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Calendar

Park Point Community Club Meeting September 19th 7PM, Social at 6:30 At Lafayette

Small Area Plan meeting at Lafayette, 5pm, Wed. September 18. Observers welcome.

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

Park Point Beach Run 5K for Pancreatic Cancer September 21st

Duluth Balloon Festival September 20-21 Bayfront Festival Park

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

Marina Hotel Progressing



I've been watching with interest as the new Park Point Marina Inn goes up at Harbor Cove Marina, 1025 Minnesota Ave. As with many modern buildings, it's a combination of stick-built and prefabricated construction. Perhaps you've been at the bridge when some of the prefab sections came across. The wide loads require stopping traffic both ways so they can come over the bridge one at a time. The sections are then lifted up by a crane and set in place like building blocks. According to their website, parkpointmarinainn.com, when completed the hotel will offer "67 deluxe rooms with patio decks overlooking your choice of lakeside or bridge views. Amenities include indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, exercise room, business center, and 75 person meeting room. A lobbyside bar offers refreshments to enjoy on the outdoor patios." There's also mention of a breakwater-pier walk for picnicking and ship watching. Makes me curious – will it be open to the public, or just hotel guests?

Opening is set for Summer 2014, and it will be the largest hotel on this side of the bridge – at least for now. As it will cater to both boat – in and drive-in guests, how much effect it will have on traffic is uncertain. The same can be said about its effect on utilities - particularly water and sewage – farther down the Point. We all know some new development here is inevitable, and this one appears to be going pretty much by the book. We'll have to see how it turns out, for all of us.

The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is October 4th for the October 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,

Our membership voted to send a token of appreciation to Mike and Maddy, our AmeriCorps summer staff. Here is a note from Mike:

"I just got the honorarium from you and the Park Point Community Club in the mail today. Thank you both and everyone on the committee for your generosity! I'm at a sticky point between ending AmeriCorps and starting work in Minneapolis and was just wondering how I was going to make ends meet for my move down there. This will help a lot! And thank you both for letting me volunteer at Lafayette this summer. The kids were great and I really had a wonderful time being there to help out. It's the perfect way to end my stay in Duluth; happy and with fond memories."

Best regards,

Mike Fealey

Mike is now down in the Twin Cities conducting brain chemistry research. Maddy, our other AmeriCorps member, is teaching fourth grade here in Duluth.

How great it was to see the kids having such a great time at Lafayette when I was leaving for work. I look forward to collecting the feedback from this year's families as the youth committee starts planning for next year. A huge THANK YOU to Joy and all of the volunteers who made the program a wonderful success. Please send me any feedback you have on the program, parkpointcc@gmail.com.

Thanks also to Drew Jensen, True North AmeriCorps Program Coordinator at the YMCA, and to Cheryl Skafte, volunteer coordinator for the City, for facilitating our AmeriCorps staffing this summer. Thank you to Tim Ingersoll at Duluth Superior Sailing Association for providing the kids with great experiences on the water.

Thanks to Bob Pokorney for organizing the Surf Rescue group at the S Curve and to Ken J. for taking care of a huge pile of garbage on the beach. Thanks to Dick G., Tom L., Tom M. & Dave H. for keeping an eye on happenings on the Point. Thanks to the dedicated pedestrian and bike counters last week and last Saturday. Thanks to Coral M. and the Community Edible Garden for hosting the NNO, which was awesome! Thank you to Natalija Walbridge who will be taking over The Breeze next spring.

We have some super people on Park Point; thank you for contributing to our community this summer.

See you on the beach and the water (summer is not over yet!), Dawn & Klaus

Ps Remember the bag for trash pick-up

Lafayette Rentals

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- St. Francis was once asked what he would do if he knew the world would end tomorrow. His response was simply, "I would plant a tree."
- St. Francis was known for his compassion towards all of Gods creation. He was also one who knew the value of not worrying about what tomorrow would hold. One of the few places in our lives where we are reminded not to worry about tomorrow is in out relationship with our pets.

