



The Breeze

Of
Park Point

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting – Oct. 21
7:00PM, Lafayette Square**

**Halloween Party
Saturday, October 30
6:30-8:30 PM
Lafayette Square**

**Buoys and Gulls Club
November 3, 1 PM
Lafayette Square
Bingo Every Thursday
11:30 AM Bring a lunch
Coffee is served**

**“Gales of November”
November 5-6
At the DECC**

**Duluth Boat Club
Close of Navigation Party
and site clean – up
October 23**

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



Ellen Dunlap distributes door prizes at the All Point Picnic

All Point Picnic a Minor (League) Success

Despite threatening weather, the second annual All Point Picnic and Softball Game, held September 12th at the recreation area, was deemed another success. The crowd of about 50 people was perhaps a bit smaller than last year's, but it was large enough to provide a good quantity and variety of foods for the picnic. Yet it was small enough to provide excellent odds for those vying for the door prizes, generously provided by Blue Iris Gallery, Karessamia, Country by the Lake and the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory.

The picnic was followed by a spirited softball game in which the Lakeside Whitecaps avenged last year's loss with a 13-11 victory over the Dockside Ducks. The ages and skill levels of the players were every bit as varied as the foods at the picnic, but there were many stars. It was noted that County Commissioner Dennis Fink's play for the Ducks, both at the plate and in the field, showed that politicians can not only play "hardball", but softball as well. And I have to point out that the Whitecaps margin of victory was provided by Harold Forte's towering Grand Slam.

Organizer Ellen Dunlap stated that she thought the date of this year's picnic, the weekend after Labor Day, worked very well, and that hopefully participation would grow in coming years.

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Submissions

The deadline is November 5 for the November 2004 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

Park Point Community Club Officers:

President: Mark Steen
2329 Minnesota Ave.
723-8494

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

Secretary: Who's next?

Treasurer: Chuck Flaig
1511 Minnesota Ave.
727-2814

Committees

ART FAIR
open

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON
Cliff Tchida, 722-4966

ENVIRONMENTAL
Kinnan Stauber, 722-6255

HOSPITALITY
Diane Gould, 727-4067

LAFAYETTE SQUARE RENTALS
Mike Brostrom, 726-1163

S-CURVE SIGN
Dave Johnson, 722-9764

SUNSHINE
Carl Isadore, 727-5281

www.parkpoint.org

Lake Tales, Auctions and free boat tours at "Gales Of November"

The lake is a common element that enchants those of us living on The Point. And the "Gales of November" is more than the wind reshaping the dunes. The "Gales of November" is also an event on November 5-6, at the DECC where you can add to your knowledge with new stories of Lake Superior, shipwrecks and diving.

Some of the topics include: the Aerial Bridge Centennial by Bridgemaster Steve DuVille; commercial fishing off Isle Royale and the effect of the "America" sinking, which left fish marketing adrift, by Stewart Sivertson; a visual presentation of the Apostle Islands' lighthouses shown by Duluth photographer-historian Dennis O'Hara; the role of iron ore in Minnesota by Marvin Lamppa; and Lake Superior's latest shipwreck discovery, plus other subjects.

Collectors of shipping memorabilia and maritime artifacts can bid in live and silent auctions.

Free tours of research, Corps of Engineers and Coast Guard vessels are from 10 am – 4 pm.

Cost of the day event is \$17. Proceeds help support the Lake Superior Marine Museum Association. Check < www.LSMMA.com > or call 727.2497. For free boat tour info call Gina, Lake Superior Nautical, 727.6799

Lloyd Schalberg

You will find enclosed in this issue of the Breeze information about how you can be a member of the Lake Superior Marine Museum Association. The LSMMA will enlighten you with information about our port. In January the LSMMA starts the year off with their annual dinner. In Summer there is an interesting summer outing. 6 times a year you will receive the Nor'easter, which has historical and current information about our port. Being "Bridged" will be much more interesting, after you join.

Last February several of the members went on the Tim Slattery Memorial Bus Trip to Marinette, Wi to see the launching of the US Coast Guard Cutter Alder. It was a thrill of a lifetime to see the BIG splash. Now we are waiting for the arrival of the Alder to her home on Park Point, sometime this Fall.

