



# The Breeze

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July 2013

### Calendar

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting July 18<sup>th</sup>**  
7PM, Social at 6:30  
At Lafayette

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

**DRC International Rowing  
Regatta**  
July 13<sup>th</sup>

**Edible Garden  
monthly potluck dinner**  
July 15, 6 to 8 p.m.  
At Lafayette

**Park Point 5-Miler**  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 6PM

**Tall Ships 2013**  
July 25-29

**National Night Out potluck  
cookout and potluck dinner.**  
August 6, 6 to 8 p.m.  
At Lafayette

"It was in 1913, before World War I, I brought to Duluth from St. Louis a biplane flying boat which we christened *The Lark of Duluth*. There were no flying fields in the country so a water surface was necessary and we stationed it at the Boat Club on Minnesota Point."  
*Julius Barnes, 1954*



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

You've probably seen or heard ads for the **Lark O' the Lake Festival**, being held at Sky Harbor Airport on July 12-14. This is what it's all about – celebrating, and hopefully recreating, the historic flight that took place 100 years ago over the Duluth Harbor. The aircraft pictured above is a replica of the original Lark of Duluth, and was built right here at Sky Harbor. If all goes well, it will take off from Superior Bay for a sunset flight on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The festival will run through the weekend with music, food, presentations, displays of vintage aircraft, etc.

Duluthians will recognize the name of Julius Barnes, a business leader and philanthropist, who at the time of the original flight was the president of the Duluth Boat Club. That club was the forerunner of today's Duluth Rowing Club, and by an unplanned bit of synchronicity, The Rowing Club's Duluth International Regatta will be taking place on July 13<sup>th</sup> as well. The connection will be recognized with a presentation on Duluth's rowing history, and rowing regatta trophies will be presented at the sky Harbor on Saturday evening.+

# *The Breeze*

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## **Submissions**

The deadline is August 2nd for the August 2013 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at [breezeditor@msn.com](mailto:breezeditor@msn.com) by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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## **From The President**

Hi Neighbors,

Thank you to Carla and her family, the very talented artists, and all of the volunteers who made this year's art fair a wonderful success. Meeting and chatting with the artists and the fair-goers is my favorite part of the weekend. Visitors to Park Point are eager to learn of its history and what it's like to live down here. I enjoyed a lamb gyros while visiting with a retired couple visiting from Houston, TX. They admired our community coming together to put on such a great event and were pleased to be supporting youth and environmental activities.

We had our last meeting in the big hangar at Sky Harbor Airport and learned about the Lark of the Lake Festival on July 12-14 from Sandra at the Duluth Aviation Institute. Kaci and Allyz from SEH Engineering brought us up to speed on the status of possible options for the runway at Sky Harbor. Thanks to Brian Madsen, airport manager, for hosting our social and meeting.

There is yet another recreational opportunity available on Park Point! Go down and try stand up paddle-boarding at North Shore Stand Up Paddleboarding, [www.duluthsup.com](http://www.duluthsup.com). You can check out this popular water activity down in the boat launch parking area on the way to Duluth Superior Sailing Association. Another water sport to add to your repertoire? Why not when you're surrounded by water.

See you on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Lafayette, 6:30 pm social, 7pm meeting. Our new community police officer will be checking in with us.

Thanks for doing your part to host the many visitors to Park Point. While we have the privilege of living here, we often face challenges when our enthusiastic guests arrive to enjoy the many activities available on our beautiful island. We must remind about how and where to park, deal with loose dogs and litter, remind about party end-times, etc.

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On July 1<sup>st</sup> St. Andrew's by the Lake hired me as their new Vicar. I am excited to join St. Andrew's and get to know the people of Park Point. I am 38 years old; I have two kids that you will often see on the weekends running on the beach or the sidewalks. I have been a priest for 13 years, working in Minneapolis and at St. Paul's here in Duluth.

If you see me wandering around, I will be the guy with a collar on, stop and say hello, you will find me at the end of park point with a soccer ball, at Amazing Grace writing sermons or out carrying the mission of St Andrew's. I look forward to meeting you!

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**Park Point Community Club Meeting,**  
Thursday, June 20, 2013 at Sky Harbor Airport

Social at 6:30 pm. Thanks to Brian Madson for hosting and allowing us to look at some small planes while munching cookies.

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by PPCC President Dawn Buck  
Civility Checklist read.

Alan Dartanyan moved to suspend the rules to welcome to guest speakers, Allyz Kramer and Kasi Nowicki of SEH Engineering, and Sandra Ettestad of the Duluth Aviation Institute, Allyz and Kasi discussed the preferred proposal for a new airport runway and reported that the draft Environment Impact Assessment will be ready for review soon. Sandra talked about the Lark O' the Lake festival to be held at the airport July 12 – 14. All are welcome to participate in this free event.

