

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting August 15th
7PM, Social at 6:30
At Lafayette**

**Urban Farm tour
August 10th**

**Lafayette Edible Garden
Potluck
September 15th 5-7 PM
At Lafayette.**

**Duluth Balloon Festival
September 20-21
Bayfront Festival Park
(I know, its not on Park
Point, but a broken line, a
little wind, it could be!)**

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

One Hundred Years Apart



With all the festivals going on around us this summer, I was struck by the hundred year separation of the events being celebrated. The Brig Niagara, above, is a reconstruction of the ship used by Commode Perry in the Battle of Lake Erie, in 1813.

Below, of course is the replica of the Lark of Duluth, which first flew here in 1913, and went on to become the first commercial airliner. What form of 2013 transportation will we celebrate a hundred years from now? The new Ceres Jet? Or maybe just a smart phone – the precursor of the personal tele-transporter!



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From The President

Hi Neighbors,

Here is the scoop on our "non-recreation lane" after our discussion at our last meeting. Thank you to Officer Lindberg for this info; looks like there are some opportunities for citizen input to have a recreation lane.

Enjoy August!

Dawn

"First off, the northbound shoulder, or lakeside shoulder is NOT an actual designated bike or recreation lane. I checked with our city engineer in regards to this, as I have been told by a few residents that they believe it IS a bike lane. Our engineer informed me that its current design is as a road shoulder. The short answer here is that bicycles and rollerbladers should be travelling the SAME DIRECTION as traffic, never against traffic. Walkers should always walk AGAINST traffic.

In order for it to be designated as a bike lane, there are a number of steps that would need to take place. These include:

-Signs and markings designating it

-If it is to be a two lane bike lane, there would need to be a physical divider between the bike lane and vehicle lane (prevent vehicles from crossing into it)

The good news here is that our city is trying to become more "bicycle friendly". As of now, there is no intent to make it a recreational lane. BUT, I was told by our engineer if there is a person/group that would like to take on a project to present to the City in regards to making a bicycle/recreation lane on that part of the street, they are more than open to ideas."

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Living in the shadow of another is difficult. St. Andrew had a different idea of what it meant to live in the shadow of another. He believed the people he met were worthy and good to be presented to God, no matter their sibling position. Andrew's story reminds us that the gifts we bring to those we love matter a great deal more than the shadows hanging over us.

Rally Sunday, September 8th, 9:45am. Picnic and fun following the service.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
2002 Minnesota Ave
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 Fr. John Petrich,

BE AN ORDINARY HERO

During the rescue effort at the World Trade Center, a famous actress was visiting the site. A volunteer giving cold water said to a firefighter. "If you go over there, you can get Susan Sarandon's autograph." "Ma'am," the firefighter politely replied "when your job means climbing through rubble with two thousand other guys all night, every woman handing out water is a Susan Sarandon."

Great heroic opportunities don't normally come our way. Don't wait for that chance. We still can do what Mother Teresa encouraged: small things with great love. We live in a hurting, disconnected world. We live in gated communities, behind locked doors, with alarms set. Beyond that fear we need kindness, a smile, an encouraging word, a thoughtful act. Sometimes, just a glass of water.

Compassionate Father, we are all your children. Help us to treat each other with love and kindness. Open our eyes to see needs and fill them. I ask this in Jesus' name, your servant and our Lord. Amen

Mass 8:00 AM every Sunday with confessions at 7:40

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Park Point Community Club**07/18/2013**

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

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the order of the club meeting sequence in order to allow Craig Lindberg to speak with the community club. Craig is the police officer assigned to Park Point. He received this assignment in June, 2013. Craig said they are using ATVs for beach patrol. There have been numerous cases of smoking on the beach, alcohol use, fires & etc. Craig said users of the beach need to observe rules. A question was also asked about why on a particular occasion there were Duluth City Police, Border Patrol, and a State Highway Patrol. Craig said this was not unusual because of the uniqueness of Duluth having City of Duluth needs, State needs and because of the federally funded nature of the waterways, multiple units from different agencies could have an interest in the situation.

Heather from Stand Up Paddle Boarding at the end of Park Point came to the meeting to let the club know about their paddle boarding business. Hours of operation are from 10:00am to 5:00pm everyday of the week. They also offer instruction classes and yoga classes on the water.

