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# The Breeze of Park Point

#### Candidates' Forum

Tuesday, October 13th, Event starts at 7 p.m. Meet and Greet at 6:30 Lafayette Community Center

#### Park Point Community Club Meeting

Thursday, October 15th, 7 p.m. Social at 6:30 Lafayette Community Center

#### Lafayette Edible Garden

Sunday, October 18th 5 to 7 p.m. potluck dinner Lafayette Community Center

#### Park Point Garden Club

October 22, 2015 at 5:30 Clean Lafayette Garden for winter Call Harriet Meagher 722-6762

# Share the Love Concert - Chum Lunches

Sunday, November 1st
Music by Bill & Laurie Bastian
Desserts at 4 pm
Music at 4:30 pm
Silent Auction
St Andrews by the Lake
Episcopal Church

# 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.

# Duluth Rowing Club Regatta

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The 2015 edition of the Duluth Rowing Club "Death Row" ended up being very similar to last year's regatta. The morning of September 13th dawned sunny and bright, but windy and rough, with winds out of the southwest, so the traditional 26-kilometer row from the Boathouse on Park Point, up the St. Louis River to Mike Cochran's home in Fond du Lac, was quickly altered. Instead, the event was switched to a 19-kilometer row, utilizing turning buoys on the Point side of both North and South Entries. What makes this race interesting is that all rowing shells line up together for a shotgun start, whereas most long distance rowing features shells passing through a starting hate one at a time, with each shell getting a finish time based on its total elapsed time.

Approximately 80 rowers from Duluth, Thunder Bay, Green Bay and St. Paul competed in eights, fours, quads, doubles, and singles with the addition of a kayak. Athletes taking part included juniors through 70+ year-olds; boys, girls, college crews, and master men and women. First to finish was a Duluth mixed quad averaging 60 years old, consisting of Park Pointers Greg and Jenny Peterson, Tom Rauschenfels, and DRC head coach Bonnie Fuller-Kask. Their finish time was 1:16:20. After everyone had finished, rowers, safety boat drivers, race organizers, and timers were treated to a fabulous spaghetti lunch furnished by Diane Cochran, with additional pot luck provided by DRC members. A great time was had by all on a picture-perfect Park Point sunny day on the beach side of our fabulous island.

Closing of the Boathouse will occur on October 11th, although DRC members will be traveling to Des Moines, Minneapolis, Boston and Philadelphia for season-ending 5-kilometer river races, stretching into the last week of October. Thanks again for all the support this season shown by the residents of Park Point to the DRC!

Submitted by Tom Rauschenfels

#### The Breeze

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#### **Please Join Your Neighbors**

on Tuesday, Oct. 13th, at Lafayette Community Center as Candidates for the Positions of

Third District City Councilor (Park Point and Central Hillside) and

Councilor-at Large

participate in a moderated Candidates' Forum

Questions submitted by more than two dozen Park Pointers have been already been mailed to candidates to allow for their review and preparation. Additional questions will also be taken from the floor as time allows.

Come one, come all for what promises to be a lively evening!



### Time to Change a Long-time Tradition?

At the August 20th Community Club Meeting, a proposal was made to change PPCC meeting nights from the third Thursday of each month to the third Tuesday. As the present scheduling is specified in the Club's bylaws, such an alteration would require a vote of approval from the membership.

This proposal has been considered numerous times over the past several years, although specific action had not been taken prior to the August meeting, when attendees moved to post this recommendation in the Breeze. The reasoning behind such an adjustment is that our City Councilors are currently unable to attend PPCC meetings due to scheduling complications of their own; they are required to attend agenda-setting sessions on Thursdays. The hope is that altering the meeting night might encourage greater participation in Park Point issues on the part of City Councilors. Those members present on August 20th voted to post this suggestion in the Breeze, with further discussion planned for the October 15th meeting.

