

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**
September 21, 7PM
Lafayette Square

Buoys and Gulls Club
Membership Luncheon
Tuesday Oct 3rd 1PM
Papa Don's Restaurant

Bingo every Thursday
11:00AM
Bring your lunch
Coffee is served

Night Without A Home
September 30th

Pulling For The Cup



I was a little reluctant to give the Rowing Club two front pages in a row, but this was such a great picture, and such a great event, I couldn't resist. Read more about the 103rd Annual NWIRA International Regatta and the battle for the Lipton cup on page two.

The scoop on the Ice Cream Social

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 promise of free ice cream and a bit of socializing brought a larger than usual crowd to the August community club meeting. Attendees were also treated to one of the shortest meetings in recent memory. The picture at right SHOULD be of a steady line of people filling their bowls at the ice cream bar. However, I was so intent on filling my own bowl I forgot to take pictures until the line thinned, and the ice cream supply was severely diminished.



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Submissions

The deadline is October 5th for the October 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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News from the Duluth Rowing Club:

The Duluth Rowing Club will be holding a "Thank you for putting up with us this summer" picnic for Park Point residents. The picnic will be held on Thursday September 21 from 5:30-7:00pm (right before the September Community Club meeting) at the Boat House (3900 Minnesota Ave). We welcome all residents to come down and check out our boats, meet some rowers and eat some free food.

The Duluth Rowing Club placed fourth in the 103rd NWIRA International Regatta. Over 300 rowers from Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Winnipeg, Rochester, Milwaukee, Saskatoon, Regina, Kenora and Thunder Bay competed for the coveted Lipton Cup. Alas, it went home with Minneapolis once again. But, we had a great weekend and the water could not have been better. This year's NWIRA regatta has special significance for Duluth, which has a rich tradition of rowing. The NWIRA event was first hosted in Duluth in 1911. Thank you to all Park Pointers for your help, patience and support that weekend.

Our next event: Death Row...18 grueling miles up the St. Louis River. Open to rowing shells, canoes, kayaks and outrigger canoes. Race starts at the Boat House on Sunday September 24th at 8:00am.

For more information on any of our events or the Duluth Rowing Club in general, check out our website www.duluthrowing.org or call the boat house at 727-8689.

Duluth Boat Club

The Duluth Boat Club plans to start improving its site on the Harbor Basin between 13th and 15th streets this fall by clearing brush, mowing grass, leveling the piles of sand and moving its paddling program there for next year's activities.

The Boat Club's paddling programs have grown considerably in recent years and the DBC board decided earlier this summer to make some minor improvements now for its paddlers rather than wait for its full construction plans to come together. Improvements will include a chain link fence and a shipping container (painted a neutral color). Exactly location on the site will be determined later.

Once the plans come together, the Boat Club will be using the site for its outrigger canoe paddling program, marathon canoe paddling program and sea kayaking programs.

In addition, the site will be kept mowed and clear. Depending on how plans come together, the Boat Club hopes to plant grass throughout the site next year.

AN INVITATION

To all Duluthians, especially Park Pointers, 55 and older. Buoy and Gulls is holding their annual Membership Luncheon on Tuesday Oct 3rd @ 1:00PM @ Papa Don's restaurant in the Androy Hotel in Superior. Usually we meet the 1st Tuesday of every month @ Lafayette, except for 3 Luncheon Mtgs a year. Dues are only \$2.00 a year. We welcome your membership, along with your ideas for what you would like to see on the agenda as a Senior Club on Park Point. For information and /or reservations please call Elaine Edwardson @ 279-3955

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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We welcome Father Jose Mundudad, "Father Joe", whom will be serving Center City Parishes and living in the rectory here on Park Point.

SUNDAY MASSES 9 AM
CONFESSIONS SUNDAY 8:30-8:45 AM

Coffee & Donuts 1st Sunday of the Month

On Sept. 17 Religious Ed for grades Pre K – 12th will begin at 10 AM at St. Mary's Star of the Sea church. Parents and students requested to attend. Classes run until 11:15 except Sundays when there is music practice, when it runs until 11:45.

