

The Breeze

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September 2004

Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting – Sept. 16
7:00PM, Lafayette Square**

**Buoys and Gulls
Membership Drive
Luncheon
Pickwick Restaurant
September 5, 1 PM
(Call Jackie Mantay for
Reservations, 720-6555)
Bingo Every Thursday
11:30 AM**

**Bring your Lunch
Coffee Served**

**All Park Point Picnic and
Softball Game
September 12
Park Point Recreation
Area 1:00 Picnic
2:00 Game**

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

On Considering the Future of the Art Fair

As of this writing, activities surrounding the 2004 Park Point Art Fair have come to a close. Artistic Coordinator Karen Monson-Thompson has already begun the preliminary work for the 2005 Art Fair, though she anticipates this will be her last season, as she intends to move on to other pursuits. Karen's efficient and respectful work as Coordinator is often cited by artists as their reason for returning year after year. She is deserving of our heartfelt thanks.

As committee chair, I am also ready to pass along leadership to another person, due both to personal reasons and the level of participation and interest on the part of Park Point residents. [I will be happy to serve as a member of next year's committee and to share with the incoming chair both my notes and those of my "mentor," Maggie McGillis.] These vacancies bring about several questions which need to be addressed by both Community Club members and Park Pt. citizens at large:

Volunteer participation –Active committee membership was exceptionally small in 2004. Is this reflective of interest in (or impatience with the inconveniences caused by) the Art Fair, itself? Low community participation and/or dissatisfaction with Community Club activities in general? Simply another example of the stress encountered by most community organizations in today's hectic society? (Rare, indeed, is the nonprofit which is not "hungry" for volunteers.) Thanks to some forceful beating of the bushes on the part of volunteer coordinators Diane Gould and Tom Ward, volunteer slots for the actual fair days were filled by the last minute. Ongoing participation in planning is also needed throughout the year, however.

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Submissions

The deadline is September 3 for the September 2004 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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President: Mark Steen
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723-8494

Vice President: Dave Poulin
3101 S. Lake Ave.
722-1511

Secretary: Darn! He got away!

Treasurer: Chuck Flaig
1511 Minnesota Ave.
727-2814

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Ellen Dunlap, 733-0179

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Cliff Tchida, 722-4966

ENVIRONMENTAL

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HOSPITALITY

Diane Gould, 727-4067

LAFAYETTE SQUARE RENTALS

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S-CURVE SIGN

Dave Johnson, 722-9764

SUNSHINE

Carl Isadore, 727-5281

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Art Fair (from Page 1)

Use of funds – Proceeds from the 2004 Art Fair came to slightly under \$9,000 – somewhat higher than last year, due to a concerted effort on the part of Karen to reduce costs, but in keeping with an average of around \$8,000 in each of the last several years. Less than 20% of those funds (contrary to popular myth) go directly to Duluth's Dept. of Parks and Recreation, to be applied to youth programs held at the Lafayette Community Center. Funding of children's activities from Art Fair proceeds is a long tradition, going back to the days when the Park Point School was the center of community organization. Remaining profits go into the general treasury of the PPCC; the Art Fair, by far, is the largest source of income for the Club. How should these monies be budgeted to best reflect the desires and interests of the community at large?

Sponsorship – Some discussion has occurred around the idea of forfeiting sponsorship of this event to either the City of Duluth or a corporate entity. [Many similar fairs are now managed by professional, profit-making organizations.] If the Parks Department or other arm of the City were to take over the Art Fair, would a change in location to Bayfront, Leif Erikson or some other spot be in order? *In considering these ideas, residents should remember that Park Pointers do not own the rights to use of the Recreation Area at the end of the Point. Relinquishing of rights to sponsorship of the Art Fair does not guarantee that an event of the same or larger size and inconvenience will not occur in the park.*

The Park Pt. Art Fair, rich in tradition, will mark its 35th consecutive season in 2005. It has a proud heritage, and stands tall among other regional fairs for its artistic quality, physical location and satisfaction on the part of artists and patrons alike. Surveys distributed to artists in 2003 made it clear that Park Point – though far less lucrative than other fairs, financially – is the clear favorite among others in the region. As outgoing chair, I encourage discussion among residents as to how, and even whether, it will continue in the future.

Ellen Dunlap

Park Point Community Club Meeting August 19, 2004

Notes taken by Jean Krusz, DBC Secretary

Held at the Park Point Community Club

The meeting started at 7:05.

About 30 people attended.

