

The Breeze

OF PARK POINT

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Calendar

Park Point Community Club
Annual Membership Meeting and Pizza Party
January 17th,
At Lafayette
Pizza and social ½ hour
6:30
Meeting at 7:00

Buoys & Gulls Mtg
Feb 5, 2008 @ 1PM
Baypoint Estates
Bingo every Thurs
@ 11 AM--Bring your
Lunch
Coffee is on us!
Everyone welcome.

We've Got Ice



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 skating rink at Lafayette is open for business. The warming house – on the lower level of Lafayette - is Open from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1:00 to 8:00 on Saturdays, and 1:00 to 5:00 on Sundays. Rink Manager is native Park Pointer Dave Lavamaki.

When Parks and Recreation Director Kathy Bergan came to the November Park Point Community Club meeting and explained the difficulties in finding qualified rink managers and the cutbacks in Parks Maintenance positions, most people foresaw another season of poor skating at Lafayette. But it hasn't turned out that way. First, Dave Lavamaki heard the call, applied, and was subsequently hired as rink manager. A few other Park Pointers volunteered to help with ice making, and, most surprisingly, the city has come through with a better than expected effort, regularly flooding the rink with a water truck, and clearing the rink after the early December snows. So the volunteers had to do little more than spray an occasional "top coat" on the ice. And we can't leave
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Submissions

The deadline is February 1st for the February 2008 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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out Mother Nature, who delivered an icy blast of winter at just the right time. The rink and warming house officially opened on December 26th, but people were skating well before then. Dave said he averaged about 20 skaters a day during the holidays, but it's slowed down a bit since then. And not all the skaters were Park Pointers. People have come from other parts of the city seeking a quiet place to skate.

One of the more frustrating things Dave has faced has been having to turn away skaters – both Park Pointers and “Mainlanders”, who came down wanting to play hockey. Some of them left quite upset. But it's not a new rule: hockey sticks and pucks have long been banned on the pleasure rinks in Duluth. What makes it most frustrating is that we HAVE a hockey rink at Lafayette, with boards, lights – and no ice. Flooding hockey rinks throughout the city has long been the job of volunteers, not city workers. Just over a year ago a group of Community Club members cleared the brush and small trees that were growing in the gravel base of the rink, then put out a plea – in the November 2006 Breeze – for volunteers to flood and maintain the hockey rink. No one came forward. Perhaps we should have advertised beyond Park Point – I saw a group of East players turned away the other night. We think of Lafayette as ours, but it is a City Park. If anyone is interested in playing hockey down here, and is willing to put in the effort to flood and maintain the rink, let them come. We have the hoses. It's only January. There's still plenty of time to make ice.

(Barring that, Dave pointed out that the rink is closed far more hours than it is open. Closed, meaning the lights are off and the warming house locked. But the ice doesn't go away. If people come to skate during “off” hours, and a hockey game breaks out, who's to know?)

But as for pleasure skating, everyone is welcome, and the ice is in great shape. Come on down, skate a little, and keep Dave company. It can get pretty boring down there.



Rink Manager Dave Lavamaki awaits skaters in the warming house at Lafayette.

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Church Office 722-3078

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Meeting at 4401 Glenwood, Lakeside
from January through July 2008

"Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road". Matthew 2:12. This is a part of the Gospel reading for Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany means 'manifestation' -- to see something in a new way. After the magi left the Holy Family, their journey went off in a different direction. It doesn't say they became Christians. It doesn't say how they got home -- but they took a different route. That happens in the spiritual life. We may be going in one direction, then we discern we need to go in another direction. For those who follow the Way of Jesus, there is no 'one way'. We can be on a journey together, yet take a variety of routes to experience the Holy through the Christ.

