

The Breeze

OF PARK POINT

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July 2008

Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**
July 17th, 7PM
Lafayette Lower Level

Buoys and Gulls
Bingo continues
Thursdays @ 11AM
Also @ Baypoint Estates

Duluth International Regatta
July 12th

Park Point 5- miler
July 18th

Duluth Maritime Festival
Aug. 1-3

Neighborhood Night Out
Aug. 5th
Plan your party!

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

Scenes From The Fair



Above left, crowds browse the booths at the Park Point Art Fair. Above right, Art Fair coordinator Carla Tamburro announces the prizewinners at the Artists and Volunteers Dinner

Given the downpour that occurred during the Friday night set up, few people would have expected the beautiful weather that greeted fairgoers both days of the 38th Annual Park Point Art Fair. The sun shone, the music played, the crowds came - and bought.

Despite some early generator problems – special thanks to Boomer Brown and Dave Johnson for ironing them out – the decision to move the food vendors and music to their own area drew mostly positive responses. It helped to keep the focus on the artists and their work, while giving people a place relax and refuel before going back to shopping again.

This was just one of the innovations added by Art Fair Coordinator Carla Tamburro, keeping the Park Point fresh and exciting every year. Thanks to all who helped out, and especially to the artists, who truly are what this fair is all about.

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Submissions

The deadline is August 1st for the August 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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The Duluth International Regatta 2008

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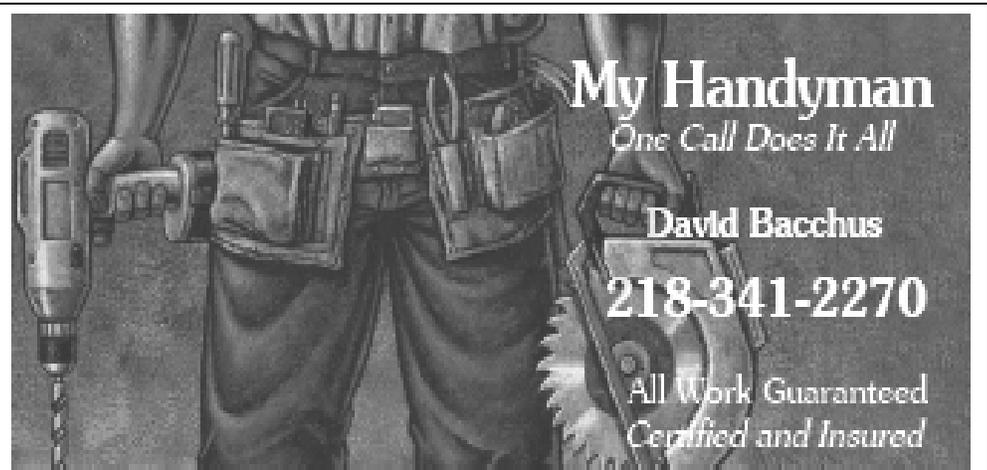
Learn to Row

The Duluth Rowing Club is holding two Learn to Row sessions in July, July 7-17 & July 21-31. The learn to row sessions run in the evening Monday – Thursday and cost \$75. To register or for more information about the DRC visit our website at www.duluthrowing.com

Here is bit of information that some Park Pointers might find interesting:

History of the Duluth Boat Club

Longtime DRC member Mike Cochran has written a book for the St. Louis County Historical Society on the History of the Duluth Boat Club (the former name of the DRC). The book is expected to be available in June and there will be a book launch event at the Great Hall of the Depot at 6:00pm on Thursday July 17th. There will be appetizers and the event is free to the public. The entire community is welcome and he is looking for a good turnout of rowers and Park Pointers. We have a lot to celebrate in our history.



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Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes 6/19/2008

A quorum of members present. Last month's minutes approved.

Financial Report

Chuck Flaig presented detailed information on inflow and out going payments – current balance reported as \$52,764.33. Many art fair transactions this time of year.

Art Fair Update

The posters are up, nice design by Tom Rauschenfels. Carla is working on a program with a map of the fair and has sold advertisements. This brochure will be passed out at the entrance to the fair. Discussion about the qualifications of the security guard needed at the Saturday dinner that will include alcohol. Volunteers needed for set-up, greeting, passing out programs, clean up, etc.

