

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting
January 21st
7PM at Lafayette
Annual Membership
Meeting
Update on the Airport
Pizza!**

**Edible Garden Club
Pot luck dinner
5 PM at Lafayette**

**Martin Luther King Jr.
Day
January 18th**

**President's Day
February 15th**

A Little Ice



Thanks to some Park Point volunteers – and a much appreciated assist from the city water trucks – we once more have a very nice skating rink at Lafayette, which was ready to go well before the kids were off for their holiday break. Warming shack hours have been sporadic, but it will be open January 23 and February 6, 11am-3pm.

A Lotta Ice!



Thanks to Mother Nature, in the form of Christmas Day rains and strong winds, the bay opened and then refroze into perfect sheet of clear ice, perfect for ice skating and ice boating. You have to be careful – the big boats are still moving-but there's lots of fun to be had out there.

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

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Submissions

The deadline is February 5th for the February 2010 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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Park Point Community Club

Annual Membership meeting January 21st at Lafayette, 7PM

Pizza will be served at 6:30

Fill out your membership form, on page 5, bring your money and come to the meeting!

On the Agenda:

Presentation by SEH on the Airport/Old Pines Study

Discussion and 2nd vote on motion to spend up to \$3500 on storage shed, to be used by both the Park Point Community Club and Edible Garden Club

Discussion on approaching officials on having scheduled bridge lifts for pleasure boats.

Discussion on applying for 501c3 status for the Community Club, which would allow us to apply for grants.

News from the Edible Garden

Upcoming Meetings:

Join us at our next potluck dinner and meeting on Sunday, January 17th at 5 p.m. at the Lafayette Square Community Center.

While you have your calendar out, mark the third Sunday for each month from January to June as the Lafayette Community Edible Garden potluck dinner night.

At January's dinner, our guest speaker will be Bob Olen, MN Extension educator and local gardening expert. He is going to talk about outdoor composting. We'll learn about what we can put in our bins and how we can best develop/maintain the quality of the compost in our bins. This will be good information to have for both the community garden's compost bins, as well as our composting efforts at home.

Several garden members will be preparing soups and they ask that other folks attending January's potluck dinner bring side dishes, breads and desserts.

Our meetings and dinners are open to anyone, but if you want to join us officially, call Coral (727-6455).

Garden Designs Wanted:

We've got a great start to our community garden but we need to develop a master plan. If you have garden design experience or creative ideas for the future of our garden, please join us as we endeavor to create a beautiful and functional garden space in our neighborhood.

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New Year Greetings to all! As the days begin to lengthen bit by bit, St. Andrew's community offers some events to entice you out of the house and into a gathering of other pilgrims on the journey of life. Whether you worship with us or not, you are invited to be part of the following:

Pancake Breakfast (11:30 a.m -12:30 p.m.) February 7th
Sponsored and prepared by the Senior High Youth Group as a way to raise funds for their Pilgrimage in 2010. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted.

Night of Norwegian Music - Friday, February 12, 2010, 7 p.m.

Come enjoy an evening of Norwegian music by Arna Rennan and Brian Dack, two local musicians. Tickets are now available at no cost - but they are limited to the seating capacity of the Mission Hall. Call the church and leave a contact number and we'll get back to you with tickets (727-1262). Invite a friend. Good coffee and Scandinavian treats will be offered. There is no price for the tickets, but a free will offering will be taken and contributed to the CHUM Food Shelf. Arna Rennan has studied at the Institute of Folk Music in Rauland, University of Telemark, Norway. Her repertoire includes ballads from the Middle Ages, stev (four-lined poems sung in free rhythm), work songs, immigrant songs, and much more. Her songs reflect history, folklore, religious beliefs, universal themes and comical frankness. She plays guitar, accordion, seljefloyte (overtone flute) and langeleik,

"We gave all known the long loneliness; the only solution is love and love comes with community." Dorothy Day

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2002 Minnesota Ave
722-3078

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

Bishop Paul D. Sirba

The Duluth Diocese received their new bishop on December 14, 2009 during the ordination Mass at the Duluth Auditorium. Just as all roads lead to home, all conversations with Bishop Sirba's family lead to the modest Bloomington home where his parents, Helen and the late Norbert Sirba nurtured his vocation. Bishop Sirba is the oldest of four children born in 5 ½ years. He was always good in school as he attended Nativity of Mary in Bloomington and Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield. Bishop Sirba was ordained a priest in 1986 for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The Bishop honed his public speaking skills in high school, through speech, debate and performing in school plays. Besides receiving a diploma during his high school graduation, Bishop Paul was also given the Thomas More Medal for the senior boy whom classmates named as the person most exemplifying Christian life. He loves playing the piano and enjoys a good but gentlemanly game of tennis.