- Last month's minutes were approved with one opposed after discussion about the two motions that passed last time and non members voting. Club won't redo the vote, but will be more vigilant about getting an attendance sheet signed and following Roberts Rules of Order.
- Treasurer's report was approved.
- Officer Tinsley spoke: Dan Nyland rode along with him on patrol on PPoint. Officer passed out a review of police activity on the Point.
- Park Point Art Fair Committee report: We will need a new artistic coordinator for next year. We need to discuss the future of the art fair.
- Quality of Life committee has been together for a year. They are working on 146 items. Please fill out the survey in the Breeze.
- Cliff : There are approx 17 houses for sale on Park Point.
- All Point softball and picnic event will be September 12 on a Sunday. Committee requests money for park fee, liquor permit, and flyers. Motion to give \$200 for picnic passed unanimously.
- Duluth Boat Club
 - Keith from boat club passed out a plan of the site and rain garden.
 - The plan ended up with less green space than we need for the size of our project.
 - Hoping to scale back the parking for boat and trailers to 16 spots.
 - We will talk with the DNR to see if they will entertain the idea of a non-motorized boat launch.
 - Member asked if we think we should put our project on hold after the announcement that Wheeler field is getting a lot of money soon. Keith said no. We have money commitments to build the small building and the two entities do different activities.
 - There was a concern about permitting process--she wants to know if we have a permit from the MPCA. She wants to see a storm water prevention plan. Keith will ask the construction committee about it.

 - There is a concern about the alcohol and the vendor. Thinks it is more of a money making entity than a community venture. Keith response was: It is the way we can afford to keep the place afloat. Designed only for that.
Member does not like the idea of a wedding hall and all that would bring.

Minutes Continued

- Member thinks our business plan is vague and blurry. He thinks it would take an enormous volume of restaurant business to keep a place of that size operational. DNR concern and the parking lot. He thinks we are bootstrapping the two projects.
- Members talked about the suggestion Bob Bruce, city planner, made about moving the DNR launch to Bayfront.
- Comment that this property is too valuable to take off the tax rolls. We need it for housing or assisted living.
- Member concerned about cutting down the trees. What will be cut down?
- A concern about how nebulous our plans are.
- In response to a question. Keith said we are not planning to put a street thru on 14th but utilities may have to go through under 14th.
- Member has a petition going around to support Bob Bruce's plan for DNR launch at Bayfront. Keith said we are involved because it is on our site, but it is a decision between the DNR and City.
- Member brought up a concern about power boats and non-power boats together. Keith responded with a review of the breakwall and dock.
- Keith said that if the DNR moves, we will have to generate all the money for the parking lot ourselves.
- Commissioner Fink. said there is no real consensus about Bob's plan in the administration. There is no concrete alternate plan.
- Member believes that we have drifted away from our original purpose.
- Member would like the alcohol resolution rewritten. Says that it gives carte blanche for alcohol use on the point.
- A question on who is responsible for cleanup on the site. Keith responded that we are. We need to get down there to clean. UMD used to pick up there.
- Board president would like the members to get a consensus of what everyone is feeling and what the issues are so we can address them.

Adjourned at 8:50

Call to Artists

The Park Point Community Club is seeking an Artistic Coordinator for the 2006 Park Point Art Fair. This part-time position pays a salary on a monthly basis, beginning with August 1st, 2005. Duties include budgeting, marketing, selection of artists through a jury of professional peers, collection of fees, and all communications with artists via mailings and e-mail. The ideal applicant will have experience in the arts, regional trade shows or other public events planning, and administrative experience with non-profit organizations. Interested parties should communicate by letter c/o Karen Monson-Thompson, Park Pt. Art Fair, Lafayette Square, 3026 Minnesota Ave., Duluth, MN 55802. Those with questions may contact Karen at 218- 398-5970.

Officer on Duty

Hello, I am Officer Tinsley of the Duluth Police Department. Well, we made it through another summer which means that things should slow down a little bit. However, this only means that we need to work harder over the winter months to improve on issues that still plague Park Point. Overall, I am glad that I have met with a lot of the residents on Park Point and encourage those I haven't heard from to give me a call with any concerns.

I have been working hard at trying to start up the citizen patrol. I have been going door to door meeting with people and I am now pleased to announce that there are a people getting involved to help make Park Point a better and safer place to live.

My office is located in the Endion Station at 100 S Lake Ave. My cell phone number is 390-2863. Remember, if it is an emergency or you need immediate police response, dial 911. If I am working, 911 communications will dispatch me first. Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon.

Park Point Community Calls for Service and Proactive Policing Efforts 07/01/04 – 07/31/04

Accidents – 2	Thefts – 2
Damage to Property – 1	Assaults – 1
Parking Problems – 12	Parties – 6
Medicals – 9	Fireworks – 6
Disturbances – 11	Domestics – 2
Animal disturbances – 11	Hit and Run – 1
Burglaries – 3	Water Emergencies – 2
Person w/ Weapon – 1	Trouble Unknown – 2
Recovered Property – 2	Vehicle Prowls – 1
Kid Trouble – 3	Prowler/Peeper – 1
Suspicious Vehicles – 3	Suspicious Persons – 2
Hotrodders – 2	Attempt To Locate – 3
Park Enforcement Issues – 3	Child/Neglect – 2
Check Welfare – 1	Criminal Sexual Conduct – 2
Unsecured Business – 1	
Traffic Stops Tagged – 10	
Traffic Stops Advised – 14	

During proactive policing efforts, 5 people were arrested and jailed. Two people were involved in drug charges. (These are included in above statistics.) I did not include fire calls in this month's statistics. I also was unable to gather info on exact park enforcement, however squads routinely tag for park close along with the help of 3 parking monitor officers

Quality of Life Committee Report – Dennis Hoelscher

A SURVEY was enclosed in the August BREEZE. We are anticipating return of completed forms from residents by the end of September. Our intent is to use survey data for evaluation of work still needed in certain categories or geographic locations. Please add comments on back of the form, or anywhere you deem appropriate.

