

The Breeze

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Calendar

Park Point Community

Club Meeting

June 20th 7PM

At Sky Harbor

Airport in the big

Hanger!

Social at 6:30

Lafayette Edible Garden

Potluck, 6-8PM

At Lafayette

Park Point Rummage Sale

June 14th & 15th

Park Point Art Fair

June 29 – 30

Duluth Aviation

Centennial

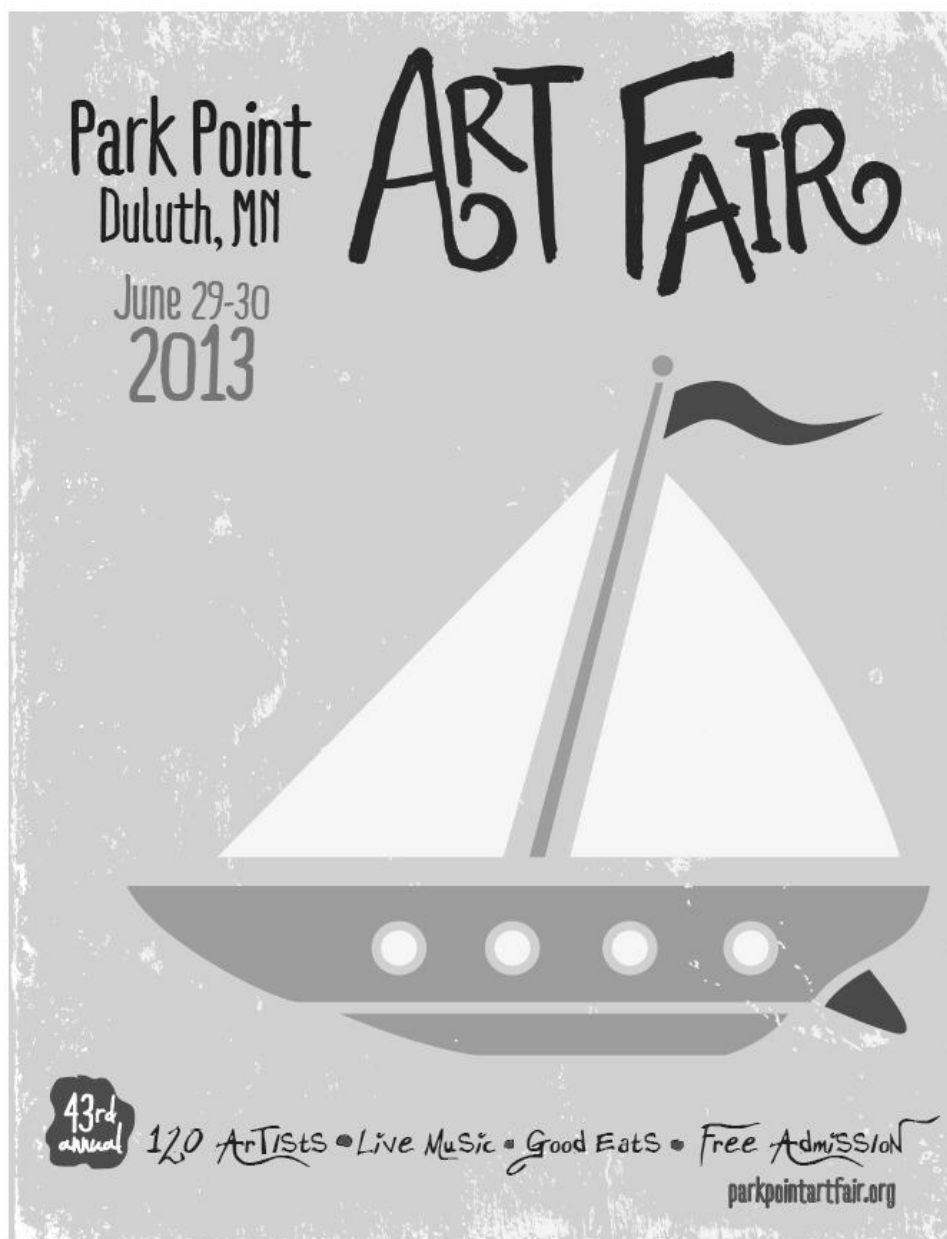
Lark O' The Lake Festival

Sky Harbor Airport

July 12-14

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 Breeze

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From The President

Hi Neighbors,

There is a lot happening here on our island. The real estate market has picked up and the sold signs are blooming. Both the rowing club and the Duluth boat club are working on plans for facilities improvements. I spotted a three seat sculling craft go by but haven't figured out if it's called a tri or a third or a sequestered quad. Anyone?

