



The Breeze *of Park Point*

Lafayette Edible Garden

Sunday, November 20th, 6 - 8 p.m.
potluck dinner
Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Community Club

Tuesday, November 15th,
6:30 p.m. coffee & treats
7:00 p.m. PPCC monthly meeting
Guest Speaker: Andrew Slade -
Sky Harbor Beach & Restoration Project

Park Point Garden Club

Thursday, November 17th,
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Twenty-five Years Already! Memories of the Great Halloween Blizzard

In 1991, Halloween was no treat for many residents in parts of Iowa and Minnesota. On the morning of October 31st, 1991, a storm began that would eventually become known as the "Great Halloween Blizzard" in Minnesota, and the "Halloween Ice Storm" in Iowa. By mid-morning on Halloween, a mixture of snow, sleet and freezing rain had blanketed southeastern Minnesota and much of Iowa.

As the mix continued to come down on November 1st, many areas in Iowa saw up to two inches of ice on top of 8 to 15 inches of snow. Winds of 30 to 40 m.p.h. downed trees and utility poles, leaving some 80,000 homes in the state without power and closing many highways. Utility damage alone came to nearly \$63 million.

In Minnesota, the 1991 storm is one of those weather events that makes people recall what they were doing as it unfolded. Still celebrating the Minnesota Twins' second World Series victory in just four years, most found it hard to imagine winter on the horizon. The high temperature in the Twin Cities was 65 degrees on the 29th, ten degrees above normal; the next day, the high reached only 32 degrees. Before it was over, as much as three inches of ice left at least 20,000 Minnesotans without power. With winds of up to 60 mph and snowdrifts over 10 feet, hundreds of motorists became stranded. More than 900 schools and businesses were closed on November 1st, and many roofs collapsed under the weight of the ice and snow. At least 20 people died in traffic accidents, or from heart attacks while digging out from the storm. Sadly, as Dave Johnson remembers, Park Point neighbor Bill Moore was among them. "Bill was a veteran," he recounts; "he served in the cavalry in North Africa during World War II. Neighbors told Bill, 'Don't worry...we'll dig you out!'" But Bill wasn't the sort of guy to acquiesce. "He literally died with his boots on," recalls Dave, "shrugging off all offers of assistance from his neighbors. He was out snow-blowing his driveway immediately following the storm...and just hours before his death."

Minneapolis and surrounding suburbs received as much as 42" of snow in two bursts over a 48-hr. period, although their "official" total of 28" reflected only the first half of the storm. Duluth's final totals ran to as much as 39 1/2 inches, although - as always - snowfall varied dramatically by neighborhood and according to how quickly the rain switched over to snow. That 39.5" Duluth total remained the highest ever recorded in the State of Minnesota for a single snow event until a 46-incher up in Finland surpassed it, less than three years later.

"I remember that my husband and I, seeing how bad it was getting, drove from our home in Bloomington to his sister's house in south Minneapolis as soon as we'd accommodated our tiny handful of trick-or-treaters. We hoped to be able walk to work the next morning. There were only ten blocks between her house and work, but it took us the better part of an hour to trudge on foot through snow up to our hips," said current Pointer Ellen Dunlap. "We didn't make the eight miles back home for over two days; it took that long to clear the roads. When we finally arrived at the end of our driveway, we almost cried! We faced a mountain of hard-packed snow and ice over ten feet tall, courtesy of the heavy equipment brought in by the National Guard. Nearly two more days before we'd cleared out and could finally pull our car in."



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The Breeze

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Letter from the PPCC President

Hi Neighbors,

Hoping to see you at our next gathering on Tuesday, November 15th: 6:30 p.m. social and 7:00 p.m. meeting.

The Park Point Community Club is seeking a new Vice President, as John and Ruth Sargent are soon departing the island. The Vice President serves on the Executive Board with the other officers. Here are the other duties required, as determined in the bylaws:

Section XI: Duties of the Vice President are:

- A. In the absence of or at the order of the President, shall perform all of the duties of the President and shall,
- B. Also serve as Chairperson of the Annual Membership drive and select and appoint Collection Representatives as necessary.
- C. Maintain an up to date list of paid up members, and make the list available at all regular and special meetings.

