

# The Breeze

Of  
Park Point

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## Calendar

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting**  
Lafayette Square  
August 18, 7PM

**Buoys and Gulls Club**  
Tuesday, September 6, 1PM  
At Lafayette Square  
Bingo every Thursday  
Bring your lunch  
Coffee is served

**3rd Annual All Point  
Picnic and Softball Game**  
Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Beach Sweep 2005**  
September 18

## “Crazy Irishman” Rows Superior



Ian Harvey rows out of the Duluth harbor, accompanied by Park Point rower Dan O’Neil and followed by the support tug “Seneca”

Ian Harvey, the 58 year old rower from Belfast Northern Ireland, completed his Lake Superior Charity Row by finishing his goal of rowing 400 hundred miles in an open water shell. Harvey started in Duluth July 16th and finished at Whitefish Point, the eastern end of the lake July 31<sup>st</sup>, just in time before he had to fly back to Ireland. No rower has ever rowed this distance from one end of the lake to the other. He has finished two other endurance charity rows, the last and furthest, rowing across Lake Victoria in Uganda, a two hundred mile row.

Harvey, a semi retired senior producer with the BBC in Northern Ireland has donated his time to the two charities he is rowing for. One is the BBC Children in Need, kids that need help in many ways, and the other is Fields of Life.com, both of which help children with medical, educational and housing needs. They are on the web site, Lake Superior Charity Row 2005. This site will give you an idea on how tough it was.

There was a BBC crew on board the support tug Seneca following Ian for the two weeks. Over in Ireland, the BBC puts on a telethon similar to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day weekend called Children In Need They are putting together a documentary on Ian’s row which will be great to see.

Any questions? Call me @ 651-260-4245 Dan O’Neill, Duluth Rowing Club

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

# *The Breeze*

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## **Submissions**

The deadline is September 2 for the September 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:**

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Deb Turner  
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## **From the President**

A new project for all of Park Point

For some time now we have been looking for a project that would be beneficial to all Pointers, visitors, tourists, and the City, related Government agencies and the club to include the Garden club and the environmental committee. Here it is!

Dennis Fink and I met this past Wednesday to discuss such a project. After many thoughts we decided upon the rebuilding of the park area at 12th street. The project would include a plant-able rock berm between the lake and the parking lot, a handicapped accessible walkway to the beach, possibly a observation platform, a wall system around the parking lot, removal of sand from the garden area, a new sign system, a new garden and a new gate system that would be used to control access during park closing times.

In effect this would allow planting that would control the drifting sand that the City has to continually remove, stop the same sand from burying the gardens, not allow the destruction of the dunes surrounding the parking lot, control the access to the park during evening and early AM times, stop the camping there and give the public and pointers a much better sign system to be informed with. Our County Commissioner Dennis Fink has offered a substantial amount to be matched by the Club to do this project. With some volunteer labor, a plan and design authored by the City and agreed upon by all, this could be the beginning of the redesign and control of all the park areas here on the point.

The other things discussed were more facilities such as toilets, garbage containers, maintenance, control gates at Lafayette and 43rd street and the possibility of a bridge timing system for the Aerial Bridge. There were a few more but my memory is just like me, short.

If you have some input, concern or wish to be a part of this project please be at the next meeting where I'm sure it will be discussed.

Cookbook sales continue to be strong, Mary and Diane are doing a tremendous job and should be thanked by all. They well might raise enough money through the cookbook to finance the aforementioned project or many others.

Thank you! Dick

## **We Get Bridged Cookbook - Correction of the month**

First bread recipe in Breads and Rolls: Royal Whole Wheat Bread: add 2 tsp. salt, change to 1 1/2tsp. Caraway seeds, optional.

If you haven't bought your copy yet, or you just like to be on the cutting edge, the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Park Point Cookbook, with a new cover photograph by Tom Mackay (and the latest corrections). will be available soon. Still only \$10.00!

