

The Breeze

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October 2009

Calendar

Park Point Community Club Meeting

October 15th, 7PM
At Lafayette

Good Dog Club
Wednesdays at 6:30

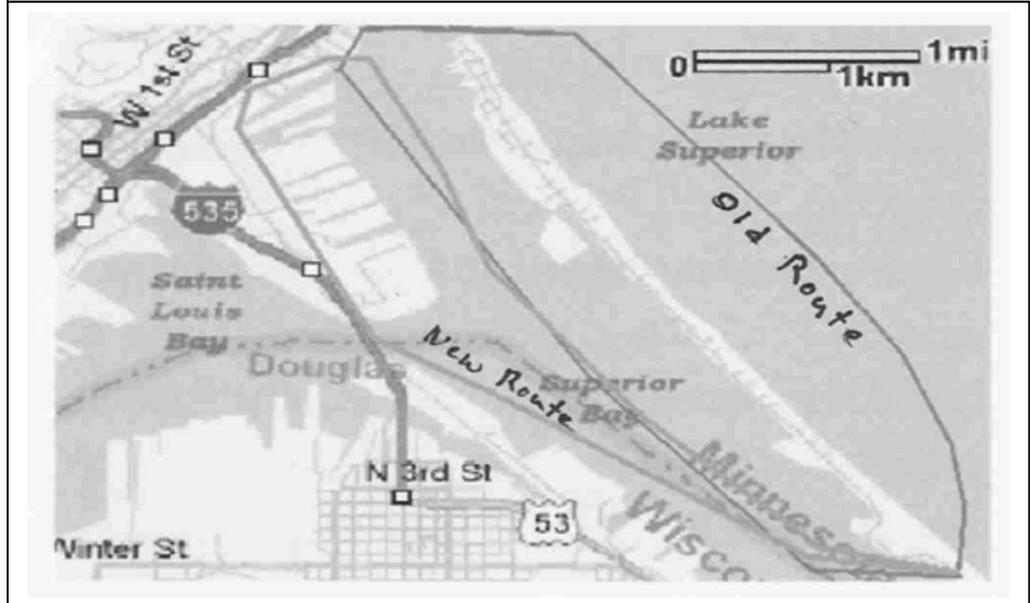
**Get to the Point
Awesome Art and Gift Fair**
October 10, 10am – 3pm
At Lafayette

**Spiritual Transformation
through Art**
October 10, 3pm-6pm
At St Andrews

Edible Garden Pot-luck
October 11, 5 PM
At Lafayette.

Nancy English Memorial 5k
November 14

Helicopter Tours Raise Concerns



Numerous complaints from Park Point residents over helicopter flights during the Labor Day weekend got a response at the September community club meeting. Director Brian Ryks and Roy Neimi of the Duluth Airport Authority and Sky Harbor airport Manager Dave Werner were in attendance. Two representatives of Lake Superior Helicopters, the tour operator, gave a presentation on their operation, and the changes they were planning to make in order to reduce noise and disturbance over Park Point.

The picture above is not as clear as I would like – it looked far better in the color version distributed at the meeting. Yet you can see that the old route, which was used over the Labor Day weekend, was basically a circle around Park Point. The new route, which they pledged to use in the future, would keep the flights over Superior Bay and industrial areas in the harbor. In addition, they stated that all flights shall completely avoid crossing over Park Point and Canal Park at all stages of the flight, all flights have been and will continue to operate at 1000 above the ground to reduce noise except for when taking off and landing at the airport, and all their pilots go through an extensive noise abatement training course.

Will this do enough to reduce the disturbances over the Point? Only time, and more flights, will tell. But if you have suggestions, questions or complaints, you can call Sky Harbor Manager Dave Werner at 218-391-8073 Or contact Lake Superior Helicopters directly at 218-213-7095.

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 October 30th for the November 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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Edible Garden Update

Community Garden Turns to Pot
Lafayette Community Edible Garden members are putting the “P” in Park Point, partying and pot. Yes, you heard right: In an effort to get a good turnout at our upcoming meeting on Sunday, October 11, we are turning to pot – potluck, that is! Park Point residents are invited to cook up their favorite dish and join the fun as we celebrate the fall harvest and come together to enjoy Sunday supper. This event will take place at the Lafayette Community Center at 5pm. Along with our down-home feast, we’ll learn about the locavore movement from Mary Dragich, the president of the local Slow Food Lake Superior chapter (see www.slowfoodlakesuperior.org). Plus, we’ll discuss ideas on how to structure our community garden. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Susan at 260-2149 by October 10.

How our Garden Grows

Have you noticed the raised garden beds in the community garden? They got filled with dirt and mulch in recent weeks and are now ready for spring planting. You might think this marks the end of our autumn work in the garden. On the contrary, now is when we need your help to collect matter to fill the compost bins our members built in the garden. Please place your bagged yard clippings and leaves inside the garden entrance and we’ll do the rest. Remember: we are growing an organic garden so only donate yard waste that’s chemical free.

