



The Breeze of Park Point

Park Point Environmental Report

Lafayette Edible Garden
Sunday, February 19th,
5 to 7 p.m. potluck dinner
Lafayette Community Center

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**

Tuesday, February 21st,
6:30 p.m. Coffee Social
7:00 p.m. PPCC monthly meeting

Park Point Garden Club
Thursday, February 23rd,
Contact: Liz Mackay
722-1834



There will be about 300 trees to plant in May; we will put a notice on the sign at Twelveth Street for volunteers to help. The Community Club has been planting since 1985, including about 8000 trees of various types. Most have been pine, although there also have been some firs and fruit trees, such as Pin Cherry, Choke Cherry, etc. We have even planted some Blueberry bushes, which have spread quite a bit. The critters help by burying berries for later lunches and not digging up all of them.

The trees have been a great help in many ways, including inhibiting the blowing of sand and snow, provision of shelter for birds and animals, and serving as nesting places for a variety of birds. These plantings have also provided much-needed resting areas for migratory birds of many varieties.

The eagles are still here, and will apparently spend the winter. The open lake allows them good fishing, which seems to be their favorite food. I saw eight robins on Hearing Island this past week; it looks as if they are going to spend the winter here.

Thanks to all who have helped with the planting in the past, especially the late George Cruikshank, who seems to have started the planting program.

Submitted by Dick Gould



Lafayette Family Fun Day

Sunday, February 12th, Noon - 4p.m.

Family Fun Day was once a Park Point tradition, and we are now hoping to bring it back. Join us for skating, activities, hot dogs, chips, homemade treats, s'mores & hot cocoa!

We are looking for volunteers to help organize, bring snacks/treats, and provide games/activities. We are also seeking donations of used/new skates for a Skate Closet that community members & guests can access to enjoy skating at Lafayette for years to come!

If you're interested in helping out, contact Kyle (Elden) Heyesen via Facebook or at kyleleiayoga@gmail.com

Here's the Facebook Event link
<https://www.facebook.com/events/719461474895196/>
(or search Lafayette Family Fun Day)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! Spread the word & invite your friends!
Submitted by Kyle (Elden) Heyesen



News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

The Breeze

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Submissions for the March issue are due by Monday, 2/27/17.

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Here's a great stock to invest in this year - Kleenex. That's because it's official: the 2017 Duluth Community Garden Vegetable of the Year is (drum roll) ONIONS. We hope that out of the tears we shed while cutting them will come many delicious meals containing all kinds of onions. Think about growing some in your home garden.

Potluck Dinner Meetings:

Our potluck dinner meeting on January 15th brought in a big crowd to hear Park Pointer Gary Glass talk about the history of Park Point. Gary is a scientist, so he focused on how the beach and dunes were formed. It was a wonderful educational presentation, and we hope he will share more of his knowledge at future meetings.

In February, we will give our members a chance to weigh in on our future plans. Working in groups, we will brainstorm for great ideas for potluck programs and presenters, for strategies to till our fields more efficiently, and for ways to bring everyone's ideas forward to give them a voice and provide inspiration for all.

The Lafayette Community Edible Garden is located on the grounds of Lafayette Square in what was formerly a hockey rink. Our monthly potluck dinner meetings are open to all Park Pointers. For more information about the garden or our events, contact Coral @727-6455

Big Changes Coming:

Watch this year for renovations to our community garden. We are in the planning process of reconfiguring the garden and building new raised beds, utilizing some of the metal siding that will be rescued from the Duluth Rowing Club boat house, soon to be demolished. We love recycling!

Just For Fun:

January's question: Caesar Salad was first prepared in what country?
Answer: Mexico.

February's question: If you were to order "tori udon" in a Japanese restaurant, what would you get? The answer will appear in the March issue of the Breeze.

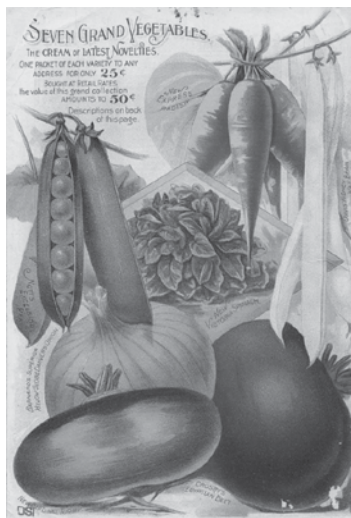
Upcoming Potluck Dinner Meetings (held at Lafayette Square):

Sunday, February 19th, 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 19th, 5 p.m.

Monday, April 17th, 6 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Peters



Letter from the PPCC President

Dear Neighbors,

Yes, The Times They Are A-Changin'. The Duluth-born Nobel Laureate's 1964 song came to mind on the beach last weekend, as I was able to scan the open beach for agates and beach glass during our unprecedented January "spring." I watched my old canine beach companion slowly wade into the unfrozen, unfettered big water for a little drinky. Despite enjoying the balmy "no mittens required" opportunity, I found the January beach scene incongruous.

