



# *The Breeze* of Park Point

## **Park Point Community Club Meeting**

Tuesday, March 15th,  
7 p.m. Social at 6:30  
Lafayette Community Center

## **Lafayette Edible Garden**

Sunday, March 20th,  
5 to 7 p.m. potluck dinner  
Lafayette Community Center  
Guest speakers: Assistant Fire  
Chief Clint Reff and Fire Captain  
Scott Kleive

## **Park Point Garden Club**

Thursday, March 24th,  
7 p.m.  
Contact Harriet Meagher  
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## **Saying Goodbye to a Neighborhood Icon**



The recent demolition of Bay Side Market, formerly Clem's Market, has made a big change in the neighborhood landscape. Since so many of us have fond memories of these markets as community gathering places, we thought it would be fun to share some stories. If you have a story or photo to share for the April Breeze, please send to: [ppbreezeeditor@gmail.com](mailto:ppbreezeeditor@gmail.com).



I grew up on 20th Street, on the bayside. My Mother would give me a nickel and I could walk down to Clem's and I could go shopping. Clem had the most beautiful flowers. He loved gardening, just like his mother. She was such a nice lady, who loved all the neighborhood children. I was blessed to live across the street from Mrs. Kreidler and watch her garden grow. Clem's wife Helen was a quiet woman. She did the bookkeeping and cashiering for the store.

Childhood Memories from Charlene Shimmin

Clem's was one of five grocery stores down here on the Point, but it ended up being our main local store and gas station. Clem and Helen Kreidler were very good to our community. They carried many a poor family on the books until they could pay back, in better times. One thing in common with Clem's and Bay Side was their support for the many programs for us kids. Boys and girls scouting programs, baseball uniforms, hockey, etc. Dick Gajewski, the owner of Bay Side, kept this tradition going, even sponsoring my buddy Mick O'Hehir's stock car. Mick worked at Clem's throughout high school, delivering groceries in his dad's '57 Ford station wagon. For many of the youth down here, the market was their first job. I remember how excited my nieces Shannon and Stephanie were to become "Bay Side Girls," along with Dick's future wife, Mel. All the Schwartz kids and many others started as soon as they were old enough to work the till. Dick's sign on the front entrance was a testament to the hours he put in, 8 to 8 --- 8 days a week. When the store closed, Liz and I had to buy a freezer and then figure out how to stock it. No more, "What do you want for dinner?" when one of us could go pick something out that was as fresh as you could get anywhere. For many, the store was not just a market and gas station, but also - as I used to call it - "The First Bank of Bay Side." No need for an ATM, when you could cash a check while shopping for dinner. Also missing now from daily stops is the Park Point News or, as some called it, "gossip." There was a bulletin board where you could leave a notice, put something up for sale, or leave a business card. Here's hoping we will get a store of some kind sometime soon, so we can all catch up on the latest "NEWS."

## **The Breeze**

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## **Letter from the PPCC President**

Hi Neighbors,

As I tap away, I hear the lake wind picking up again after a very warm February day. I heard that sleet, aka "evil mix" is on the way. Today was the first time I have been kayaking in February up north; these are very strange times indeed. I was importing photos from my camera this evening and noticed that I had a shot of a stand-up paddler off of the beach at about 33rd. The date was January 31st! Wondering if you know who the paddler was? I will post the pic on the website.

Thank you to Kris Eilers from the St. Louis River Alliance for presenting on the historic opportunity of the Clean Water Campaign. The goal is to provide environmental cleanup and habitat restoration to the estuary that is right here in our "backyard." While Kris was presenting, I was thinking about my trip to Oneota Cemetery in search of our old Park Point neighbor, George Stuntz. (See October, 2015 issue of the Breeze.) While on that quest, I also discovered "Mr. Environment's," aka Willard Munger's, grave not far from Mr. Stuntz's resting place. Willard Munger's legacy was cleaning up the messes that were by-products of the boom promoted by Stuntz. I recall the sense of irony I felt finding these very important men, each of them a pioneer in his own right, now sharing the same spectacular view of the river. As Kris described the multiple sites to be cleaned-up, at the cost of millions of dollars, I will try to remain hopeful that the lessons learned during the river clean-up will inform future development and exploration.