Each year the following will also be required:

- A. Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall provide guidance and materials for the Biannual Membership Campaign during the months of December and January. The Chairperson shall be the Vice-President of the Club, and the membership solicitors shall be the Collection Representative. All monies collected and a current membership roster shall be furnished by the Committee to the membership not later than the regular meeting in February.

Section XII: Duties of the Executive Board are:

- A. Actively solicit the opinions of the membership to determine what activities the Club should focus its attention upon.
- B. Assist the President in setting the Club's goals and objectives for each year.
- C. Carry out any other duties the President shall delegate to them.

I recently had a chance to stop by and drop off some moving boxes for Ruth and John, and to mention my gratitude for their support of the club's mission. John was willing to participate on the Street End Study Group during a time of "divisiveness" in our community over public access to the bay and the beach. I recall feeling an appreciation for John's willingness to listen to neighbors whose opinions he did not share (sometimes mine :)) as well as participating in discussions while staying calm and non-judgmental. Ruth and John were recognized for their contributions to Park Point at the Lafayette Community Edible Garden potluck in October. They are both very good cooks! Bon voyage, Ruth and John; we will miss you!

The Club's Vice President plays an important role. Would you be willing to volunteer for this opportunity? If you are thinking about saying yes, but hesitating for some reason, please consider giving me a call @525-1764. I have a list of reasons why you should volunteer sitting next to my phone. John is willing to help the new VP with the transfer of responsibilities.

Are you busy getting ready for winter yet? A denial of sorts has developed with the gorgeous warm days of late. The orange warning signs of bright pumpkins should signal the transfer of your wool, polar fleece and down garments to the upper drawers and nearby closets. Dust off the boots, check the bootlaces for wear, get the furnace checked, bring the car in for a coolant and battery test, check tread depth and inflate your car's tires- you might feel better having planned for predictability.

Who likes surprises when it is thirty below?

When you go vote on November 8th at Lafayette, notice the new lighting installed recently by the City of Duluth. Thanks to Pamela Page & Lindsay Dean from the City's Parks and Recreation Department for helping that process move along.

See you on November 15th; Andrew Slade and Chris Kleist will be joining us.

Wishing you a very happy Thanksgiving!

Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

Blizzard Memories continued...

Tom Mackay recalls that Park Point's "warmer by the Lake" effect spared our little island from the deepest snow. Neither he nor wife Liz had any idea there was a storm of such magnitude brewing, and they went off to work on November 1st. "I had all three of the Vista boats over in dry dock at Fraser Shipyards in Superior. When I got there, the gate guard said, 'Go home; we're closed for the storm!' I-35 and the Blatnik Bridge were still mostly snow free." Liz Mackay got to work, but found herself nearly alone. "We still didn't get anything compared to over the hill," added Tom.

Dave Poulin likewise noted that Pointers, while they had to deal with snow that was very heavy and wet, encountered totals less deep than in upland neighborhoods. Still, he recalled travel being difficult, as the limited number of snow plows prepared for action were all sent to higher ground. "The City hadn't anticipated a storm this early, and much of their snow removal equipment was disassembled for normal maintenance. (Both my) snow blower and the one at the Catholic church broke down and I needed parts. Roy Halverson Small Engine...was advertising on the radio that it was open for business, so I put on my blaze orange hunting coat so I could be seen in the snow, hopped on my mountain bike and headed for 10th Street. They were not open. On the way back home, photographer Tim Slattery saw me and decided I must have been very photogenic, so he took my picture and gave me a copy."

Scott Wolff remembers digging through 3-foot drifts a few days later in order to plant the tulip bulbs he still hadn't gotten around to in the warm autumn sun.

Ultimately, more than 23 million people in the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan were affected. The storm was ranked a #5 on NOAA's Regional Snowfall Index—their most extreme category. Let us all appreciate a snow-free October (and November?) in 2016!