On Sunday, October 6th at our 9:45am service we will bless and give thanks for ALL the animals in our lives as we have our annual Blessing of the Animals service. All are welcome, 0, 2, 4, 6 and 8, legged creatures.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church 2002 Minnesota Ave

722-3078 Fr. John Petrich,

GOD CORRECTS GENTLY

A four-year-old girl and her younger brother were in their family room, jumping from the couch to the floor. Their daddy told them, "Stop that! You could get hurt." As the parent listened from the kitchen, they heard her proclaim in her preschool, know it all voice, "Come on.let's jump.

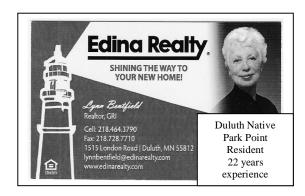
Daddy doesn't spank very hard."

What is your image of God? Is He the stern taskmaster, ready to punish and strike us down" God is a compassionate God who weeps when we weep, suffers when we suffer and hurts when we hurt. God loves us.

When He corrects us it is for our own good.

"Father, help this year to be at home with you. May I never offend you by sin. Help me to grow in faith, hope and love. I pray in the name of Jesus, the reflection of your love. Amen

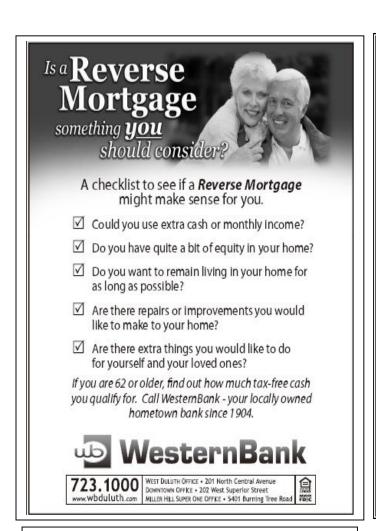
Mass 8:00 AM every Sunday with confessions at 7:40







PARK POINT BOOK LOVERS: There is still a credit in excess of \$1,500.00 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.



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Park Point Community Club Meeting

Thursday, August 15, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by PPCC President, Dawn Buck.

A motion was made & seconded to suspend the rule for the order of the meeting to welcome guest speaker, James Gittemier. James is a part of a transportation planning agency and spoke to the meeting about a study to be held in which bicyclists, pedestrians, skateboarders, and in line skaters were to be counted. One purpose of this study was to obtain the statistics about how these people use the road systems. Once these statistics are compiled, informed decisions could be made for making the recreation lanes more safer for everyone. The study was conducted on Wednesday, August 21st and Saturday, August 24th.

Minutes from July, 2013 needed a correction made and that was Judy Harrison did not second a motion. Other than that correction, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. A membership vote was all ayes.

Treasurer's report was given by Al Robins.

Finances:	January 1, 2013	\$31,083
	July 1, 2013	\$67,014
	August 1, 2013	\$57,176

These figures include income from the Art Fair and Summer Youth Program.

Edible Garden - Coral thanked everyone who helped for the National Night Out party that was held at Lafayette Square. She also said anyone could join the Edible Garden for \$25 a year and could join at any time.

Standing Committee Reports:

- * Sunshine Committee Pam Griggs
 More welcome letters are being made. LeAne Rutherford asked the members if
 knew of someone moving on Park Point to let her know and she would get a card
 out welcoming that person to the area.
- * Hospitality Committee Diane Gould and Ted Buck Once again, thank you for the special treats you provide for the meetings.
- * Program Committee David Poulin and Rory Strange No new ideas were given for upcoming meeting topics.
- * Watch Committee all members area on this committee. You are asked to bring your observations, questions and updates for our meetings.

Twenty nine vehicles were broken into. Two motors were stolen from the Duluth Rowing Club. Please take time to call police no matter how small or large the theft.

There have been campers sleeping on the beach.

A citation was given to someone for going through a street end. It was requested a list of the vacated street ends be available so these areas can be identified.

