

# The Breeze

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Park Point

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## Calendar

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting**  
Lafayette Square  
March 17, 7PM

**Buoys & Gull Club  
Meeting**  
April 5, 1PM  
Lafayette Square  
Bingo every Thursday  
Bring your lunch, Coffee is  
provided

**Tai Chi at Lafayette**  
Beg: Mondays 7:30-8:30P  
March 14-May 16  
Int: Wednesdays 7:30-8:30P  
March 16-May 18  
10 classes, \$50  
Contact: Gary Hooper,  
722-2357

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



This is the official logo of the Aerial Bridge Centennial celebration. It was designed by Richard Greene of Eden Prairie, whose grandfather was a Bridge Superintendent. This will be copywrited, and used only on officially sanctioned items, like, hopefully, the one below.

### **PARK POINTERS LEND ME YOUR RECIPES!!!!!!**

Yes, we need you, for the 100th centennial celebration of the lift bridge. The park point community club will put together a cookbook with your favorite recipes of casseroles, main dishes, appetizers, beverages, side dishes, soups, stews, salads, breads, desserts and more.

Got a favorite grill recipe to share? or maybe a 3 rd. generation dish?

We will work on this over the next 3 months, attach the logo the lift bridge committee decides on, and viola, our contribution to the centennial, your contribution. Yes everyone is welcome, and you can send me more than one, send several. You can add your name or not.

Send recipes to:

Mary Wade at 1329 Mn. Ave. { drop off in my mail box)  
E-mail address is , [davemaryr@aol.com](mailto:davemaryr@aol.com)  
Phone 720 3895

Also we need some history and past, present pictures to add to the cookbook

send to; Marie Frank at 1335 Mn. Ave 55802  
E-mail address is, [Lakelocked@msn.com](mailto:Lakelocked@msn.com)  
Phone 727 2741

You will get your photos back.

DEADLINE TO GET THEM IN IS APRIL 30TH !!!!!!  
PARK POINTERS LETS SPICE UP DULUTH AND LET THEM ALL HAVE  
A TASTE OF WHAT THEY'VE BEEN MISSING. BON APPETIT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# *The Breeze*

**Editor: Alan Dartanyan**  
726-0110

## **Submissions**

The deadline is April 1 for the April 2005 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at [breezeditor@msn.com](mailto:breezeditor@msn.com) by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

## **Park Point Community Club Officers:**

President: Dick Gould  
3003 Minnesota Ave  
727-4067

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

Secretary: I think we've found one – or two!

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  
Barb Greene 727-2814

S-CURVE SIGN  
Dave Johnson, 722-9764

SUNSHINE  
Carl Isadore, 727-5281  
[www.parkpointcommunityclub.org](http://www.parkpointcommunityclub.org)

## **From the President**

Art Fair time is fast approaching, our coordinator Karen Thompson has been going through the process of selecting artists along with many other issues she deals with. Ellen Dunlap is selecting the food vendors and the provider of the Saturday night dinner for the artists and volunteers.

The bid sheets have been sent out to the porta pottie vendors, the application to the City has been delivered to Parks and Rec. and the required \$1,000,000.00 insurance rider has been requested.

Now it is time to round up the most important part of the fair, the volunteers!

We will need folks to pick up the water and electrical permits and schedule the turning on and off of these utilities, the food permit, liquor permit, help with the set up, haul tables and chairs, stakes etc. from Lafayette, stake and measure booth spaces, set up trash cans along with servicing them a few times each day, putting out and picking up the sign boards, booth sitting to give artists a break, cleanup Sunday afternoon and a few more odds and ends that always seem to come up. Help!

A couple hours of your time would be very much appreciated.

If anyone has an interest you can call me at 727-4067 and sign up.

The City still seems insistent on charging us about \$1,800.00 in park rental for the art fair, I have explored the moving of the event to Barkers Island or Two Harbors for the 2006 fair. What do folks think of using a "point wide questionnaire regarding this issue as well as the future of the rummage sale? Come to the next meeting, we can discuss it.