For questions, contact Dawn at parkpointcc@gmail.com



## **Letter from the PPCC President**

I very recently had an experience of learning new things about old Park Pointers by happenstance. What started last fall as a curiosity about the new Keene Creek bridge on Highland Street led to Oneota Cemetery and the grave site of the first white Park Point settler. I had located the grave site of the pioneer who set up a trading post near the old Minnesota Point lighthouse in 1852. In many stories and articles about Park Point, the surveyor George Stuntz is frequently mentioned. I have seen references to Stuntz's Point, then Minnesota Point, in describing his log cabins and the dock site he developed on the bay. The Internet provides the opportunity to quickly satisfy curiosities and get answers, which often leads to more questions. I am still wondering how George Stuntz died penniless and lay in an umarked grave for years before recognition by the "Old Settlers Association"

for his accomplishments as a major promoter of the "northwest." His work as an expert surveyor and his eye for opportunities lured many speculators and investors to seek and make their fortunes in lumber, shipping, railroads, and mining in Duluth, northern Wisconsin, and on the Iron Range. There are more related curiosities that remain; I may let you know what else I find out about Mr. Stuntz's activities on Park Point in future ramblings. Do I recall correctly that his persona exists in the book, *Captain Juniper*, which is a good, historical read about Park Point? (Margaret Ann Hubbard, 1947) I'll have to check that out.

With the eyes of investors set on the potential resources of Lake Superior shorelines, relocation plans for the native population came into focus. Have you heard of Chief Buffalo? I have discovered a parallel story from 1852, the same year Stuntz settled down here. Chief Buffalo, at age 93, left Madeline Island on April 5, 1852. With a small team, he traveled 1,150 miles over two months' time by canoe, steamboat and train from Washington, D.C. in hopes of avoiding war over the Sandy Lake Tragedy. President Taylor had signed an order calling for the removal of Lake Superior Chippewa based on alleged treaty violations; the outcome was the death of hundreds of Ojibwe people. Chief Buffalo traveled on an epic journey to sort out the charges of treaty violation and avoid conflict - at 93 years of age.

My original bridge quest was inspired by a meeting of the community club presidents at the Iron Mug Coffee House, last August. Kathy Resberg (from Irving Rec. Center) mentioned a new bridge that would be going up due to the devastation of the floods. She said that this bridge had a design feature that was unique to Minnesota and was located near the Oneota cemetery. Kathy's comment caught my attention because the students where I work had been studying bridge design and had built a small bridge for a western section of the Superior Hiking Trail. I did find the bridge last

weekend. It is constructed of five, poured concrete I-beams and is the longest bridge of that type in Minnesota. A section of the Superior Hiking Trail crosses under the bridge for a good look at the construction. Life is full of comments that may get our attention, present opportunities, and offer journeys to discovery.

Best wishes for thought provoking journeys, Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

P.S. I look forward to seeing you at the City Council Candidates' Forum at Lafayette on October 13th. Coffee, Conversation and PPCC Signature Civility Cookies at 6:30 pm; Forum at 7:00 pm



## PPCC Minutes for September 17th, 2015

The September meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.; Vice President John Sargent presiding. Noting the low city-wide turnout in the previous week's primary (17%), John introduced guest speakers Andrew Bleman and Henry Helgen, who were speaking in favor of Ranked Choice Voting. Members present voted to suspend the regular meeting in favor of hearing both their presentation and that of an opponent of the measure, which is to appear on the November ballot. Points made in favor of the proposal include, according to their organization, "The Better Ballot Campaign:"

- financial savings to the City \$45,000, according to Mayor Ness' Task Force on Ranked Choice Voting; \$38,000 according to Jeff Cox, City Clerk. These numbers are based on the assumption that primary elections would be eliminated. [These figures, he conceded following later questions from the audience, would occur only in those limited situations wherein only City of Duluth issues and offices were involved. In any situation where state-wide or national offices were on the ballot, a primary would still be held.]
- broader representation by allowing voters a second and third choice, there could be greater gender and racial equality, in part because the campaigns themselves would be less costly
- reduction in negative campaigning, due to candidates' need to reach beyond their base for second- and third-choice votes; candidates risk losing those votes when they attack their opponents

In Duluth, 1800 signatures from registered voters were required in order to place this issue on the ballot; their group obtained more than 3000. New voting machines purchased in 2010 are capable of accommodating RCV. Following testing of the "one person, one vote" principle in the MN Supreme Court, the system was introduced and has been used successfully, according to Bleman, in both St. Paul and Minneapolis, where 85% of those voting in the most recent mayoral election believed the system to be simple to use. Members present spent the next 25 minutes asking questions and trying to clarify the method as explained by both Bleman and Helgan.