A motion was made by Pam Griggs to approve the Secretary's report from the June 20, 2013 meeting. Judy Harrison seconded the motion to approve. Votes from all the members were ayes. Secretary report was approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Al Robins

Beginning January 1, 2013 balance	\$31,083
June, 1, 2013 balance	\$66,112
July 1, 2013 balance	\$67,014

Standing Committee Reports:

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

Get Well card for Dick Gould

Sympathy card for the Richard Braun family

Hospitality Committee - Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thank you Diane for the ice cream. On such a hot evening, it hit the spot.

Program Committee - Dave Poulin and Rory Strange

Nothing new to report

Watch Committee - all members are on this committee. You are encouraged to bring your observations, questions and updates to the meetings.

Small Area Plans, county land sale - 28 more lots coming up for sale - process still in development for sales of properties.

Collection of questions for Karen Z at the county, for John Kelly, now Keith Hamre, of the City of Duluth.

Garbage dumping from ships anchored out on the lake. Letter was read from Mayor Ness.

Art Fair Committee - Carla Tamburro. Jake Kapsner gave a quick up date. Art Fair was successful. Jake felt next month meeting, there would be more specific figures on the outcome from the Art Fair.

The Breeze Committee - Alan Dartanyan Alan thanked everyone for their timeliness in getting their portion for the Breeze publication into him. Alan would also like to hand over the Breeze to a new person.

Youth Committee - Judy Dwyer spoke about the happenings at this summer's Youth Program. They have a total enrollment of 46 participants. On the average, they have 27 children in the program. They are having a lot of fun.

Environmental Committee - Nothing new to report

Rummage Sale Committee - Nothing new to report

Discussions and Action on Unfinished Business:

Bob Pokorney spoke about the idea of volunteer patrolling the beach offering information to swimmers about the perils of rip tides.

The group would need a rescue surf board. Bob thought he could have a fund raiser to raise money for the purchase of the board. They cost about \$700 each and would not only be an aid for the person in distress but also protection for the rescuer.

Gloria Stanton Glass wrote a book about growing up on Park Point. Dawn asked for input as to whether the club would like to sell some of the books.

Edible Community Garden will be hosting Neighborhood Night Out on August 6th. It will be held at Lafayette. Those coming should bring a dish to share with the group.

Club is looking for a projector or large screen TV with DVD player and computer inputs for presentations. Also, a microphone system is needed.

Diane Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Pam Griggs seconded the motion.

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Bird Bath Addition to Lafayette Flower Garden



The pictured birdbath was purchased by Park Point Garden Club from a memorial donation by the family of long time Park Point resident and Garden Club member Margaret Miller Ringsred. She was born in Nashwauk in 1916 and became a teacher. She moved to Duluth and married Bob Ringsred in 1946. Besides Park Point Garden Club she was active in Park Point School PTA, Park Point Bouys and Gulls Club, a Park Point Girl Scout Leader and Duluth Rowing Club. When you walk by Lafayette garden and see this lovely birdbath please remember all the good that can come from one

wonderful woman. Consider attending one of our meetings on any fourth Wednesday. Contact President Diane Gould, 727-4067, for meeting location.



News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

It's August and we must say good-bye to the fun times our community garden members had with this season's crop of kids participating in the Park Point Summer Youth Program. Each Monday our members facilitated an event for the children such as a presentation on bees, a walk through the life of purple martins and building scarecrows for the garden. Cornelia Dacey and Janine Bjerklie coordinated the activities and have this to say, "These children were bright and engaged. They gobbled up any information that was presented to them."

We look forward to seeing all our Park Point neighbors at this year's National Night Out on August 6 and again on August 10, when our community garden will be featured in the Urban Farm Tour. If you missed those events, catch up with us at our next monthly potluck dinner. All Park Pointers are invited. For more info about the monthly dinners or the community garden, just give Coral a call 218-727-6455.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Potluck Supper at Lafayette Square. Program to be determined.

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Lafayette Summer Youth.....

Whom ever said "time flies when your having fun" wasn't kidding.....

It's already the end of July and it seems as if we just opened the doors to the pitter patter of little feet! We have been weather reporters and have seen ourselves on TV while visiting KBJR and have dined at Dairy Queen for our annual \$2.00 Meal Deal. We hung the "Gone Fishin" sign on the door when we went fishing in the Bay with the MinAqua Program thru the DNR.