Dennis Hoelscher, chair of the quality of life committee and myself met with Capt. Jim Wright of the Duluth Police Dept. to discuss some of the activities that have been perennial problems here on the point. Capt. Wright assured us that there would be a more strict discipline regarding the breaking of park and traffic laws here on the point. Be careful!

Mary Wade is off and running with the creation of a Park Point cookbook to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the bridge. Send her a few of your favorite recipes.

Rory Strange and his partner Deb have stepped forward to assume the duties of Secretary of the club, thank you Rory and Deb!

Any wants or needs, come to the March meeting and let people know.

Dick

## **Aerial Bridge Centennial**

I attended the Duluth Aerial Bridge Centennial Committee Meeting on March 2. This is a committee of the whole, which has been meeting weekly. At the meeting they gave committee reports and voted on the Logo to be used for the celebration. The committees include, Marketing, Event Coordination, Art, History, Merchandising and Finance. I am on the Event committee which has come up with criteria for those in the community who are having events that will showcase the bridge or want to have designation as being a part of the of the bridge celebration and have use of the logo. Each committee is up and running. The city will be having another press conference to announce and showcase the new logo to be used to designate all city approved events that will celebrate the 100 years that the bridge has been in existence. The logo showcases the event as the Duluth Aerial Bridge Centennial 1905-2005 with the tag line: GET BRIDGED.

Each committee will meet as needed and the committee of the whole will now meet the 4th Wednesday of each month, except March, which will be the 5th Wednesday. I will continue to keep the community informed of the ongoing events.

Diane Gould

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### HOLY WEEK

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Good Friday March 25 12:10 PM\*  
Easter Vigil March 26 8:00 PM\*

\*At St. Mary's Star of the Sea 325 East 3rd St.

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**Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday** - March 20 9:45AM)

**Maundy Thursday** - Agape Supper/Stripping of Altar -  
March 24 (5:45 p.m.)

**Good Friday Children's Event** - March 25 (10 AM -  
12PM)

**Good Friday Liturgy** (Stations of the Cross) March 25 -  
7PM

**The Great Vigil of Easter** (followed by Easter Party) -  
March 26 (7 PM)

**Easter Sunday** - March 27 - 9:45 AM (Sterling Strings  
Quartet will provide music beginning at 9:20 AM)

**Bible Study** - Tuesday (3/29) - 10 AM & Wednesday  
(3/30) 6:30 PM

**Bible Study** - Tuesday (4/5) - 10 AM & Wednesday (4/6)  
at 6:30 PM

**Women's Spirituality Group** - April 2nd (Saturday)  
9:30AM

**Men's Group** -- Meets at Jitters (downtown) 6:45 a.m.  
Call for place 727-1262

We begin work on our Habitat House in April - come join  
us. Call for details.

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,  
committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's  
the only thing that ever has."** **Margaret Mead**

# BaySide Market

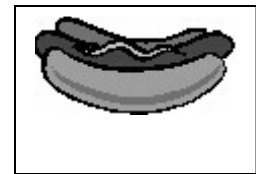
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## **Park Point Community Club February 17, 2005 Meeting Minutes**

*President Dick Gould took command of the Park Point Community Club starship at 7:07 pm. Minutes of the last Community Club meeting (January 20) were approved.*

### **Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** *Chuck Flaig noted that last year's art fair had been about average for Club profitability. His report as published in the Breeze was accepted by voice vote.*

**President's Report:** *Dick Gould has researched a tree nursery in Wisconsin that has a good stock of pines; spring planting season will be here soon.... The rising cost of City-issued park permits for the Art Fair have cut Club profits from that event, with little gain for the expense.... Following the extensive discussion about the deterioration of Lafayette Square at the January meeting, Dick prepared a comprehensive list of building problems and Art Fair concerns for the City of Duluth. His letter suggests the City might either fix the problems, or assist the Club as we do it ourselves.... Dick also voiced his concern that the City Zoning Appeals Board hadn't been sending out their meeting notices in a timely manner regarding projects relevant to the Point. This led to a discussion on how the City grants variances. No variances were supposed to be granted on Park Point until the City's own comprehensive plan was accepted. The City has ignored that policy. Bill Silver questioned whether the City still held to a policy that new construction cannot obstruct an existing building's lake view. Discussion followed; this led to a motion from Bill that another letter shall be sent from the Community Club to city officials strongly supporting and reinforcing a policy that existing lake views must not be impeded by new construction. Motion passed.*