Speaking against this initiative was City Councilor Nick Filipovich, who was representing no specific organization, but rather spoke on behalf of both himself and several other City Councilors and citizens. He noted the City Charter's directive, as well as the dictates of state and federal law, states that ballots must be "clear, concise and accurate." He feels that this would be difficult to achieve under RCV. The system would take considerable time away from the regular duties of the Council and the City Clerk's office both annually and in each election cycle, and would take away valuable decision-making time on critical administrative actions.

Those who have additional questions about Ranked Choice Voting can view a debate between Filipovich and Helgan which was broadcast on WDSE's program, "Almanac North." It can be viewed on their web page. Voter information about the process may also be obtained through the League of Women Voters, and is likewise discussed widely online.

#### **Committee Reports**

August Minutes - Minutes from last month approved without alteration or objection.

**Communications** - 1) Correspondence from Third District Candidate for City Council Em Westerlund, who thanked us for the opportunity to speak at last month's meeting.

2) Letter from Doug and Jody Dieterman, who wrote in defense of the Rummage Sale. More than \$4K was raised during last June's PPRS and donated toward research on cystic fibrosis.

#### Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Al Robbins

Al reported a total of just over \$36K in the Club's main account, with \$5,111 remaining in the Art Fair account, out of which nearly all expenses have been paid. The combined balance for both is \$41,124. Motion made to approve; seconded and passed without dissent.

#### Watch Committee - all of us

John Schmidt spoke on behalf of Chelly Townsend. The City's Planning Department has decided to rename Tier II Access Points to "Neighborhood Pedestrian Access Points," with the idea that all such sites would be available for use by neighbors, but would not be enhanced by signage or other improvements. The City's Study Group visited most of the sites along the point, and assessed them according to an agreed-upon list that evaluated such areas as aesthetics, traffic, health/safety or other hazards, environmental impact, utility issues, etc.

#### Rummage Sale - Dave Lavakaki

No report

#### Art Fair - Carla Tamburo

No report

**Youth -** Al Robins spoke on behalf of Liz Mackay. Representatives of the Exec. Board and the Youth Committee met on September 13th to address specifically two letters of complaint that were received from parents of children who participated in the program last summer. Most parents have reported high ratings of approval, according to Al, including one of the complainants. They are in the process of preparing a letter of response.

#### Sunshine - Pam Griggs

Pam was not present, but reported to Dawn that two cards were sent in the past month.

#### **Environmental Committee - Dick Gould**

Dick reported considerable activity on the part of beavers on Hearding Island, as well as increased bird counts along the Point. He feels the latter to be due at least in part to the success of the Club's planting of several thousand trees over the past 15-20 years.

#### Program Committee - Dave Poulin

Ideas are always welcome.

#### Breeze - Natalija Walbridge

Not present, but Dawn reported there were no new issues requiring action.

#### Hospitality - Diane Gould/Ted Buck

Diane specifically thanked our quest, Henry Helgen, for adding to our usual "stash" of cookies.

Motion to approve committee reports made and seconded; approved without dissent.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- 1) Second vote required to contribute \$214 to spend over and above what was already allocated for the Summer **Youth Program**, in order to clear up any remaining bills for expenses. Al Robins reminded us that this is substantially less than the \$600 the Club typically allocates. Motion passed without dissent.
- 2) **Candidates' Forum** Dave Poulin and Ellen Dunlap again passed out slips to encourage members to submit questions for the October 13th Forum, when our two District 3 and four At-large Candidates for City Council are expected to participate. Ellen reported that the five-member committee working on this has received approx. 25 written questions generated by nearly 20 individuals. She expects more to come in before the committee makes its final selections.

#### 3) Pontliana Woods - Dave Johnson

Team members reported a resounding success in obtaining an 8:1 vote from the City Council supporting the preservation of "Parcel 9" as a Wetlands Preserve. Councilor Gardner will be joining others at next week's St. Louis County Board Meeting in the hope of convincing that body to refrain from selling this land. The Pontliana Woods designation is not new, Dave reminded us. Rather, they have assembled a packet of more than 20 prior letters, regulations, formal requests, legal actions, and other recommendations coming from City, County, State (DNR), and Federal governments (US Corps of Engineers), a bi-state committee, and others recommendations going back over a period of more than 30 years - all of which strongly support holding this land in conservation. Dave encourages Club members to call, write or email County Commissioners, whose addresses are found easily online.