Special Programs for Juniors and Seniors are scheduled this Fall. For more information about these programs and Adult Education call:

PARISH OFFICE 722-3078
Shirley Baker, Religious Education director

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Worship - 9:45 a.m. Nursery Care provided

September 5 -- Men's Group (6:45 a.m. at Jitters Coffee Shop)

September 10 -- Welcome Sunday! Christian Formation Classes begin. Picnic lunch follows worship.

September 19 -- Men's Group (6:45 a.m. at Jitters)

September 23 - Women's Group (9:30 - 11:00 a.m.)
(Studying Benedictine Spirituality)

October 7 -- Altar Guild Trip to St. Mark's Cathedral

October 3 - Men's Group (6:45 a.m. at Jitters)

October 14 - Women's Group (9:30 - 11:00 a.m.)

Adult Education offerings begin in late September.

Youth Groups begin meeting in mid-September.

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Park Point Community Club August 17, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Dave Poulin wiped chocolate sauce from his lips with a small square of white paper towel. He sighed contentedly, and looked around at the other community club members in the crowded main hall of Lafayette Square. Most wore the same happy expression as he; such was the magic of the ice cream social they'd all been enjoying. Pails of ice cream had been swallowed up, and back in the Lafayette kitchen, leftovers beckoned to latecomers. How sad it was for Dave to shatter this tranquil scene with words that made the good neighbors shudder: "Let's bring this meeting to order." It was 7:07. From that moment on, everyone knew it was a race between the meeting, the clock and lactose intolerance. Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Flaig is preparing a detailed report on Club finances for September. Club treasury stands at \$50,891. He offered this analysis of Art Fair profits for the past four years: (2003: \$6600), (2004: \$7700), (2005: \$7500), (2006: \$10,250).

Breeze: Alan Dartanyan said the Breeze is fine, despite missed deadlines by contributors. He looked pointedly at the Club secretary, who was asleep.

Environmental: Since Dick Gould was not in attendance, Dave Johnson had to lead the ritual ranting against the City of Duluth. In tonight's episode, "someone" in the City had dismissed simple plans to rebuild our crumbling sign at the S-curve. "They" were insistent on a design similar to the towering community center sign on Lake Avenue & 4th Street. In his e-mail retort, Mr. Johnson compared that sign to a poodle parlor sign, and said neither the Club nor the County would allow, let alone pay for such foolishness.

Quality of Life: Dennis Hoelscher and Tom Mackay met with the Canal Park Business Association. They received a cordial welcome; they discussed clean-up teams and traffic conditions. Dennis also reported that road striping from the bridge to 13th will be as wide as possible; the City said no to crosswalks and yellow curbs.

Police Report: Officer Mike Tinsley distributed monthly statistics for July. There were 115 police responses; predictably, most were for loud parties and traffic stops. Discussion included praise from neighbors for improved enforcement at Lafayette, and rolling stops at 19th Street. Police Lt. Gordon Ramsey accompanied Officer Mike tonight. They spoke about Canal Park enforcement and a few of Duluth's troubled areas.

Art Fair Report: Carla and Jake are already planning for next year's fair.

Old Business: This year's Beach Sweep, sponsored by the Great Lakes Aquarium, will be held September 9....Tom Mackay is on a mission to educate folks about the difference between Superior Bay (adjacent to Park Point), and St. Louis Bay (up the river beyond the Blatnik Bridge). No laughing matter if the Coast Guard is called to the wrong bay.... Dave Poulin reported that Jay Laundergan has been working on a plan to reorganize and invigorate the Club. At that moment, the Club membership looked anything but vigorous; the ice cream had them drowsy and (ominously) a little bloated....

New Business: Dave Anderson spoke about the Trela's house fire. The Ski Hut is raffling off a bicycle; tickets are \$5 each.