You have a chance to win a trip on the Edwin H Gott a 1000 footer. (see the enclosed orange sheet) This fund raiser helps purchased equipment for the museum. The museum has just updated its website www.lsmma.com. The site includes a web cam, which is helpful to see ships coming into the port

Charlene Shimmins

Park Point Community Club Meeting - September 16, 2004

Mark Steen and David Poulin presiding, 19 signed in
Minutes courtesy of Kinnan Stauber

Correction to last month's minutes; add comment by Dennis H.; "lack of routine patrol services has contributed to the littering problem at the Boat Club site." Minutes approved with correction.

Treasurers' Report; Net Gain of \$8,484.90 for year-to-date
Balance in accounts stand at \$34,366.43

Speaker - Charlotte Van Vactor, candidate for county commissioner
She is here to hand out campaign literature and answer questions. Also would like to attend the PPCC meetings regularly, and offered to pay for child care during our meetings.

Speaker - Chad Twardowski, recent Lafayette space renter
On August 27 and 28, he and his family used Lafayette for a Groom's Dinner and a wedding reception. Six people spent 4-5 hours cleaning the space before it was usable. Photos of the dirty facility were shared. The kitchen was a mess, especially the stove and refrigerator. Sand was everywhere. The windows cobwebbed. Toilets were not clean. The rental cost was about \$400. Much discussion followed about the ongoing problem of maintenance at Lafayette. The kitchen equipment is owned by the city, and should therefore be replaced by the city. The building rentals are handled by the Brostrums, as well as the cleaning. One half of the rental fees go to this upkeep. A full refund will be given, and the executive committee will write a letter of apology as well as discuss the long-term plan for Lafayette.

Art Fair Report - Ellen Dunlap

Karen plans to coordinate for one more year, and then will retire from this position. Need to find her replacement for 2006. Chair for the Art Fair Committee needs to be replaced for 2005. The \$8,000 (or so) profit annually was supposed to fund kid programs, but in reality only 20% goes to that, and the rest goes to the general fund. For the Art Fair to continue, more volunteers are needed, and new people would be welcomed!

Community Police - Officer Tinsley

In the last month, 7 brought to jail, 14 tickets were issued, 17 traffic warnings, 7 calls, and 6 parking problems. He plans to keep the 2 to midnight shift to clear the park. He will check on Sunday church service parking. Citizen patrol, Team One is now trained. They have the bridge to 12th. Next, patrol members will be from 12th to 31st, and then 31st to the end. We commend your work, Officer Tinsley

Duluth Boat Club - Keith Stauber

Re-cap of issues discussed last month. Plan to erect the large sign announcing site of DBC. Will consider "no trespassing" signs, too. Plan to have a fall party and clean-up. Would like the neighbors to communicate more with them, and work together on defining the issues and their priorities.

BEACH Monitoring - Keith Stauber

MPCA continues to sample water at public beaches, and most of the bay areas have had warnings posted all summer. They have applied for a grant to find the source of E. coli.

Environmental Update - Kinnan Stauber

An Eagle Scout worked on a portion of sand dune next to the newest boardwalk by moving sand and transplanting beach grass to help stabilize the area. Thanks Loren! The EC hopes to do more fall planting, beach grass transplanting and fencing. Water Trail Maps (#1) for Duluth to Two Harbors are now available. Water Diversion meetings are now being held. Proposed plans for regulating the use of Lake Superior's water will be discussed. Comment deadline is early October.

No report from Council liaison, Sunshine, Youth (still need someone for this chair position!!) Spent \$142 on the baseball game/picnic.

Quality of Life - Dennis Hoelscher

Please add 24/7 maintenance # (garbage problems, dog poop bags) and Dale Stanek's # to Breeze phone list. Still accepting surveys. Request by Dick G. to bring roof pieces to next meeting with the city. Need to deal with Lafayette beach trail. Cost would be about \$2700, since we already have a pile of materials and approved plans. There are no P&R funds available, and walkway funds have been made available twice and rescinded twice. *MOTION - Build walkway behind Lafayette using Rotary plans and up to \$3000 from the club, after getting permission from the city. PASSES
Dick will also find workers (Rotary?) and coordinate.

BREEZE - Alan D. Deadline October 1st. Need more ads (realtors, restaurants, contractors) plan to ask for "exclusive" ads, or just one advertiser from a single business type.

Cost is \$288/ month to print the BREEZE.

Parks and Rec - Liz Mackay. All \$ is going to the Sports Complex proposal, so no grants available. Layoffs are expected.