Sources: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); National Weather Service; Minnesota Climatology Working Group; Park Pointers Scott Wolff, Dave Poulin, Tom Mackay, Dave Johnson and Ellen Dunlap.



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.

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PPCC Meeting Minutes - October 18, 2016

Pre-meeting Social The Nichols Family, Girl Scout Troup #4174 and Diane Gould provided the refreshments - a wonderful selection of Girl Scout cookies, lemonade and coffee. We welcomed Dr. Lorena Rios of UWS and her husband, Jose, to our community. Before the meeting started, Josie Nichols, Dr. Rios & Jose showed samples of plastics and microbeads in the display area. We also welcomed Ellen, from Chester Park, who had heard about the presentation via social media.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Agenda highlights

Carla Tamburro presented the **2017 Art Fair budget** for its initial presentation to the membership; the Executive Board had already reviewed the proposed 2017 PPAF budget before the regular PPCC meeting. This budget will go before the membership for final approval in November.

A **welcome** to guests, new faces, familiar faces and a warm good-bye to our Vice President! Good-bye and thank you to John and Ruth Sargent. We will miss you! John and Ruth were generous with their time and talents. Best of luck to you, as you migrate south and head off on new adventures.

Communications received

Notice from the City Clerk - Elections will be held at the Lafayette Community Center, 3026 Minnesota Ave., on November 8th, 2016. "Polling Site Activity on Election Day"- this will be shared on our website. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DPDCommunityInput>

Email from Officer Amber Peterson seeking input from our community on **developing a strategic plan** for the Duluth Police Department. She would like all residents to take this survey:<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DPDCommunityInput>. They would like to know:

- What do we do well?
- What could we do better or differently?
- What are your expectations of the Duluth Police Department?

The Police Dept. is interested in hearing ideas that might evoke changes over the next three to five years. Officer Peterson would also like to come and speak with neighbors for about thirty minutes, maybe at a future PPCC meeting.

Guest Presenter

Presentation on the toxic and otherwise harmful effects of **plastics, microplastics (microbeads, micro fibers)** on the world and its inhabitants: Dr. Lorena Rios Mendoza; Associate Professor, Chemistry, UWS.

Dr. Rios showed photos of her journeys with students collecting plastics from oceans and the Great Lakes. The data she presented illustrated serious health and environmental implications for the planet.

What can we do about this problem?

- Send products back to the manufacturer
- The 4R's:
 - Reuse - keep and use the plastics you have
 - Recycle - research what is really recyclable and purchase accordingly. There are many types of plastic; numbers 1-7 don't cover the spectrum
 - Reduce - shop carefully, buy fewer items, buy less
 - Refuse- choose not to accept that extra wrapping or bag with your purchases

Can we convert plastics back to petroleum? Japan is working on this.

Want to know more?

You might consider researching Dr. Rios and her studies. You will find out more about her love of teaching and the important work she is doing with her students to identify the serious effects of plastics and other chemicals in our "backyard," a.k.a. the Great Lakes and the World's oceans. Her studies are bringing about change in the industrial world.

Thank you to Dr. Rios, her students and family, and to Girl Scout Troop #4174.

Secretary's Report - Sheryl Robins

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 20th, 2016 meeting, as printed in the October Breeze. Motion carried, R.Gould / T. Rauschenfels

Treasurer's Report - Al Robins

No report this month. Please call Treasurer Al Robins with any questions regarding PPCC finances.

Committee Reports

Art Fair Committee - Carla Tamburo, Art Fair Coordinator

Carla distributed the proposed 2017 Art Fair budget, went over the line items, and explained a few changes proposed for cost savings and efficiency. Please contact Carla and the Art Fair Committee with any questions. coordinator@parkpointartfair.org

Watch Committee - This is all of us!

Crime on Park Point - Regarding recent break-ins and car prowls; suggestions were discussed by members. Get to know your neighbors, lock up your cars and houses, and call 911 for any suspicious activity. If a situation does not look or feel right, call the police for assistance.

Mama bear and two cubs have been seen between 18th and 19th Streets at Minnesota Ave., beach side.

