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#### Calendar

Park Point Community Club Meeting May 3rd 7PM At Lafayette Social at 6:30

Lafayette Edible Garden Potluck, 6-8PM At Lafayette

Park Point Rummage Sale June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15th

> Park Point Art Fair June 29 – 30

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

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

## Going Up!



The new communications tower at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street rose rapidly on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. A crane lifted the sections into place as workers waited to bolt them together. In a matter of a couple hours the whole thing was up. The new tower will replace the old, skinnier, and slightly taller tower, which will be removed, with all its guy wires and anchors.

## The Breeze

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#### **Submissions**

The deadline is May 31st for the June 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

Here are several haikus from our community members that helped me make it through winter number two. Thank you for submitting and brightening our days.

a sign of spring curves around the bending spit welcoming you home	spring has not arrived. snow and wind and cold abound. the groundhog was wrong.
From Jake	From Lynette
Ice out and biffs in Smells wafting and smelt running Fishermans' party.	Delighting my ears Birds chirp music from the trees I know I am home
From Ken	From Melanie

Community days of art and sales on Park Point aid my spring cleaning

From Sr. Kaitie Doyle via Elisa

The next Park Point Small Area Plan meeting is on Wednesday, May 15 at 5pm; observers are welcome. The subject of Park Point street - end use will be coming up so please think about how you and the rest of the Duluth will access and enjoy the City park located in our community. We must find the balance between assuring access for the public, providing services for our guests and protecting our very unique ecosystem. As a neighbor from 12<sup>th</sup> recently stated, "We are the only ones who can create our neighborly atmosphere reflective of this gorgeous place we get to share."

See you out and about and on the water, Dawn & Klaus

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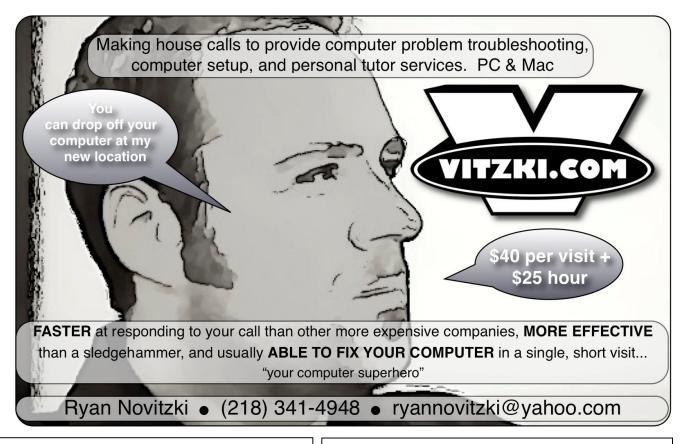
up to 50 people - \$100.00

50-100 people - \$200.00

100-125 people - \$300.00

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Yet, we have something far greater: God's free gift of Himself. This is not by luck or chance, but by God's overflowing love. He gives us his son Jesus to be our Redeemer, free of charge. In fact, God's gift of redemption is something like that woman's obscenely large paycheck because we can no more earn our own priceless redemption than that teacher could have earned \$4 million in a lifetime.

Thanks to God's favor, we can be in relationship with him. That's a gift no money can buy. Discover again what joy you can find in reviving a close and intimate relationship with God.

O Father, you satisfy all our needs. Too often I forget how much you do for me. Remind me that you are not just my Creator but my loving Father. Thanks to Jesus, I will live with you forever. Amen

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#### Agenda for Easter Morning

Jesus flexes his fingers stiffened three days before by the obstinate pounding of men just doing their duty, then strides barefoot into town to handle eleven reasonable men who dismissed out of hand the woman who got the message first.

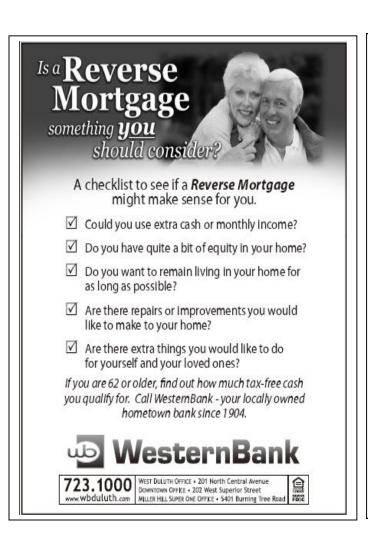
—Bill McConnell

During these Great 50 Days of Easter we invite you to come and celebrate the message with us.

For Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

Come and See!



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## PARK POINT COMMUNITY CLUB MINUTES APRIL 18, 2013

The April 18, 2013 Park Point Community Club was called to order at 7:00pm by club president, Dawn Buck. Dawn asked to suspend rules to allow the guest speaker, Martha Minchak, Assistant Area Wildlife Manager, to speak. Prior to Martha speaking, Pam Lepage from Parks and Recreation addressed the club. She said the week of April 22nd was National Volunteer Week. Pam said she is available for questions & etc. Log into the Parks and Rec website for happenings from their department.