Executive Directive - This group needs to deal with more issues prior to the next regular meeting such as; art fair, rental reimbursements.

*MOTION - Call an executive board meeting to address the Art Fair and rental reimbursement prior to the October meeting. PASSES

NEW BUSINESS -

Proposal made to reinstate the Long-range Planning Committee to work with the city on the reinvigorated Comprehensive Plan and the issue with street ends. Kinnan Stauber & Judy Dwyer will be calling you.

Meals on Wheels needs drivers!!!

\$200 to CHUM for the Christmas Party approved.

Adjourned 9:10 pm

“Adventure Duluth” takes the Point

Did you happen to see the crowd of wetsuit-clad bodies gathered on the beach on Saturday, September 25, or notice the large number of kayak laden vehicles pulling into the lot at the 12th street beach? These were the wild men – and women – of Adventure Duluth. Some 70 teams, with names like Big Swamp Adventure, The Milwaukee Cupcakes, and the Wired Winos, as well as a few hardy individuals, competed in this multi-sport event. Contestants began with a chilly mile- long swim in Lake Superior, down to the 12th Street Beach. There, they jumped into sea kayaks, or more often, handed off to a teammate, who paddled through the ship canal and up the St. Louis River for 9 miles. They would go on to in-line skate, Mountain bike and whitewater canoe before finishing up with a 10 mile trail run in Jay Cook State Park.

It was a 6-man team from SEH Surveying and Engineering who finished first, in just under 6 hours, but in an event of this sort, as the saying goes, there are no winners, only survivors!

HALLOWEEN PARTY !!!

Saturday, October 30, 6:30-8:30

@ Lafayette Square

Food, Prizes, candy and FUN for the whole family!

Bring snacks or treats to share (sort of a kid-themed potluck...)

Parents - stick around and make yourselves comfortable - we could use some assistance with the games and

(dare we say) cleanup.

Dress as your favorite _____!

Contact Kathy Jacobs 722-2375 or Kinnan Stauber 722-6255 if you have questions or donations.

THANKS!

Charlotte Van Vactor

First District St. Louis County Commissioner



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Warm thanks to the following people who helped with advertising, preparation and clean-up for the All Point Picnic:

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Our appreciation , as well, to these Park Point businesses that offered gifts for the event:

Bayside Market

The Blue Iris Gallery

Country by the Lake

Keressamia

The Rocky Mt. Chocolate Factory

*A special thank you to these folks for dragging those heavy picnic tables around

Officer on Duty

Hello again, I am officer Tinsley, the Park Point community officer. In an attempt to not sound so repetitive in the next months article for the breeze, I invite residents to offer questions or topics that they want me to answer or talk about. This way I can write about something that might interest the residents or answer questions that others are afraid to ask.

My email is
mtinsley@ci.duluth.mn.us.
My telephone number is 390-2863.

If it is an emergency or you need immediate police assistance, dial 911. Thank you.

Parks Maintenance Numbers

If you see a problem such as overflowing trash cans or porta-potties, or any issue concerning our park facilities, you can contact the Parks Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department at 723-3425, Monday thru Friday from 7 AM to 3 PM
Weekends and after hours call
723-3333

Good Neighbors

A reminder to all Park Point neighbors and pet owners, old and new. When you're taking ol' Max or Fifi for a walk, whether it's on the beach, along the bay, or just down the street, please remember to take a couple of plastic bags along, and clean up any "deposits" they might leave behind. It's just common courtesy, and your neighbors will surely appreciate it.

Notice to 2004 Art Fair Volunteers

We have available a number of commemorative disks left over from last June's Art Fair. These full color plates, which feature a Park Point beach scene, were designed by artist Rebecca Bruzek of Song of the Lamb Sculptures and compliment the Artists Awards. Any volunteer who wishes to have one may contact Ellen at
733-0179



St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church 2802 Minnesota Avenue 727-1262

Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.
Christian Formation: 9:45 a.m. (3 - 17 years old)
Nursery care provided (infant to 3 years old)

Upcoming Events

Via Media (Tuesday nights 5:45 - 7:45) - dinner provided
(Through November 2nd)
Blessing of the Animals - October 10th, 3:00 p.m.
Women's Spirituality Group - Nov. 5th (and all other first
Saturday's of the month) -- 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Day of the Dead - Nov.4th/5th (4th, 5th, 6th graders)

Keep your aluminum cans coming to continue funding our
Habitat for Humanity Project. Work on the house should
begin soon. All are welcome to help.
Questions? Call the number above

Editor's Corner

I have written before in this column about the need to get more people involved in the Park Point Community Club. Though last spring's membership drive did bring in a few new members, we have been without a club secretary for 6 months now, and several committee chairs remain vacant. Now, with the resignation of Ellen Dunlap as chair of the Art Fair Committee, we are reaching a crisis situation. After a very successful two year run, Ellen has stated that one of her biggest frustrations was, predictably, the difficulty in finding volunteers to assist with the Art Fair.