A motion to accept the Secretary's report from Thursday, May 16, 2013, was made by Tom Rauschenfels and seconded by Alan Dartanyan. All in favor, minutes approved as appeared in the Breeze.

Treasurer's report, Al Robins was out of town so Dawn gave a brief report.

Finances:	Jan 1, 2013	\$31,083
	May 1	\$66,196
	June 1	\$66,112

Motion to accept by Liz Mackay, seconded by Tom Ward. Approved

**Standing Committee Reports:**

- Sunshine Committee—Pam Griggs

Cards sent report:

Marian Millington Family (sympathy on loss of Joe Medlin)

Sympathy to Mary Kellner, Paul & Debra Kellner family (Ralph was husband to Mary and dad to Paul)

Sympathy to Jim & Rosemary Perrault & family on loss of granddaughter.

No welcome letters were reported. People are advised to be sure to let LeAne Rutherford know when a new neighbor moves in.

- Hospitality Committee - Thank you to Brian Madsen, Duluth Airport Authority
- Program Committee – Dave Poulin and Rory Strange  
Thank you to Dave for arranging for Sandra of the Duluth Aviation Institute.
- Watch Committee- all members are on this committee, bring your observations and questions & updates
  - Small Area Plan, county land sale-28 more lots coming up for sale
  - Collection of questions for Karen Z. at the county, for John Kelley, now Keith Hamre, of the City of Duluth.
  - Report on campers at 23<sup>rd</sup> this week
  - Woodticks, woodticks

- Concern about no load restrictions on lift bridge
- Art Fair Committee- Carla Tamburro. Jake Kapsner reported.
  - Call Diane Gould or Carla asap to volunteer 727-4067. Diane will be out of town from the 25<sup>th</sup> for about a week.
  - Jake had some flyers and posters to hand out. He mentioned Art Fair facebook page which people should share and he talked about other publicity.
- The Breeze Committee-Alan Dartanyan-Thanks for the Breeze!  
Alan reports that he is in his final year of preparing the Breeze so please someone step up to take over this job next year.
- Youth Committee – Thank you Liz Mackay for coordinating.
  - Sally Buck, Alex Ross, Liz Mackay, Judy Dwyer, Deb Kellner, have volunteered for the youth program, please consider joining the committee.
  - Thanks for those who have donated items requested by youth program.
  - 41 kids are signed up so far. Volunteers are needed for 8-10 a.m. Mon – Thurs. Parents are appreciative of the opportunity for children to arrive at Lafayette at 8 a.m.
- Environmental Committee – concern about Indian burial ground in Pine Forest.
- Edible Garden
  - Seeds and transplants are in.
  - Check out the beautiful new sign designed by Shirley Rierson and constructed by Jim Ouray.
  - Kids have planted the center garden beds and a straw bale and did some weeding. They have lots of garden activities planned for Monday mornings.
  - Bill Long has erected a purple martin hotel in the Lafayette Community Edible Garden
- Rummage Sale Committee- no report

**Discussion and Action on Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

City sent out variance letters to neighbors for new bathrooms at Lafayette.

No nine story hotel at Lakehead!

Additional County Tax Forfeit Properties on Park Point going up for sale, find link at [parkpointcommunityclub.org](http://parkpointcommunityclub.org)

Tom Rauschenfels of the Boat Club reported that the new boat house plans are in the permitting process. Duluth Regatta to be held July 13 and another event Sept. 22.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Rauschenfels, second by Pam Griggs. Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Next month's meeting will be on July 18, 2013

Submitted by Coral McDonnell in absence of Sheryl Robins

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## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Our well-attended June potluck dinner featured yummy hot dishes and a big serving of butterflies. Tom Uecker, a monarch butterfly enthusiast, shared his adventures studying, raising and pursuing these beautiful creatures. He taught us about the life cycle and development of the monarch butterfly and how to help these beautiful creatures thrive by creating favorable habitats.

At our July 15 potluck dinner, Dave Hanlon and Paul Treuer will facilitate a gardening question and answer session. This is your opportunity to discuss your personal successes and failures so we can all learn from each other. All Park Point residents are welcome at our events. Just bring a dish to share, a beverage, and an inquisitive mind.

August 6 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out, where over 37 million neighbors across 15,000 communities join together to promote crime prevention through strong community bonds, neighborhood watch programs and networking with law enforcement agencies. As in previous years, we will again host a cookout at Lafayette Square with the Park Point Community Club. Grilled bratwursts will be provided and everyone attending is encouraged to bring a potluck dish to share. All musicians are invited to share their talents in a jam session.

