

The Breeze

OF PARK POINT

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Calendar

**No Park Point
Community Club Meeting
in December
Happy Holidays**

Good Dog Club
Wednesdays, 7PM
Lower level of
Lafayette

**Retirement Party for
Dick Gajewski**
January 11
3-7 PM
Carmody Irish Pub
308 E. Superior St.

The Last Days of Bayside?



We've all heard it on the news, or read about it in those "other" papers: Unless a buyer can be found, Bayside Market will close by the end of the year. As reported previously in this paper, owners Dick and Melinda Gajewski have been trying to sell the business for the past two years, without success. Now, after a number of health problems, including a heart attack last spring, Dick says the 80 hour weeks he and Melinda put in have got to end. He plans to retire and move to Florida in the spring.

Dick has owned Bayside Market for 37 years, and built its reputation on quality meats and sausages. Dick has been a professional meat cutter for over 50 years, and is the last in a line of Gajewski meat cutters that stretches back 100 years, to Grampa John, who started the Community Market in "about 1908".

Dick says he loves the store, it's been his life, and he really wanted it to continue as a grocery store, but no buyer has come forward. He will close the store "as soon as we can sell off the inventory", although he has promised to stay open through Christmas. After that, no more Bayside.

If the closure will be bittersweet for the Gajewskis, there won't be much sweetness for Park Pointers who have always relied on Bayside for that forgotten grocery item, those wonderful sausages, gas for the snowblower, the Sunday paper, and the latest news (we don't call it gossip) about what's going on on Park Point. (Those gas pumps, by the way, and the underground tanks that feed them, are the property of ICO, and will be removed in the spring if nobody buys the store). Then the property can be sold for whatever use. It is one of the few remaining commercially zoned lots on Park Point.

A movement to do a "community buyout" of the store, such as was done with the 4th Street Market in the Hillside, rose and quickly foundered, sunk by the numbers, the economy, property values and "the times".

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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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Submissions

The deadline is January 2nd for the January 2009 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 loss of Bayside will mean more than the loss of a store, or a gas station. Bayside Market has been in many ways the center of our neighborhood, our "community". You gave directions to your house based on where you were from the store. It's where you posted the signs for local fundraisers and community events. It's where many teenagers held their first jobs. You checked the bulletin board for the number of a babysitter. You put up a note about the cat you lost – or found. Without the Bayside Market, our sense of community will be diminished.

I know that as a neighborhood, we have been very lucky. Most neighborhoods lost their corner grocery stores years ago, if they ever had one. And the Gajewskis always tried to make it a true neighborhood store. We owe them a debt of gratitude for all the years they kept the store going while chain grocery stores, credit card fees and commercial property taxes ate away their profits. While I still hope that a buyer will emerge, with deep pockets, boundless energy, and a commitment to the community, I know it is unlikely. An era is ending, and it will be difficult for Park Point to fill the hole left by Bayside's closing.

Retirement party for Dick Gajewski

There's been a lot of talk in the last month or so regarding the impending retirement of Dick Gajewski and the subsequent closing of the Bayside Market. Dick, Mel, and the whole crew at the Bayside Market have had an impact on all us over the last several years. The conversations we have all had around the meat counter, the freezer section, the coffee machine, and the cash register have helped us establish a unique sense of community. We've chatted with young people and not-as-young, relatives and non-relatives working behind the counter. We've gotten to know each other in a place any other community would refer to as a convenience store but in our community, it has been the heartbeat of the entire sandy point. Well, here's your opportunity to bid Dick, Mel, and Joan adieu in style. Dick has worked hard over a long period of years. The Park Point community is throwing him a retirement party!!! We're moving the cash register community to Carmody Irish Pub for an afternoon in January. Liz and Ed Gleeson have generously offered us the use of Carmody Irish Pub for a celebration, a celebration of a person and place that has brought us all together all these years. Please come on down to Carmody on January 11th between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. It's potluck so bring a favorite dish to share. Mostly, bring your good spirits and enjoy a few spirits. Let's all wish Dick a great retirement!!