Praise & Wahoos: Commissioner Dennis Fink praised the Community Club for being proactive about the problems we face.... Dennis Hoelscher had solid praise for the superb job Joy Fouts did with the Summer Youth Program.... Pat Olson noted that the Park Point Garden Club received honorable mention from the Duluth Garden Club for the Lafayette garden. Good thing it didn't burn up in the grassfire!

At 7:44, there was a motion to adjourn, and the crowd hastily dispersed into the breaking night wind.

Respectfully Sub-standard, Dave Johnson (Club Secretary)

“Bridged To The Future”

A bit of late breaking news here. Park Pointers are no doubt aware of all the hoopla as city officials opened the time capsule buried 50 years ago during Duluth’s Centennial celebration. They are now preparing a new time capsule, to be opened another 50 years in the future. And among the items to be placed in the capsule will be a copy of “Bridged”, the Park Point cookbook. Just think, 50 years from now people will be going through our recipes and exclaiming “They actually ATE that?!”

Yoga at Lafayette

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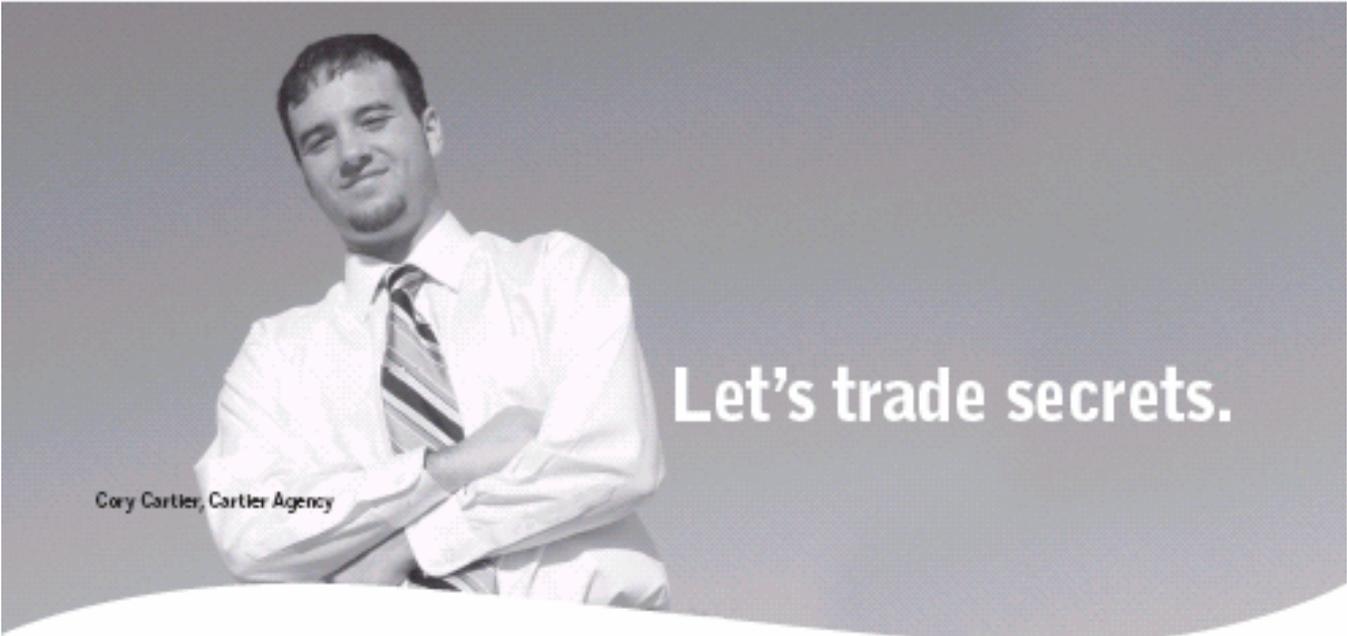
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Editor's Corner

This was another Breeze that pretty well wrote itself, with lots of good submissions and things to report. Now I know most people, upon receiving the Breeze, turn immediately to this column as the highlight of every issue. However, there's lots of interesting and important stuff to be found elsewhere. Be sure to read it all.

