



The Breeze *of Park Point*

Park Point Community Club Meeting

**Thursday, November 20,
7 PM**

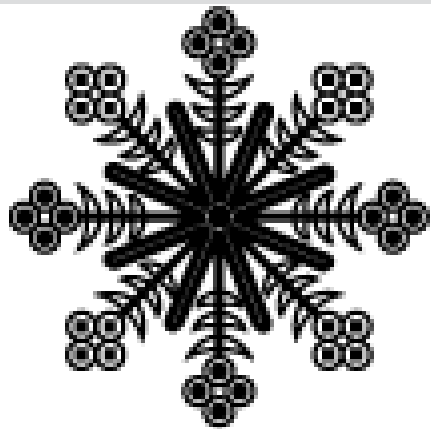
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**Park Point Garden Club
Wednesday, November 19
7 PM**

**Contact Diane Gould
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**Lafayette Edible Garden
Sunday, November 16,
5-7 PM
Lafayette Community Center**



**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.**

Friends of Pontlana Woods

Goal: Formal dedication and preservation of the existing 6-acre Lake Superior wetland situated along the Superior Bay shoreline of Minnesota Point (Park Point), to be rededicated as "The Thomas and Ella Pontlana Wetland Preserve." (Known informally as "Pontlana Woods.")

Location: Along the western shore of Minnesota Point, between 16th and 19th Streets. This parcel, presently interrupted by approximately ten residential lots and the street known as Harbor Cove Circle, is comprised of two sections: The northernmost portion extends westward from Minnesota Avenue to Lake Superior Bay, and is bounded on the north by 16th St., and Harbor Cove Circle on its southern edge. The second parcel extends southward from Harbor Cove Circle to the northern edge of the Shoreview and Bayfront Apartment complex. This section shares with its northern counterpart the same east/west parameters of Minnesota Ave. and Lake Superior Bay.

Significance: This beautiful, secluded forest constitutes the last significant habitat still unprotected on Minnesota Point. The property has never been developed. Primordial wetland, the area was enhanced in the 1930's by means of dredge-fill material from the nearby Superior Bay shipping lanes. Spoils were deposited into what was at the time mere swampland. Even with the added fill, the area remained low, bearing characteristics of the rare "three-season" wetlands contained within it. There is no evidence of any private ownership through history. The area is – as it has always been - public land.

About the woods: Strung like beads along Minnesota Point are several extraordinary natural areas that give the peninsula its unique character. These publicly-owned parcels provide habitat for numerous animal species, as well as critical refuge for migrating species ranging from Monarch butterflies to large raptors, as they confront the daunting obstacle of a Lake Superior passage. The five acres under discussion present greater ecological value than perhaps fifty acres further inland. Each of these habitat "beads" along Minnesota Point has its own character; together, they comprise a remarkable system. The Point's famous sand dunes, Southworth Marsh, the 350-year-old Pine Forest and its adjacent barrens...all combine to form the intricate ecosystem that comprises Duluth's much-loved Park Point. As one bead in the necklace, Pontlana Woods plays an important role in that system.

Milkweed, low reeds and many of the other 361 botanical species identified in 1998's Floristic Survey of Minnesota Point (pg. 8) edge current paths through the woods. Steps away from busy Minnesota Avenue, the area is still and quiet. This section of the Point is both sheltered from the wind and lush with the type of low brush that provides essential habitat not only for seasonal "resident" animal species, but for many smaller migrating creatures,

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Friends of Pontlana Woods continued

as well. The woods have long provided a favorite stop for both birds and birders.

About the Pontlianas: The quiet patience of Tom Pontlana was balanced by the energy and spark of his loving wife, Ella. Together, the couple shared their passion for nature and gardening with the Park Point community and contributed much toward changing it for the better. Their influence is still felt profoundly today. A generation of Park Point children were introduced to the joys of gardening through the Pontlianas' annual tomato plant giveaways. The couple, now deceased, lived near the woods and knew them very well.