- * Art Fair nothing new to report
- * Breeze Alan Dartanyan announced a replacement for The Breeze. There should be plenty of time for the transition. Thank you Alan for all your time and energy you have given the Park Point Community Club.
- * Youth Committee the summer youth program ended on the 8th of August. The results were good. Committee is working on ideas for next year's program.

Judy Dwyer made a motion to give both Mike & Maddy (Americorp workers) \$100 each for their good work. LeAne Rutherford seconded the motion. Club vote was all ayes.

* Rummage Sale - nothing new to report

Discussions and Action on Unfinished Business:

Bob Pokorney spoke about a group of volunteers needed to patrol the beach on days of rip currents. He also wanted to purchase a rescue device. He had T Shirts he sold. The cost of the rescue device was \$900. Bruce Rutherford made a motion to give \$450 towards the board. Ted Buck seconded the motion. The membership poll resulted in all ayes.

Dawn Buck said she had books for sale. The name of the book is Growing Up on Park Point during the 1940's and 1950's. The book sells for \$12.

A previous discussion about archived material availability once it was archived at the University was clarified by LeAne Rutherford. Once this material is given to the University, the material could not be taken from there. However, storing this material at an institution would ensure its safety in the future.

Diane Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Al Robins seconded the motion.

Park Point Garden Club - Live Action!!



A section of Lafayette garden had been growing wild. However, this year, with the help of donations from the families of past Point residents, this section was transformed. Starting with a committee of three, a plan was drawn and bushes were purchased. The topical area was cleared and a thick black plastic put down for two weeks to kill the roots of the wild growth. A resident, Bob, volunteered to rototill the area after amendments (compost from the City of Duluth) to the soil were

spread. A few days later 11 bushes varying in height, foliage color and shape were planted by volunteers. The women and two husbands dug holes, added more compost and a sprinkling of plant starter.

Ridges were formed around each bush and newspaper, six sheets thick (try to say <u>that</u> very fast!) were spread to deter weed growth. Mulch was added on top of the newspaper to hold it in place and to keep moisture in the soil. Our hope is that you will enjoy this addition. Those involved in this project were Mary, Pat & husband, Kristelle, Diane's husband, Charlene, as well as those pictured: Pam, Diane, Julie and Elisa.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Fall harvest is finally upon us and it's time to feast on our bounties. Join us at the September and October potluck dinners, which are open to all Park Pointers. Just bring a plate, utensils, a dish to pass and a beverage and you are ready to party with us. We are looking for ideas and speakers for future programs at our monthly dinner meetings. If you have gardening expertise you would like to share, or a topic you would like more information about, let us know. For more information about the community garden, or our dinners and programs, contact Coral at 727-6455.

Leaves wanted:

When your leaves start falling, bag them up and bring them to the community garden for composting. There are lots of large black trash bags in the garden you can use – just pick one up and return it full to the garden.

Save these dates:

Sunday, September 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Potluck Supper at Lafayette Square. This is our community garden's harvest dinner: Bring a potluck dish made from something you have grown in your own garden or something you have harvested from the community garden. Katie Hanson from the Duluth Community Garden Program will be with us to talk able fall garden issues such as harvesting and readying our garden for the winter.

Thursday, October 24 Duluth Community Garden Program National Food Day celebration. We are invited to attend this year's dinner, which will be held at Holy Family Church, 2430 West 3rd Street in Lincoln Park. Bring a potluck dish to share and be prepared to feast on the 2013 Vegetable of the Year, squash. This will also be the night we vote on what the 2014 Vegetable of the Year should be.



Hello neighbors,

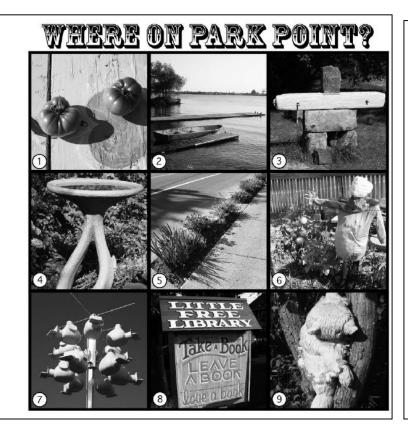
My name is Natalija and I would like to introduce myself as the new editor of the Breeze. Over the years I've enjoyed reading the Breeze. When I heard that Alan was looking for a replacement, I was happy to volunteer.

