

The Breeze

Of
Park Point

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Calendar

**Martin Luther King Jr.
Day
January 15th**

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting
January 18th, 7PM
At Lafayette**

**Groundhog Day
February 2nd**

**Buoys and Gulls Club
Meeting
Tuesday, February 6th
1PM at Lafayette
Bingo every Thursday
11:00 AM
Bring your lunch
Coffee is served**

**Valentines Day
February 14th**

Snow-less Christmas



Blame it on Global Warming, El Nino or George W. Bush (that's my choice!), Christmas 2006 dawned with nary a flake of snow to be seen. The beach and dunes of Park Point lay barren, and the city hills looked more like Bethlehem than Duluth. A couple of promising inches of snow on the 29th were all but washed away by rain on the 30th and 31st, so the New Year arrived looking much the same. And is it any wonder we can't find anyone to flood and maintain the hockey rink at Lafayette, when we can't seem to keep ice anywhere for more than a few days at a time?

We can look on the bright side, I guess. The mild temperatures help hold down the heating bills, and the financially strapped city saves on overtime and related snow removal costs, but it just doesn't seem right. This is Duluth, Minnesota! We're famous for our winters – or used to be. What will our kids tell their kids about how rough it was back in the day?

But I have faith. Maybe, by the time this issue comes out, we'll be waist deep in snow and saying, "Cold enough for ya?" And then next month, I'll have something else to gripe about.

The Editor

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 February 2nd for the February 2007 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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Never Too Early.....

The Annual Park Point Rummage Sale will be held on June 8 & 9th (Fri-Sat).

Winter is a great time of the year to rummage through the house and find STUFF that is taking up room. Ask yourself and of course family members "Why are we holding on to this? Do we plan to ever use it? Or if we ever move would we take it with us? "

Common Question: " How do I know what to price things?" 2 heads are better than 1! It is a guessing game. Some start high on Friday and reduce prices on Saturday. It is wise to price the STUFF and then put it in a special area known as the Rummage Sale STUFF Corner. You price now, you won't have to rush just before the sale pricing.

Remember to call your friends and family and tell them the dates.

Any questions or suggestions you may call Charlene Shimmin 722-6828 Chairperson.

Breeze Financial Report - 2006

Expenses	Revenues
Printing - \$4393.87	Ads - \$2925.00
Postage - \$ 156.00	Subscriptions - \$ 140.00
\$ 4549.87	\$3065.00
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\$1484.87 (cost to the Club)	

The figures are a little rough – I'm no accountant – but this is about what it cost the PPCC to put out *The Breeze* last year. A bit more than 2005, due mainly to increased printing costs, but hopefully a slight increase in ad rates (shown below) will offset some of that next year. All in all, cheap at half the price!

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A new year is upon us -- a time to reflect on the passage of time. Some of us think of 'resolutions' or 'goals' for the coming year. I like to reflect on: people I would like to be with during the year, books I'd like to read, places I'd like to go, things I'd like to do. Perhaps these are yearnings of my soul -- a desire for a vision in life. I know it's all wrapped up in my spiritual journey and my hope for oneness with the Holy, the Sacred -- with God. Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB, writes, "People of vision work at the spiritual life, expecting no gifts from it and seeking no mystical signs to mark their spiritual growth. They simply do what must be done: immerse themselves in the presence of God until everything becomes for them the Presence of God." That is my hope for the coming year - and how I might live it out. What is yours?

Life at St. Andrew's

January 14 -- Worship (9:45) and Adult Forum
January 17 -- Men's Group (6:45 a.m. at Jitters)
January 21 -- Worship (9:45 a.m.) and Annual Meeting
January 23/24 -- God's Unfinished Future - Why it Matters
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Speaker Series to Focus on Connections Between Communities and Waterways

The Northern Minnesota component of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) invites the public to join an interactive speaker series starting at 7 p.m. on January 16 in Fitger's Northern Lights Theater. The three-part series, "Re-establishing Connections to Our Waterways," will engage architects, city planners, water resource specialists, and community members in dialogs culminating in a charrette (an intense period of collaborative design activity). The presentations are free and, after January's, will be held the second Tuesday of each month through March. Refreshments will be served.

"We're excited to bring this initiative to Northern Minnesota," said Tari Rayala, associate director for AIA Northern Minnesota and an architect with Architectural Resources in Duluth. "It's a way to connect with the history of the Laurentian watershed, and to consider how waterways contribute to our lifestyles. As a result of this series, we intend to develop policies outlining the responsibilities of communities and individuals towards maintaining the region's outstanding water quality."