Youth Program

Joy Fouts is leading the program again this year. Attendance is good. Some new kids this year. Older kids are helping out with little kids. Discussion regarding confusion of youth program open on Fridays. Dennis Hoelscher cleared this up with Kathy Bergen. The community club has funded the program to be open from 10-2 on Fridays. There is a rodent problem. Joy contacted the city who hired an exterminator to set a trap line for mice. Discussion about purchasing some mouse proof bins for supplies for the youth program and installing a threshold to reduce the gap under the door.

Environmental Committee

Dave Johnson reported that the plantings are doing well. Thank you to all of the volunteers who planted this year and in previous years. Silver poplars from Cloquet at the S-curve are thriving.

Erosion efforts are successful, no sand piling up in the parking lot of the S-curve.

Discussion about porta-potty placement, trash barrels, city mowing crews, lack of vandalism of the boardwalk. Still working on reimbursement for the S-curve project from the county.

Watch for the new sign, it's in the works.

Airport Committee report from Dave Poulin. Government agencies still working on what environmental assessments will be needed. Discussion about current airport location, moving runway out towards the bay or out to western Duluth where the power lines might be a problem.

New Business

Executive Board Report

Dave Poulin reported that the executive board met Monday night and discussed creating a committee to review the by-laws and eliminate or change the committees. We will discuss this at next month's meeting.

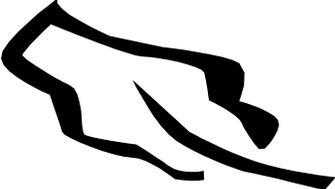
Question asked about the Gates Memorial Garden next to Lafayette parking lot. The bench is gone. The Sedgwicks are working hard on this Garden Club project. Discussion about the work of the Garden Club over the years. Many lilacs, azaleas, trees are doing well up and down the Point. Thank you for all of the donated plants and the hard work.

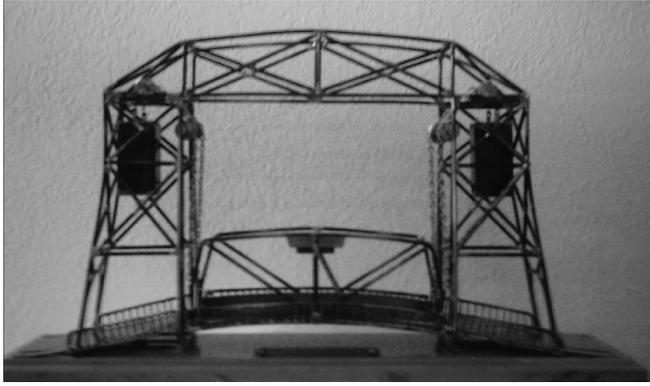
Discussion of members regarding rumors about the possible future sale of Lafayette and the property for residential development. Motion to create a letter directed to Sharla Gardner, Don Ness, city attorney and other city councilors from the PPCC leadership stating our feelings about preserving our community center here at Lafayette. Motion carried.

Report from Firefighter Chad Rindal. Calls are on the rise, mostly medical calls. 76 to date this year compared to 51 for same time period last year. Have seen a trend of an increasing number of calls over the past few years. Discussion about the cost of medical calls and possible future billing of insurance companies, charging for false alarms, etc. Chad reminded residents to check the batteries in smoke detectors. Smoke won't wake you up but it will kill you.

Meeting ended shortly after 8pm. Next meeting at Dave Lavamaki's residence as Lafayette is rented on our usual meeting date.*

***Meeting location changed to Lafayette Lower Level**

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When we can see the world through the lens of abundance - then we get a sense of what the peace of God is all about - resting in the sure and certain confidence that there's more to this life than we see at the moment, that God already doing a new thing even in the midst of the most awful event we can imagine - and that the love of God is always at work. What are the hard situations in your life? Relationships gone awry? Financial pressures? Children - or parents - who won't act like they should? One too many things to fix? What do we see - scarcity or abundance? Where is the abundance in your life? In your community? I think this summer we have seen lots of abundance in the Park Point community -- friendships, sharing, laughter, helping each other, listening, The Rummage Sale and the Art Fair were stellar examples of wonderful community abundance. There is a feast all around us - all we have to do is look, and taste, and expect to find it flowing. God's Holy Peace to all of you and summer blessings.
Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski, (Vicar of St. A's by the Lake)