Charter Memberships Still Available

A wonderful way to give back to our community and create a legacy for the next generation is by supporting our community garden. The effort to recycle the unused hockey rink at Lafayette Square and turn it into a vibrant garden takes sweat and commitment. If you’re short on sweat, but have good intentions to help beautify our neighborhood, a one-time donation of \$25 will put your name on the roster of Charter Members of the Lafayette Community Edible Garden. You’ll also get invites to our fun family-oriented events. For more info, give Coral a call at 727-6455.

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727-1762

For years now, St. Andrew's has been working on becoming a 'Green Church' - finding ways to lessen our carbon footprint, to use less of our natural resources, to make choices that help, rather than harm, the environment. Our restoration project of 2008 kept this mission in the forefront as we made our plans. We continue with this vision as we make plans for our life together in community - and some of the educational offerings we have. It is an ongoing endeavor -- just like the spiritual pilgrimage is a lifelong journey. Some of our upcoming adult education offerings are as follows:

Scripture Study - the Book of Proverbs

(Wisdom for our time)

October 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

(Third Wednesday of the month) 7-8 p.m.

Food and Faith (Nov. 3rd, 7-8:15 p.m.) Read a book about food, and come share in a discussion about the choices we make in what we eat, how it impacts our environment and our bodies, and how it's tied into our faith journey

Art Exhibit (Runs from Oct. 10th - Nov. 8th) - Whenever the church is open (various times, and always, 9-12 on Sundays.)

Bridge to Peace 5K Walk/Run - December 5, 2009

Think Globally, Run Locally. More information to come.

St. Andrew's is an open community and welcomes all people no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. Our worship begins at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday. Check out the website for events and a glimpse of the life of the community.

Our Lake of Mercy Catholic Church
2002 Minnesota Ave
722-3078

Priests: Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala and Fr. John Golobich
Deacons: Roger Birkland and Ted Windus Sr.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The catechetical program begins in the fall and continues until its culmination at the Easter Vigil. The sessions are made up of presentations on various aspects of the Church's teachings, including Scripture, Tradition, liturgy and social justice. While these presentations make up the core of the actual meetings, the central principle of the RCIA is conversion. By entering in the journey through RCIA, those who are participating join the paschal journey of Jesus Christ and are introduced to Church doctrine, prayer life, liturgy and apostolic work. If you or someone you know is interested in attending RCIA classes, please call the parish office for more information.

Services

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Every Sunday at 9:00 A. M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Every Sunday at 8:30 A. M.



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Park Point Community Club Minutes 9/17/2009

The regular monthly meeting of the PPCC was held on 9/17/2009, upper level of Lafayette Square Community Center, 7pm.

VP Liz Mackay called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and ran the meeting. The secretary and treasurer were in attendance.

Guests: Brian Ryks, Dave Werner, Roy Niemi representing the Duluth Airport Authority. Lake Superior Helicopters was represented by business co-owner and a pilot.

Approx. 14 members signed in. August meeting minutes were approved. Lavamaki/Robins

Treasurer's report: Chuck Flaig gave a detailed summary of profit and loss. Balance = \$52,319.41. Art Fair profit this year = \$8885.92.

Net expense for 2009 Summer Youth Program = \$3266.00. Collected \$1198 from parents, \$3780 was paid to Joy and the insurance cost was \$683.00. Insurance premium based on numbers and types of participants.

Treasurer's report approved. Lavamaki/D.Gould

Hospitality Committee: no action taken.

Breeze: Alan Dartanyan presented report.

Rummage Sale: No report, clarification given from by-laws that this is a separate committee.

Membership Committee: Liz Mackay reported 272 PPCC members to date.

Youth Committee: Liz Mackay recapped the program and cost to PPCC.

Environmental Committee: No report given. Dave Poulin out of town, Kinnan S. not present.

Unfinished business: (second vote needed to spend over \$200, first vote last month) Motion made to spend up to \$400 on attorney fees to Peters and Peters law firm to further study the final scoping document re. tree trimming at Sky Harbor Airport passed after lengthy discussion. Robins/A.

Dartanyan

Lafayette Community Edible Garden: No action taken. Liz Mackay reported that the garden has received a significant grant, 7 trees have been planted and compost bins are under construction.

Outdoor bathroom at Lafayette: Dick Gould read a letter from the City of Duluth outlining the requirements for a new bathroom. Due to expense of the project, a motion was made and passed that Dick Gould pursue an accessible portable unit with long hose for servicing from the field.

Motion made and passed that PPCC donate up to \$200.00 to Marcia Hales for treats at her holiday lighting festival. (P. Olson)

Brian Ryks of the Duluth Airport Authority gave a review of the scoping document process in reference to the Sky Harbor Airport tree trimming issue. Dave Werner, Sky Harbor Airport Manager spoke about the rules of flight for aircraft on scenic tours. Lake Superior Helicopters passed out information on their flight paths for scenic flights and described their business.