Martha Minchak from the DNR spoke about Herding Island, Interstate Island and Southworth Marsh as not being a state management area. She spoke about bird nestings at these areas and the reasons why some birds have abandoned the islands.

Jake Kapsner, Vice President and membership chairperson, said there was nothing new to report at this meeting.

**Secretary's report from March 21, 2012**. Motion was by Pat Olson and seconded by Tom McKay to accept the secretary's report as it appeared in the Breeze. Membership vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's report**, Al Robins

1/01/2013 \$31,083 3/01/2013 \$44,502 4/1/2013 \$52,353

The increase in funds in the account are due to Art Fair entrants and membership fees.

Diane Gould made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Liz Mackay seconded the motion. A vote to the members resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Missy LePage - doing a good job of booking the community center.

A Haiku Spring theme was suggested for the post card sign at the S Turn. Send your ideas for sayings to Dawn Buck.

Brian, manager of Sky Harbor Airport, invited the community club to the airport for our June meeting. This is a tentative date. More to follow.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

### Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

Two get well cards were sent, Two sympathy cards sent, One thinking of you card sent, One welcome letter sent. Please notify Pam Griggs if you know someone that Pam should send a card to.

Hospitality Committee - Diane Gould and Ted Buck Thank you, Diane, for the good cookies!

**Program Committee** - Dave Poulin and Rory Strange are working on the May, 2013 program meeting.

Watch Committee - all members are on this committee. You are asked to bring your observations and

questions & updates to the club's attention. We are reminded again to see the Park Point Community Club's website for updates on street end closings, vacation rental rules and possible changes of the S turn.

#### Art Fair Committee - Carla Tamburro

3 Jury members were chosen. They reviewed the applicants. There were between 115 and 118 artists The food vendors have been approved. Check out the website for the dates. Volunteers will be needed.

Breeze Committee - Alan Dartanyan - Welcome back and Thanks for the Breeze!

Youth Committee - Jake Kapsner met again to plan the summer program. A \$9,000 budget was presented for membership approval. Diane Gould made the motion to give up to \$9,000 for the summer youth program. Dennis Hoelscher seconded the motion. A membership vote resulted in all ayes. This was first of two votes needed in order to allocate more than \$200 from the treasury. Sally Buck, Alex Ross, Liz Mackay, and Deb Kellner have volunteered for the youth program. Please consider joining the committee.

**Environmental Committee** - 300 trees will be available the first week of May. Volunteers will be needed for planting

Clean and Green Committee - Bente Soderlind - event postponed due to snow.

**MPPS** - Dick Gould has applied for a grant through the City for a boardwalk project at 47th St.

#### Rummage Sale Committee - Charlene Shimmin and Dave Lavamaki

As a reminder: No sales on the Art Fair weekend. All sales must in private yards for the rummage sale. All food stands must have proper licensing. Check website for dates of the event.

Second smelt costume vote was taken. Diane Gould made the motion to approve the \$250 contribution to the smelt festivity coming up. Liz Mackay seconded the motion. Membership vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Tom Mackay agreed to contact the city about the rather large 'bump' on Park Point.

A new flag has replaced the other flag at the S turn. Thank you, Shari Larson, for your thoughtful gift.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. David Poulin made the motion. Diane Gould seconded the motion.

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

We hope that by the time you read this, the snow will be gone and we will be preparing the community garden at Lafayette Square for planting this year's crop of produce. If your thumbs are itching to get green by digging in the dirt, come join our food- and service-oriented group. For info about us and our events, call Coral 727-6455. Better yet, attend one of our monthly potluck dinners.

On Monday, April 22, we welcomed Chad Johnson as our speaker at that month's potluck dinner. Chad, a disciple of Sepp Holzer, the noted European permaculturist, talked about Hugelkultur, a German term that roughly translates to "mound culture". It is essentially a sheet-composting method that involves burying woody debris (logs, branches, sticks) and other organic matter under a mound of earth, creating sponge-like properties that retain water. Some gardeners who use this method claim they never water their gardens. Perhaps you will see some of these mounds appearing on Park Point this summer.

#### We Need Your Stuff:

We will raise the money needed to procure this year's garden supplies by holding a garage sale during the Park Point Garage Sale, June 14-15. Donations of gardening and culinary related items that we can sell in our sale would be appreciated. If you have something to donate, please call Cornelia 722-7862 or Carol 726-0860. Or, if you have extra cash lying around to donate, Cornelia and Carol will be happy to help you with that, too.

Alternately, we are happy to take donations of chemical-free yard waste to add to the composts in the community garden. Simply leave your grass trimming and raked leave in garbage bags inside the garden fence and we'll take it from there.