**Membership:** *Dave Poulin stated that February's spaghetti dinner had been a success for membership renewals.*

### **Presentations**

*At this point, committee reports were suspended to accommodate two effervescent speakers. First was Club member Mary Wade. She reported on this year's centennial anniversary of the Aerial Bridge and the formation of the centennial celebration committee. She presented logos under consideration. She emphasized that the committee wants and needs Park Point representation leading up to the August 20 celebration. She then presented a novel and exciting idea for a potential fundraiser for the Club to tie into the centennial: a Park Point Cookbook. Mary will continue to research publication costs; start thinking about a recipe choice for the book....*

*Next to speak was Lynelle Hanson, a member of the St. Louis River Citizens' Action Committee. That organization has published the Lower St. Louis River Habitat Plan. She presented a slide show based on the plan, its purpose and effectiveness. The plan coordinates a wide range of information about the river, from the soil types in the runoffs to the river's economic importance for the tourism industry and much more. The plan stresses the interconnections between all these areas. The Citizens' Action Committee can be reached for copies of the report....*

## (Minutes, continued)

Following a brief intermission for cookies, the Park Point Community Club resumed regular meeting order. New Park Point resident Rick Hyde presented his family's plans for their house at 3129 Minnesota. It will be torn down; they plan to build a duplex on the site. This again triggered a lengthy discussion on variances and building heights. Eyes wide with fear, Dave Johnson suddenly squealed "McMansions! They're coming!" He spent the remainder of the night quietly weeping under a table.

**Quality of Life Committee:** Dennis Hoelscher reviewed the February Breeze article summarizing the Q of L survey. He also expressed strong sentiments about the manner in which police reports to the community were supposed to be conducted, as per negotiated policies between the Club and the Duluth Police. Data gathered must be timely to be effective. Dennis also spoke about snowboarders who had recently filled the new, expensive stairway alongside Lafayette with snow, so they could shred the gnarly rail, dude, or some such thing. Police response had been slow, and took the form of "Go away kids".... He suggested that if you call 911 to report obnoxious beach behavior, you'll have to request that tickets be given out, or the police simply won't do it. Club discussion followed, with other anecdotal examples.

Club meeting adjourned, 8:50 pm. Immediately after the meeting, all sharp objects, including writing implements, were removed from Dave Johnson's reach; he has now been replaced as Club secretary.

*Rspctfllly Sbmtd,  
Dave Johnson*

## U.S. Coast Icebreaker MACKINAW Launching Ceremony

*April 2 - 10 AM, 2005 Marinette, Wisconsin*

The 240-foot one-of-a-kind USCG icebreaker MACKINAW will be "splashed" in a dramatic side launch into the Menominee River at Marinette Marine Corporation, Marinette, Wis., 10 AM, Saturday, April 2, 2005. The new "Mighty Mac" will replace the 60-year old, 290-foot MACKINAW, an icebreaking workhorse that has never missed a winter of work since it was launched in 1944 and a legend on the Great Lakes.

The commissioning of a Coast Guard cutter is an impressive formal ceremony steeped in tradition that marks the beginning of the history of the ship. The side launching is the climax of the ceremony. ***Marinette Marine opens its gates an hour prior to the launch ceremony, providing attendees the rare opportunity to see and photograph the ship out of the water—from the keel to top of the mast.*** We hope to have other photo opportunities, but these will depend on homeland security restrictions.

***You're invited.*** This exciting launching ceremony is open to the public. We have a few seats still available on two coaches leaving Duluth from the DECC one on March 31 and the other on April 1, 2005. Deadline for reservations is March 15 or as soon as we fill the coaches after that date.