We waved to tourists as we rode the train and visited our Purple Martin friends that live on 25th Street. We became expert wave riders as we went tubing on the Big Lake while the "Special Agents on Tubing Patrol" rode in the boat, keeping the Captain informed of their progress. We have learned to Paddle Board, and are now putting that on our Wish List. We have toured the DTA Bus Barn and rode the bus through the bus wash, wide eyed and on the edge of our seats. We have returned all our books and paid all our "over due" fines, giving our friends at the Library sweet silence until next year. We waved "Good Bye" to the Tall Ships having a front row view from the pier and counted the cars passing overhead as we stood under the Ariel Lift Bridge. We filled our backpacks with many pounds of treasured rocks from the Rock Beach in Canal Park and watched the jumpers jump from the Ice House along the Lake Walk. We laughed and giggled as we munched on popcorn and gummy worms while watching Despicable Me 2 at Duluth 10. We have worn a path on the Blue Bridge, stopping now and then to say hello to the Bridge Operator. We have soaked ourselves silly in the fountains in Canal Park, hoping we dry off before we board our DTA Chariot to bring us back to Lafayette. We have learned how to get 30 something kids across the street without holding up too much traffic at the cross walks and have perfected our ""Thank You" wave. We are still trying to control ourselves from dinging the dinger on the bus, it's hard, but we are almost there! We have tried to scare the crows with the scarecrows in the garden and dined on yummy strawberries. We are still building Legos, loosing tennis balls and going thru gallons of sunscreen. We have made enough coffee filter butterflies to start a colony and paper plate battery packs for all the robots in the world. We have had an action packed summer, resting now and then to refuel. Our next adventure.....Canal Park to take our annual Trolley Ride and from there.....who knows! Stop down anytime, if the door is open, we are there!

Happy Summer,

Joy



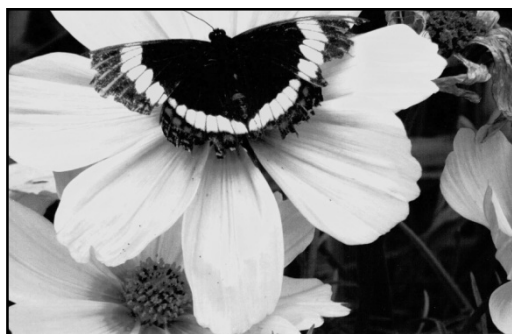
I had to include these pictures from Bob and Mary Nichols of the Summer Youth kids sailing and paddleboarding. I think I want to enroll!

Park Point.....Naturally

The wind took away those beautiful sailing ship replicas from an era none of us experienced, but left us with deep impressions of what our waterfront life was like in a much younger, simpler Duluth. We can all cite the time and place where viewing was best. Luckily, I was just off the south side of the canal on the Let's Go Fishing group's classy new pontoon boat at the moment the first ship entered the port. Exciting as that was, it was exceeded in a most unlikely viewing spot---stalled in a line of vehicle traffic on the south side of the bridge! It was the only time I was actually pleased to be stopped there. It was 7:30 and the sun had dipped low. The rays were at the best possible angle to afford a spectacular light effect as several of the visiting ships slowly returned from the big lake and passed in review. One can only describe the golden glow of the backlit sails as exquisite. The slanted masts stood out in contrast as well-polished mahogany. It will remain emblazoned on my memory for a very long time.

...as for wildlife, I had a startling report of nesting pelicans in the St. Louis River delta only to learn soon after that there are now pelicans with their young but not at that location. They were seen on Fish Lake close to Duluth and, I hope, will later find suitable habitat in or near the bay. They are often in our sights in the spring and sometimes in the fall during migration only.

Finally, a tribute to the Park Point Garden Club is in order. I have visited it several times this summer and will do so again. Nestled on the hillside on the walkway to the Community Center in a clearing grubbed out from thick shrubbery, it's alive with a riot of brilliant colors. The various floral species were spaced creatively to produce a stunning mosaic you should not miss. If butterflies are your thing, you will find them there in abundance.



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Duluth International Regatta

I wanted to run a bigger picture of this, along with a bigger story, but I just got squeezed for space. The Duluth Rowing Club put on another great regatta on July 13th. And it drew rowers from throughout the upper Midwest and Canada. When I went by the Rowing Club on Friday evening, I counted 36 tents, in all colors and sizes, pitched on that narrow strip of land by the bay. Quite a sight, and quite an event.

Free?