Status: The site is currently under the administration of St. Louis County, and is held "in conservation." Conservation status neither protects nor formally recognizes this area, however; the designation is a clerical classification only. Protection efforts are ongoing. In 1978, a memorandum of understanding was reached between owners of the Bay Point apartment complex (immediately south of the woods), the City of Duluth, and the Park Point Community Club. Language in that agreement specified that the City of Duluth would continue to discourage development into the wetland, recognizing among other values its scenic value to Park Point. This same sentiment was echoed later via the Duluth Dept. of Planning & Development-sponsored Park Point Urban Impact Study (2004), as well as no fewer than six additional documents of record, including but not limited to the State of Minnesota's "Minnesota Point Protection Act" of 1996.

Future Plans: Ideas include development of an apiary (bee habitat), increased plantings of milkweed (the single food source of threatened monarch butterflies), educational signage & trail development. Additional suggestions and comment are welcome.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Johnson, with assistance from Ellen Dunlap and Gay Hooper

From the PPCC President

Summary Report of initial discussion regarding Park Point "street ends":

This month I'd like to share the comments posted on the "Best thing about living on Park Point is...", the board that neighbors created for our community picnic in early August. Thanks to Lyn Clark Pegg for facilitating this opportunity for neighbors to post their thoughts.

The Park Point Community Club Executive Board meets the Monday before the regular meeting to create the agenda for our monthly meeting. The board welcomes your input; contact any member of the board with your ideas, projects or comments.

Please check our website, parkpoincommunityclub.org for the latest updates on the county land sale, community events, information from the City and more. Thanks to all neighbors who share helpful information for posting on our site.

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From the PPCC President

Wonderful Neighbors~Lynette		A community surrounded by “neighbors” who really take time for each other and by water which is accessible for all.	
Access to outdoor activities everywhere you go	The Lake		
	Beautiful sunsets on the Bay!!~Rod, Pat & Tricia	Diversity	
Going to Lafayette~Owen S.		Great neighbors! Awesome Bridge! Beautiful beach! Super sunrises! Family!	
	Rowing	World’s Best Beach “After the Tourists Leave”	
Park Point Neighbors are My Family. Bay view is super.			Watching floatplanes
Watching Kids Play @ Tot Lot		Neighbors watch out for each other	Kindness! !family!
Spirit of Community	Pointers-We Love You ALL. Peace and Love, DANNY & LYNETTE	Lake, people!	Sunrises, Sunsets, Reading on the beach any day I want!
Sunrises		Smores on the beach	Playing in my yard and greeting neighbors
Water all around us!!	The warm winters		
	The view of the Big Bridge & lights across the Bay at night with their reflections on the water		So many Great Cooks & Great Folks in one spot... Our Point!
			~Beach~
No hills to bike up	Walking the beach		Watching boats of all kinds
		Living on “Island Time”	Nice Neighbors, Lake Access, Beautiful sunsets, Bright stars ~it’s home
Sunsets and wonderful neighbors ☺		OUTDOOR ACCESS	
The Beach in all weather	Playing in my yard and greeting neighbors	Small town feeling-Great neighbors	
Sunsets		Your Smile/or Wave	Staying up all night on the beach
Bay in the front... beach in the back	Smores on the beach	NEIGHBORS ARE FRIENDLY	
Charlene Shimmin’s Birthday on Aug. 10, “66”	Planning ahead so you don’t have to “leave the island”	Ready access to miles of sand beach!	

Dave Lavamaki has generously volunteered to work on the ice at Lafayette this winter. We are waiting to hear back from the City about their level of support for the rink. Pamela Page, Parks and Rec. Specialist, is working on getting the rink lights back in working order.

Wishing you all the best in your winter preparatory endeavors,
Dawn and Klaus (canine companion)

“The purpose of the Club is to work for the betterment of the Community and the welfare of its residents.”



Danny O'Neill posting his thought on the board.

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Do you ever stop and listen to God? Do you ever give God a chance to speak? All too often our prayer consists of our telling God what we need and when we need it. You don't have to speak, for silence is the atmosphere of prayer. Give God a few minutes a day and "listen to his voice."