**For Reservations and Launch Information call:**

**Mary George at (218) 727-2497**

**Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center**

**On Line: [www.LSMMA.com](http://www.LSMMA.com) and click on the Mackinaw Launch Link**

## Editor's Corner

This month's Breeze contains a couple items dealing with the Aerial Bridge Centennial, and the various events and projects commemorating it. Mary Wade is at work on a Park Point Cookbook, which, with community support, could turn into a major fundraiser for the community club. Another project that was discussed, but not yet acted on, was a tee shirt listing **100 things to do while Bridged.**

This idea intrigued me. As it's something we Pointers deal with on a regular basis, I thought I'd put the question out there: What do YOU do while Bridged? It could be something practical – perhaps you keep a knitting project in the car. I think most of us keep some sort of reading material handy – and it could vary with the duration of the wait, such as:

**One boat: read the newspaper**  
**Two boats: read a magazine**  
**Three boats: read "War and Peace"**

Whatever ideas you have, I'd like to hear them, whether it's practical, like balancing your checkbook, whimsical, like flirting with the driver in the car behind you, or just plain futile, like calling the bridge operator on your cell phone and asking them to hurry because you're late for that important meeting.

So send me your solutions, strategies, and time fillers, and I'll try to print them in next month's Breeze. If I get enough good ones, maybe we'll make that tee shirt.

You can e-mail me at [breezeditor@msn.co](mailto:breezeditor@msn.co), or drop them off at 1540 Minnesota Ave. Let's hear what you can come up with.

Alan Dartanyan

## Officer On Duty

Hello, I am Officer Tinsley, the Park Point Community Officer. I thought I would take the time to write this article about traffic related problems. I have again received complaints about speeding and stop sign violations at 19th Street and Minnesota Avenue. It has been a common complaint that cars have been speeding on Park Point and bothering the residents. I conducted patrol saturation to deal with the problem of speeding. During the dates of 2/25/05 to 3/3/05, I made 18 traffic stops. There were 14 residents and four nonresidents stopped for speeding. This means that 77% of those stopped for speeding were residents of Park Point versus 23% nonresidents. I will continue to conduct radar enforcement to deal with this problem. I would like to remind the residents that speeding is a huge problem for this area. Speeding tickets fines are as follows:

1-10mph over the speed limit	\$102.00
11-14 over	\$112.00
15-20 over	\$122.00
21-25 over	\$132.00
26-30 over	\$162.00
31+ over	\$212.00

I am also working on other Park Point problems such as parking, illegal drugs, and various theft investigations.

The Park Point citizen patrol/block watch will be holding a meeting at the Duluth Police Department on April 22, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and may contact me for further information. My telephone number is 390-2863. My email is [mtinsley@ci.duluth.mn.us](mailto:mtinsley@ci.duluth.mn.us). Remember, if it is an emergency or you need immediate police/fire/ambulance response, call 911. Thank you and be safe.

## CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL SPRING PLAY

**Mark your April Calendar! The spring play at Central High School is Noises Off, a free-wheeling comedy. A perfect remedy for cabin fever, and great for all ages. Four students from the Point will be participating in the show-Alan Slattery, Jef Crosby, Samantha Eckeroth, and Myles Heistad. The show is 8 p.m. on April 21, 22,23 (Thurs -Sat.) and 2 p.m. on Sunday April 24th. Bring your friends, sit back and enjoy, and support these Park Point students!**

Scott Wolff

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Park Point Community Club  
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### **Park Point Resident**

#### **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

Dear Folks,

After 15 years on Park Point for me, my family moved in November – with mixed feelings for sure – toward more quiet, elbow room, and kid-safer traffic.

In departing, as a whole family we want to offer a warm and very heartfelt note of gratitude to Park Pointers, for the real blessing of our tenure among you.

Over time, you have shown us unanticipated layers of the meaning of the word “neighbors”. We have come to know you as proud and responsible and energetic citizens. We so appreciate how you consistently serve your community at large, care for your neighborhood, and accommodate and tend each other. If we’re able to help our own children learn to be as graciously communal, we’ll feel successful as parents.

Thank you, thank you, for your example, and for your friendship.

With tender regards,  
David Hutchinson and Gloria Piche  
(and Jonas, Declan, and Riley)



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