- 4) **Park and Recreation Commission -** Park Pointer John Schmidt is a city-wide representative on the P & R Commission, and reported on several recent actions of that group:
  - Lafayette, which is a City of Duluth-owned building, will be undergoing a complete audit of its condition and maintenance needs coming up soon.
- The City is currently performing a comprehensive review of city parks for likely rezoning and preservation as parkland.

Bob Swanson spoke of the dangers to safety and vehicles integrity due to the City's failure to properly set up the construction site around pumping station construction at 8th Street. The storm drains need to be lifted, he stated; many others agreed. Councilor Filipovitch, who remained at the meeting thru the end, asked several questions, made notes and promised to get back to Dawn on this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Compiled by Nancy Olson with the assistance of Ellen Dunlap

#### Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church 2002 Minnesota Ave 722-3078

#### To See Thee More Clearly

One year when our children were young, we took a trip to the Black Hills area where we stopped to tour a cave that was advertised to be one of the deepest in the world. At one point, the guide turned off his lantern so we could experience absolute darkness. Two people found the situation so frightening, that they had to be escorted out of the cave.

Sometimes we have to experience the total lack of something before we appreciate how much we depend on it. Like the sun, God's light is always there, but we can put ourselves in a position where we don't let it penetrate our hearts. Rage, resentment and jealousy all block the love and mercy that we most need and keep us from seeing a person or situation clearly. It is in those moments that we make the choice to stay in the darkness or call out for light.

Terri Mifek

"Send forth your light and your fidelity: they shall lead me on . . ." Psalm 43:3

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Saturday, Oct. 10, 10:00 a.m. Share the Vision

Join this discussion of our service and outreach activity as we energize our mission

Sunday, Nov. 1, 4:00 p.m., Share the Love Concert and Basket Auction

Proceeds benefit our CHUM meals program. Desserts at 4:00, then

Bill and Laurie Bastian in Concert at 4:30

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# "Your curb or gutter is really the shore of Lake Superior"

This reminder comes from Minnesota's Lake Superior Costal 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 strom sewers. Please remember to do your part by removing leaves and 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 Costal Prorgam 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 the 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 vegitation.
- 6. Garden for water quality: use a rain barrel, plant a rain garden, minimize use of fertilizers and herbicides.
- 7. Keep your car in good condition fix leaks.

Contact 218-529-3281 or www.lakesuperiorstreams.org for further information.

## Lafayette Community Edible Garden News

For the next few months the programs at our community garden potluck dinners will focus on our own members' knowledge, and should be lots of fun. We kicked this off at our September potluck, where several members shared information about easy ways to preserve our harvest.

Denny Johnson outlined the University of Minnesota Extension Services's Master Gardener program, one of which is organized in south St Louis County. He advised us on the best way to store potatoes: First, knock off any large chunks of dirt, but don't wash them. Allow them to rest at room temperature for several weeks, and then keep them at 50° for two to three weeks. Finally, store them for up to 6 months at 40° in dry conditions, with average humidity.

Susan Peters talked about pesto. A puree of 3 cloves of garlic, 3 cups basil leaves (or other herbs or greens), 1/3 cup pine nuts or other nuts, 1/3 cup olive oil and 1/3 cup Parmesan or Pecorino cheese, pesto can be used as a condiment or finishing sauce. When using sturdier greens, such as kale, blanching them first will yield a smoother pesto. Another trick to remove garlic's pungent taste is to blanch it before pureeing.

LeAne Rutherford shared her jelly recipe using the Dolgo crabapples found on Park Point. Fill a 1-gallon pot with clean Dolgo crabapples and fill with water. Bring to a boil and simmer until the apples burst and release their flavor. Mash them a little with a potato masher. Strain them, discarding the pulp, and about four cups of juice should remain. Boil the juice for 5 minutes, skimming off any impurities and foam that rises to the top. Stir in 3 cups of sugar and boil to 222°. Pour into sterilized glass jars, cool, cap and refrigerate. Keeps two months in the refrigerator.