Father of stillness, I want to come to you and hear your voice. Settle my mind and heart that I may hear your voice. In the sacred name of Jesus, Amen.

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Lafayette Community Edible Garden News

By the time you read this, many Park Pointers will have attended the Duluth Community Garden Program's Harvest Dinner on October 24. We anticipate many delicious recipes featuring the 2014 Vegetable of the Year, beans, and the camaraderie of dining with other community gardeners. At this annual dinner, we present our ideas for what should be the next year's Duluth Vegetable of the Year, and we have fun creatively promoting our favorite veggies.

At our November 16th monthly meeting and potluck dinner at Lafayette Square, we will uncork the kimchi fermenting guru Angela Krick showed us how to make at our September meeting. Join us as we taste this healthy concoction and also learn about permaculture from Chad Johnson.

These non-political, social dinners are a great way to meet your neighbors, make new friends, and learn a thing or two about Mother Nature. Our dinners are open to all Park Pointers – not just Community Garden members.
For more information, call Coral at 727-6455.

Don't forget, your leaves are needed for our compost bins. Bag up your raked leaves and leave them in the garden behind the "Leaves Wanted" sign at Lafayette Square.



Upcoming Events:

Sunday, November 16, 5 - 7 p.m.
Monthly potluck dinner. Chad Johnson will make a presentation on what permaculture is and reintroduce us to Sepp Holzer and his practices. Chad will share his projects at his Spirit Mountain Farm and premiere Sepp's new DVD, Desert or Paradise.

Sunday, December 21, 5 - 7 p.m.
Winter solstice social potluck dinner. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift for the gift exchange and join in the holiday fun.

Holiday Spirit in the Lights

This past month the weather has been fantastic for clearing out the gardens and prepping the buckets to make ice candles. Best of all, the mild fall days have been great for testing lights and beginning to pull the holiday light display together. This will be the 15th year I've opened my property for the lighting season. I wonder how many years I'll be able to do this but understand visiting the display has become a tradition for many.

As a community, Park Point has become a "destination drive" for many seeking to "get into the holiday spirit". Hopefully, this will encourage you to step up and help light the upcoming season. The last few seasons, it's been wonderful to get to meet so many Park Point neighbors. If you would like to pour cider, supervise roasting marshmallows or take care of a fire in the fire pit, please give me a call at 727-4527.

Official "lights on" will be Friday, December 5.
Weekday hours will be from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Weekends (Fri. and Sat.) 5:p.m. to 10 p.m.
Santa will be here every weekend 6:00 p.m. to 9:00.

Happy Lighting,
Marcia Hales
Facebook.....HOLIDAY SPIRIT IN THE LIGHTS
3738 Lake Avenue South



PPCC September Meeting Notes

September, 2014 minutes – a motion was made by Al Robins to approve the minutes as they appear in the Breeze. Bruce Rutherford seconded the motion. All ayes from the membership.

Treasurers report – Al Robins

Al gave the treasurers report, stating as of 10/1/14 there was \$43,343 in the bank. He reviewed where we were the past few months versus one year ago. The club is spending money on projects, which is great! Mentioned that \$5000 will be spent towards a new building for the boat club. A motion was made by Tom Rauschenfels to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded. All ayes from the membership.

Standing Committee Reports:

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

No cards sent this month.

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Park Point received a Minnesota State Arts Board Grant for 2015. This grant will give money to increase programming and advertising to potentially grow the Art Fair. The 2015 theme for the Fair is "Lake Superior and the Environment". A motion was made by Ted Buck to approve the "Art Fair budget for 2015. Tom Rauschenfels seconded the motion. All ayes from the membership.

Hospitality Committee – Ted Buck & Diane Gould

Thanks for putting on the coffee and for the delicious cookies!

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

No organized program tonight. Stay tuned for upcoming events.

Watch Committee – That's all of us

No new neighbors. No new crime reports. Brief discussion on some possible trouble areas with a reminder to please call 911 to report anything suspicious.