The "Boys from Brazil" are long back (purple martin scouts) and the Lafayette Community Edible Garden will soon be the site of another Park Point hotel, this one for large, beautiful swallows. Thank you to Bill Long for donating the house and sharing the joys of caring for the birds with the kids at the Lafayette youth program this summer. Bill has offered to share his love of purple martins with us so give him a call at 727-8873. If you are paddling by on the bay, check out the houses on his dock at 2521 and watch the birds, they are fascinating and they like people.

The County will have more properties coming up for sale so stay tuned in for more information. The "test case" properties from last year are still in limbo.

The Small Area Plan committee continues to look at challenges due to increased enjoyment of our sand spit by the public in increased traffic due to development of hotels, trash, protection of the environment, signage, quality of life issues, support at public accesses. The next meeting of the SAP committee is on June 19 at 5pm at Lafayette. Keith Hamre from the city has taken over as facilitator of this committee.

The DSSA (small, non-profit sailing school at the end near the boat launch) has many opportunities for volunteerism. Please call Tim Ingersoll, waterfront director, at 218-391-5521 to get involved or visit sailingforall.org.

Our next regular meeting will be held at Sky Harbor Airport; social starts at 6:30pm on June 20. Thank you to airport manager, Brian Madsen, and the Duluth Airport Authority for hosting. Hope to see you there. We will get to see the Lark of the Lake replica.

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*Father, you bless me and I want to bless others.
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Park Point Community Club Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Social hour began at 6:30pm. President, Dawn Buck, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Civility Checklist was read by Dawn Buck.

Brian Madsen, Sky Harbor Airport Manager, came to the meeting to remind the club the June 20th regularly scheduled meeting will be held at the Sky Harbor Airport. Social hour @ 6:30 pm with the regular meeting to be held in the big hanger @ 7:00 pm.

Motion was made to suspend the rules to move right into guest speaker Julene Boe from the St. Louis River Alliance. Diane Gould made the motion to suspend rules to move Julene into the early portion of the meeting. LeAne Rutherford seconded the motion. The membership vote was all ayes.

In the 1980s, St Louis River was listed as one of the most polluted areas around the Great Lakes and Canada. The practices of dumping waste on the soil and in the river was a common practice. Julene spoke on pollutants in the sediments and the concern for fish, wildlife and the effect on human health. A handout from the St Louis River Alliance was given to the community club members. It was called the St Louis River Area of Concern 2013 Progress Report. It spelled out plans of the St. Louis River Alliance to have the St. Louis River off their pollutant list by 2025.

Communications received, read aloud and discussed:

Elections will remain at Lafayette Square. (Per city)

Secretary's report for April, 2013 had a correction to be made. Summer youth program will last 9 weeks. Diane Gould made a motion to accept the minutes as they appeared in the Breeze with a correction as to the length of the summer program. Lynn Bentfield seconded the motion. Membership vote was all ayes.

Treasurer's report

1-1-2013	Beginning of the year balance	\$31,083
4-1-2013	"	April balance \$52,353
5-1-2013	"	May balance \$66,196

The majority of the increase was from the Art Fair. The rest came from Breeze ads and rentals of Lafayette Square.

Standing Committee Reports:

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

Cards sent to: Sympathy to Bill & Katie Gooder. Thank you to Shari Larson for the flag at the S turn. Thank you to Justin Olson for helping at the 14th St. car accident. Sympathy card to Don Freimuth. Sympathy card to Diane Gould family. Sympathy card to Ged and Marie Frank. Sympathy card to Marcia Ulland. Sympathy card to Julie Calligore

Please remember to let LeAne Rutherford know about new neighbors. She will get you a card to give to the new neighbors welcoming them to Park Point.