### Thank You's:

With the many generous donations of garage sale items from Park Pointers, our fundraiser committee, Carol Kondrath, Cornelia Dacy, Coral McDonnell, Dave Poulin, Pam Gustavson, Nancy Olson and LeAne Rutherford made over \$600 during the Park Point Garage sale. Thank you to these folks and to the Rutherfords for hosting the sale at their home. These funds will be used to buy plant materials and make future improvements to our Park Point community garden.

### Mark Your Calendars for our events at Lafayette Square:

MONDAY, July 15, 6 to 8 p.m. monthly potluck dinner

TUESDAY, August 6, 6 to 8 p.m. National Night Out potluck cookout and potluck dinner.



**Park Point Art Fair 2013** With so much coming up it's almost hard to look back at events that already happened, but I can't let this year's art fair slip away with out commemorating it. Two days of beautiful weather! How often does that happen? And I had to include a couple of iconic images. The first, of an artist whose name I didn't catch, turning wood on a foot-powered lathe. And the other of the artists and volunteers' dinner: Everyone just spread out, eating, drinking, enjoying the weather and each other's company. So many artists have told me that this is what makes the Park Point Art Fair special. They just don't get treated like this anywhere else!

## Lafayette Summer Youth.....

We opened the doors at Lafayette for the Summer Youth Program on June 10th and have been non stop ever since. Our extended hours (8:00 am to 10:00 am) have been a success with many early birders coming in to start their day of fun. Our breakfast eaters gather around the ping pong table fueling their tummy tanks with cereal, peanut butter toast, granola bars, fruit....what ever they have and then they are off.....

The sailors have sailed the not so high seas of the Bay, learning all the techniques they need to take a boat out by themselves and have enjoyed the opportunity to do so. A few weather related issues but nothing that could not be worked out. By popular demand we have added a third week of sailing.

Got Chia Pets?, we have many.....come down and see them. They are all in need of grooming and will be ready for show Tuesday. We have everything you need to make one and they are the easiest pet you will ever have.....grass seed, soil, nylon stockings and pipe cleaners is all it takes.

We went All Aboard at the Depot, traveling back in time via the Time Machine. We dined in the Dining Car while the Conductors took us to the worlds beyond..... through the jungles of Africa we spotted lions and tigers and sang as we traveled the Swiss Alps..

We have counted cars and watched the traffic while skywalking on the Sky Walk, stopping for a picnic lunch at the DECC, counting the boats on the Bay and watching the Aerial Lift Bridge lift.

Our new friends at the Library have become used to us and await our arrival every Tuesday. We have played countless games of Sorry and have checked out more books than we can carry. With our heavy backpacks dragging, we have traveled down Superior Street learning Side Walk Etiquette while stopping now and then to rest our weary feet.

We Busted Gutters at the Bowling Alley and are now ready to start our own Bowling League.....kind of !

The playground at Playfront has been a popular "hang out" of ours but not as popular as the playground at Lafayette. We have hoses we can use for waterworld and sand to make volcanos. Its funner to find buried shoes in the sand than in rubber chips and we can make more noise on the monkey bars than we can at Playfront. We apologize to our neighbors!

Legoville is in full swing and are on display, taking up an entire table. The engineers are always creating and are very proud of their work. Many beautiful homes have been built as well as creatures of the animal world.

We have gardened in the Edible garden with our garden friends, planted and learned about worms and composting. We have learned about keeping bees from the Bee Keeper that came to talk to us and taste tested honey. We have seen all the equipment necessary for honey to become honey and were quite fascinated with the process.

We have done so much and have so much more to do ..... fishing, train ride, we are going to see where the DTA buses live, a movie, sand modeling contest, we are going to say Hello and Good Bye to the Tall Ships, visit KBJR and dine at DQ for a special lunch. We will visit the Marine Museum, learn about Purple Martins, make a pizza from what the garden grew, scare the crows with scarecrows we will make, and many other things.

Please stop down and see us, we are open Monday thru Thursday; 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Happy Summer,  
Joy

**Park Point.....Naturally!**

I have long been interested in our two prominent “add on” bits of real estate, both artificially created from muck dredged from the harbor. Hearing Island is not quite attached to our peninsula. Southworth Marsh, on the other hand, became an appendage near 42nd when designated as a dumpsite for tons and tons of dredge “spoils” in 1952. (I learned this and a whole lot more recently when Breeze reader Ken Jackson sent me a complete time line.) That area apparently was not held in high regard at that time and was referred to as “the swamp”. Eyed as a great place to use the recovered dirt as fill material in the construction of a municipal swimming pool---today, a half-century later, talk of such a pool somewhere in the recreation area remains just talk. However, there’s new respect for the old swamp. Now referred to as a marsh, it commands more respect and easily identified with a handsome sign in honor of Mira Southworth. A 1988 edition of the Breeze carried a feature on the revered Central High School teacher. In 1934 she, bought a home at 4242 ½ Minnesota Avenue and captured the beauty of the Point on her camera. She died in 1975.