Youth Committee – Liz Mackay

Nothing to report at this time.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

Nothing to report at this time.

Rummage Sale Committee – Dave Lavamaki

Nothing to report at this time.

Other Business:

Unfinished Business / Street Ends:

Update was given by Bill Long and Judy Dwyer. They are reviewing the emails and gathering data. The goal is to try to bring the community together on this issue. This group will continue to update the club on its progress.

New Business:

Gay Hooper talked about the sale of numerous parcels of land along the bay between 12th and 19th streets, which is currently under consideration by St. Louis County. A neighborhood group has requested an Environmental Impact Statement. Discussion about postponing the land auction for a year so studies can be done. Contact information for Gay is on the website if anyone is interested in more information.

Skating Rink:

Dave Lavamaki is volunteering to maintain the rink this winter. Additional help will be needed!

Volunteer Party:

Al Robins recommends we have a party to honor all the volunteers who gave of their time in various ways on Park Point this past year. We could hold the party in January 2015 for volunteers and a guest each. Ideas might include Pizza and another keg of our Park Point beer!

S curve sign:

Rory Strange proposed having a sign committee to review community requests for special dates and events to be posted. Letter from the City submitted to the club president and it will be reviewed prior to making a decision.

Park Point history:

Judy Dwyer requested some Park Point history to be included in the Breeze each month or to have a special program to spotlight our unique and interesting neighborhood.

Motion made to adjourn by Dave Johnson. Judy Dwyer Seconded. All ayes from the membership. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Strange

Park Point Garden Club: Protecting Your Trees for Winter


An excellent summary for protecting trees from winter damage is available at the UM website: <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/trees-shrubs/protecting-from-winter-damage/>


In summary, snow depths and temperature fluctuations affect damage. Sun can activate the cambium and when the temperature drops it kills the active tissue. This damage can be averted by wrapping the tree, especially new or young trees.

Evergreens need to be properly placed when planting, avoiding southern sides of a house. Propping large boughs can help or use a burlap wrap on south or windward sides of evergreens. Leave the tops open for air and light to penetrate. Roots do not become dormant in winter. To encourage fall root growth and reduce injury, water heavily before the ground freezes. Check for cracks in the surrounding soil and fill them. Heaving from freeze and thaw can be avoided with a 4 to 6 inch layer of mulch. The lowest branches, called "leaders," can be wrapped together, or wrapped with stripes of carpet or nylon stockings. Keep rodents from the base of trees using a cylinder of ¼ inch metal-mesh, or plastic tree wrap that extends 2 to 3 inches to thwart smaller rodents or 1½ to 2 feet to prevent damage from rabbits. The Park Point Garden Club welcomes visitors to meetings.

Please call President Diane Gould at 727-4067 for information.



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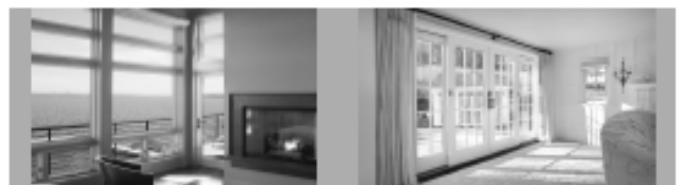


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This reminder comes from Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program, which also points out that stormwater run-off is the largest single source of pollution in the Upper Great Lakes - even greater than industrial contaminants or fertilizers. When the abundant leaves, lawn clippings and other plant materials that surround us in autumn are allowed to rot in the forest or decay slowly in your compost bin or garden, they do indeed return essential plant nutrients to the soil. When left along the curb, however, these same materials deposit enormous amounts of phosphorus and other pollutants directly into the Lake, as they enter untreated through city storm sewers. Please remember to do your part by removing leaves & pine needles from the curb, sidewalk and other paved surfaces in front of your home, and take a moment to clear the storm grate nearest you. NEVER rake plant materials into the street! The Coastal Program makes these additional suggestions regarding stormwater runoff:

1. Keep streets, gutters, and storm drains clean - never use them for dumping.
2. Compost yard waste or take it to the WLSSD collection site. (Or PP Community Garden.)
3. Wash vehicles at the car wash or on your lawn.
4. Clean up after your pets.
5. If you live on the shoreline, plant a buffer of native vegetation.
6. Garden for water quality: use a rain barrel, plant a rain garden, minimize the use of fertilizer and herbicides.
7. Keep your car in good condition - fix leaks.