Hospitality Committee - Diane Gould and Ted Buck.

Many thanks for the drinks and treats for each meeting. They are appreciated.

Program Committee - David Poulin and Rory Strange

Thank you for sending Julene Boe as our speaker. Next month the program will be held at the airport.

Watch Committee - all members are on this committee.

Wood ticks are on Park Point in a large way.

Small Area Plan, county land sale - 28 more lots for next month

More on vacation rentals: See Park Point Community Club website for more information.

Art Fair Committee - Posters have been design. This year there will be no bookmarks. Post cards are being emailed.

Volunteers are needed for two hour time lengths. Please contact Diane Gould if you are able to volunteer time the weekend of June 29th or June 30th.

Youth Committee:

There will be two Americorp workers for the youth program.

A second vote was taken to spend up to \$9,000 on the Youth Program. Diane Gould made the motion to approve spending up to \$9,000 for the Youth Program. Coral McDonnell seconded the motion. Membership vote was all ayes.

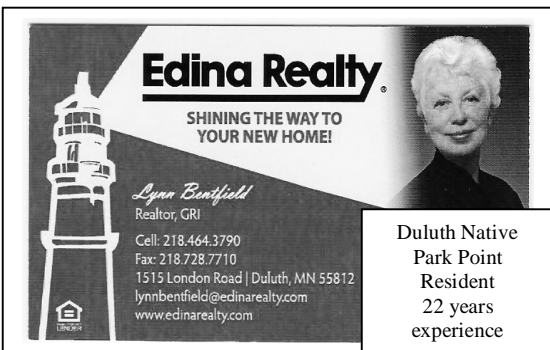
Environmental Committee:

Bill Long gave the club background information on the purple martin bird. Bill will be installing purple martin bird houses in the edible garden area and will also conduct information sessions about the birds. These sessions are going to be included in the summer youth program.

Rummage Sale Committee: Sale to be held June 14th and 15th

No new business

Dick Gould made a motion to end the meeting. Cheryl Dartanyan seconded the motion. Membership vote was all ayes. This occurred at 8:40 pm.




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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

The asparagus must have seen their shadows as they poked their weary head from the ground in early May, giving us a few more weeks of wintry weather. But now, can it be, that we have fresh garden dirt under our nails, grass stained toes, and seeds in the ground? Yes, at last! In fact the edible garden folks have been busy the past several weeks. We have planned and purchased plants for the season, have created new garden beds, have turned the soil in the beds, and will likely have all our plants in the ground as you are reading this! We also have a new beautiful sign made from local tamarack that will last for years to come, thanks to Jim Ouray for his craftsmanship, and to Shirley Reiersen for her artistic designs. If you haven't had a chance to see it in person, we have included a picture of it in this article.

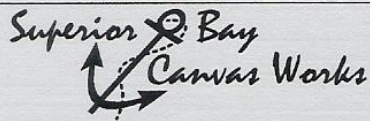
We are experimenting with a new type of growing medium in our garden this summer – straw!! Denny Johnson has created a straw bale garden that will be home to potatoes and squash this summer. The concept was presented by Joel Karsten at a local workshop, but can also be accessed on the website: <http://strawbalegardens.com/>. In our garden, the bales are aligned tightly, in a straight row, and then held in place with stakes at either end. A string will be tied between the two stakes to create a vining opportunity for the squash. The bales were first conditioned with water and fertilizer, and now will serve as a growing medium for plants. Come down to the garden and check it out as it progresses. Denny will also be sharing straw bale gardening with the youth program this summer.

If you have managed to scrounge the closets and cupboards for culinary and garden supplies that need a new home, please consider donating the items to our park point rummage sale garden fundraiser! The sale will be held at LeAne and Bruce Rutherford's home, and items can be dropped off on June 7th at 3205 Minnesota Avenue. Please pre-price your items. Or, perhaps you are in need of some new and interesting finds and want to shop the fun during the Park Point Rummage Sales!