Councilor Em Westerlund came to our meeting and described how she has been getting up to speed on processes, policies, and procedures needed for her service. One takeaway from the familiarization with process she shared was her observation that the agenda-setting meetings of the Council might be the better place to bring concerns, rather than waiting until the regular Council meeting. She encouraged us to keep in touch and let her know of any good ideas we might have for our great city. Thank you for coming out to meet with us, Councilor Westerlund; we are appreciative of your time and your willingness to listen and participate in the meeting.

Elections for the PPCC officers and committee chairs will take place in May. Would you be interested in participating in our club in a service role? A nominating committee will be formed this month to seek volunteers for a slate of candidates. After four years of volunteering as Club President, I'll say that getting to know our neighbors and community has been an overall rewarding and inspiring experience. I recommend giving it a try :). Thank you for considering.

Hoping to see you at our next meeting on TUESDAY, March 15th. Remember: meetings are now held on the third Tuesday, rather than Thursday, each month.

On the agenda so far:

Duluth Fire Department, staff providing more information on the All-Hazard Watercraft; support for the Smelt Parade (Jim Ouray), support for the Community Edible Garden (Coral McDonnell), Breeze Editor Contract, Nominating Committee for May's election & more.

See you out and about,  
Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

*Willard Munger's marker at  
Oneota Cemetery  
Sept. 27 2015*





## Memories of Bay Side Market & Clem's Market, continued...

One day, as I stepped up to the counter to pay for my 10 gallons of gas, a quart of lactose-free milk, and a package of yeast to make bread (not one of which, of course, kept Dick & Mel in business), I ran into a close friend who was purchasing a lottery ticket as he checked out.

"You know what Garrison Keillor says about people who buy lottery tickets, don't you?" I asked, sanctimoniously. "No...what?"

"He says that lottery tickets are God's way of punishing people who didn't pay attention in math class."

"If you'd paid any attention in math class," he retorted, without skipping a beat, "you'd know that one is an infinitely larger number than zero!"

The Bay Side Market was our watering hole. The place to share a quip with a neighbor, a condolence, a curiosity about the tourists, a bit of head-shaking despair - or celebration - about the State of the Country or the relief pitcher status of the Twins. When I was new to Park Point, some 16 years or so ago, it quickly became apparent to me that closing of the Park Pt. School was among its most painful wounds...if not its greatest loss, as a community. Home to the Girl Scouts, the Sea Scouts, the PTA, Family Game Nights and countless community activities, its disappearance as an institution clearly marked a shift that left a phenomenal gap in the local structure. But I am not so sure that the loss of Clem's - a.k.a. Bay Side - Market has not left us with a sense of emptiness almost as large.

Then again...what new venture awaits us? Possibly something wonderful! A coffee spot that switches to a wine bar, late afternoon, as its patrons enjoy the bayside sunset? Another market? An honest-to-goodness REAL Deli, which challenges our midwest proclivity toward salads overloaded with mayonnaise, jello, faux crabmeat and mini-marshmallows? Let us hope that the buyer of the Clem's Market property will joyfully anticipate a business venture that fosters a community orientation, rather than building yet another outrageously-boring, zoning-snubbing duplex or condominium development. Send your letters to our newest City Councilors.

Submitted by Ellen Dunlap

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# PPCC Meeting Notes for February 16th, 2016

President Dawn Buck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She requested that the usual business meeting be suspended, in order for invited guests to speak first. Motion passed without dissent.

Lieutenant Chad Nagorski, Area Commander of the Duluth Police Department, explained recent changes in the Department's approach to community policing. The district that includes Park Point will now involve four officers, serving on a rotating basis. The downtown district is subdivided into three areas, including Park Point. He can be contacted at [cnagorski@duluthmn.gov](mailto:cnagorski@duluthmn.gov), or reached by phone at 218-730-5656. PPCC member concerns included: pedestrian safety at the incline approaches to the Lift Bridge, with a suggestion of additional guardrails to prevent tourists and young children from darting into vehicle traffic; also, improvement of the recording quality of ocular cameras on the Bridge, in order to view potential criminals exiting the Point. Officer Nagorski stated there is a known need for readjustment of computerized timing of the cameras.