To stimulate discussions, representatives from the City of Duluth, the University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program, development corporations, and residents of Northern Minnesota will present information on the relationships between water and development. "Re-establishing Connections to Our Waterways" is supported by a \$10,000 grant from the national AIA office through the organization's new community service program, Blueprint for America. As a cornerstone of AIA's 150th anniversary celebrations, Blueprint for America allows architects to address a community challenge in collaboration with fellow citizens, professionals, and local government officials.

"We applaud AIA Northern Minnesota for seizing this opportunity to demonstrate how good design makes a difference," said national AIA President Kate Schwennsen.

For more information on discussion series, please visit the AIA Minnesota Web site: www.aia-mn.org.

Beach Dreams

As we turn the corner toward summer, you may be daydreaming about a swim in the lake. Before you head to the beach you may want to visit www.MNBeaches.org to find out if it is safe to swim that day. This site is hosted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and is routinely updated with information collected by the Lake Superior Beach Monitoring Program. This program aims to improve public health and environmental protection by providing the public with information about the quality of their beach water. Throughout the swimming season, local beaches are monitored for *E.coli* several times a week. The information gathered helps officials determine the quality of the water and warn beach goers of dangerous conditions.

Join us at Great Lakes Aquarium on January 11th at 6:30 pm as Heidi Bauman (MPCA) shares information about the health of our beaches and community. Ms. Bauman's presentation is part of the ongoing "Voices of the Lake" speaker series which takes place on the second Thursday of each month. Tickets are \$3 for the general public and free to GLA members. For a complete listing of upcoming speakers in this series please visit our website, www.glaquarium.org

Membership Drive
Park Point community club
2007

The Park Point Community club is conducting its annual membership drive. The club gives the community a common voice on issues, aids youth programs, manages the Annual Park Point Art Fair and Garage Sale, has a strong environmental committee and publishes *The Breeze* monthly. Family or individual memberships are \$3 a year and allow one vote at meetings. If more than one family member wishes to have a vote please buy additional memberships. Membership is limited to Park Point residents 18 years or older. Memberships can be mailed in the enclosed addressed envelope, brought to a community club meeting, or slipped through the slot in the front door at Dave Poulin's home at 3101 Lake Avenue South

Thanks in advance
The officers and Members of the Park Point Community Club

Membership Form

Name(s) _____

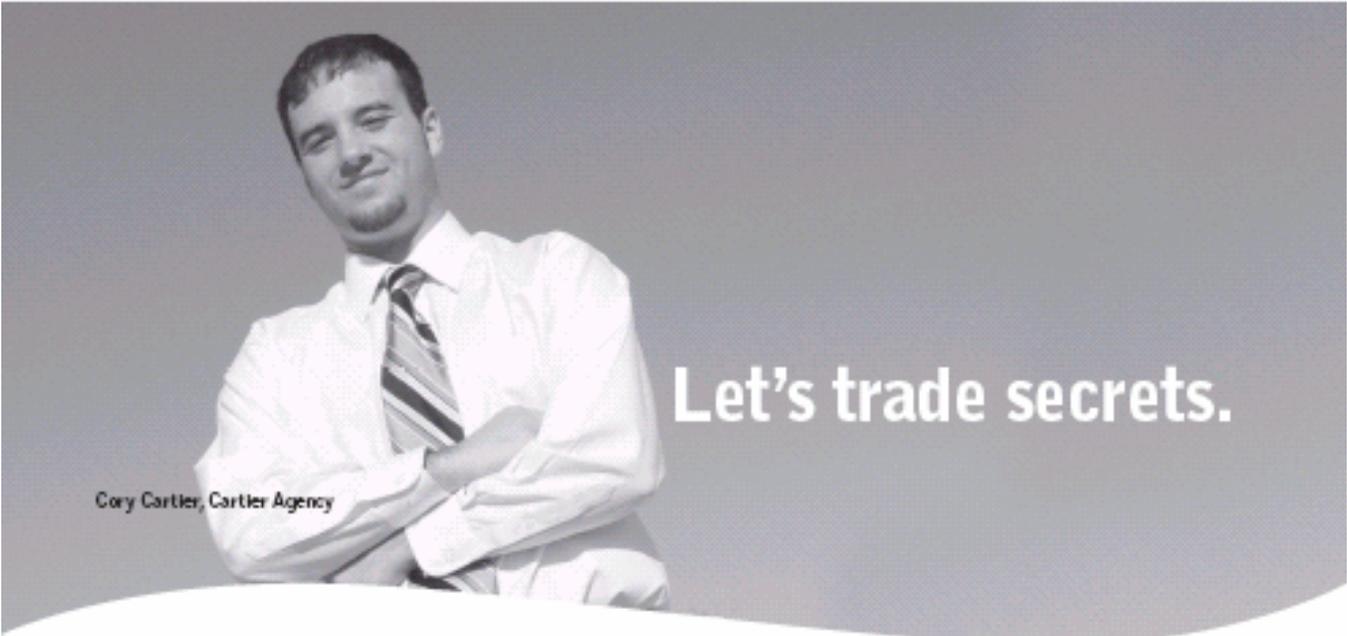
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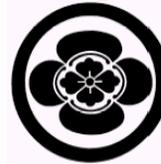
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Editor's Corner