It's the time of year when most folks are doing yard cleanup. 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.

If you have any questions about our monthly potluck dinners or community garden, call Coral, at 727-6455.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Sunday, October 18th, 5 to 7 p.m. monthly potluck dinner and discussion of the success of our 2015 garden; make plans for our 2016 garden.
- Sunday, November 15th, 5 to 7 p.m. monthly potluck dinner birthday celebration for our garden's 5th year of production. Member Lyn Pegg will present a history of our garden.
- Sunday, December 20th, 5 to 7 p.m. Holiday potluck dinner and party.

Submitted by Susan Peters

# Park Point Garden Club: Tender Bulbs

Maybe you haven't heard of these before. "Tender bulbs" such as dahlias (pictured), begonias, cannas, calla lillies and caladium cannot survive in the ground during our winters. Dig carefully, so that you don't "skin" the bulbs or cut their roots. Loosen the roots gently with a spade, allowing for several inches of root to be lifted with the bulb. Gently clean the bulbs, and find a spot for them to "cure" somewhere out of direct sunlight. They can be placed on a screen and allowed to dry for 1-3 days. Gladiolas need much longer, about three weeks. After the bulbs have been allowed to dry,



package them in newspaper or paper bags - make sure the bulbs aren't touching each other (to prevent any spread of rot) and store them in ventilated containers at around 50 degrees F. Check on the bulbs over the winter, and remove any diseased plants. In the spring, they'll be ready to replant!

New members or visitors are always welcome at PPGC meetings. Please call President Harriet Meagher, 722-6762, for information.

Submitted by Kristelle Miller



A checklist to see if a **Reverse Mortgage** might make sense for you.

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## Park Point.....Naturally



Having lived in Duluth for 62 years—18 of them on the Point—I thought I knew almost everything there is to know about the Aerial Lift Bridge. I was wrong. It wasn't exactly an earth-shaking revelation, but quite interesting, nonetheless, to learn there are navigational signal lights on the top of the bridge. My thanks to Ed Parzych, who works for the Corps of Engineers, for alerting me this information.

We don't see them when driving over the span. Obviously, they are not there to serve motorists. They inform boat operators visually, principally captains of the big lake carriers, of the movement of water into or out of the canal.

Actually, there are two sets of lights, according to Corps of Engineers District Engineer Lt. Colonel Thomas Magness. Just like those at road intersections on land, they glow in red, yellow, or green to convey data on "water current conditions." Unlike riverflow, the current in the canal can be flowing out or in! As the outlet for the St. Louis River into Lake Superior, the canal generally flows east. Off-lake winds, on the other hand, can blow water to the west and into the harbor. To ensure safe passage, if you were at the helm of a "thousand footer" with only a few yards of space to keep you from banging into the concrete walls, it is imperative to know precisely what conditions prevail.

Here is the key: Yellow indicates less than 1 MPH inbound or outbound. Steady red shows 1 MPH to 3 MPH for inbound traffic. Steady green means the movement is less than 1 MPH to 3 MPH outbound. Flashing red reveals there is a current of 3 MPH or greater facing inbound vessels. Finally, flashing green indicates greater than 3 MPH for outbound ships. As a backup, the status can be checked by telephone: (218) 726-0930

Some time ago, I passed on an idea on quite a different subject, yet related to the Bridge. It didn't elicit feed-back at that time, but I feel it's worth proposing once more—the motivation sparked by a recent visit from my Texas grandson. He joined hundreds of others at the canal, the majority of whom shot pictures of an inbound ocean ship with a spectacular cargo of wind-generating parts on the deck.

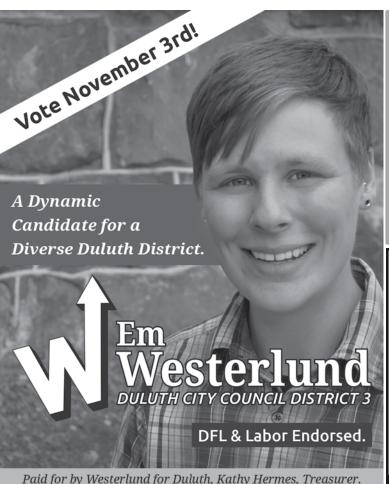
My thinking is that it would be a nice amenity for visitors and locals to have in their photos of our iconic bridge a tastefully made sign attached to the lowest movable part of the span reading, "WELCOME TO DULUTH" in six-inch-high black lettering on a white background—a very simple, modest message expressing a warm reception. Need I say more?