The January pizza membership meeting was well attended and the pizza from Green Mill delicious. We had the pleasure of meeting some new neighbors, as well. Welcome! A long time Park Point family volunteered to bring back an old tradition, Family Fun Day, set for Feb. 12th, so you might want to check out that event. Many thanks to our hospitality committee chair, Diane Gould, for coordinating the new year's membership pizza party and to everyone who came out to visit and see what's happening on Park Point.

The Executive Board met before the social and discussed a few goals for the year around increasing club membership and collecting skates for a "skate closet" to be maintained at Lafayette. We also chatted about possible programs for the year. Please contact Dave Poulin, 722-1511, if you would like to share an idea about a presentation. We have invited an expert on Park Point wildlife and another on services available to help us "age well", so join us for future presentations.

Another change to ponder - how will the changing times in the D.C. "swamp" affect our very own St. Louis River estuary and water quality? Will the Remedial Action Plan adopted and approved by the EPA to cleanup the St. Louis River Area of Concern by 2020, and delist it by 2025, be derailed via the recent Executive Orders?

Kris Eilers, from the St. Louis River Alliance, and with whom the PPCC has partnered in support of the Clean Water Campaign, reports: "It remains critical that the State of Minnesota lock in the matching federal funds immediately by passing a bonding bill appropriating the state matching funds. We need to demonstrate to our Congressional delegation and to the Trump Administration this project is important to Minnesota." On a positive note from Kris, "The most recent news we have received is also positive. In a written response to a question posed by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (DFL-NY) following his confirmation hearing, EPA Administrator nominee Scott Pruitt has made a commitment to support the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, stating:

"If confirmed, I will continue EPA's support for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which was formally authorized by Congress in December, 2016."

The St. Louis River Alliance is in the process of continued fundraising to support the Clean Water Campaign. If you'd like to consider supporting this time-sensitive work by becoming a member, visit this site: <http://stlouisriver.org/individual-and-family-membership/>, or attend the Clean Water Gala on Thursday, February 9th, at Clyde Iron, 5:30-8:00 p.m. There, you can enjoy local food and beverages, live music and a silent auction. Tickets are available in advance for \$35, or \$40 at the door.

Our next PPCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st. See you then!

Looking forward to seeing you out and about,
Dawn and Klaus, canine companion



Lafayette Rentals

Lafayette is a great place to hold weddings, reunions, parties, meetings, workshops, etc...

Rental fees are as follows:
up to 50 people - \$100.00
50-100 people - \$200.00
100-125 people - \$300.00

There is a damage deposit of \$100.00, which is refundable, after cleaning & inspection.

Hours available are 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Contact: Missy LePage at
218-208-9545 or by e-mail at
ppccdhlh@gmail.com

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:
ppbreezeditor@gmail.com

Submissions due by 2/27/17.

Snow & Ice Removal

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715-699-2311

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We are looking for temporary "on call" volunteers to help deliver the Breeze when our regular volunteers are out of town or otherwise unavailable.

It only takes about 30-45 minutes to deliver for an area of 3-4 blocks.

For questions or to sign up for our "on call" volunteer list, please contact Dave Haavik at parkpointbreeze@aol.com

Thank you!



PPCC Meeting Notes January 2017

The January 17th, 2017 Park Point Community Club Meeting was called to order by President Dawn Buck at 7:00 p.m. The first order of business was a visit from Kelly Greenwalt and Megan Jones, of the Duluth Police Dept. It was brought to their attention that snowboarders were using the railing leading up to Lafayette Square for recreational purposes. They suggested that if the teens would not stop their use of the railing, someone should call 911, as this type of activity is not allowed. They emphasized for all of us to call 911 if there are any other kinds of problems, as well.

Minutes from December, 2016 – There were no minutes, as there was no December meeting, per usual practice.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report – Al Robins

Beginning Balance, 2016 - \$32,960 Beginning Balance, 2017 - \$22,096
Income for the year 2016 - \$46,578 Expenses for the year 2016 - \$54,181
Grants and other financial gifts given for the year 2016 - \$5,725, including:
 Duluth Rowing Club
 Smelt Parade
 Lafayette Community Garden
 St. Louis River Alliance

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as given; membership votes were all ayes.

Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

Program chairpeople are starting to check with a person who might be interested in running the Summer Youth Program this summer.

Art Fair - Carla Tamburro

Carla's husband and Art Fair Committee member Jake Kapsner reported that preparations for the June 24th & 25th, 2017 Art Fair are in progress. The applications are on the website. In mid March, there will be a jury to look over the applications and decide which artists will be selected to participate in the Art Fair. Carla is currently working on food vendors for the event.