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Park Point.....Naturally

What a delight! It was a few minutes before sunset on October 15...near the end of a rare and indescribably beautiful fall afternoon, when I saw isolated ripples on an otherwise calm bay. At first glance, I wrongly assumed it was the work of bluebills coming up for air after diving for fish. Instead, twin otters about fifty yards off shore moved at a leisurely pace in a routine that took them underwater for about a minute before surfacing in tandem. They briefly engaged in a bit of "play fighting." Like kids in a back yard pool, they dove under after a few seconds and kept repeating the routine on a straight-line course from south to north. They paused briefly when popping up for air but didn't hiss - as they usually do when encountering humans. With its luxurious dark fur, comical behavior, and usually gentle disposition, the otter is the "darling" of wildlife watchers. Though highly unusual, otter may attack humans, especially if intruders are too close to the den or newborn kits. They are rarely seen within the city limits but are not unknown in the harbor.



Two years ago, I took video of a large adult as it gorged on the mangled remains of a trophy-size Northern Pike that had washed ashore a day before. Northerns are the largest aquatic carnivore in the north country (males may reach a maximum of thirty pounds), but most males and females weigh only half that much. While maneuvering underwater at full speed to catch up with a fleeing fish (they can out-swim almost every species) they resemble a serpent. They prefer fish but when that prey is scarce, they will grab a small turtle or break open a clam.

Last winter, a handsome otter popped up through an opening in the ice close to the one created by the fire department's emergency water source. It slipped under water and surfaced several times with a mouth full of fish while a pair of crows tried to sneak a morsel.

It's that time of the year when many of us look out our windows each morning when daylight finally comes to see if the ground is white. I recall more than one September in the past sixty years when we were blessed (or cursed) with that cold symbol of an early fall. Nevertheless, Mother Nature has made amends this October for the misery of a very short spring. On the last Sunday of October, I spent most of the day basking in 70-degree weather on my balcony...proof that small miracles do happen.

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with technical assistance from Anita Neinstadt

Lafayette Rentals

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Rowing Club News

The Duluth Rowing Club wrapped up its regatta season with some nice crew efforts at both the Head of the Mississippi on October 5th, and at the largest regatta in the world: Head of the Charles in Boston, Massachusetts on October 18 & 19. In the 5 kilometer race in Minneapolis, Greg Peterson and Tom Rauschenfels won the Master Men's Double, and then teamed up with Jenny Peterson and Bonnie Fuller-Kask to win the Mixed Master Quad. Jenny, Bonnie, Gretchen Madsen, Patti Harvieux and coxswain Bria Kask also rowed their Master Women's Four+ to a first place finish. Tom Griggs and Arvid Brekke were third in the Master Men's Double and Cathy Ham and Lorraine Turner were second in the Master Women's Double events. Former DRC junior and now freshman rower at the U of M, Hans Slade, was a first place medal winner in both the Novice 4+ and 8+ events. The races all took place on a river filled with current and headwinds, which made for rowing that is often similar to what is faced right here on either the Superior Front Channel or over on the lake side of the Point. Two weeks later, the superb training and conditioning of Jenny, Bonnie, Patty, Gretchen, and Bria paid off with a 5th place finish out of 52 teams, ages 50 - 59, in Boston at the 5 kilometer Head of the Charles Regatta. The picture shown is the five of them with their medals.