I grew up in Lester Park, build a career in fashion design in San Francisco, and moved back to Duluth five years ago to be closer to family. Currently I'm part of a new design team at maurice's corporate headquarters downtown. I feel lucky to have found such an exciting career opportunity here in my home town, with such an easy commute to allow a good work/life balance.

As editor I'm looking forward to contributing my skills in graphic design, photography and organization. I also want to invite each of you to contribute, anything from a full story, photograph or just the seed of an idea. Together we can continue to make this newsletter a gathering place for the whole neighborhood.

Please join me in thanking Alan for 10 years of dedicated service. Enjoy your new free time!
See you on the beach!
Natalija Walbridge

breezeeditor@gmail.com



Do you recognize these sights on Park Point? Do you know where they are? If not, take a walk, ride, or drive down the Point, and see how many you can find. If you get stuck, the answers are printed at the bottom of page 11. But don't cheat and look first!

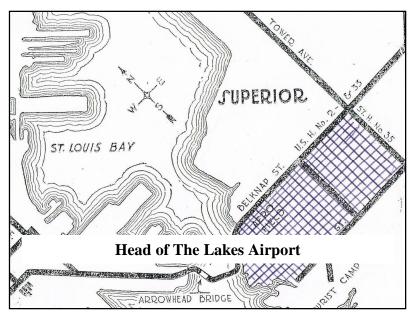
PARK POINT......NATURALLY

Maybe one of the readers of the Breeze can help me with a local mystery about what happened to an "aero landing field" in Superior named the Head of the Lakes Airport. According to this map it was built on 80 unpaved acres that abutted St. Louis Bay to the West, Belknap to the North and Tower Avenue to the East. The easiest access from Duluth was to follow Raleigh Street to the Arrowhead Bridge and onto Belknap.

It was a privately financed project of A.J. Hase, president of Arrowhead Airways, a building contractor who hoped his \$8,000.00 investment would attract passenger and airfreight business between the Twin Ports and the Twin Cities. He said other planes could also use the field. It was opened for business sometime in the 1920s. I could not find the exact date it was dedicated. I mention it in this column only because it opens speculation on what a successful airport at that location in Superior would have meant when the drive to create Sky Harbor was begun!

With no surveys to support my belief, I would bet that homes on the Point have the fewest (mechanical) air conditioners per capita of any location in Duluth---thanks to living on this cooling water of Lake Superior. Even when the new record high was set for the City in August, the cross- ventilation between my South and West windows kept me in a comfortable range, and by three AM I had to cover with a blanket.

Of course, living on a third floor helped capture the breeze. Except for the frequent sightings of a doe and her halfgrown twin fawns, this has been a summer of very limited numbers and species of waterfowl. Where the goose



population is concerned, that may be good news for some. They are messy neighbors while on the ground but I confess to being thrilled when they are airborne and fly very close to the windows of my apartment on their flight to feeding grounds---honking vigorously as they go.

The shorebirds are virtually absent along my waterfront; mallards and other ducks are rare and the big blue heron that had been a regular, came into my view only once. I haven't seen our resident beaver or the otter. I miss them all.

To satisfy a simple curiosity, I checked the license plates on cars in the recreation area the afternoon of August 23rd for states of origin. My unofficial survey, while not proving anything important, showed the beach was populated with visitors from nine states in addition to our own; Maine, South Dakota, Arkansas, Michigan, Arizona, Iowa, Florida, and Tennessee, plus more than a dozen from Wisconsin.