Rowing Club (not a formal committee)

Tom Rauschenfels brought us up to speed on the **next phase of the Rowing Club's building project**. If you are interested in owning a piece of memorabilia from the Club, please call Tom @722-7643. Among other items, there are old oars and wooden shells for sale as part of their fundraising campaign. Tom expressed his gratitude for the continuing PPCC support. Look for the old boathouse to come down this winter on the ice; the new building should go up this spring. Tom reports that the Club had approximately 128 junior rowers this season, 50 adults and four learn-to-row classes. Several members of the DRC were headed to the largest regatta in the world, the Head of the Charles, in Boston. Good luck, Duluth rowers!

Rummage Sale Committee - Dave Lavamaki

Dave has agreed to chair the 2017 sale, reported Diane Lavamaki

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

Pam was not present, but sent report of several sympathy cards sent on behalf of PPCC neighbors to Steven Long, Jr., Pam Gustafson, and Bob Swanson & pooch Fred.

Youth Committee - open position

No report.

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

Dick reminded us that the main event going on this month is avian migration; many birds of all sizes are coming through our community. He also reported sightings of the Piping Plover and foxes who have mange. Fox feeding is not recommended, and is in fact against the law.

Hospitality Committee - Diane Gould

Thank you for helping out with the coffee for the meeting! Thanks again to the Nichols family and the Girl Scouts.

Program Committee - David Poulin

In November, Andrew Slade and Chris Kleist from the City of Duluth will speak at our meeting. Email Dave with your ideas for other meetings and include contact information: dfpoulin@charter.net.

Old Business

None at this meeting.

New Business

Charlene Shimmin expressed her happiness with **improved outdoor lighting** at Lafayette. Thanks to the City of Duluth for starting the installation of new ramp lighting; hopefully, the project will be finished by Election Day.

Motion to adjourn, 8:11 pm

Submitted by Dawn Buck, doubling as note-taker and missing our Madame Secretaries!

Free Listings for Park Point Snow Services

For the winter issues of the Breeze, we are planning **free** listings of Park Point neighbors who offer snow removal services.

If you are a service provider, please send your name, rates and contact information to: ppbreezeeditor@gmail.com

Submissions due by 10/27/16.

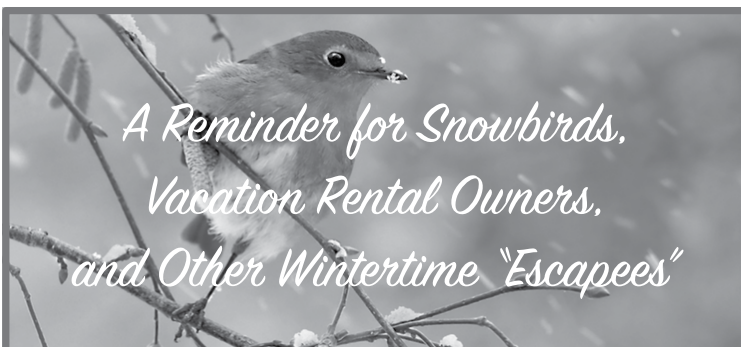
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On your list of things to do before you go, don't forget to make arrangements for snow removal! Duluth City Ordinance requires that ice and any snowfall exceeding 2" be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours, whether you're in residence or not. Think about how terrible you'd feel on your return to learn of your neighbor's broken hip, or to hear that a child had been struck by a car after being forced off your sidewalk into the path of an oncoming car. (Or if you truly don't care about your neighbors, think about what the legal fees might cost you in a lawsuit!) "Community" extends through the winter months.

It's OK to torture the rest of us with your Facebook photos of sunny beaches and sailing on an unfrozen bay...so long as you take care of your snow removal obligations before you go. Have a good time while you're gone, drive safely, and your summertime friends will be happy to welcome you back next spring!

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November 30, 5:45 pm

Evening Prayer

Kirkin of the Tartans, Bagpipes, Potluck



The Patron Saint of Scotland, Russia and this congregation, Andrew is one of my favorite saints. He readily responded to Christ's call, and brought his brother with him. He is known as the "introducer" – a person who talks with seekers, and brings them to Christ. And he is a doer – when thousands are to be fed, he is the one who says there is a boy here with five loaves and two fish, even if he is not sure how much good that will do.