To understand the importance of the Art Fair, you must realize that the Art Fair is by far the largest source of income for the Park Point Community Club. The Fair nets approximately \$8000 a year for the club, dwarfing the piddling amounts raised through club dues and Lafayette Square rentals. And where does the money go? This is an issue dear to my heart, as the largest beneficiary is this publication. In it's current format, The Breeze costs approximately \$3500 a year to print, and though a small amount of this is offset by subscriptions and advertising, it could not continue without the income from the Art Fair.

The next largest beneficiary is the Summer Youth Program at Lafayette. This year the Club donated \$1080 to this City-run program, which serves youths throughout our community.

Then there's the Rummage Sale. This Park Point tradition isn't a big expense, but the club provided \$440 this past year for advertising and porta-potty rentals. And our Environmental committee receives money each year for tree planting, to reduce erosion on the Point, and at the September meeting, the club approved spending up to \$3000 to build a much needed walkway over the dunes behind Lafayette. There are smaller expenses as well, but these make it clear that the Art Fair is what makes the Park Point Community Club run.

The Art Fair itself, of course could be run without the Community Club. It could be turned over to the city, or an Art Fair manager could be hired, or the duties added on to the Artistic Coordinators job, which is already a paid position. But without the Art Fair income, The Park Point Community Club could not continue to do what it does now.

Some might conclude that that would be just fine, that the lack of involvement indicates that residents don't see much value in the Community Club, or in the activities it sponsors, that residents have neither the time nor the desire to become involved in Community Club activities.

I don't believe this is true. I believe the lack of involvement is more an indication of a neighborhood in transition. Long-time residents are aging, in some cases moving out, and new people are moving in. It often takes time to settle in to a new neighborhood, to meet the neighbors, to feel comfortable joining a club. And yes, people are busy. But I'm somewhat heartened by the experiences of our community Police Officer, Michael Tinsley.

For several months now, Mike has been attempting to start a Citizens Patrol group here on Park Point. He has made pleas for volunteers at our Community Club meetings, as well as in articles in the Breeze. The response was under whelming – he received only a couple of calls. Undeterred, he began going door-to-door, starting at the bridge and working down to the S-curve. By going to them, and talking to people face to face, he was able to gather a half dozen volunteers, and soon hopes to have a patrol group up and operating on that stretch of the Point. And once they are operating, and he regains his energy, Officer Tinsley intends to continue working his way on down the Point, and is confident he'll be able to find more volunteers in other areas.

I'm told that years ago the Park Point Community Club had a network of block captains, people who would talk to fellow residents in a two or three block area, and carry their concerns and comments to the Community Club. Perhaps something of this sort should be tried again, going directly to our new and not-so-new neighbors, and inviting them to get involved in the community club. This has the added benefit of giving you a chance to meet your neighbors. And after all, it's much easier to walk into a meeting for the first time when you know someone there. And just maybe a few of those people, when asked by a neighbor to help out on a committee or project, will say, "Yes, I can do that".

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State Representative Mike Jaros attended the Salvatorian Seminary and graduated from the University of Minnesota. From 1972-80 he served in the Minnesota Legislature where he was an Assistant Majority Leader and chairman of the Duluth and St. Louis County Legislative Delegations. Mike also served on the Great Lakes Commission. Since returning to the Capitol in 1985, Mike was appointed chairman of the House Higher Education & Economic Development & International Trade Committees. Because of his seniority and experience, Rep. Jaros is in line to be appointed a committee chairman by a DFL Speaker

Representative Jaros hopes to represent you in the new District 7B which includes the following communities: Central, East and West Hillside, Downtown, Fond du Lac, Gary New Duluth, Fairmont Park, Lincoln Park (West End), Morgan Park, Park Point, Piedmont Heights, Riverside, Spirit Valley (West Duluth) & Smithville.

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