

The Breeze

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Park Point

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Calendar

**Park Point Community Club
Hot Dog Cook-Out 6:30PM**
Meeting- 7:00PM
May 17th, 7PM
At Lafayette

Buoys and Gulls

June 5th Mtg. will be a Bus trip to the Nanibijou Lodge for Lunch followed by a little shopping time in Grand Marais Sound like fun???

Call Elaine Edwardson @ 279-3955 for information/reservations

Don't forget Bingo-- Every Thursday @ 11AM @ Baypoint Estates 1902 St Louis Ave. Bring your Lunch-Coffee is provided.

The Big Brush-Off



The crew from Hartel's/DBJ disposal take on the debris from the March blizzard.

Thanks to Dan, Daryl, Jeff, Craig and Greg, and anyone else who lent a hand in this.

What began as a kind gesture and a simple job by Hartel's/DBJ Disposal Companies to assist Park Pointers in the clean up of trees, bushes and shrubs downed by the March blizzards ended up as a monumental task for those who volunteered.

When former Park Pointer Craig Hom saw the destruction after the storm, he talked to his bosses at Hartel's/DBJ about bringing a truck and grinder down to the Point. It was determined that all the ground material could be utilized in ongoing environmental projects. What was destroyed by the storm could be reclaimed and reused right here.

Craig, his bosses Dan Hartel, Daryl Johnson and Jeff Walstrom as well as Dan's brother Greg put on their work gloves and appeared on the Point at 7:30 a.m. April 21. Ready to throw themselves into the activity were Dave Johnson and Dick Gould, chain saws and loppers in hand.

They began on the bay side closest to the bridge. They worked their way down the Point, pulling apart tangled messes of debris. It seemed as though some of us didn't do a good job of reading the announcement in the Breeze because whole trees with a girth much larger than the 6" requested in the notice were thrown into the mix.

As crew progressed, they were met by folks who were truly appreciative of the effort. People came out with cold drinks, cookies, dollar donations and even entire lunches. The guys barely took time to gulp down burgers before they were hauling, separating and grinding again.

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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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The deadline is June 1st for the June 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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By 7p.m. Saturday they were just starting down the lake side of the street. They had expected to be done in one day. Sunday morning they were back. By the time they reached my house near 36th I'd decided to take some pictures and do a bit of interviewing. It didn't take long for me to get pulled right into the effort. Both Karl and I put on the gloves and got into the rhythm of yanking, lopping, hauling and rolling our eyes at the size of upcoming piles.

For the next five hours we assisted. Jake Kapsner joined us as we reached 26th. I made a few observations as we worked: The fellows from Harlel's/DBJ were picking up for all of the Point, not just their customers. Most Pointers were truly grateful for this effort. Some, however, used the opportunity to prune their shrubs and trees that were not damaged by the storm. I actually observed on resident pruning his bay side trees just down the street from where we were working, drag them over to the lake side and then disappear into his house. At the time, it was raining buckets. I visualized putting this Park Pointer through the grinder myself!

At 5 p.m. the grinder up and died. Good thing. All the volunteers were soaked to the skin and the wind was building. We'd manage to reach 24th and Minnesota.

The crew returned Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Ellen Dunlap and Brian Moore signed on for a stint. The job was finished up about 4:00 p.m. On the lake side alone a total of 106 piles had been tackled over the course of 3 days. The huge dump truck had been filled nearly 5 times with material piled at the 12th Street and the Duluth Boat Club site on the bay side. Pointers are welcomed to take mulch from either site. It should be noted that adding fresh mulch to a garden, however, depletes nitrogen from the soil.

Our community owes Hartel's/DBJ volunteers a gigantic debt of gratitude. It's rare that a for-profit business comes forward and assists a community without sending a bill afterward. Please let them know they are much appreciated.

Let's Talk!

The City of Duluth will be building a new Fire Hall on Park Point! Money has already been budgeted, but a location has not yet been chosen. Two options have been proposed: rebuilding on its current site at 2138 Minnesota Avenue, or attaching it to the community center at Lafayette. Both options have their merits – and drawbacks. The City is looking for neighborhood input. Should the Community Club come out in support of one or the other option – or none at all? Come to the Community Club meeting on May 17th, grab a hot dog, and we'll discuss it!

(But don't talk with your mouth full! The Secretary hates that!)

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He kept at his task for weeks and weeks. Finally, he decided to give up. Perhaps he was not destined to hear the bells. Perhaps the legend was not true. It was his final day, and he went to the shore to say goodbye to the sea, the sky, the wind and the trees. He lay on the sand, and for the first time, listened to the sound of the sea. Soon he was s lost in the sound that he was barely conscious of himself - so deep was the silence that the sound produced. In the depth of that silence, he heard it! The tinkle of a tiny bell, followed by another, and another, and another....and soon every one of the thousand temple bells was pealing out in harmony, and his heart was rapt in joyous ecstasy.

