japanese Cedar. If you want to see this picture in color go to <http://www.hometalk.com/114431/> The next two meetings of Park Point Garden Club are March 28 and April 25, 7pm. We welcome visitors. Please call President Diane Gould for more information 727-4067.



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Editor's Corner

In last month's column I urged people to attend the Park Point Small area Plan public meeting – which wound up being postponed. So I've got it back on the calendar, this time for March 27th. But you might want to check our website, parkpointcommunityclub.org, in case there are any more changes after I go to print.

I've got a couple other things on the calendar that I hope to write more about in future issues. One is the "Run, Smelt Run" Parade and Party, coming up in April. That's a great event that I thoroughly enjoyed last year, and I'll have more about it in the next issue.

The other is something I just heard about: The Duluth Aviation Centennial "Lark O' the Lake" festival at Sky Harbor Airport. This is based on a bit of Duluth history that I was totally unfamiliar with. It's in mid-July, and I hope to have much more on it as we get closer to the event. And I hate to keep referring people to the internet – We print the Breeze on paper for people who DON'T have computers. But if you do, there's some real fascinating stuff at the duluthaviationinstitute.org.

I just got the latest Membership list from vice president Jake Kapsner, and I shrunk it down so I could get all the names on one page. Jake included the following apology, but since I do the cutting, pasting, and re-arranging, the apology comes from me, too, and includes possible errors on this month's list as well: *Please note: apologies to everyone who submitted memberships and checks in mid or late January that didn't make the previous Breeze list. (Many items got mixed up in a mail error.) We make every effort to ensure this is accurate. Please contact us if you feel there was an error. (Or even better, contact us to say "hi.") Thanks for being part of the PPCC!*

Yet another "referral": The March 10 News-tribune had a great article on plans for the former fire Hall #5. If you didn't see it, "look it up".

Calling all creative people on Park Point!

Do you paint? Knit? Sculpt? Sew? Do you make any kind of craft you want to display and sell?

We are inquiring if there is interest from Park Pointers to rent together as artists the Community Center on a Friday in July and/or August. Each participant will host their own art/craft display table. The 10:00am - 8:30pm free local event will be a simple, fun summer event for everyone in Duluth.

Interested? Call or email Mona Nelson to sign up:

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April, May and June 14 & 15

or should we say approx 90 days to get ready for the
Park Point Garage Sale.

I know one household was busy getting stuff price, on a recent Sunday afternoon. It was a nice way to spend the day. Much more stuff to price they told us.

We hope everyone will have a sale. Even if it is just a few items. Last year, many had sales and the buyers were happy.

We are looking for information about those that plan to have non-profit groups setting up. Please call or email with the info.

Charlene Shimmin

co-chair 722-6828 or parkpointer@gmail.com

The Breeze

Park Point Community Club

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

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