The seven acre marsh has been eyed by the Long Range Planning Committee. It’s seen as a candidate for designation by the DNR as a Scientific and Natural Area. Meetings were held in 1994 and 1997 with that goal in mind. Obviously, it hasn’t happened but it remained free of development and not on the tax rolls. It’s occupants are mostly birds and perhaps some small mammals and amphibians. The young bear we had last year found temporary refuge in one of the larger trees near the road.

No doubt, the point’s friendliest and most handsome fox checks out the wooded marsh as one of many places he’s known to haunt. The Rutherfords report frequent visits at their home and their curious cat and the fox try to touch noses through the glass, neither one frightened by the other. If I had to choose my favorite photo of a fox, this would be it! Lyle Anderson ,who lives near the marsh and often contributes his work to this column, took this shot...obviously, this wild animal has acting more like a tame neighborhood dog and that gets him lots of handouts.



In 1999 the Park Point Community Club formally dedicated the Mira Southworth Lake Superior Wetlands Preserve. Anyone wishing more details can access the Park Point Community Club Archives, the Breeze file, the LCMR documents or the NRRI library.

You who live on the lake side of the Point are probably seeing frequent survey groups, binoculars raised and notebooks in hand, as they scour the sand in hopes of seeing a piping plover. It’s virtually extinct in Minnesota but one lonely bird was counted and photographed. The “birders” are volunteering for the DNR. That agency has been trying for years to figure out how to coax the plover into again taking up residence along the North Shore. It would be worthwhile for you to become familiar with this shorebird and report it to the DNR. I have also been told the red-throated Arctic loons are back again---though not likely to be nesting here.

They are generally so far off shore you would need a telescope to spot them.



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## Park Point Garden Club Helps with the Tomato Man Project



Park Point Garden Club went to Nettleton School to implement the Tomato Man Project in memory of founder Ray Picconato. Each classroom listened carefully to Nancy Shaw's discussion of what plants need to grow. Next, each student transplanted a starter tomato plant (system wide, 4500 plants donated by Engwall's) to a larger container



with the assistance of Diane Gould, Pat Olson and Pam Griggs (taking pictures). More information is available on online [www.facebook.com/TheTomatoManProject/info](http://www.facebook.com/TheTomatoManProject/info). Nettleton's future replacement school Myers-Wilkins Elementary will also have a school garden. Come see what Garden Club is all about at one of our 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday meetings, 7pm. Contact President Diane Gould, 727-4067, for meeting location.

### Editor's Corner

With so much going on I wish I'd left myself more room to write, but people sent me so much great stuff I had to put in this issue.

July is looking just as busy as June was. By the time this issue comes out we'll be into the Lark O' the Lake Festival, and the Duluth International Regatta. Then the Park Point 5-miler on July 19<sup>th</sup>. And the Tall Ships return on July 25 -29. They're coming by air, they're coming by sea, they're coming on foot. True, the congestion may get so bad you can't get off Park Point, but why would you want to leave anyway? You'd just miss something. Though I'm thinking that water ferry to Barker's Island wouldn't be a bad idea.

More news I don't have room to cover: a public meeting on the long awaited washrooms at Lafayette on July 9<sup>th</sup>. I wanted to go to that, but there's some local guy named Bob playing at Bayfront at the same time. Think I'll go there instead. On an interesting note, two Park Point beach were given "Superstar" ratings for water quality by The Natural Resources Defense Council – and one of them was the beach at Lafayette. I have to believe when we finally get public washrooms there, the water – and surrounding area – will be even better. (The other Superstar beach was the one at 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The "official" public beach at the recreation area, while good, didn't get the top rating!)

### Hello,

My name is Craig Lindberg and I am the new Community Police Officer for the Duluth Police Department. I just wanted to send you an email with my contact information and let you know who I was. I just started this position in the past month, and apologize for not making contact sooner (I'm playing a lot of catch up since there hasn't been someone down here for a while). Please feel free to give me a call/send an email. I am aware of your meeting schedule and would be willing to come to the next one on July 18<sup>th</sup> if you'd like.

Thank you!

### Craig Lindberg

Canal Park/Park Point COP

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### Dear Breeze,

Park Point is blessed with abundant and varied vegetation in many shades of green, much with beautiful blossoming as summer arrives. One problem, however, is our tendency to let hedges and trees encroach on the sidewalk on the east side of the avenue. This hampers use of the walk for its purpose and sometimes promotes walking in the street, a safety issue. Might it be a good idea for the Community Club to take an active role in advocating pruning? The Breeze could publish occasional reminders, and the Club could send courteous notes to offenders.

Donn Larson

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