Our next community garden potluck will be held on Monday, June 17th at 6pm. Park Pointer and garden member, Lora Wedge, will provide a special garden blessing in honor of summer solstice. Our speaker for the evening will be Tom Uecker, a monarch butterfly enthusiast. He has studied and raised monarch butterflies most of his life and has visited the monarch sanctuaries in Mexico. He will tell us about the life cycle and development of the monarch butterfly and how to help these beautiful creatures by creating favorable habitats. Celebrate the beginning of summer and the beautiful monarch butterfly with us!

We are seeking donations to support our collaborative projects with the youth program. We are looking for CDs or DVDs to make wind chimes. Also, sticking with tradition, the youth program will be making scarecrows and stepping stones and they'll need some glitzy and gaudy scarecrow clothes, glass beads and gallon ice cream buckets for these projects. The items can be given to Joy at Lafayette starting on June 10th. If you are interested in volunteering with the youth program garden projects, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Cornelia Dacey at cordacey@aol.com. Thank you!

Looking forward to seeing you in the garden!



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Plan to spend the entire day or just a few hours, the choice is yours but don't forget to bring DAILY..... a SUPER SIZED lunch (we have a fridge but no means to heat anything up) water bottle, sunscreen, towel, swimsuit and a SUPERSIZED snack for the afternoon. If you're an early birder, it is highly recommended you bring a snack to munch on between the hours of 8:00 am to 10:00 am. as lunch is not until 11:30.

The cost for the fun filled 9 week program is \$125.00 for the first child per family, \$75.00 for any child thereafter, same family. Field trip costs are additional and the responsibility of the child's.

Come comfortable and in old clothes as we are having too much fun to worry about staying clean.

Comfortable walking shoes that can get wet are a MUST as we put MANY miles on our feet when we are out and about and somehow manage to find a fountain or puddle to walk thru.

Not able to make it on June 10th and coming to register June 11th, not a problem but be ready to rock and roll as it is our first field trip and we will be traveling to the Duluth Public Library, leaving at 10:10 am. via the DTA. Please come between the hours of 8:00am to 9:30 am: we have multitude of paper work for you to fill out. Come SUNSCREENED and bring your SUPERSIZED lunch, water bottle, SUPERSIZED snack and your library card in a BACKPACK (BACKPACKS for fieldtrips are REQUIRED: please; no backpacks that turn into a suitcase on wheels).

Come when you can but please remember space is limited to 40 children, giving first priority to Park Point Residents, relatives of Park Pointers and those "Grandfathered" in.

Park Point.....Naturally

It's ten o'clock, Sunday morning, June 19th. The dense fog has lifted and I scan the shoreline of the bay hoping for a sign of a female Canada goose that first caught my attention three days ago when I noticed her left wing was drooping unnaturally. While a gander, presumably her mate, stood quietly like a sentinel, she searched the ground below my neighbor's bird

bits of grain. she sat on the lawn watched as the gander back and forth just barrier of rocks and shrubs, seemingly to join him. Her wing was twitching frequently. Forgive ascribing human to wildlife, but this she appeared to be the of loneliness. Unable even ten feet to the managed to push the brush on foot and rock to look for her mate...but there was no other goose in sight.



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Though her wing had not returned to normal, she did get back in the water, leaving me to hope she was able to make it to Hearding Island and was not in the belly of one of our hungry foxes! (I saw three of them racing along the shore a few days ago)

Our crazy spring weather threw many things off schedule, including the normal time of bird migration. As most Pointers discovered during the foggy days just before the Memorial weekend, the little feathered ones apparently decided they couldn't delay their arrival any longer. I, and fellow residents of my apartment building at 19th, were a bit pleasantly startled to see tiny warblers inspecting their balconies. It had been an exhausting flight from central or South America.

Every few minutes a warbler landed on the deck, scurried around the pots of dried herbs, and then flew to the ceiling seeking a spider or any other thing edible. It was especially rewarding to see, among the somewhat drab female vireos and sparrows, a male American Redstart dressed for spring in orange and black. It had likely basked in the semi-tropical forest of Cuba all winter. Park Point has, indeed, been living up to its reputation as one of the very best locations in the state for bird watching...and, of course, for a lot of other good things that keep us so contented living here...

