

The Breeze

Of
Park Point
December 2005
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Calendar

Park Point Community Club
No December Meeting!

Buoys and Gulls Club Meeting

January 3, 1PM
At Lafayette
Bingo every Thursday
11:30 AM
Bring your lunch
Coffee is served

Winter Solstice
December 20

Christmas & Start of Hanukkah
December 25

Festivus
Whenever!

The Point Lights Up



From enchanted pathways to Christmas trains, Park Point is lighting up for the holiday season. These poor black and white photos don't do justice to the variety of displays set up all along the Point. Take a break from your furious to and fro and take a leisurely drive down the Point, stopping frequently to enjoy the sights. And if you haven't joined in yet, there's still time to put up a string of lights or two, to help complete Marcia Hales vision of one endless light display. Marcia – and Minnesota Power – will thank you.

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

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Submissions

The deadline is December 30th for the January 2006 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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3003 Minnesota Ave
727-4067

Vice President: Dave Poulin
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Secretaries: Rory Strange and
Deb Turner

Treasurer: Chuck Flaig
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From the President

Attention all hockey people.

The hockey rink boards have been repaired and the lights are working thanks to MP&L, now we need some volunteers to flood and cut the small weeds and brush that have grown in the rink. I will produce some nets either through the City, who took them away last year, or ask the club to buy some new ones. If you would like to help I have keys for the building.

Call me at 727-4067 or 348-3768

Dick

Officer On Duty

Hello. I hope that everyone is doing well. I have been busy working on speed enforcement and a few burglaries in the Canal Park area. As some of you may have noticed, I have been steadily issuing citations for parking and some for speeding. Also, the Duluth Police Department has taken many reports of vehicles being stolen in the city. Some people like to warm up there cars during the winter season by leaving their keys in the ignition. This is a great opportunity for car thieves to strike even if it is in your driveway. Please remember, it is against the law to do this on the public street. Below, you will find the city ordinance covering this issue. If you have any questions, please contact me at 390-2863.

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Upcoming Events:

- December 13** -- Senior High Youth Group (6-8 p.m.)
 - December 13** -- Men's Group (6:45 a.m. at Jitters)
 - December 15** -- Third Thursday Group (11:30, Radisson)
 - December 18** -- Worship and The Greening of the Church (11:30 a.m.)
 - December 24** -- Christmas Eve Lessons, Carols and Eucharist (4:30 p.m.)
 - December 25** -- Christmas Morning Holy Eucharist and Carols (9:45 a.m.)
 - December 29** -- For Girls Only (13 years and up) -- 6:30 - 9:30 p.
 - December 30/31** -- Senior High Lock In
 - January 2** -- For Boys Only (13 years and up) - 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
 - January 13** -- Friday Prayer Group -- 9 a.m.
- Everyone is welcome to worship, education events, and various group gatherings.**

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Park Point Community Club Minutes of the Meeting: November 17, 2005

Stinging wind pushed the first icy snow crystals of the season into the faces of hardy Club members as they gathered this night. Gradually a quorum was reached; the meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. Minutes of the October meeting were approved despite peculiarities and chocolate fingerprint smudges.

Committee Reports

President: As the quorum was reached, Dick Gould spoke off-the-cuff about different problems he had been attending to as Club President, and issues that stand as priorities for the Point in the future. This informal President's Report opened the meeting.

Sales of the cookbook have been exceptional. 1500 have been sold; the remaining 200 will be gone soon, as holiday shopping picks up.... The confusion from Duluth City Hall (discussed at length in October's meeting) continues to plague us. During last month's meeting, a formal vote was taken to cancel payment on a Club check written to Duluth's Legacy Fund that had been lost by the City. The check has not been found, but the Club DID receive a thank-you note for it.... Park Point residents are encouraged to decorate for this year's holidays. There is a strong chance NBC will be here to give national exposure to Marcia Hales' lights display.... Action against rising property taxes should be an issue embraced by the Club before more of our fixed-income residents are forced by economics to sell and move away.... An Art Fair committee meeting was held on November 10. The profit goal for the 2006 Art Fair is \$8500.

Treasury: Chuck Flaig noted that all Club debts were paid and all expenses current; club treasury stands at over \$44,000.

Environmental: Dave Johnson, tonight wearing his favorite pair of footie-pajamas (the ones with pirates on them) rambled briefly about the S-curve project. One city official had suggested flattening the big dune and doubling the size of the existing parking lot. This idea was nipped before budding. Dick Gould noted that a well would not be allowed at the site; sand-point wells are illegal in the city limits.

City Liaison: Cliff Tchida analyzed the outcome of the City Council elections; it seems likely that the Council will still produce decisions based on a 5-4 split.