A big thank you is extended to the Park Point community for all the support and interest shown in the 2014 DRC rowing season. The Boathouse is "officially" closed on October 22nd with the removal of docks, coach boats, inside racks and storage. There will still be "wet-launching" of shells right up until ice formation, so don't be surprised to see the occasional rower along the Park Point shore. Permitting is still happening to satisfy both MN DNR and City codes for the new boathouse, but hopes are that construction will start prior to next season. After the first of the year, check out duluthrowing.org for next season's Learn to Row classes, regatta schedules, and rowing news. And again, many thanks for the shiny paper donations to the dumpster outside the boathouse.

Tom Rauschenfels



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- * Washington Studio Art Sale, 12/6

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Park Point Art Fair awarded 2015 MN Arts Board Grant

We are excited to announce the Park Point Art Fair (PPAF) received a 2015 Minnesota State Arts Board Grant in the amount of \$21,612. The arts board grant provides the Park Point Community Club (PPCC) a unique opportunity to invest into statistical analysis, promotions and marketing, equipment, outreach and strategic partnerships in ways the club could not otherwise do. The art fair will also reinvest its revenue generated in 2015 to match the Arts Board contributions. As we do, the input and values of the PPCC and its Arts Committee will guide the process.

Here are some highlights from the grant application which explain our intentions for 2015:

- The PPAF will build on its success in bringing multiple artistic disciplines together during the weekend for demonstration, hands on activity and performance. Activities will in part capitalize on the uniqueness of the venue and its environmental significance to Minnesotans through its interconnectedness with proximity to Lake Superior.
- We will provide two unique experiences meant to broaden audiences' understanding of who makes art, why, and how its influenced by Minnesota environment and culture: First, an iron pour by arts collective, the Common Language, will allow fairgoers to participate and express ideas about Lake Superior and it's future sustainability. Second, a printing activity by MN Center for the Book Arts will lead fairgoers in the use of a letter press printer. The end product will feature the newly designed PPAF logo, with opportunities to personalize the design.
- PPAF will also seek to add new innovative partnerships and collaborations with local organizations serving multiple purposes that benefit the community; this constitutes our brand. The PPAF intends to increase brand awareness through collaborations that happen year-round. Collaborations this grant will help to fund include those with local area schools, The Duluth Public Library, Miller Dawn Foundation, Common Language and the Lake Superior Youth Chorus.
- A yearlong exhibit at the Duluth Public Library or another public building will serve to remind the local community of the art fair, year round. To reach new audiences, we have already participated in the 2014 ARTcetera fundraiser, together with the Duluth-Superior Sailing Association and South Pier Inn, to offer the Park Point Experience: a sail around the Bay to the art fair, where you have dinner with the artists and are returned for a night at the Inn. In auction, this gift raised \$360 for the Miller Dwan Foundation while promoting our event among individuals who are serious about art collecting. We will continue to reach new audiences by hosting a Youth Art Tent and partnering with The Lake Superior Youth Chorus. We hope collaborations like these will increase our volunteer base. We would like to recruit new volunteers from other geographic areas (beyond the Point) and from other age categories. While we have experience on our side, it is imperative we bring in new people.
- The grant will also help develop a longer term plan to evaluate the data, include major stakeholders in the process and revise measures. Two professors from the University of Minnesota St Paul campus experienced in survey and data collection will help with this process. Part of our agreement includes training volunteers, developing a plan for data collection and interpreting and reporting the data.

The arts are important to our community and to our future. The arts enrich our lives and engage people from different backgrounds and generations in rich dialogues about who we are, where we come from and what is important to us. The State Arts Board recognizes the importance of the arts, and that is why they offer these opportunities. I am glad to live in a community that also recognizes the importance of the arts and comes together to support local artists once a year in what is a wonderful and positive get together. Thank you for being a part of the Park Point Art Fair.

Learn more at our new website, parkpointartfair.org, and become a friend at [Facebook.com/parkpointartfair](https://www.facebook.com/parkpointartfair)

To get involved with the PPCC Art Fair Committee, please contact chair jakekapsner@yahoo.com or coordinator@parkpointartfair.org

Submitted by Carla Tamburro, PPAF Coordinator



Spring and Fall

Margaret. are you grieving
Over Golden grove unleaving?
Leaves, like the things of man, you
With your fresh thoughts care for, can you?
Ah! as the heart grows older
It will come to such sights colder
By and by, nor spare a sigh
Though worlds of wanwood leafmeal lie;
And yet you will weep and know why.
Now no matter, child, the name:
Sorrow's springs are the same.
Nor mouth had, no nor mind, expressed
What heart heard of, ghost guessed:
It is the blight man was born for,
It is Margaret you mourn for.