Good news: Yesterday, May 29, I was glad and surprised to her back on the lawn, wing still askew but not quite as much. There was no sign of her mate, however.

Water Safety

With summer comes a lot of use of our Lake Superior and its bays. Sailing, kayaking, rowing, fishing, swimming, etc. In the name of safety I would like to make sure we all talk the same language as our emergency responders. Lake Superior is on one side of our island and Superior Bay is on the other or harbor side. Between the Blatnik and Bong Bridges lies St. Louis Bay. In my many years living down here and running boats in our area I have seen many times where people don't know the different areas of the harbor and emergency crews get sent to the wrong place because of misinformation. The Duluth News Tribune does a very good job of getting things correct, but not so with our local TV stations, who often call the body of water west of the Point, Lake Superior Bay which just adds to the confusion for Duluthians. I go by the NOAA Harbor Chart and Corps of Engineers books and so do the Coast Guard and all other emergency responders. Please learn the correct names and use them. Thank you and have a safe summer.

Cap't Tom Mackay (Ret.)

PARK POINT ART FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We call on all Park Pointers – Community Club members or not – to consider volunteering to help with the Art Fair. This one will be particularly challenging, since we will be short two of our long serving and hardest working volunteers this year: Dick and Diane Gould. Oh, Diane is still helping round up volunteers, and no doubt Dick will have lined up a few things in advance, but they won't be there, working. And there are just so many things we didn't have to worry about, because Dick always did it, or we could just ask Diane to do it. And this year we won't be able to. **So Please, Volunteer!**

June 28th Starting about noon doing grounds set up for the artist

June 29 & 30th 10:00 till 5:00 2 hour shifts

Greet visitors and hand out maps

Relieve artists who need a quick break

Children's Make & Take

Keeping the grounds clean

Sunday after 5:00 Clean up and take down

All volunteers are invited to the Saturday Artist Award Dinner

Call Diane Gould 727-4067

PARK POINT GARDEN CLUB

The Park Point Garden Club will be doing a lot of work on the Lafayette flower garden this spring and early summer. We are changing the entry to the garden by placing the granite bench for easy viewing. The City of Duluth moved the bench when they installed the railings to the building. They will set the bench for us very soon.

In May the Duluth Garden Flower Society offered an opportunity for people to write for a grant for public gardens. Mary Grover, garden club member wrote a grant requesting funds to enhance our watering system. At the Spring Luncheon for 8th District and the Duluth Garden Flower Society the Park Point Garden Club was presented with a check for \$300. This is the third time we have received a grant from the Duluth Garden Flower Society and really appreciate their confidence in our gardening for the enjoyment of all who visit Park Point.

New members are always welcome so come and check us out. Call Diane Gould for times and meeting dates.

Editor's Corner

Though it still doesn't feel like it, we're into that wild month of June. This issue usually comes out the weekend of the Park Point Rummage Sale, but due to the vagaries of the calendar, you should have it the week before. So you can read it at your leisure, and then run around getting everything priced for the rummage sale, which is June 14th and 15th. Then it's the "hunker down or join in" weekend of Grandma's Marathon, followed by The Big One: the 43rd Annual Park Point Art Fair. This is the big one for the Park Point Community Club. It's our signature event, and the one that underwrites almost everything else we do.

Foremost of those, of course, is the Lafayette Summer Youth Program, which begins June 10th. Once more Director Joy Fouts has a wonderful summer planned for the kids, and it's something the Community Club is proud to support.

But there's still more going on this summer, and I want to make sure everyone is aware that the June 20th meeting of the Park point Community Club will not be held at Lafayette, but rather down at Sky Harbor Airport, in Hanger One (attached to the main building).

Relations between the airport and the Community Club have been testy at times, mainly due to conflicts over the Pine Forest. And we will be getting an update on that, and a presentation from Short Elliot and Hendrickson Inc. (SHE) on the Environmental assessment project. But for a little more fun, the Duluth Aviation Institute will be giving a presentation on the Lark of the Lake Aviation Festival they'll be holding in July. And we'll even get a peek at the Lark of the Lake itself, which is being built right there at Sky Harbor!

IT IS TIME FOR THE PARK POINT ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

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The Breeze

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