Police: Officer Mike Tinsley passed out his latest statistics report, then he clarified a few laws Park Pointers are prone to break, such as jumping the red light when the bridge comes down. Members in attendance batted their wide, honest eyes at the thought of such vulgar hooliganism.

Art Fair: The Club briefly returned to the topic of the 2006 Art Fair, with more details about the November committee meeting. Ideas include expanding the fair by 10-20 more artists, a skywalk banner and a sponsored shuttle-bus.

Old Business: At the October meeting, motions were passed to: 1) Donate \$200 to the annual CHUM Christmas Party through Muggs McGillis; and 2) Approve a contribution not to exceed \$2000 for boardwalk construction projects at the Barrens. Club bylaws require a second vote on major expenditures. Dick Gould called for this second vote; both passed with unanimous "ayes" (one "aye matey").

New Business: Dick Gould underscored that he isn't interested in pursuing another term as President when his current term expires. The Club needs to think about a slate of officers beginning with the January meeting.... The Comprehensive Plan component involving street ends has "faded to a halt".... A discussion about beach access at night brought the Club meeting to its finish at 7:53.

Respectably Submersible, Dave Johnson (acting seckerterry)



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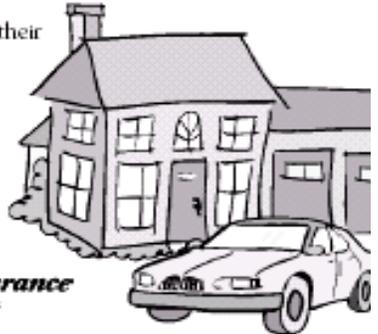
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Editor's Corner

The cold weather is upon us, even if there's not much snow yet. And we are well into the "Holiday Season", whatever Holidays you choose to celebrate – or ignore. The calls to Light up the Point seem to have been well received, judging from the number and size of the displays along the Point. Many of them put my poor little string of lights to shame, but for most of us, it's not about competing with our neighbors, but rather about brightening up our little corner of the world during the darkest time of the year. And if it brings a bit more traffic to the Point, at least these cars are traveling much slower than the summertime drag racers.

The Community Club has once again cancelled its December meeting, figuring people could do with one less obligation during this busy time. And I don't want to add to anyone's mental load. But as the holidays pass and we get into the New Year, the community club will be seeking a new slate of officers, and perhaps a new direction. If your New Years resolutions include getting more involved in your community, this might be your opportunity. At least it's easier than losing weight!

Letters

Good day Dick;

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Sunshine Committee for the Park Point Community Club.

I will be moving from Park Point on or about December 17, 2005. Please accept my resignation effective this date. Thank you kindly

Sincerely,
Carl Isadore

Dear friends of the Park Point Community Club;

Things have a way of getting buried on my desk. Today being Saturday, I got busy cleaning my desk and realized I had not acknowledged my gratitude for your thoughtful remembrance to me on the death of my niece. I apologize for my neglect. I do want you to know that I am so pleased to live on the Point – I don't even mind the bridge.

Park Point is a good place to live. I only wish I could be more active, but my age and legs prevent me – but you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

Msgr. Pat McDowell

Thanks to everyone who is "lighting up the Point".

It's looking great. There's still time to stick some lights out or put a candle in the window. Still have extra lights available so feel free to give me a call if you need some. Happy holidays to all.

Marcia Hales

War Department says no to Park Point to Superior rail line.

By Glenn Maxham

The wish of Park Pointers to have a shortcut to and from Superior probably began as soon as this peninsula was occupied. For a brief time, it appeared the concept might actually become a reality. In his book, History of Duluth and St. Louis County, Dwight Woodbridge explained why the idea was permanently abandoned.

"A sudden craze sprang up during the months of May and June of 1883 to build railroads to connect Minnesota Point with Rice's Point on the line of the old dike. The Lake Superior Railroad Company, the Duluth and Northwestern Railroad Company, the Duluth Transfer and Dock Company and the Duluth, North Shore and Southwestern Railroad Company were started simultaneously and all four roads were clamorously demanding the right of way that was supposed to exist along the line of the old dike.

Meeting after meeting of the village council was held, but the whole four schemes were blown up one fine morning by the reception of a telegram from the War Department informing the people of Duluth that if they wanted anymore channels dug in their harbor, to give up the idea of crossing them with bridges or other obstructions to navigation.

The (War) Department would not ask money from congress to deepen the harbor unless it was to be free and unobstructed. This alternative put an end forever to these railroad schemes."

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Park Point Resident

Parks Maintenance Numbers

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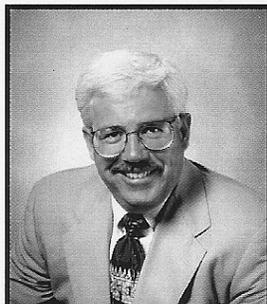
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