Gerard Manley Hopkins 1887
Submitted by Warren Howe

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A Reminder for Snowbirds, Vacation Rental Owners, and Others

Who Escape to Warmer Places

Now is the time to make arrangements for winter snow removal. Duluth City Ordinance requires that ice and all snows exceeding 2" be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours, whether or not you're in residence. It is not OK to leave your summertime neighbors to fend for themselves, forced into the street in the pathway of oncoming autos while you're gone! "Community" extends through the winter months, and means much more than Edible Gardens and beachside campfires at sunset. Please remember to take care of your snow removal obligations before your departure. (And send us postcards while you're away...the rest of us are guaranteed to be jealous!)

[P.S. - If you're in the business of providing wintertime services, don't forget to advertise in next month's issue of the Breeze.]

How to Make Your Windows Bird-Safe

Have you noticed neighbors who have tape on their windows? Here's the explanation..

The blue tape seemed to stop the poor birds bashing into our windows. I put the tape up after looking at birding websites. The purpose of the tape was to break up the reflection on the windows. On windows like ours, which are highly reflective, the birds think they are flying into sky or trees or (on the other side of our house, water and sky). The tape was put up to break that reflection up. A couple websites recommended that the strips of tape be put over the whole window, 4 inches apart.

Both Wildwoods and Birdsavers recommend "wind curtains" in front of windows. The Birdsavers website both offers pre-made wind curtains AND instructions for making them yourself.

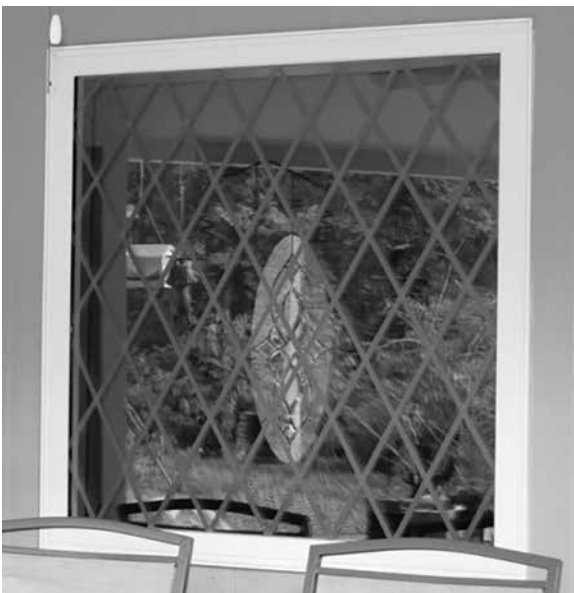
Even though I purchased the supplies to make the wind curtains, so many birds were flying into the windows that I decided to put up the tape because I didn't have time to make and put the curtains up, even though they are very simple to make. We have the reflective stickers sold to prevent birds strikes already on the windows, but I think there were simply too many birds during the migration. After I put the tape on there were no more dead and wounded birds in either our driveway or backyard.



The website with the instructions is:
www.Birdsavers.com

More information is available at these sites:
http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/bird_safe_windows.html
<http://www.abcbirdtape.org/index.html>

Shirley A Reiersen



The Breeze

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P.O. Box 16326

Duluth, MN 55816-0326



Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

Got (non-emergency) issues you'd like to discuss, but don't know whom to call?

Here are some helpful contacts:

Lift Bridge Supervisor 728-3387

Community Police Officer Craig Lindberg 730-5727 Lindberg@duluthmn.gov

Parks Maintenance Division: 730-4491 (after hours 730-4150)

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

City Councilor Sharla Gardner: 724-4701 sharla.gardner@gmail.com



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