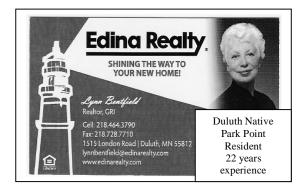
#### **Upcoming Events:**

MONDAY, May 20, 6 to 8 p.m., monthly potluck dinner and program. This will be mushroom month, with a talk by Debbie Ortman. Debbie is the former national field director for the Organic Consumers Association and lawn care technician/coordinator of the Green Thumb Project (Great Lakes pesticide-free lawn care project). She has been an organic consumer and gardener for more than 25 years, as well as a community activist, freelance writer, and consultant. Also at this meeting, Bill Long will lead a discussion about putting up another hotel on Park Point – this one would be for purple martins.

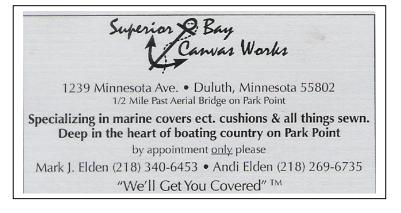
MONDAY, June 17, 6 to 8 p.m. Summer solstice celebration and potluck dinner.

MONDAY, July 17, 6 to 8 p.m. monthly potluck dinner

MONDAY, August 19, 6 to 8 p.m. monthly potluck dinner.











A man was standing in front of the bulb display in a Duluth store. "I don't know anything about flowers." There in front of him were many bulbs including gladiola, canna, and dahlia. Tulips, daffodils and hyacinth can winter while others need to be dug up in the fall and stored over the winter. An easy flower, *liatris spicata*, also called "dense gayfeather" is considered a wildflower but is available to start as a potted plant, by seed and by "corms" (not bulbs). The seeds require "stratification," meaning exposure to cold before they will germinate. To achieve this, sow the seeds after temperatures have cooled in fall. Nick the coating of each seed to promote

germination. Grown liatris have low foliage and tall purple flower spikes. It grows to a height of 3 to 6 feet, is hardy and easy to care for returning from its roots each year. It thrives with 6 hours of sun. Read more: <a href="http://www.ehow.com/info">http://www.ehow.com/info</a> 8361552 liatris-spicata care.html#ixzz2RQi2ZRrC Consider coming to a Park Point Garden Club meeting as a visitor, May 23 or June 27, 7pm. Please call Diane Gould, 727- 4067 for the location.

## Register for LaFayette Youth Program

The Park Point summer tradition returns for children ages 5-12 at LaFayette Community Club. Please contact the coordinator, Joy Fouts, or a member of the PPCC Youth Committee (i.e. Dawn or Jake) to indicate your interest in being part of the 10-week (drop in) program, which will run Monday through Thursday.

The participant cost will be similar to last year (\$100 or so, plus approximately \$5/week for field trip and bus fare.) Formal registration materials will be available in the coming weeks.

The PPCC has proudly funded the bulk of the program's cost over the years, and welcomes the support of volunteers who would like to get involved.

#### PARK POINT'S MOST (UN?) FORGETABLE SPRING



At Christmas time this would have been a welcomed scene...but it was woefully out of character when we should have been enioving green lawns and singing birds.

We reeled under three blizzards in April. Thanks to the city's fine snow removal crew the roads were quickly kept open. This is a stretch on Minnesota Avenue near the bus turn



Much like our residents, the Canada geese miscalculated the arrival of spring and found little or no vegetation to forage on. In desperation, many sat on lawns and used their bills to shovel a tiny spot clear. The few blades they found held no nourishment.





The weight of the wet snow was more than some trees and shrubs could bear. A few of the branches of this lilac bush and others on ornamentals at the recreation area entrance were victims of the triple whammy.

"Will it ever end?" was probably the most spoken question by the time the third blizzard in succession set new records.

That statistic brought cheers to no one I know. But there are many of us who are grateful for the melting and settling effects. Otherwise we would have had to dig tunnels under seven feet of overhead snow! Take comfort in knowing we missed the May 2<sup>nd</sup> snowstorm and that, in 1954,

Wisconsin's last spring snow fell on May 30.

During a lull between storms the persistence of migrating birds had to be admired. Bird enthusiast Tanya Beyer saw a lone meadowlark resting in the Point's recreation field. I can't imagine where it was heading when it took off. Too bad it didn't take our pigeon population with it. I was asked to again mention that Duluth statutes clearly state that feeding these pests is illegal.

Photos by Lyle Anderson and me, Glenn Maxham Technical assistance by Anita Neinstadt



But we are a hardy, determined bunch. This man was not about to allow Mother Nature keep him from paddling his kayak any longer.