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AOA			2		1
Assaults		1		1	
Attempt to Locate	2	4	1	2	7
Burglaries					
Check Welfare	2		2	5	
Details	1				1
Disturbances		1	1	4	1
Domestics			1		
Drunks	1				
Fire Alarms/ Alarms	2	1		6	4
Hotrodders					1
Information Call		2	4		4
Kid Trouble	1				
Loud Parties				1	
Medicals		4	2	3	3
Misc	1			1	
Onviews		1			
Park Rules Enforcement				2	
Parking Problems	1		2	3	
Permit to Acquire/Carry					1
Phone Harassment		1			
Public Assist					2
Pysch Issues		1			
Recovered Property		2			
Suicide Threats			1		
Suspicious Persons		1	1		
Thefts			2	2	2
Threats		1			1
Traffic Stops Advised	1		7	6	3
Traffic Stops Tagged		1	1	1	2
Extra Traffic Control		1	6	4	1
Trouble Unknown	1	1		1	
Unwants		1	1		1
Vehicle Prowls		1			
Warrants		1	1		
Totals	13	27	36	42	35

Community Police Officer Mike Tinsley was unable to attend last months meeting, so he asked that we print the Police calls statistics in the Breeze. We can compare them to what happens in the busier summer months.

Also, true to his word, Officer Tinsley managed to get the new Speed Trailer set up on Minnesota Avenue for the Art Fair weekend. (I believe we were the first neighborhood to get it) I'm not sure how it works. Sometimes it displayed the speed of oncoming cars, other times it just flashed "speed limit 30" or "Beach closed at 10 PM". Either way, a good reminder for visitors and residents alike.



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Editor's Corner

Amazing! Not only did we have beautiful weather for both the Rummage Sale and the Art Fair, but we just passed a lovely 4th of July as well. Keep this up, and Duluth is liable to lose its reputation for nasty weather!

I really have to congratulate Carla, Jake, and all the volunteers for the wonderful Art Fair they put on this year. Yes, the weather helped, but an event this size is quite an undertaking, requiring both careful planning and on the spot crisis management. To have it come off so well is simply amazing. This is the Park Point Community Club's signature event, and they really did the whole community proud.

The Community Club has done a bit of back and forth as to where to hold the July meeting, as the usual meeting room was booked. Finally it was decided to hold it in the **lower level of Lafayette**. The Summer Youth Program that uses that space will clear the area for us, as a bit of a thank you for the support the community club has given them. Club President has arranged the showing of a short (7 minute) documentary on the infamous Park Point bunnies as well. (A bit late, I'd say. The local predators have already spoken on that issue.)

It being summer on Park Point, there are plenty more events scheduled to keep the traffic coming. The Duluth Rowing Clubs Annual International Regatta is July 12th. The Park Point 5-miler is July 18th. And the Duluth Maritime Festival, while not on Park Point, will surely effect us with the arrival of three tall ships on July 31st. All these events leave us with two choices – join in the action, or hunker down and hide!

The Duluth Maritime Festival

will be bringing three tall ships to the Duluth Harbor on August 1st, 2nd & 3rd. The ships – the U.S. Brig Niagara, The Pride of Baltimore, and the Madeline – will be arriving on July 31st. Expect some major bridge back-ups when they come in!

PARK POINT RUMMAGE SALE.

Thanks for all those that had a sales. I heard from many bargain hunters how please they were.

Isn't it wonderful to have cleaned out those closets, attics and garages?

Maybe you even had a Park Pointer that decided to purchase some of your treasures.

It is now a good time to put a box in a handy place and start filling it up for next year. The dates are June 12 & 13, 2009.

The weather was sunny and beautiful for both the Rummage Sale and Art Fair. At 6 AM on Saturday of the Art Fair, Carla (Art Fair Coordinator) was at my door looking for a little help. I told her I was handing over all the nice weather from the Rummage Sale to the Art Fair. It seemed to work.

Again, thanks.

Charlene Shimmin
Rummage Sale Coordinator

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