It is not uncommon lately to drive around the Point and notice several items placed on the curb advertised as free! No doubt we are all being kind hearted and think that our trash is indeed going to be someone else's treasure! Or are we becoming lazy and not wanting to pay to dispose of our unwanted items?

In light of the recent theft, vandalism, and disrespect for people's property and vehicles this past month, one has to wonder whether this "curbside generosity" is part of the problem.

To the observant, there are several small trucks, and a van that are seen daily perusing the Point looking for items that have been set on the curb and labeled free. This should be concerning as we are inviting the community at large to look over our offerings. Perhaps it leaves them to wonder what else might be out there behind our sheds or back yards.

Regardless, this behavior attracts unwanted attention and may be putting our entire neighborhood at risk.

Hopefully, we can find ways to encourage generosity without turning it into a way of disposal for unwanted property. Let's start looking out for our neighbors, and neighborhood and report suspicious activity.

Rory Strange



Using "That lane you can't park in during the Summer"

You know the one I mean. The lake side of Lake Avenue South, changing to Minnesota Avenue at the s curve. People refer to it as the bike lane, or the recreation lane, but it doesn't meet the legal requirements of either one, and hasn't for years. Still, it continues to be posted "No Parking from May 1 through October 31st". It gets used for walking, running, biking, rollerblading, roller skiing, skateboarding, scootering (is that a word?) and probably a few things that I haven't thought of. Yet, it's not "legal" for any of those uses, and police and safety officials will go into great detail explaining why it is unsafe to use as it is.

This begs the question: Why, then is it posted "No Parking" in the Summer (and Spring and Fall) months? Isn't that a tacit acknowledgement by the city that people are more comfortable "recreating" in a lane with no cars in it? As long as there is an open lane there, people will use it. If they truly want people biking, rollerblading and skateboarding in the traffic lanes, they will need to remove that "no parking" designation. And prepare for an onslaught to public protest.

Alan Dartanyan

Editor's Corner

With so much going on this summer, it seems like there are just so many things I'd like to cover, but just can't. Not enough time, not enough space. And sometimes it's just timing. Like the Twin Ports Lighthouse Days, August 7-11. Most people won't have their August Breeze by then.

I did manage to get the Neighborhood Night Out at Lafayette into the calendar last month, but I would have liked to have publicized it a little more. I'd like to attend it, too. But its August 6th, and this Breeze will still be at the printers, and I'll be off in my kayak.

I do want to mention one scary event that occurred last month. I'm sure you've all heard about the Lark of Duluth, which crashed in the bay on its maiden flight. Luckily, the pilot was unhurt, and though the aircraft was badly damaged, at last report it was repairable.

The truly scary part of this incident, though, was that when the call came in that an aircraft had crashed off Park Point, the emergency vehicles all got stuck at the bridge! Unlike last summer, we have had no emergency responders stationed on the Point. And that puts us all at risk. It could have been a tragedy. The pilot – and the City – got lucky this time.

Thank You volunteers

A big thank you to all the volunteers for the work they put into the 43rd annual Park Point Art Fair. The weather was beautiful, the crowds were large and the response was unanimous, the Park Point Art Fair was a huge success. The artists commented positively on everything from the high quality of the work represented to the hospitality of the community. Our best of show was awarded to Patrick Dragon whose highly skilled thrown and altered ceramic pieces were outstanding. We collected 167 email addresses from our audience and estimated a crowd of somewhere between 8 and 9 thousand. Our profit is estimated at \$8,000. And we could not have done it without all of you, sitting for the artists, helping kids make art and most importantly shopping for art.

It is our goal to keep up the quality of the art while drawing artists from the Mid-west. All who joined us this year are professionals who show at fairs all around the country and even though the majority have MN, WI and MI addresses they are on the road a good part of the year. Our news coverage was great this year with three TV stations coming out to interview me and the audience, KUMD's week long interviewing of artists who joined us and the DNT article. Hopefully you were able to catch The DNT's article about the life of a traveling artist. If you haven't been to The Park Point Art Fair mark your calendars for June 28 and 29, 2014... the planning continues...

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Editor:

I'd like to let you and the Club know that I've printed some tee shirts with our logo as a way to raise funds for our rescue board. I've attached an image. They are white, 100% made in the USA cotton and printed in Duluth. All sizes. \$25. Feel free to include my email and phone as a way to contact me. I'll even deliver the shirts on my bike!

Thanks again for all your help!

Bob Pokorney



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