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Summer Worship – 9:45 a.m.

**August 17** -- Eucharist and Picnic at Picnic Pavilion (5:45 p.m.)

**August 18** - Men's Group (6:45 a.m. at Jitters)

**August 18** -- Third Thursday Lunch Group (call for time and place)

**August 24** -- Fourth Wednesday Fun Group (1-3 p.m.)

**August 25** - Bishop's Committee Meeting (Visioning and Calendar) 6 p.m.

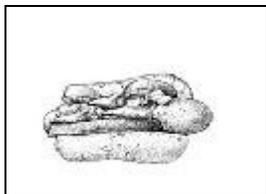
**September 7** - Pastoral Care Meeting (5 p.m.)

**September 11** -- SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES (ages 3-17)

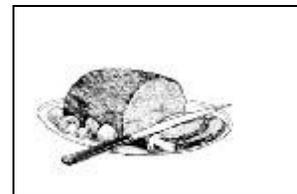
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## **Park Point Community Club Minutes**

July 21 2005

The meeting was opened at 7:05pm by President Dick Gould

The regular club business was suspended to allow Rich Ludwig from the Franciscan Health Center the opportunity to explain the proposed building project that is being developed. At this time plans have not been submitted to the city although they are hoping for a construction start date around October. Questions and concerns were raised regarding parking and traffic and Rich stated that they are aware of neighbor concerns and would hope to work these issues out prior to construction. The management company is looking at adding 9 additional rooms and some increased parking. Currently they do not have any variances that need to be addressed. Community members appreciated that Rich was able to bring plans and provide a more detailed look at the expansion.

The meeting then conducted club business.

### **Treasurer Report**

The Art Fair was a success for the community club again as well as for artists and those who attended. Income outweighed expenses and a profit was realized. Dick thanked all those involved for their volunteer efforts in helping this be a successful weekend.

### **City Council Liaison Report**

Work continues on the overall comprehensive plan. Russ Stewart will obtain a copy of the Urban Impact Study and how it relates to our community.

### **Quality of Life Report**

The group has prioritized their issues and will be presenting them to the club as a whole. They are Scheduled Bridge Lifts, Police and Fire Services, and The non- Motorized Lane.

### **Police Report**

Officer Mike Tinsley passed out printouts detailing activity in the community this past month. This information is available from Officer Tinsley or members of the executive committee. Officer Tinsley mentioned that he is trying to gain support for adding the ATV patrol to assist in beach patrol and emergencies on the beach. He was not sure if that could happen this year but it is a priority for him.

### **Cookbook Report**

Diane and Dick both gave us an update on the Cookbook Project.

The executive committee met to discuss the City of Duluth's response to our cookbook and lack of a contract. This issue has led the club to decide to continue the Cookbook but to do so without the Get Bridged Logo that the city was trying to promote. The club has agreed to print more cookbooks and to have a new cover put on to replace the old one. Club members felt that the cookbook was a Point Project and demand has remained high and it will be sustainable for the near future. Our cookbook has made a profit and continues to sell well with vendors in the Duluth area.

There were no further committee reports.

**Minutes (Continued)**

**New Business**

The club has been asked to support a variance request from 3129 Minnesota Ave. The club maintains that no variance approval will be given until the comprehensive plan is put into practice.

\$175.00 Dollars was approved for the summer youth Picnic.

\$250.00 Dollars was approved for the annual Point picnic with money being used to pay for permits and other items.

**Old Business:**

The St. Louis County health Dept. is requesting that we pay our fee for the Kitchen License but this a catch 22 situation because the City of Duluth will not do repairs that are required. Dick will try and find out a way to get this taken care of.