## Taxi!



# Did you read or hear about the UWS Water Taxi feasibility study that was just released?

From the month's long study, UW-Superior Students learned that a ferry, or Water Taxi, connecting the high tourist zones of Park Point and Barker's Island would benefit both side of the twin ports from a congestion stand-point. But what struck me, more than the plan itself, was the repeat of history, in connecting Superior and Park Point by water. As early as 1854, Superior Pioneer Orrin rice operated a ferry that connected Superior's Conner's Point, Minnesota Point, and what became Rice's Point on the Duluth side. But just a bit later, and more similar to the current proposal, was the ferry run by Charlotte and John Harry Peabody. From the early 1890's

until at least 1914 they ran a ferry between Superior's East End and the community of summer cabins in what is now the Minnesota Point Pine Forest. At one time there were up to 30 cabins out there, and the community became known as Peabody's Landing. (The last of those cabins, The Pine Knot, was just removed in 2010) Most of those cabins belonged to Superior residents, and at that time that end of the Point was far more accessible from Superior than from the Duluth side. After all, the Bridge wasn't built until 1905, and was first just a car ferry. And what is now the Recreation Area was pretty much an impassible swamp. Even now, with Canal Park often a bit of an "impassable swamp" in the summer, a short jump across the water seems enticing.

But this latest idea would connect Barker's Island, which was itself just built with dredge spoils, with that filled in swamp on Park Point. There are already boat landings on both sites, so no new infrastructure is needed. The Students' findings showed those coming from Wisconsin could park at Barker's Island and taxi across to park point and go swimming for the day or even visit the shops near Duluth's Lake walk. For bikers, right now the trip from Superior's Wisconsin Point to Duluth's Park Point can take nearly an hour. The water taxi could cut that time in half. (I've done that ride in the opposite direction, winding through West Duluth and over the Bong Bridge, in order to connect with the Osaugie Trail. It's a long and not very pleasant ride. So it would work going that way, too.)

For now, of course, It's just an interesting idea. As UWS student Bryce Harp put it, "We need somebody to pick it up and run with the operational study. That's what we are hoping... that somebody will have interest and want to take it and run the operational study and make it happen," No telling if someone will, or if they'd be able to make a profitable seasonal business out of it. But maybe the Park Point/superior connection will rise again.

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

Remember last year, when we had temperatures in the 70's in the middle of March, and everybody was saying how bizarre the weather was? We'll I'm writing this on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and it's snowing out! I'll take last years' bizarre over this years' any day! But there are signs of Spring. The smelt, though delayed, did show up. The tower went up at 22<sup>nd</sup>. Work has begun again on the hotel at Harbor Cove Marina. The garden clubs are at least talking about planting stuff. And the Community Club is working on everything from the rummage Sale to the Art Fair to the Summer Youth Program. We go forward in the conviction that this endless winter will end.

PARK POINT BOOK LOVERS,

a credit in the amount of \$1,800.00 has been made at the Amazing Alonzo Paperback Book Exchange at 1831 E. Superior Street, in the name of **Park Point.** When you buy books at Amazing Alonzo, just say you are from **Park Point** and you will receive an additional discount on the price of the books you are buying. You will pay only 30% of the cover price.

**Dear the Breeze**, We are part-timers here on Park Point and sure miss seeing Dave the sign guy's messages. That is the postcard we'd send. Miss you Dave—master of the last three words.

The Singers

ONLY 1 MONTH until the

#### ANNUAL PARK POINT RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, JUNE, 14 &. SAT, JUNE 15

Please: Try to have a sale. Even if it is just a few items. invite your friends and family.

All sales must be in private yards.

If you see anyone selling on public property please tell them you are on the committee and kindly ask them to follow the guidelines.

NO Sales at the S curve, or Lafayette,

YES. the sale goes on whatever the weather is.

NO. Sales Art Fair Weekend

All food stands must be licensed.

Porta Pots locations: 8th St. & Lake Ave. S. in front

of Pumping Station 12th St. & Lake Ave near

parking lot

19th & Minnesota Ave near

former store

22nd St near former Fire Hall 31st St. just past Lafayette.

Any questions call Charlene 722-6828 or Dave 729-8925

### Volunteer for the Park Point Art Fair June 28, 29, 30

- 1. Please contact Diane Gould to sign up for a 1-3 hour time slot during event weekend:
- A. help with set up on Friday, June 28
- B. greet or relieve artists during the event, which runs 10-5 on Saturday, June 29 or Sunday, June 30
- C. help in the family art tent
- D. help take down / clean up on Sunday beginning at 4:30 pm
- 2. Please contact Carla Tamburro at coordinator@parkpointartfair.com or Jake Kapsner at jakekapsner@yahoo.com to help:
- A. distribute posters / promotional materials in the Twin Ports and beyond in late May and early June
- B. share electronic promotions about the event (i.e. email and social media)

## The Breeze

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### **Park Point Resident**

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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.

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