Do you wish to hear the temple bells? Listen to the sound of the sea (the lake).

Do you wish to catch a glimpse of God? Look intently at creation.

From: *The Song of the Bird* by Anthony deMello

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Window Kill Bird Study Continues

If you happen to see folks with clipboards lurking around your neighbors' homes in the early morning hours you probably don't have to call 911. More than likely you're observing either Kirstin Swenson, Riley Olson or Samantha Dwinnell, UMD undergraduate students, who are gathering data for a window kill bird study that is in its second year.

The study, undertaken by the Center for Water and the Environment which is a part of the National Resources Research Institute, is an attempt to understand and hopefully help minimize window kills that effect migrating bird populations.

Park Point is a vital migration route for many birds. Birds such as purple finches, flickers, white throated sparrows, blue jays, warblers and others follow our flyway as they move into the northern forests in the spring and as they head south in the fall. During the 2006 spring and fall migrations over 50 window killed birds were collected.

Gerald J. Niemi, Professor of Biology and overseer of the project, plans on running the study for a total of three years. Participants in the study may assist by bagging dead birds if they find them, indicating where the birds were found and the time they were found. Research assistants will collect the birds. Each participating household will be given supplies including ziploc bags, gloves and maps of their homes including numbered windows. It is not necessary, however, for a participant to handle birds.

Anyone wishing to join the study or have questions regarding it may contact Professor Niemi at [<gneimi@d.umn.edu>](mailto:gneimi@d.umn.edu).

JAN OLSON

PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBORS' EYES

The PP Garden Club would like to remind all the neighbors who have trees and/or bushes close to the sidewalk that with Spring and good weather, it is important to protect pedestrians from branches and twigs that can hurt them—especially at night. Please, remember to prune your trees or bushes and to keep your sidewalks free of debris.

Thank you and let's hope we have a good gardening Spring and Summer.

PARK POINT GARAGE SALE

**Friday June 8th & Sat. June 9th Park Point
Huge 4 Mile Sale and Block Party! 8 AM-5PM**

The 27th Annual Park Point Garage Sale is only weeks away. Hope everyone has been busy cleaning out their houses and garages. Also, inviting friends and family to come with their STUFF.

Please help get the word out about when the sale is and how much STUFF Park Pointers will be selling. You are all part of the Publicity Committee!

It is more than a sale. It is a time when you see friends and family you haven't seen since the last Garage Sale. They stop by to find out what interesting STUFF you are selling this year.

Please join in this fun event by selling some of your treasured STUFF! If you are working on Friday, we hope you will have a sale on Saturday.

We would appreciate knowing of any non-profit groups that will having sales. We will try and include a list in the news releases. Please contact me before May 15.

Charlene 722-6828 or parkpoint@clearwire.net

Please remember the Park Point Garage Sale & Art Fair are both sponsored by the Park Point Community. The club asks you NOT to have ANY RUMMAGE SALES THE WEEKEND OF THE ART FAIR.

Park Point Community Club April 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Grassroots democracy! Who knew it would smell so much like cookies? Dave Poulin inhaled deeply, tugged his powdered wig down at the front and smiled benevolently at the expectant faces of the Citizens of Park Point sitting quietly assembled before him. His wooden dentures were grating on him as he smiled, but that was nothing compared to the irritation he felt towards that idiot scribe, still missing from his desk in the old hall. Just then, a blast of April wind and the bang of Lafayette's heavy door ushered said scribe into the room, propelled along like one of the leaves twisting at his feet, whittling a quill pen from a seagull feather as he trotted to his station. Scowling now, Poulin consulted his chronometer and called the meeting to order. It was 7:07. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Dave called for reports, beginning with Park Point's emergency services personnel:

Firehall 5: Fireman Carmine Langlois clarified numbers of personnel stationed at other Duluth fire halls. Woodland, Lakeside and Gary fire halls are staffed with two firemen per shift; all others have three. The Duluth Fire Department has made a staffing request to the City to have two firemen on duty per shift here on Park Point, as well. Langlois spoke next of safety and fire prevention, urging us to remember EDITH (exit drills in the home), and to check our smoke detectors. He thanked everyone for the help given to shovel out hydrants after the blizzard, which led to conversation about the fire hall's need for a four-wheel-drive vehicle, ATV or snowmobile for use in extreme blizzard emergencies.

Last month the City of Duluth introduced the idea of moving Firehall 5 to Lafayette Square. The topic was brought back up for discussion; no one seemed wildly enthusiastic about the plan despite some benefits.

Langlois also presented statistics for 2006. There were 109 calls from Firehall 5. That total included two structure fires and seven brush fires, with an overwhelming majority (65) for medical responses. Members of the community were quick to offer their thanks to Langlois for attending our meetings and learning our issues.