Kris Eilers, of the St. Louis River Alliance, gave a presentation on upcoming projects to clean up the St. Louis River Estuary. She encouraged the PPCC membership to consider sending a letter of support, and provided a pre-written format to do so. The clean-up will proceed with grants and federal funding, plus \$12.7 million of Minnesota state bonding money in 2016 and 2018, to be utilized in cleaning up ten contaminated sediment sites along the St. Louis River. Dave Poulin made a motion for a letter of support from the PPCC and a \$250.00 donation to the Alliance for support of their efforts. The motion was seconded and approved, with the caveat that issues of specific concern to Park Point should be highlighted in the letter. Dave Johnson and Ellen Dunlap agreed to assist with the language toward that end.

Em Westerlund, the new city councilor representing Park Point and the Central Hillside, talked about boards and committees she has been appointed to. These committees include: Public Utilities Commission, Lake Superior Community Health Services board, Great Lakes Aquarium board. She said that she has taken note that the Council's agenda-setting session, held each Thursday evening prior to the following Monday's regular City Council meeting, presents the best opportunity for citizens to find out information and give input on their own concerns. She indicated that presenting new items at the City Council meeting is really too late. Consider attending the agenda-setting session to listen and contribute. Councilor Westerlund may be contacted via email; her goal is to respond within 48 hours. She would appreciate receiving pertinent information to enlighten her understanding of a concern prior to her having to give her response. She is willing to listen, and will find time to meet with citizens.

January Breeze minutes: Corrections: Art Fair account = \$1015.00, per Al Robins, rather than \$11,015.00, as previously reported. An additional correction was made regarding the bathrooms at Lafayette, per Dennis Hoelscher: a grant application was written nearly four years ago, rather than three years ago. It failed when the City could not prove title of the property before expiration of the grant period. Motion to accept the minutes for January as corrected was approved without dissent.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Treasurer's Report - Al Robins**

Primary account = \$31500; Art Fair Account = \$1115.00. Income: Receipts from rental of Lafayette Community Center in 2015 = \$4000.00; income from ads printed in the Breeze, 2015 = \$970. Outgoing costs: Printing of the Breeze at Sheldon Reproduction, 2015 = \$5355; contracted fee for Managing Editor of the Breeze, 2015 = \$2400

Options for reducing printing costs of the Breeze, as well as increasing the advertisement fee were discussed. Councilor Westerlund commented that our rates were the cheapest she found anywhere, while advertising her campaign; she was surprised when she saw the bill. Treasurer's Report was approved without dissent.

### **Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs**

Sympathy cards and Get Well cards were sent to several members, as requested.

### **Youth Committee - Chairperson needed**

### **Art Fair - Carla Tamburo**

No report

### **Program Committee - Dave Poulin**

At the upcoming March PPCC meeting there will be a presentation about the All Hazard Emergency Response Vehicle proposed by the Eric Simonson, Acting Chief of the Duluth Fire Department.

### **Rummage Sale - Dave Lavamaki**

The annual event is scheduled for June 10th-11th, 2016. Contact Dave with any questions.

**Neighborhood Watch Committee** - All citizens of Park Point are requested to call 911 whenever suspicious activity is observed.

**Airport Update** - Brian Madsen (non-committee)

The Sky Harbor Airport Manager reported on construction of the new runway, projected for Fall of 2018. There are 28 aircraft currently based at Sky Harbor. Thirteen thousand, nine hundred operations (landings and takeoffs) occurred in 2015.

**Environmental Committee** - Dick Gould

In Dick's absence, Dave Johnson gave an encouraging update for the approval of Pontlana Woods as a City Park, with a land exchange between the City and St. Louis County anticipated. The property would subsequently be taken off the market.

### **Old Business**

Dennis Hoelscher sent to the City approximately thirty questions representing the concerns of Park Point citizens regarding the need and purpose of the **All Hazard Emergency Response Vehicle** proposed.

Al Robins stated that funds from the PPCC have been granted to Marcia Hales in the amount of \$1300 over a five year period for the **Holiday Tour of Lights**. Jim Ouray, representing the **Magic Smelt Parade**, has been granted \$1150 over 4 years. Dawn noted that he plans to approach the Club soon for assistance on this year's celebration. Contact the Executive Board with any requests for funding of special projects.

### **Communications**

Dawn received a notice from John Schmidt, of the City's Parks and Recreation Commission, that a grant from the State of Minnesota Legacy Fund has been awarded to Duluth for improvement of the Beach House facilities at the end of Park Point.

Motion to adjourn made and approved without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Notes submitted by Nancy Olson, PPCC member.

A reminder from Dennis Hoelscher: Emergency Services Concerns document is on the PPCC website under the Documents of Interest" menu.