Well, another holiday season has gone by, and we're into 2007. I'm not much for New Years resolutions, but there is always a feeling of a fresh start with each new year.

Since the Community Club had no December meeting, and thus no minutes to print in the January Breeze, I've taken advantage of the available space to insert a 2007 PPCC membership form, to which Vice President Dave Poulan will add a pre-addressed envelope. So I urge all Park Pointers to fill them out and send them in, drop them off or bring them to a Community Club meeting, along with a check for \$3 per person. We usually have a sort of a "membership event" in February, and I'm sure we will again this year. Can't say what it will be, but something to draw people in. One of my goals over the past year was to make The Community Club meetings a little more enjoyable, more "social", and I hope to continue that effort.

Speaking of continuing efforts, I can't help but bring up again the 12th Street Beach project. A great deal was accomplished last fall, with the fencing, plantings, deck and walkway, but much more remains to be done. It's heartening to see all the donated Christmas trees that have been dropped off there. They will help to hold back the sand, and give the plantings a chance to take hold. I'm hopeful that by next year we'll have a new sign up, and some more plantings to dress up the "Street" side.

I continue to try to upgrade *The Breeze*, both by soliciting new advertisers (not my favorite job) and coming up with articles of interest to readers. I've got a few ideas, but I'm always looking for more, and as always I welcome submissions, ideas, and even just thoughts on what people would like to see in *The Breeze*.

And on the subject of ideas, it's not just the Breeze that can use them. The Community Club as a whole could use a few new ones, and a bit of new blood. So I'm back to that membership thing again. Have you got any thoughts on things the Community Club should, or shouldn't, be doing? Fill out that membership form, come to a meeting, and share them with us.

To my Park Point neighbors,

I would like to thank everyone personally who was involved with the spaghetti dinner benefit for us, but know this is not possible. John Hunn did a terrific job organizing the event.

The dedication of so many others also deserve recognition-- the congregations from Our Lady of Mercy and St Andrews By The Lake, and Park Pointers who set up the room at St Andrews, the many who helped in the kitchen to prepare the meal, greeted and served the guests, those who helped us clean up the hall after dinner, the many businesses who donated ingredients, foods and beverages, everyone who baked all those wonderful desserts, and of course those who promoted the evening, sold tickets and who came to eat that night. Thank you, one and all. I appreciate the community's support in my efforts to rebuild my home.

Sincerely,
Joe Trela

Holiday lights

As I write this, the holiday season is about to come to an end. Words cannot express how extremely grateful my grandson Zach and I are for the overwhelming participation "lighting the Point". December, 2005, 90 plus homes welcomed neighbors and visitors alike as they traversed down the Point. December 2006 an impressive 250 plus homes, businesses and churches joined in. Many who stopped at our display commented on how welcoming all of Park Point was with sparkle of holiday spirit.

Thank you,
Zach and Marcia Hales
Holidayspiritinthelights.com

Found

Hanging in the branches of one of the Christmas trees dropped off at 12th Street was a small gold ornament showing Santa in his sleigh. It's engraved with a name and date "Jeff, 1980". Perhaps a keepsake that someone would like returned? If so, call Alan at 726-0110 to recover it.

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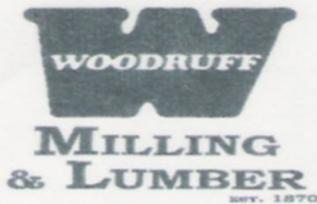
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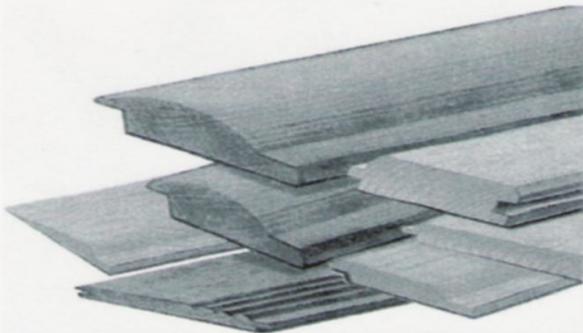
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