Police: Officer Mike Tinsley, village constable for our little hamlet, distributed his monthly statistics report. Mike has been compiling these records for some time now, and the collected data is proving to be very worthwhile, revealing trends in activity that can help both the police and the community. Citizen comments this month mentioned problems around different construction sites here on the Point. Narrowed traffic lanes at these sites are trouble for bikes and joggers. A second discussion developed about beach fires. The fire department does not issue permits for beach fires. Residents can have legal fires in their yards, if the fire is enclosed in a fire pit no larger than 3' across. If that fire causes legitimate problems to property or neighbors, it must be extinguished. Officer Tinsley concluded his remarks by noting that warm weather means activity will be picking up on the Point. As a consequence, he'll be spending more time down here, too. He eyed the idiot scribe thoughtfully, then excused himself from the meeting.

Committee Reports

Host: Diane Gould received thanks from the Club for her efforts to make the meetings more comfortable. She noted someone else will need to prepare coffee before the May meeting; she'll be out of town. Alan Dartanyan suggested it was again time for a community event to be held before the next meeting. **Motion:** The Club shall set a budget of \$100 for a party preceding the May meeting. **Motion carried.** Tentative menu: hot dogs & picnic food.

Art Fair: Carla Tamburro spoke about preparations for this year's Art Fair. It's already off to a grand start; there were 90 more applicants this year over last year, and that meant more variety and quality artists from which to choose. The artists now have been chosen and notified.... There will be an Art Fair Committee meeting soon. Carla has also attended a Canal Park Business Association meeting to drum up their support for the fair. The Club discussed joining the Canal Park group and sending a representative to their meetings; it would help our mutual interests.

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Ominously, the City of Duluth has also decided to take an interest in the Art Fair. For many years, the Community Club paid \$150 in park rental fees. That amount was raised to \$10 per vendor (per artist) a few years ago, which meant a rental fee of over \$1000. This year, the City tried to raise the fee to \$20 per vendor. Carla Tamburro and Dick Gould were able to bargain them back to the \$10/vendor fee, but only for this year.

Youth Committee: At the March meeting of the Park Point Community Club, the Club voted this **Motion:** "The Club shall contribute \$1500 towards the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Department for the sole benefit of the Lafayette Summer Youth Program. This amount includes money for necessary supplies." That measure passed in March; it was the first of two required votes. The Club returned to the issue for the second vote, and it was here that exasperation with the City finally boiled over....

Parson Gould rose to his feet, his face purple with rage. "Hearken unto me!" he thundered. "The landed gentry in our good village hang in peril from the sheer buffoonery done by the taxing menace that lies within the fortress on the hill!" This led to a discussion: Should the Club sneak onboard the City's schooner and dump the City's latest shipment of tea into Superior Bay? Coffee drinkers found the idea agreeable, and they were ready to go do it right now. Dave Poulin kicked at the scribe to wake him up....

After some discussion, **motion carried**, by a split vote. This was the second of two required votes.

Environmental: The final tally on the Minnesota Point Pine Forest petition was 1,707. It's a startling amount considering the short duration of the drive and the interruption of the March blizzard. Original predictions were for 500 names. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who signed and supported the petitions. The information will be presented to a representative of the FAA at a May meeting still to be scheduled..... May is the month for tree-planting projects, and volunteers are always welcome! The usual times are Saturday mornings, 9-12; watch the S-curve sign for details.... Work has resumed at the 12th Street Beach boardwalk. Hardly any sand migrated past the planted section, but low water means more sand is exposed to the driving wind. Still, the success and popularity of the plan shows we're on the right track. Total investment to date: slightly over \$4000 from \$20,000 available to us. To prove we're bargain-basement conservationists, we'll even conserve some money. We suggested to the City that we could build two boardwalks (a Pavilion boardwalk, specifically) for the price of one, but the City denied our request out of fear their heads would collapse from the strain of dealing with us for a single second longer.... Finally, there will soon be a "brush and branches" storm damage clean-up day, done with the help of Hartel's/DBJ waste services. Pointers are encouraged to put their brush out to the curb. Hartel's representative, Dewey Hom, had been heard to remark, "Hey, how bad could it be? A couple of grocery bags' worth, right?"

Finances: No treasurer's report tonight, but there was a discussion about the progress of our annual audit, now celebrating the one-year anniversary of being one year overdue.

Breeze: Alan Dartanyan, Publisher of our local Almanack and Gazette, announced he was making fine progress on the special "Storm Edition" of the Breeze. There was a strong response to the idea, with a lot of photo submissions. Once again, nice work, Alan!

New Business: The Franciscan Health Center will host an Open House to show off their new addition. The event will be held Tuesday, May 15 from 1:30 -4 pm.