Copy by Glenn Maxham with technical assistance from Anita Neinstadt

Haunting The Point

Would you like to join a crew of goblins to create Haunted House? We have a large assortment of props and decorations but need extra hands to set up the house and/or dress in character for a neighborhood Halloween treat. Please contact Mary Braun at 281-213-4077 BraunKap@gmail.com

Street Ends – Where Are We Now?

Those platted but undeveloped street ends, extending to the lake and bay on both sides of the Point, are one of the thornier issues that the Small Area Plan group is dealing with. The City Council via the 1996 resolution determined that all the Street Ends on Park Point would be open to the public. Going further back, to when the bay was truly a working waterfront, all the Street Ends on the Bayside are "public dockage" per the City Charter. But there have been plenty of changes over the years. Prior to the 1996 resolution, the city vacated some of the street end, selling or transferring the property to adjacent property owners. But which ones, and how many? A few seem obvious, where garages and other buildings are built right on the street ends. You assume they had to be vacated before building permits were issued. But others are questionable. Places where residents park their cars, and have planted gardens, shrubs, and even built fences. The city has always allowed adjacent property owners to "use" the street ends. But there's a difference between using a street end, and blocking it, so others can't get through. The problem is, most people don't know which street ends have been vacated, and legally blocked off, and which remain public property, and should be accessible.

Through the Small Area Plan process, the Park and Recreation Commission would like to establish criteria to evaluate the street ends, and develop a consistent plan for access and appropriate block intervals. The concept is to have main access points with improvements. Access points would be ranked by their specifications. A Tier 1 access point would have restrooms, parking and waste receptacles with an improved and signed access point that would be promoted on a map. A Tier 2 access point would be a signed trail with some type of improvement like gravel. The access would have trees and shrubs along the trails edge to screen adjacent properties. Tier 3 access would be unimproved access points on existing street ends. This sounds like a good idea. But step one, it seems, would be to determine where we are right now.

Alan Dartanyan

Editor's Corner

Yes, it's true. After 91/2 years as Breeze editor (longer than the last 3 editors combined) I'm going to be giving up my corner. Hopefully you've already read the profile of incoming editor Natalija Walbridge on page 8. As much fun as I've had doing the Breeze – and I've had a lot – I'm really excited about this. Natalija will bring new energy and ideas to the Breeze, along with design skills and computer savvy that goes WAAAAY beyond anything I've been able to offer. I won't go quietly, though. I enjoy writing and taking pictures for the Breeze, I'm always seeing things that I think need to be covered, and I will continue to submit them. I'll even try to get them in before the deadline. Natalija helped me with this issue – those are her "where on Park Point" pictures and I'll help her with the next one, but then it will be her baby. And the Breeze will live on. (I was going to say "The Breeze will continue to blow", but somehow that doesn't sound right)

While I've still got a forum to expound from, I want to bring up again the street ends subject again. Balancing public access with privacy and security concerns is always a problem, and I know some residents don't want the general public to know their street end is a public access. But we do need to know. People need to know where they can and can't go, property owners need to know what they can and can't do. Knowledge can help prevent conflicts.

While Summer may be winding down, there's still lots happening on the Point: meetings, potlucks, races, etc. But with the first cod blasts of winter just around the corner, the beach will be ours again!

Growing Up On Park Point

Hello Breeze Readers!
I grew up on Park Point during the 1940's and 1950's and have written a personal memoir about my experiences on the Point. Limited copies are available for purchase through the Community Club for \$12 each with \$2 going to the CC. Should the copies be depleted, you may order directly from me using the order form below; I will see that the CC receives its due amount. Thank you for your interest!

Gloria (Glass) Stanton

Book:

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Where on Park Point answers:

- 1: Edible Garden Picnic table
- 2: Rowing Club dock
- 3: 25th St. Sculpture
- 4: Lafayette Garden birdbath
- 5: 29th St. boulevard
- 6: Edible Garden scarecrow
- 7: Edible Garden Martin

House

- 8: 28th St. lending library
- 9: 36th St. bear

The Breeze

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

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 Craig Lindberg 730-5727 clindberg@duluthmn.gov
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