Those of us at St. Andrew's will be taking 'new ways home' from church as we move to the former St. Edwards to worship and meet during the time of our renovation and construction. It doesn't hurt to try a new way home -- it can be spiritually enlightening. Here are three sayings about being on a quest (a spiritual journey):

'Seek not to follow in the footsteps of those of old; seek what they sought.' (Matsuo Basho)

'You make the road by walking it.' (Nicarauan Proverb)

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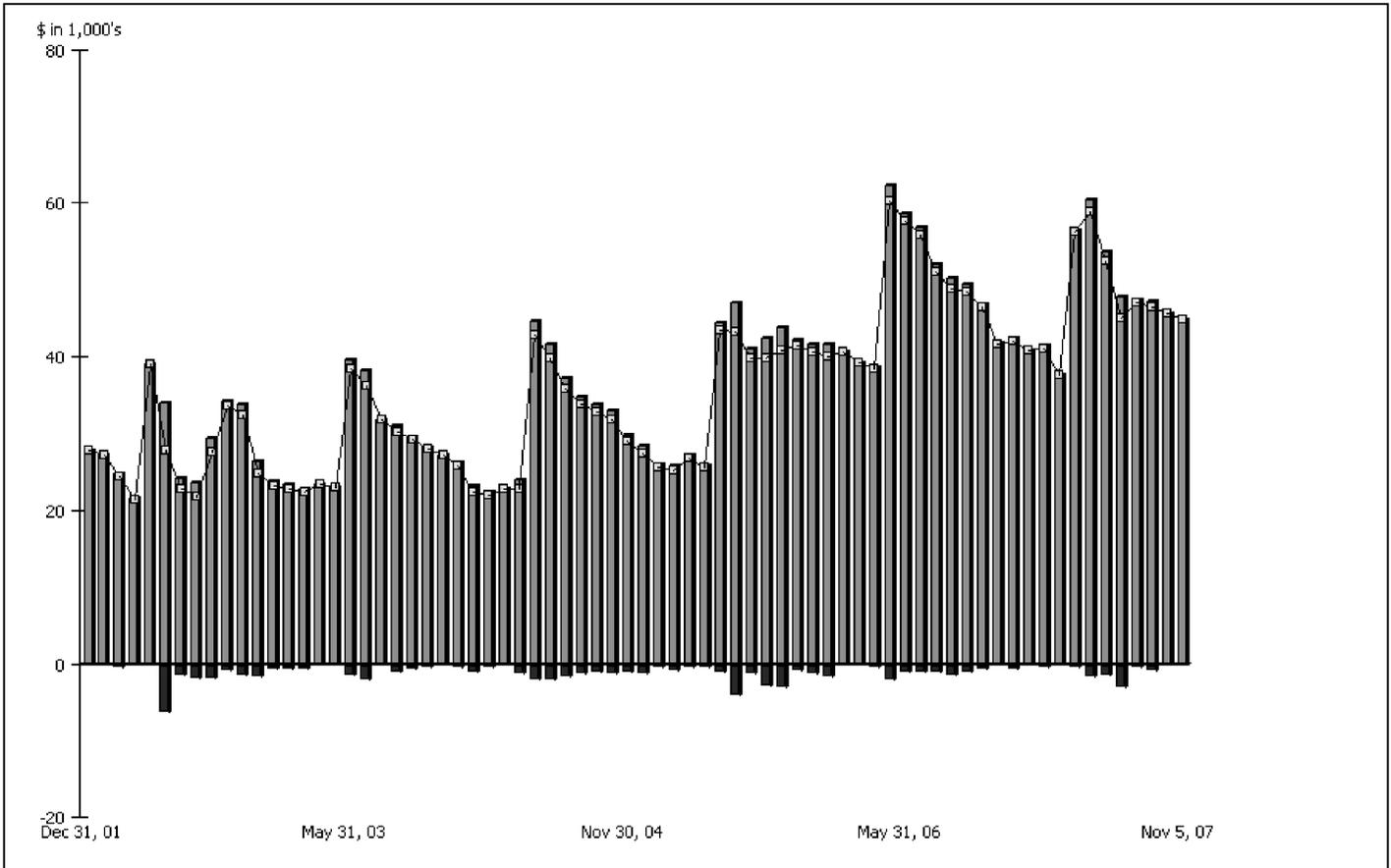
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So, what's this strange thing shown above? This bar graph, supplied by treasurer Chuck Flaig, shows the highs and lows of Park Point Community Club finances over the past 5 years. I requested it because it shows a couple of things I believe the club needs to consider.