#### Copy by Glenn Maxham with technical assistance from Anita Neinstadt







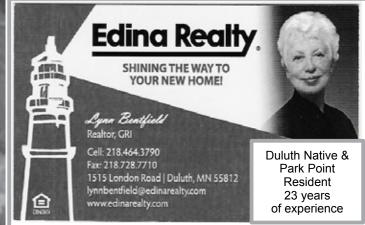


# Newlyweds Afloat: Married Bliss and Mechanical Breakdowns While Living on a Trawler

Felicia Schneiderhan will be having an open house, book signing event at Lafayette Friday Oct 16th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

Newlyweds Afloat the memoir of a Chicago bride who gives away her possessions and moves onboard her husband's boat in downtown Chicago. For two years they face sub-zero winters, the stormy seas of Lake Michigan, wild urban animals and sewage situations, all while learning to live as husband and wife in the hold of a jealous first love – named Mazurka.

Newlyweds Afloat is part travelogue, part how-to, part love story, hashed out in a floating home of about 400 square feet. It's the travelogue of boating Chicago and the Great Lakes, from harbor festivals and salmon fishing to exploring the current waterways of this world-class city. It's the how-to guide for any wannabe liveaboard, with directions on how to fix an engine while tied to a mooring can, and survival lessons for what to do when the river freezes, ice locks the hull, and cabin temperature drops to 20 degrees. And it's the love story of two unlikely partners – a city girl and a "Yooper" – who learn what romance and partnership really mean while living the transient lifestyle.







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## **Letter to the Editor**

I read with great enjoyment the recollections of Tom Mackay regarding Miss Mira Southworth. I was the biographer of Miss Southworth for the Park Point environmental committee in 1998. This research came as a result of a grant from the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources. It was just one small piece of a larger volunteer effort to preserve parcels of land on the Point and protect existing dunes. Miss Southworth, a resident of Park Point from 1934 until shortly before her death in 1975, chronicled her life on Park Point with her camera. A treasured English teacher at Central High School, she was admired for her neighborliness, her passion for teaching and her skills behind the lens.

I was fortunate to interview many family members, former students and special acquaintances on the Point. Tom's parents, Pete and Louise, were my favorite storytellers, providing a lively portrait of this outstanding woman. I will always be grateful to them.

One correction to Tom's correction on page 2 of the September Breeze: Although Miss Southworth was known to her neighbors and friends as Mira, her actual birth certificate from the Stoughton, Massachusetts Town Clerk gives the following information:

Birth Certificate#39 Myra Morrison Southworth

born: May 14, 1883

father's name: E. Kinsley Southworth

place of birth: Stoughton

father's occupation: manufacturer mother's name: Anne M. Pierce place of birth: Terre Haute, Indiana

It appears that sometime during her life, Myra made the decision to spell her given name with an 'i'. In all of my interviews no one seemed to know when this occurred. Perhaps our Miss Southworth felt she wanted a more modern spelling of her name. Whatever the reason, Myra, a.k.a Mira, made a decision and stuck with it for the rest of her life.

Jan Olson

Got pizza? Green Mill in Canal Park does and it's delicious! The Park Point Summer Youth Program served it at their Summer's End' Pizza Party and it got rave reviews. Green Mill generously helped sponsor our party, and we are sending their management and staff many heartfelt Thank You's. If you're in the area, give this restaurant a try, dine-in or takeout. You won't be disappointed!

Thank you Green Mill!

Joy Fouts and the Summer Youth Program Committee

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Oct 10 Get to the Point Awesome Art & Gift Fair Lafayette Community Center, 3026 Minnesota

Nov 14 Get Great Stuff

Duluth Congregational, 3833 E. Superior St.

Dec 5 Get It Local

Peace Church, 1111 N. 11th Ave. E.

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Each fair
10AM-3PM

### The Breeze

Park Point Community Club 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 clindberg@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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