Hope to see you there!

Di Marshall

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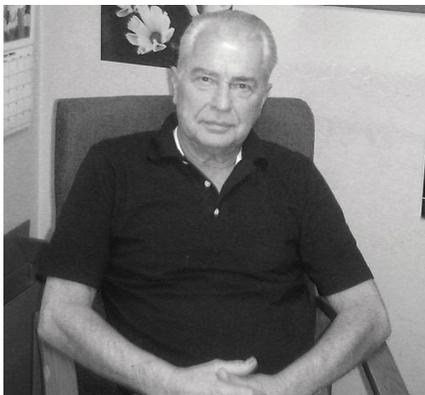


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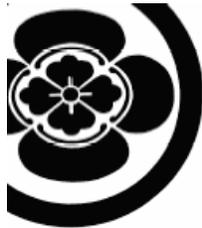
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Park Point Community Club Minutes November 20, 2008

President Dave Poulin called the meeting to order at 7:00, with 15 in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting, October 16, 2008, were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Chuck Flaig presented the club with a detailed accounting of the club's profits and losses by class for the last six years. Our balance is \$45,206.08. 2008 art fair expenses totaled 18,493; art fair profit totaled \$9,692.

Our legal fees to Peters & Peters for their work on the airport issue totals \$875. It was pointed out that the club has not put a cap on what can be spent for legal representation in this matter.

There will be no meeting in December, but there will be pizza preceding the January meeting. (Community Club memberships will be sought by mail using preaddressed envelopes.)

The City wants all expenses for the 12th St. project submitted before the year-end. There is a need for anchoring the bottom of the wall there. It would involve 2x4's (4 x 4's?), spikes, and concrete. Because it will have to wait for spring, it was recommended that we purchase the lumber and spikes now so that that expense can be included in our reimbursable funds. The concrete can be purchased later. Thanks to the people who showed up and worked hard on the S-Curve project at 12th. The club voted to approve the treasurer's report. Although it wasn't in the motion, the treasurer was praised for his thorough report.

New Business

The club approved (by a vote of one) allocating \$200 to Marcia Hales to help defray cocoa and cookie costs during her Christmas light display. There was some discussion of whether we might want to promote conservation of energy rather than its use.

"The Good Dog Club" will meet weekly in Lafayette's lower level starting Dec. 5. Because of that and the remains of rodent control efforts, the basement has been cleaned thoroughly. Dave Lavamaki is one of the folks to thank for that.

Charlene Shimmin has resigned as the coordinator for the PPoint Rummage Sale. We thank her for her efforts over many years.

Committee Reports: Carla T. and Jake K. proposed a budget for the 2009 Park Point Art Fair. The \$19,353 budget includes expenses for city fees, advertising, printing, artist awards and hospitality, events & entertainment, and event coordination. Projected revenue totals \$28,745. Projected profit: \$9,392. Many services that might have cost money were provided for free in 2008, e.g., articles in the Area Woman, The Reader, Living North, plus standard listings, television, and radio plugs. (Thanks, Jake!) If we are not as fortunate in 2009, our costs for promotion may be higher this year.

An Art Fair web site will be up by Jan. 1. Michael Monroe will be asked to perform again. A puppet show (giant puppets) will be brought here from an earlier performance in Grand Marais. We are aiming for 117 exhibitors, increasing fees for food vendors to \$500, and hoping to have the electric connection moved.

We have received lovely letters and e-mails praising last summer's event. The artists like us, and they may even turn a profit! . The unsettled economy, the potential for the city to raise our fees, and the potential for sponsorship are all variables potentially affecting the Art Fair.

The budget proposal for the Art Fair was approved.