And it was at this point that the scribe set his quill down. "We have to adjourn the meeting," he said. "There's not enough ink in my inkwell." As Dave Poulin rapped the gavel for adjournment, he thought to himself people had been saying that, or similar things, about the scribe for many years. It was 8:33.

Respectfully Sub-Continent,
Dave Johnson, Idiot Scribe



You are cordially invited to our

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Date: Tuesday, May 15th, 2007

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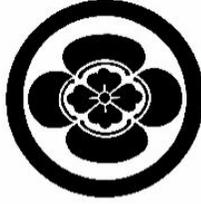


Thai Chicken with Sesame Dressing

Due to the overwhelming responses to Eating Fit, it is now going to stay on the main menu! Enjoy the flavors of Green Mill and be true to your commitment to eat healthy. Counting fats, calories or even dietary fiber? The Green Mill Eating Fit menu features healthier alternatives – many that meet the requirements of today's most popular diets.



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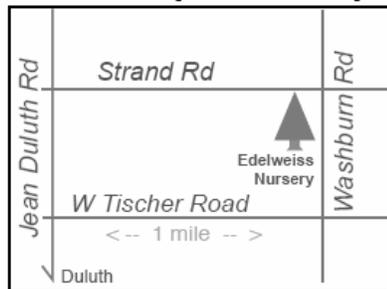
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Editor's Corner

Here we are again, about to kick off another busy summer season on Park Point. The ice is finally off the lake, the storm debris cleaned up (Thanks Hartel's DBJ). Work has resumed at 12th Street Beach and tree plantings have begun. So let's have a party!

We'll be firing up the grills prior to the May 17th Community Club meeting and serving hot dogs, soft drinks, and "picnic food" (whatever that is). It's a good chance for Park Pointers to end their winter hibernation and get together with their neighbors. There's plenty to discuss. Besides the new fire hall, there's the ongoing Airport/Pines controversy. Charlene Shimmin will no doubt be urging everyone to participate in the Rummage Sale, Carla and Jake will be on the prowl for Art Fair volunteers, and a few extra copies of the Special Edition Blizzard Breeze should be available. So come on down, it should be a good time. "Picnic" at 6:30, meeting at 7:00.

If all goes well, most residents will find a copy of the Blizzard Breeze tucked inside this issue. I want to thank everyone who sent their pictures – whether they made it in or not. And I want to thank in advance those who volunteered to help insert them in the May issue. And also my delivery people, who have to haul that extra weight around. I hope everyone thinks it was worth it.

(This comes from a recent Parks and Recreation Commission Publication. Please note: These rules are in effect Unless Otherwise Posted)

Please be reminded of the following park regulations as per city code.

Sec. 35-9.3 Parks are closed between 12:00 midnight and 6:00AM.

First offense fine \$50, second offense \$100 and court appearance

Sec. 35-2(a) Dogs and domestic pets must be on a leash.

First offense fine \$75, second offense \$150 and court appearance

Sec. 6-38 Animal feces shall be cleaned up; properly disposed of.

First offense fine \$75, second offense \$150 and court appearance.

Sec. 35-6(b) No motor vehicles, bicycles, snowmobiles, or horses in city parks except on roadways, parking areas or trails/paths established specifically for such uses.

First offense fine \$100, second offense \$200 and court appearance

Sec. 35-1(c) No person shall damage, either directly, or with a vehicle, any turf, sod, grass or shrubbery in any park.

First offense fine \$50, second offense \$100 and court appearance

Sec. 45-6.3(b) No person shall operate a recreational vehicle, including an ATV, except a snowmobile, on any public land or street under the jurisdiction of the city of Duluth.

First offense fine \$100, second offense \$250 and court appearance.

Call to volunteers regarding the park point art fair, June 23 & 24!

Plans for the 2007 art fair are shaping up quite well this year. We had a bunch more applicants than 2006, needless to say that made for some stiff competition. As a result fair goers will see quite a few new and wonderful artists as well as some old favorites. Plans for the kid's make and take are well on their way.

While sorting through your treasures in preparation for the park point rummage sale please consider making a small pile for the make and take. If you have things like buttons, fabric, yarn, beads, paper, magazines... I can arrange to pick up items rummage sale weekend.

A new food concession, Baja Smoothies, for those of you with a health conscious mind, will join favorites such as Gyros, kettle korn, mini-donuts, burgers and ice cream. We will again feature music and are looking for any local talent. If you or anyone you know would like to play music or volunteer their services in other ways contact me, the coordinator, Carla Tamburro at 428-1916. I'm really excited for June 23 and 24, this is a fair not to be missed. Let's see how many park pointers we can get volunteering, browsing and above all shopping! Thanks for all your support it is going to be a good one.

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

Got (non-emergency) issues you'd like to discuss, but don't know who to call? Here's some numbers you can use: Parks Maintenance Division : 723-3425 (after hours 723-3333)

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