Program Committee – David Poulin

Upcoming topics for Community Club meetings were discussed. Dave presented two possibilities: One would be a speaker from the "Age Well" group, and another from a wildlife group that would speak concerning the disease of mange in our local fox population, and what problems this might have for residents and their pets on Park Point.

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

Recent cards sent out:
 Sympathy card to Beryl Peyton
 Sympathy card to Paul McGlynn
 Thinking of You card to Rod and Pat Olson
 Get well card to Ellen Dunlap
 Get well card to Tom Lyle

Rummage Sale Committee – David Lavamaki

Nothing new to report

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Great turnout for the membership drive "Pizza Party." Thank you, Diane!

Neighborhood Watch Committee – All residents

Nothing new to report

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

Dick updated the Club about the upcoming spring tree planting on the Point. His current source for purchasing white pine trees was offering seedling trees at 12", which he feels are too vulnerable for long-term survival. Dick prefers to purchase trees that are 18" in size. He reported spotting a lot of eagles on the Point this year.

Breeze – Natalija Walbridge

Nothing new to report

EXTENDED BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Eating fit!

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healthy servings**



Thai Chicken with
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Due to the overwhelming responses to Eating Fit, it is now going to stay on the main menu! Enjoy the flavors of Green Mill and be true to your commitment to eat healthy. Counting fats, calories or even dietary fiber? The Green Mill Eating Fit menu features healthier alternatives – many that meet the requirements of today's most popular diets.



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to knowing, loving and serving God.*

Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus!

When we pray ... even for those who despise up or hate,
we are ... Punching holes in the darkness!

When we respect the dignity of every human being,
we are ... Punching holes in the darkness!

When we give our worries and fears to God, we are ...
Punching holes in the darkness!

When we act and speak kindly, we are ...
Punching holes in the darkness!

What would you add?

Sunday Eucharist Service at 9:45 a.m.

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PPCC Meeting Notes continued

Old Business

A second vote was taken to approve spending up to **\$500 for the tree planting effort**. A motion was made and seconded; membership votes were all ayes.

New Business

Mark Elden and his daughter, Kyle Elden Heyesen, have offered to help plan a **Family Fun Day** at Lafayette Square scheduled for Sunday, February 12th, from noon to 4:00 p.m. If you would like to help, please contact Kayle at www.kyleleiayoga@gmail.com.

Tom Rauschenfels, speaking for the **Duluth Rowing Club**, said the old boat house should be taken down within the next month or two. The demolition people plan to use the bay surface in the process, and are waiting for more desirable ice to complete the project.

Jake Kapsner suggested that the PPCC **collect used skates**, keeping them at Lafayette for use by skaters who do not have their own. The membership felt we could find a place to store the skates, and then take them for sharpening twice a year. If anyone has used skates they would like to donate, this would be appreciated.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Membership votes were all ayes.

Submitted by Sheryl Robins

Obituary of Thomas Thiry

Thomas Todd Thiry, 51, of Stanchfield, passed away on Sunday, January 15th, 2017 in Cambridge, Minnesota.

He was born on June 13th, 1965 in Coon Rapids, MN to Richard and Sonja (Swanson) Thiry. The family lived a short time in Coon Rapids before buying a home southeast of Cambridge. Tom attended grade school in Isanti and graduated from Cambridge High School in 1983. He went on to become a Journeyman Electrician and began working at Commonwealth Electric, which became a part of Hunt Electric, and from which he retired due to failing health.

On March 4th, 2005, Tom was united in marriage to Marianne in Castries, St. Lucia, in the Caribbean. They built a home in Stanchfield and lived there until moving to Duluth in the summer of 2016. In August, 2013 they bought a cabin on Lake Winnibigoshish, where Tom loved to spend time fishing.

Tom enjoyed curling, golfing, spending time outdoors, hunting and fishing, going on fishing trips with family and friends to Lake of The Woods, and big game and bird hunting trips, as well as spending time with his extended family as much as he could. He and Marianne recently went on a 21 day trip cross country, followed by a huge celebration of his mother's 80th birthday hosted at his sister Pam and Jim's hotel in Lanesboro. Tom enjoyed always being active; he was active in his children's activities from high school through college. He was a great teacher, and taught his children many life lessons. He taught them by example to care for their spirit, as well as the land, the home and most of all, each other.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Kim Thiry; father, Dick Thiry; and father-in-law, Thomas Neumann. Tom is survived by his wife Marianne; and children Desiree (Jacob) Wickman of Rice, MN, Nicholas (Sarah) Thiry of Shoreview, Angela (Nick) Engelbrekt of Chisago City, Sadie Broll of Duluth; 2 grandchildren, Natalie and Luke Engelbrekt and two more on the way; mother Sonja Thiry of Cambridge; siblings Pat (Julie) Thiry of Stanchfield, Pam (Jim) Watson of Lanesboro, Pete (Julie) Thiry of Cambridge, as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers.

Submitted by Marianne Thiry

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

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

Here 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

*I love you so much
that I'll never forget
you.*

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