A motion was made that the \$400.00 spent by PPCC for hiring an attorney is not intended for use in closing Sky Harbor Airport. Buck/Buck. Motion lost.

Meeting adjourned approx 8:45 pm

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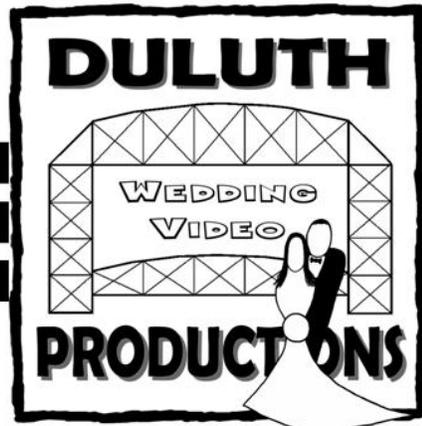
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It's Not Just The Kids – Masters Rowers Shine



In last month's issue, we featured two young Park Pointers in the Duluth Rowing Club who won the Junior Men's Doubles event at the Northwest International Rowing Regatta. This month, it's the "old guys" turn.

Two Park Point Master Men rowers won two events at the late August Northwest International Rowing Regatta in Lake Elmo, MN. Greg Peterson and Tom Rauschenfels won both the Master Men's Double and Pair competition for the Duluth Rowing Club. The Duluth Rowing Club placed third out of 13 teams in total points, behind St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The Duluth Rowing Club's season has slowly been winding down with the 25K Death Row Regatta completed on September 13th. Perfect water, a beautiful early fall day, and competitors from as far away as St. Louis combined to make a great rowing marathon from the Park Point Boathouse to the upper St. Louis River. Closing of the boathouse for the season will begin in early October.

Web Site Corner with Ryan Novitzki

www.parkpointcommunityclub.org is chugging along great, here's the numbers for September 1 - September 30:

- 232 unique visitors – this means 232 different computers looked at the web site at least once
- 517 visits – this means the 232 different computers came back again, an average of 2.22 times
- 2490 pages – this means every one of the 517 visits, looked at an average of 4.81 pages per visit

Dial your favorite web browser to www.parkpointcommunityclub.org to read the latest edition of the Breeze, view Dennis Hoelscher's pictures, and see what happened to some of the old playground equipment that used to be at the end of park point.

Editor's Corner

I don't know how many people called, e-mailed or wrote to complain about the noise of the helicopters flying over Park Point, but you had to be a little impressed at the response we got at the September Community Club meeting. Representatives from the Airport Authority, Sky Harbor Airport and Lake Superior Helicopters turned out not just to make a case for their operations, but to present changes they were making in response to those complaints, and showing what I thought was a genuine desire to find a solution that would work for everyone involved. Whether that's possible I can't say. But the fact that they were there, making an attempt, and treating our concerns seriously, was indicative to the improved relationship the Park Point Community Club has with the City, and the Duluth Airport Authority in particular.

That's why it was a little disappointing to hear the Club's efforts to protect the Old Pines forest reduced to a pro-airport/anti-airport divide. Are there Club members who would like to see the airport closed? Certainly. At last count, the Park Point Community Club had 272 paid members – and that translates into, roughly, 272 different opinions on things down here. But as for the Club as a whole, the stance has been Protect The Pine Forest – Period. Maybe we haven't been clear enough on that, but I think it's understood by the City, and the Airport Authority. Maybe I'm naïve, but I believe our sentiment is shared by many city and airport officials as well, and I'm hopeful that the current process will result in a solution that will allow the forest and the airport to coexist. So picking at the scab of our past bad blood will only hinder the process, and divide us just when we need to be united.

Save the date! Join us at the Sky Harbor Airport for the 2009 Nancy English Memorial 5k run/walk

The run/walk and kids ½ mile fun run will be held on November 14th. Last year \$15,000 was raised and put into a scholarship fund for women going back to school later in life. We had 700 registrations last year and a fun time was had by all!

To register, volunteer and/or make a donation visit our website at www.nancyenglishmemorial5k.com. The police will be closing the road at the end of Park Point from about 9:30 -11:00am due to the race event. We apologize ahead of time for any inconvenience this may cause for you. Please email eveestein@gmail.com with any questions.

The GET TO THE POINT Awesome Art & Gift Fair will be held Saturday,

October 10, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lafayette Square

Community Building, 3026 Minnesota Ave, Park Point. -
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Spiritual Transformation through Art

Last spring a year-long renovation of St. Andrew's by the Lake was completed. Transformation of the physical structure gave incentive to hold a congregational art exhibit reflecting the corresponding theme of spiritual transformation through art. Approximately 30 members have signed up to show original works in varied media.

The exhibit will open with a public reception on Saturday, October 10, 3:00- 6:00. Refreshments will be served and guest speaker, Jane Fisher- Merritt, will address the topic of art and spirituality. We invite all of our Park Point neighbors to attend.

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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

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