The Lafayette Ice Rink: Alan Dartanyan read a letter he wrote and would like to submit to the Duluth News Tribune regarding Lafayette's ice rink. First, it corrects the impression that our rink might close because of lack of volunteers to run it. That is not the case. We had volunteers, but we had few skaters. Secondly, it offers the rink to any organized hockey group, "pond hockey pirates," who would like to swap rink use for rink maintenance . A motion to send the letter to the city first before publishing the letter was made, seconded and passed.

Environmental Committee:

Dave Poulin received a copy of the Sky Harbor Airport's draft of a scoping document. It contains a survey of airport use and outlines the four options (of the initial 10 options) still on the table for the future of the airport.

- . Close of the runway only
- . Cut the trees
- . Relocate the runway 7 degrees
- . Relocate the airport to the old steel plant site.

Alan Dartanyan pointed out that any option other than cutting the trees would be satisfactory. Dave said

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they are still waiting on an archeological survey.

On December 10 (time TBA) we will have a meeting at Lafayette for the general public on the airport issue. SHE, an engineering firm, will be presenting information then.

The last item of new business was brought to the club by Tony Mancuso (28th St.) He will be gathering more information for us on piloting a program to replace our 250 watt street lights with 82 watt, LED, lights and cutting our electrical costs by 2/3. We would realize maintenance savings as well. The price would be around 700-1000 per light with possible rebates available and the potential for avoiding the \$3.50 monthly the city may charge per street light.

The club [enthusiastically] passed a motion to support Tony in his efforts to gather more information to present to the club.

Motion to adjourn.

Secretaries pro temps, LeAne and Bruce Rutherford

[You had to have been there!]

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Here's an article from the Lake Superior Review and Weekly Tribune, July 25, 1883. It was discovered by John Harrison, former Park Pointer. Back then, a newspaperman could really have fun!

“Old Mrs. Landrigan, who for some years has been a cause of almost unceasing expense to the county, is on a big drunk again, which is nothing unusual for her. Ten or more years ago she buried a son in the old cemetery on Minnesota Point, from which all remains are now being removed by order of the county board.

Yesterday she went to where the workmen were engaged on the old graves, and was very anxious for them to disinter the remains of her son. The men not being able to do so immediately, she sat down on a coffin beside the grave at which they were working, and began to abuse them. This she continued until the loose earth gave way, and she was precipitated head first into the grave, the coffin falling in after her. The men must have been better Christians than some we read about, else they would not have helped the old woman out as carefully as they did. Mrs. Landrigan is a great nuisance, and it is too bad some means can't be devised to get rid of her.”

(That cemetery was about where the S turn is now. There were about 400 burials there, and most were moved to the original Forest Hill cemetery at about 4th St. & 13th Ave. E).

John Harrison

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Advent Prayer/Poem:

Help me breathe deeply the frigid air
and know myself to be held
in the warmth of your love.

When the sun is high, let me look up
and bathed in your gift
of winter's gold.

When the moon lights up the night,
let me look up and drink in
the gift of snowy calm. (by Renee Miller)

We had our 100th Anniversary Celebration on November 30th with a wonderful gathering of 165 people at the Edgewater Conference Center. If you go to our website, you can see lots of fun pictures from the evening - and probably some people you know! We will be back on the Point soon!

Advent Blessings, Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski, Vicar of SABTL

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Accidents	7
Animal Disturbances	10
AOA	8
Attempt to Locate	42
Burglaries	0
Check Welfare	34
Criminal Sex Conduct	4
Damage to Property	4
Details	3
Disturbances	63
Domestics	12
Drug Incidents	6
Drunks	11
Fire Alarms/ Alarms	71
Fire Cracker Call	4
Fires Outside	6
Forgery	2
Hit/ Run	2
Hotrodders	16
Information Call	46
Kid Trouble	11
Lost Person	2
Loud Parties	28
Medicals	78
Misc	11
Neighbor Trouble	2
Onviews	5
Park Rules Enforcement	16
Parking Problems	41
Permit to Acquire/Carry	6
Phone Harassment	7
Public Assist	12
Pysch Issues	9
Recovered Property	12
Runaways	4
Suicide Threats	4
Suspicious Persons	23
Suspicious Vehicles	10
Thefts	42
Threats	7
Traffic Stops Advised	55
Traffic Stops Tagged	27
Extra Traffic Control	23
Trouble Unknown	14
Unwants	11
Vehicle Damage	2
Vehicle Prowls	5
Vehicle Thefts	4
Violation Protection Ord	4
Warrants	7
Total Calls To Date	838

Crime Report

The column at left contains police call statistics for Park Point from January Through November, 2008, as compiled by Officer Mike Tinsley.