May God give us the grace to follow Christ without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence. Amen.

Sunday Eucharist Service at 9:45 a.m.

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

At our October 16th potluck dinner, Dan Kislinger and Paul Treuer from the Duluth Community Garden Program talked about ways to preserve our harvest without refrigeration. They've had success with fermentation, canning and drying. The Duluth Community Garden Program has equipment you can borrow if you want to try any of these processes. Dan and Paul also recommended the following books that they use as guides:

- *The Art of Fermentation*, by Katz and Pollan
- *Stocking Up*, by Stoner
- *Putting Food By*, by Hertzberg and Greene

For our November 20th dinner, there will be a time change. Our gathering will start at 6 p.m. instead of our usual 5:00. Our speaker will be Kris Eilers, Executive Director of the St. Louis River Alliance. This Alliance is a member-based nonprofit that works to restore, protect and enhance the St. Louis River. The SLRA has worked on a project for the last six years, funded in part by the US Fish and Wildlife Services, to restore piping plover habitat and provide education and outreach to the community. At the November dinner, Kris will focus on the critically endangered shorebird, the piping plover, which historically has had nesting grounds on Park Point. The piping plover likes to nest out on the beach, and is therefore vulnerable to human activity, loose dogs and natural predators. Kris will give a brief overview of piping plovers and their habitat and address why, while they return to Park Point year after year, they haven't stayed to nest since the mid-1980s.

Park Point residents have been active as volunteers, and are important to the success of piping plover nesting habitat protection. Come hear about this rare shorebird and learn what you can do to help them find a safe place to nest. Kris will also have cute piping plover hats for sale in both adult and children's sizes.

Wanted Dead Or Alive:

Yes, we are on the hunt for your leaves - dead or alive - to fill our compost bins in the community garden. Just bag up your raked-up leaves and drop them off inside the garden gate.

Just for fun:

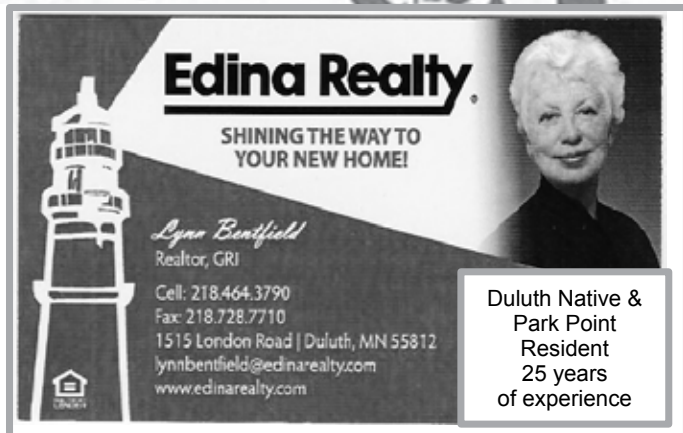
Our October question was, "What is a geoduck?" Answer: It is a large, edible saltwater clam found on the west coast of North America.

November's question: What part of the cinnamon tree produces the spice we call cinnamon? The answer will appear in the December issue of the Breeze.

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, November 20th, 6 to 8 p.m. (NOTE ADJUSTED TIME) - Monthly potluck dinner and program about the endangered piping plovers we hope will again inhabit the beach along Park Point
- Sunday, December 18th, 5 to 7 p.m. - Potluck dinner and holiday party (Details to follow at a later date)

Submitted by Susan Peters



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

Here are some helpful contacts:

Lift Bridge Supervisor: Dave Campbell 723-3387

Community Police Officers: 218-730-5656 or email at cnagorski@duluthmn.gov

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

City Councilor Em Westerlund: (218) 355-1137 ewesterlund@duluthmn.gov

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that I'll never forget
you.*

found on a love letter, at an auction, at the bottom of an old trumpet case