Clean up from groups using the club continues to be an ongoing issue and users are encouraged to clean up the club to the best of their ability after use.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted

Deb Turner

Rory Strange

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## Quality of Life Committee Monthly Report - August 2005

Article submitted by Dennis Hoelscher

One of the issues added for the 2005 agenda of the committee is the Non-Motorized Vehicle lane (lake side parking lane during summer season (May 1 to October 31)

Extensive background work has been done by the committee. Tom Richards and John Hunn conducted a survey of lake and Minnesota Avenues, including measuring all lanes (parking and traffic). Tom wrote a comprehensive report including background of the problem, safety, hazards, liability, and possible solutions.

My research included two offices of the State of Minnesota. One was the Traffic Safety office of the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The DPS is this states "top cop", including all aspects of public safety. The second was the Traffic Safety Office of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MDOT). MDOT sets the states standards for all engineering and construction aspects of transportation.

The result of the committee's research was a recommendation sent to the City Engineer, Dick Larson, as follows:

"Relative to lake Ave and Minnesota Ave seasonal Non-Motorized Vehicle NMV lane, and traffic and parking lanes, to help promote safety and reduce speeding, several concerns exist.. .

### 1. SPEEDING

Speeding was the single greatest concern of residents documented in August of 2003.

Because speeding continues as a critical issue (a recent survey of all residences indicates speed controls implemented to date are not satisfactorily working, according to two-thirds of the residents.)

Your statements as a registered civil engineer, and the MDOT's traffic safety expert engineer, both agree narrowing traffic lanes has a positive influence of lowering traffic speeds.

### 2. LAKE SIDE NMV WIDTH ADEQUACY

This lane seasonally is heavily used with multiple kinds of activity, bikers, roller bladers, runners, walkers, wheel chair users etc.

We submit that for the entire length of the Point, the width is inadequate for safe use under normal conditions, and it is frequently illegally occupied by motor vehicles parking. Between 12th-13th Sts (the S-curve) two parks straddle the street, one on each side, with pedestrians frequently crossing, a high volume of pedestrians, frequent illegal parking on both sides of the street, and very poor visibility for all users because this is a curve.

### 3. ADEQUATE WIDTH FOR SAFER PARKING LANES ON EACH SIDE OF THE STREET

Existing parking lane widths (on either side of the street) vary from 6'1," to 7'9". In almost all cases when a person exits their vehicle they must step directly into the traffic lane. We believe this is a most dangerous condition.

### 4. WINTER SNOW NARROWING PARKING LANES TO INADEQUATE WIDTHS

We believe existing parking lane widths currently are inadequate and unsafe, but in winter the additional narrowing by snowplow rows, creates a condition that forces vehicles to park in the traffic lanes.

- \* The continuous asphalt street surface, from curb to curb, varies in width from 43'9" to 44'2".
- \* The parking lanes vary in width from 6' 1 "" to 7'9".
- \* The NMV lane varies in width 4' to 6'8"

### **It is the specific recommendation of this committee that:**

**\*The center point of the streets, Lake Av and Minnesota Av from the bridge to 43rd St, be midway between the two curbs.**

**\*One twelve foot traffic lane be established in each direction.**

**\*Traffic lanes be marked at the center with 8" yellow stripes (each lane).**

**\*Parking lanes be marked with 8" white stripes.**

**\*All stripes be inside the 12' traffic lanes (which meets MDOT specifications to retain status as a "municipal state aid road").**

## **Things You Can Do at the All Point Picnic (and softball Game)**

*Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.*

- Greet old friends you haven't seen for awhile
- Get to know a new neighbor
- Introduce a new neighbor to an old neighbor
- Show off your recipe from the "We Get Bridged" Park Point Cookbook
- Test out others' recipes from the Park Point Cookbook
- See if you can get your old swing back when you step to the plate for *The Lakeside Whitecaps* or *The Dockside Ducks*
- Find out you might not ever get your swing back (but have a great time trying)
- Consider the possibility that your swing was never that great in the first place
- Introduce your neighbors to your favorite Aunt Trudy or weird cousin Felix ("Ringers" are welcome, and the definition of family is loose.)
- Encourage your ten-year-old daughter to play, even if it's only to run the bases for Aunt Trudy
- Encourage your 88-year-old Uncle Percy to play, even if it's only to pitch
- Have an all-around good time. Leave with a full belly, a few sore muscles and exclamations of "We'll get'em next year!"