One entry to note – there have been no reported burglaries on Park Point so far this year! Always good news!

Dr. Nancy English Memorial 5K

On the morning of November 15, 2008, hundreds of people gathered together at the Sky Harbor Airport to honor the memory of Park Pointer Nancy English with a 5K run/walk. Family, friends, and patients, some in wheelchairs and strollers, made the 3.1 mile event a very special celebration of Nancy’s life. Preceded by a lively kids’ fun run and followed by awards for a variety of winners, this first annual race was a great tribute to a truly wonderful person. Thank you to all the walkers, runners, sponsors, volunteers, and others who made the event such a success.

Special thanks to:

Dave Werner and Tim Weiland at Sky Harbor Airport which provided the hangar that helped to keep the participants warm on a chilly fall day, as well as Brian Grefe and Brian Ryks at Duluth International Airport.

The pilots who made space in the hangar by having their planes moved, Colin Hillman, Tom Perkola, Bill Bellamy, and Jon Safstrom.

Eve Stein, Race Director, who tirelessly orchestrated the many facets of the entire event.

To view race photos or find more information about the event, please visit: www.nancyenglishmemorial5k.com

What to do with that old Christmas tree

Although the 12th Street Beach project is nearly completed, the need for erosion control is ongoing. So when that “live” Christmas tree is no longer so lively, bring it down to the S-curve and toss it into the fenced in area beyond the parking lot. “Live” wreaths – without the wire frame – can be disposed of in this way as well.

Editor's Corner

Feeling bummed about the weather, the economy, the closing of Bayside? I recommend a visit to The Holiday Spirit of the Lights. Marcia Hales always awesome display at 3739 Lake Ave. S. is open from now through Christmas. Stop in for a cookie and hot cider. You'll feel better.

I see the South Pier lighthouse – or more specifically the Duluth south Harbor Inner Light – has been sold, and one of the new owners is a Park Point native. I liked Steven Sola's comments: "You don't get a chance to buy something very often that all you can really do is take care of it for the next guy. You're really just borrowing it". Gee, if we could find a few more (well heeled) people who feel that way, I know of a store for sale.

One bit of good news. The PPCC Executive Board met recently to pull together all the receipts and documents on the 12th Street beach project to present to the city. Hopefully, the Club should see a reimbursement for all expenditures in the next couple months.

A big thank you to Sky Harbor for their cooperation during the Nancy English Memorial 5k last month. Making the hangar available for registration and awards on a cold November day made the event so much more enjoyable

Editor,

I am trying to promote the scholarships (and one in particular) of the DSACF. I am hoping you would be able to help me.

The one scholarship that I am most interested in getting your help with is the Dale & Betty George Sola Scholarship.

I expect that you know them, but they fund a scholarship here at the Community Foundation. The scholarship is unique that it has a residency requirement. Applicants must live in Duluth's Central Hillside or on Park Point. There are other requirements, for example students must go to Central, Marshall, Unity, Harbor City or Lakeview Christian and must prove financial need, but I think it is a great opportunity for the people of your community.

I especially want to make this scholarship known, because last year there were not the numbers or quality of applicants that I was hoping for.

You can find all the information about the scholarship on our website at

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Or I would be happy to speak with you further. Please call me at the number below.

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As Christmas approaches, remember your Park Point Cookbook is still available. There are a limited number left and they can be purchased at Bayside Market, The Blue Heron Trading Post or by calling Diane Gould at 727-4076.

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