As long as I have been involved with the community club, the bank accounts have held a healthy balance. (I believe much of it originated from the sale of the old Park Point School, which the Club briefly owned, but that was before my time). At any rate, the graph shows that though the balance goes up and down over the course of a year, mainly due to Art Fair income and expenses, at no time has the balance dropped below \$20,000. **\$20,000.** To me, that's real money. And it's just sitting there. Should it be? We're a community club. Aren't there things we could do with that money that would benefit the community? The Club has regularly made donations to the Summer Youth Program, and other charitable programs – perhaps we should give more. And there are things right at Lafayette that we could do – such as buying a new refrigerator for the kitchen, and putting some artwork from local artists on the walls. And it would make sense to buy and put up a small storage shed outside Lafayette to house the snowblower the club owns. (It's currently sitting unused in the basement because we can't have gasoline in the building) Or even something that would benefit the Art Fair, such as buying a portable generator to help with their power problems, or even paying for extending permanent power hookups to the food vendors area. (I have no idea what that might cost, but it would benefit both the city and the Club)

The other thing which this graph clearly shows is that both income and expenses – again, mainly for the Art Fair – have been trending higher. That's what gotten us in, well, not exactly tax trouble, as a non-profit we don't pay taxes, but reporting trouble, with the IRS. And looking over the proposed 2008 Art Fair budget, which coordinator Carla Tamburro presented at the November meeting, it's clear that our finances are getting more complex. Isn't it time we hired a professional bookkeeper to keep both our tax and regular finances in order, and take the burden off our volunteer treasurer?

Alan Dartanyan

Park Point Community Club Membership Drive 2008

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 Rummage Sale, works on environmental projects and publishes The Breeze monthly. 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.

Mail Your memberships to the Park Point Community Club, P.O. Box 16326, Duluth, MN 55816-0326. Or bring them to any Community Club meeting, held the 3rd Thursday of each month, at Lafayette Community Center. Meetings start at 7PM

Membership Form

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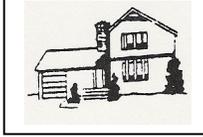
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will take place at this site as well.

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the Mission Hall and renovation of the church.

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Editor's Corner

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is enjoying the return of Real Winter – and has managed to get their driveways and sidewalks cleared before the next snowstorm hits.

The Park Point Community Club is kicking off 2008 with its annual Membership Meeting and Pizza Party on January 17th. More than just an opportunity to socialize and join, or renew your membership in, the Community Club, this has been proposed as a bit of a “visioning” session.

According to the club by-laws, the purpose of the club is to “work for the betterment of the Community and the welfare of its residents.” What exactly does that mean? And are we doing it? Just what kind of things should the Club be involved in – and what shouldn't we be involved in? Are we a social, charitable or political body? These are the kinds of questions we need to ask. Will we come to a consensus? Probably not. But hearing different people's opinions may give us all new ideas, and a bit of direction as we move into the new year. I've often used this space to voice my opinion on what the club should do. (Its good to be the Editor!) Now it's time to hear from the rest of you. Whether you've been a Community Club member for years or have never attended a meeting, we'd like your input. Sometimes it's those who have remained outside the fray who have the best view. So come on down, grab a piece of pizza, and get into the mix. (Or just sit and watch. Sometimes it's a good show. Sometimes not....). But what else have you got to do on a cold January night?

PARK POINT GARAGE SALE

It is that time of the year when we take out our appointment calendars and mark important dates; You will want to add to your calendar the dates of the Park Point Garage Sale. This year, they are Friday June 13 & Saturday June 14.

A small committee is needed to make plans. Please call Charlene Shimmin 722-6828 and help your community with this event.

To the Park Point Community club:

St. Andrew's by-the-lake would like to invite the Park Point community to a fund-raising event in late winter. Both St. Andrew's and Our Lady of Mercy churches are in need of the community's support of funds, time, and prayers. St. Andrew's needs to replace trusses and a roof and the congregation will be out of the building until late summer or fall. It would likely be a community-building event such as a spaghetti feed. I ask that this be put on the agenda as a discussion item at the January PPCC meeting.

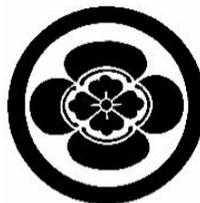
Thank you,
Kinnan Stauber, Jr. Warden, St. Andrew's

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

Got (non-emergency) issues you'd like to discuss, but don't know whom to call? Here's some numbers you can use: Parks Maintenance Division: 723-3425 (after hours 723-33330)
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