(The Tally so far: Ducks, 1; Whitecaps, 1)

**Mark your calendar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
All Point Picnic and Softball Game!**

## Editor's Corner

I'm going to use this month's column to touch on a couple of subjects, beginning with the amazing Lake Superior Charity Row recently completed by Irishman Ian Harvey. I was lucky enough to be among the small flotilla of rowboats, kayaks, sail and powerboats that accompanied Ian when he left from Park Point and rowed out under the Aerial Bridge. Park Pointer and Duluth Rowing Club member Dan O'Neil was Ian's U.S. connection, his host as Ian and his support team prepared for the row, and the source of many e-mail's to those of us tracking Ian's progress across the lake. As amazed as I am by Ian's feat, I'm just as proud of Dan's efforts for Ian and the charities he promotes.

The other subject I want to discuss is, once more, the All Park Point Picnic and Softball game. Given how busy the summer months are for everyone, it was decided last year to wait until September, and hold the picnic the weekend after Labor Day, when things had quieted down a bit. Though the crowd wasn't large, the date seemed to work well last year. This year, that weekend falls on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Since 2001, September 11<sup>th</sup> has taken on new meaning. The tragedies of that date hardly bring to mind thoughts of celebration. However, they also had the effect of bringing people together. And coming together as a community is exactly what the All Park Point Picnic is all about. And what could be more quintessentially American than a picnic and a softball game? So come on down, bring your bat and glove and whip up your best recipe, and get together with the Park Point community.

And remember, if we don't play, the terrorists win!

## Officer On Duty

Hello. I am Officer Tinsley of the Duluth Police Department. Normally, I do not respond to other articles that are published in this paper. I will respond when articles are explaining ways to break the law and endangering the public. I know people that read the Breeze that are not residents of Park Point and I would not like to give the impression that this is an area where we accept illegal activity. The Duluth Police and many residents are working to improve the quality of life on the Point. Articles that boldly state ways to break the laws on Park Point and get away with it may create more problems for all of us.

With that said, I would like to talk about the police activity for the month of June. There was a total of 154 incidents involving police on Park Point plus an additional nine medical assistance calls. The Duluth Police Department conducted 58 traffic stops and enforced City Park Ordinances 16 times, for a total of 74 police officer initiated activity. This means that 48% of the time, the officer was taking enforcement that was self initiated and not called into 911. This leaves a total of 80 calls for service to 911.

There are five officers assigned to the Park Point and Canal Park area with rotating schedules. During the winter these officers work elsewhere within the city and are assigned as extra patrol strength in this area during the summer months. The average 911 call per officer is 16 calls a month or about one call every other day for each individual officer. I took the liberty of pulling the number of calls for service from another residential area of Duluth. This area covers 21st Avenue East to the east city limit of the Mcquade Road. For the month of June there were 879 calls for service in this area where there are eight officers assigned. This means that the call per officer ratio is 109 calls per month.

During the summer, there is a swell of traffic to Park Point as you well know. I will continue to encourage you to call the police with neighborhood problems. The Police Department is committed to making this area a safer place to live. If you have questions, please call me at 390-2863. My e-mail is [mtinsley@ci.duluth.mn.us](mailto:mtinsley@ci.duluth.mn.us), which is checked on a daily basis. Remember, if it is an emergency or you need immediate response from police, fire or ems, please dial 911. Thank you.

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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



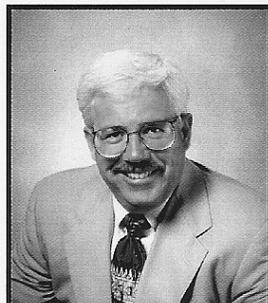
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