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There is a story of a child psychologist who spent many hours constructing a new driveway at his home. Just after he smoothed the surface of the freshly poured concrete, his small children chased a ball across the driveway, leaving deep footprints. The man yelled after them with a torrent of angry words. His shocked wife said, "You're a psychologist who's supposed to love children." The fuming man shouted, "I love children in the abstract, not in the concrete."

It is easy to love God if we don't have to love those around us who are difficult to love. It is easy to say prayers, sing hymns and attend Bible studies. We may even fast. While these are all praiseworthy and beneficial practices, they are not at the core of God's desires. What honors and pleases God most is our care for the poor, the homeless, the aged, the infirmed. This is how we manifest the love of God in our heart.

*Father of the downtrodden, grant me a heart like yours. Help me see the needs of others, and to lend a hand, which the Gospel calls me to do and which I know is pleasing to you. I pray in Jesus, who is the brother of the poor. Amen*

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



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### **Pancake Breakfast Fund-Raiser for Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

It took only a few days for the question to be asked, at St. Andrew's: "What can we do for Gloria Dei?" We had all seen their church burning in the Central Hillside. Their presence in the neighborhood is so important to the people living there! And then the idea came – A pancake breakfast fundraiser, with free will offering to be held Palm Sunday, March 20, 11 am. All proceeds will go towards their building fund. This event is open to the community – all invited!

#### **HOLY WEEK:**

3/20 PALM SUNDAY, 9:45 am

3/24 MAUNDY THURSDAY 5:45 pm

A combined family supper and Eucharist Service with washing of hands will be held in the Mission Hall.

3/25 GOOD FRIDAY, Noon

3/26 GREAT EASTER VIGIL, 7 pm

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#### **Sunday Morning Eucharist Service at 9:45 a.m.**

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## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

The Park Point Community Center was filled with love on February 21st, as we celebrated our monthly potluck dinner with the theme of "Sharing the Love." Coral McDonnell reports, "We loved hearing from Sandy Bennett of the Damiano Center Soup Kitchen and Meg Kearns of the CHUM Food Shelf. They are very dedicated to the people they serve and appreciate the gifts from our gardens." Food Shelf clients aren't into kale and some of the more unique greens, but do like things that have a little longer shelf life, such as beans, peppers and cucumbers. The downtown Food Shelf is open Wednesdays and Fridays. Damiano Soup Kitchen, also downtown, serves lunch or dinner five times each week to more than 200 people each time (sometimes up to 400.). They use everything we bring, as they make soups, stews, salads and other good things with whatever they have. If they don't use the produce in a meal, they leave it out for people to take home. The women are awesome, and their work is so inspiring. One of our Park Point friends talked about how he and a few men from a group he is part of fix a meal once a month at Damiano, and have been doing so for many years. Both programs are always looking for volunteers to help with food distribution and meal preparation. Please call or visit one of those programs if you have some time to share some love with them.



Al and Sheryl Robins  
Sheryl won the door prize, a large bag  
of frozen cherries harvested from the  
garden's cherry tree!

For more information about our Park Point community garden or our events, call Coral @727-6455.

Watch for some big changes to the structure of the garden this spring. Plans are in the works to replace some of our dilapidated raised beds with ones made of corrugated steel. Doing so will require us to raise extra funds. Please be generous if you see us passing the hat, and also keep in mind that we raise money at the annual Park Point rummage sale each June. If you have garage sale donations that you could contribute for our sale, please let us know. This year, we'll consider most anything except clothes, but our main focus is on gardening and kitchen items.

Upcoming Potluck Dinner Dates:  
(All are held at the Lafayette Community Center.)

Sunday, March 20th, 5 to 7 p.m.

Green Irish theme, with discussions on seed starting and fundraising efforts for our new raised beds.

Sunday, April 17th, 5 to 7 p.m.

Discussion topics will include container gardening.

## Park Point Garden Club



The Park Point Garden Club's February meeting was held at Solglint Bed and Breakfast. The program was a demonstration on easy food carving and napkin folding.

New officers were installed:  
President, Harriet Meagher;  
Vice President, Liz MacKay;  
Secretary, Julie Calligore and  
Treasurer, Diane Gould.

Our next meeting will be March 25th.  
If you are interested in joining us, please call  
Harriet Meager @722-6762

Submitted by Mary Grover



## ***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?

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