The form is quite straight forward. If there are specific areas you do not have experience with, simply leave blank. Each item provides for an entry of SATISFIED or NOT SATISFIED, which could mean for example you checked IMPROVED, but also checked NOT SATISFIED. The committee will report findings to residents in a future issue of the BREEZE.

Residents in August of 2003 identified several specific issues we have not pursued to date. Those items include a minimum of two firefighters on duty, paramedic and police services available when the bridge is up, improved safety measures for the non-motorized (lake side) lane, means to inform the public of dangerous water conditions for swimmers, and a ½ hour bridge lift schedule for non-commercial watercraft. We will be pursuing those specific issues.

If you have not completed the survey please do so and put in the Suggestion Box at Lafayette Square (the white box on the fence leading to the building from Minnesota Ave.) An option is to mail to:

Park Point Community Club
C/o Quality of Life Committee
3026 Minnesota Ave.
Duluth, MN 55802

Thank you for your input and comments. If you did not receive a form contact Dennis Hoelscher at 723-3441

Petition to Move DNR Boat Ramp to Bayside

There is a petition circulating among Pointers. This petition is supported by the neighbors adjacent to the proposed **Boat Club/DNR Boat Ramp** project between 13th and 15th along St Louis Avenue.

The petition states that WE POINTERS support *separating* the two projects and moving the 24 hour boat launch (with motorized traffic) to Bayfront where access is better for the boating public.

This proposal has been made by our City Planner, Bob Bruce, but is currently just that – a proposal – with no formal support yet from the Mayor or anyone else in City Government.

We would like to let City Government know that Minnesota Point is not the place for the traffic that this portion of the project will generate.

If you'd like to sign the petition contact Mary Wade at 720-3895 or look for a bag with the word Petition on it at some of the houses on the Bayside of Minnesota Ave between 13th and 15th (there will be one hanging from the mailbox at 1339 MN Ave.). There are multiple sheets. All will be collected and sent to the Mayor or the City Planner before the end of September

Nancy Anderson.

Editor's Corner

We had another good, extended discussion of boat club issues at the August Community Club meeting, as can be seen in the minutes. No doubt this issue will continue to be debated in future issues – but that isn't what I want to talk about now.

The future of the Art Fair is the headline story in this issue, and there's much to be considered there. The need for a new committee chair, the search for a new artistic coordinator, the continuing difficulties in finding volunteers – all these issues need discussion – but not in this column.

I don't want to talk about the miserable excuse for a Summer we've had, the increased police activity here on the Point, our desperate need for a Community Club secretary, or any of the other issues of the day.

I want to talk about softball – and picnics.

The All Point Picnic and Softball game was dreamed up last year by a few neighbors who were tired of the bickering and tedium so common at community club meetings – indeed, at all kinds of meetings – and just wanted an opportunity for Pointers to get together simply to have fun. And it was an unqualified success. Among my memories: meeting for the first time a new Park Pointer, Mark Steen, who has since become our Community Club President. And my first at-bat in the softball game, hitting a weak pop-up that was caught by the Baysiders' catcher, the much missed Tim Slattery. It is in his honor that I will again be there, over-eating, and taking my cuts in the softball game. So come on down, join the fun, and bring something good to pass. (I'm fond of Jello salads).

Alan Dartanyan

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The Breeze received a very nice note, with subscription renewal, from Ed Pollock, which I would like to share with everyone. The Editor

Dear Friends

I enjoy reading the Breeze newsletter and news of the pine forest. I last walked the forest when I left the cabin "Pine Knot" in the year 1999. She had been a member of our family since 1927. We gave it to the state hoping she could be used as an historic site.

Pine Knot today is the same cabin in size as when my grandparents purchased it. Nothing was added but new siding to keep vandals from breaking in. Built in 1900 and still standing, it is a tribute to my dad, who maintained it so well since the 1950's.

I hope someday, if she still stands, that the flag will fly proudly in front of her again. It cannot be moved, as it was built on a scow.

All my best,

Ed Pollock

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Park Point Resident

Please come to the

All Point Picnic

And softball Game

All Park Point residents and their families are invited to the *second annual* All Point Picnic on **Sunday, September 12th**. Come and play or cheer as Baysiders meet Lakesiders in an afternoon of friendly competition. *Please note the change in date* (NOT Sept. 19th, as earlier indicated in the *Breeze*.)

Yes! It's this weekend!

Quick, whip up that killer hot dish, grab your bat and glove and get down there!