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The ice cream social at last month's meeting was quite a success, at least by my stomach's standards. Hopefully we'll have more social events – and short meetings – to entice members to attend.

THE WORD FROM THE STREET.....

by John "the mailman" Hunn

During the course of my daily travels through the neighborhood, many people have expressed their concern over the loss of the Trela home to a fire. Along with this concern is a general desire to help out in some way. I've compiled a list so that people can express those concerns in action. Cash contributions are being accepted in an account set up at the North Shore Bank of Commerce. This account is in Joe Trela's name and is account number: 5800198. Joe's employer, Ski Hut, is selling raffle tickets for a bike. These tickets cost five dollars each, and are available at Ski Hut, the Bayside Market, and both of the churches located on the Point. You may also volunteer your time and talents helping Joe and his family put the pieces of their home back together. Call Joe at 727-0653. As other opportunities appear on the horizon, I'll do my best to keep you informed.

Dear neighbors,

Thank you for all your support and contributions following my Dad's house fire. It has been incredibly difficult living over a thousand miles from my parents during the last couple months, but hearing about the efforts of our community to make things just a little bit easier for my family has comforted me. Come October, I will finally be able to take a break from my job and come home. Please know that my parents and I appreciate your help immensely and without your care, repairing the dome would not be possible.

Thank you, Kim Trela

NIGHT WITHOUT A HOME

The Senior High Youth Group at St. Andrew's by the Lake will have a 'sleep out' on September 30th to participate in the community wide, "Night Without a Home". This event is intended to raise awareness of homelessness in our own community by sleeping outside for a night. The event is also intended to raise donations that will help those in our community who don't have the option of a warm bed. Each teen is asked to find 10 sponsors who will either make monetary donations, or items such as toiletries, socks, and blankets that will then be given to homeless people in our community.

Watch for the group on the front lawn of St. Andrew's by 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 30th. Stop by and make a donation if you want to help. They will be set up on the front lawn until 10 or 11, then out of consideration for our neighbors, will move to the backyard. Checks may be made out to CHUM.

Handy Ma'am Services' Park Point Property Management

- 24hr curbside info on 1620 AM radio
- yard signs, ads, posted notices, email flyers
- written applications and background checks
- monitor rental agreements and payments
- home repair & yard maintenance as needed

Contact Karen Arthur at 218-393-2226

DOME REPAIR HELPERS

Anyone interested in helping with the physical work

over the next few months should contact

Joe Trela: 727-0653

DuluthDome @ aol.com

Thank you!

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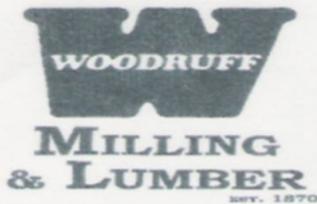
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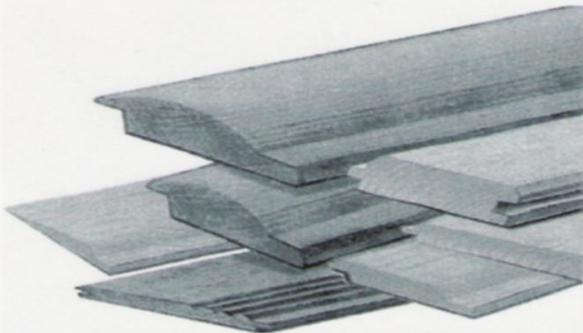
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If you see a problem such as overflowing trash cans or porta-potties, or any issue concerning our park facilities, you can contact the Parks Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department at 723-3425, Monday thru Friday from 7 AM to 3 PM. Weekends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



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