Services

Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations
Every Sunday at 9:00 A. M.

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

Park Point Properties has withdrawn their application to rezone property at 16th Street and Minnesota Avenue

The original application by Park Point Properties sought a change to R-3 zoning in order to build a 26 unit apartment building on the site. In the face of neighborhood opposition, the plan was scaled back, then finally dropped. The property will retain its current R-1c zoning, most likely moving to R-2 when the new zoning code is adopted.

According to Debra Kellner, one of the partners in Park Point Properties LLC, "We're now looking at a smaller-scale development. We don't have detailed plans yet but it would be something in keeping with the city's comprehensive plan for the area."

And that is all neighbors have been asking for.

Breeze financial Report

Once more, in the January issue, I'm printing a brief financial report for the Park Point Breeze. I'm a little more confident of my numbers this year, having started a new accounting system, but all numbers still have to be verified by the Club Treasurer. So here goes:

Expenses	Income
Printing \$4175.06	Advertising \$2180.00
Postage <u>\$ 128.00</u>	Subscriptions <u>\$ 30.00</u>
\$4303.06	\$2210.00
	\$4303.06
	<u>\$2210.00</u>
	\$2093.06 Total cost to Club

That cost to the Club is up considerably from last year, when it was just \$1294.84, basically due to a drop in ad income. A big piece of that is due to the loss of our oldest and steadiest advertiser – the late, lamented Bayside Market. There are also a couple of ads that are "out there". Due to my tardiness in sending renewal notices I haven't received any payment for them yet. If it comes, it will go on the 2010 income. I am also providing a couple of "free" ads to Ryan Novitzski, in exchange for his work on our web site, parkpointcommunityclub.org. Given the work he has done on this, not just putting the Breeze on-line but posting pictures, meeting notices, updates, etc., I believe the whole club is getting a bargain here.



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Park Point Community Club Membership Drive 2010

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, which are held the 3rd Thursday of each month, at Lafayette Community Center. Meetings start at 7PM

Membership Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

E-Mail address _____

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Please Mail Checks to:

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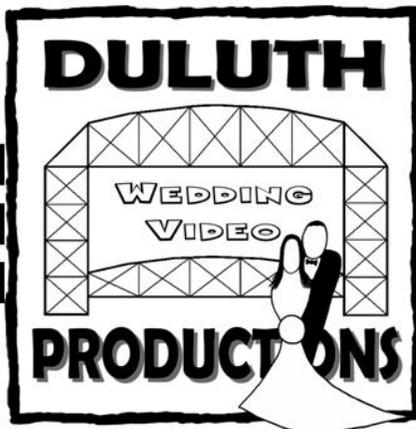
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2009 Tax Tips **Money in Your Pocket**

As the result of the financial meltdown and the subsequent recession, a number of provisions were enacted to put money into your pockets. The idea behind this new collection of reductions and credits is that if you have more to spend, you will, and that will lift the economy eventually to its pre-recession levels.

The first of these, "**Making Work Pay**" can be worth up to \$800 for married filing jointly, \$400 for single taxpayers. If you are on a federal, state or local government pension you can pick up \$250 with this year's filing. Social Security, railroad retirees, and some veteran recipients have already received \$250 this year.

The **First Time Homebuyer Credit** has been extended to homes purchased by April 30, 2010. You must close by June 30, to receive the \$8000 available credit. Additionally, a **Long Term Resident Credit** of up to \$6,500 is available to persons who have owned a home for 5 consecutive out of the last 8 years if they buy a new home by April 30, 2010. The new home must be your primary residence, but you do not have to sell your existing home to qualify. Given the

number of "For Sale" sign on the street, this could apply to a lot of people on the Point.

Real estate taxes and taxes paid for new vehicle purchases can reduce your taxes even if you don't itemize. These are added to your standard deduction which in turn lowers your taxable income.

Education Credits are way up this year. You can now receive a \$2,500 reduction of your taxes every year for 4 years of qualified education expenses. If your taxes liability is reduced to zero, you can still be refunded \$1,000 of this credit.

If you were unfortunate enough to be laid off this year, or you know someone who was, the first \$2,400 of **unemployment compensation** is tax free. There are also increased benefits for the **earned income credit** and the **additional child tax credit**.

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Editor's Corner

Here we are starting a new year, and a new decade. And it's time to renew your membership in the Park Point Community Club. The 2010 Membership form is found on Page 5 – the insert. Just fill it out and send it with a check for \$3 per person to the address on the form. Or better yet, bring it to the meeting on January 21st. There will be pizza at 6:30. I can't guarantee there'll be any left when the meeting starts at 7.

One thing to note. According to the PPCC by-laws, membership dues must be received 24 hours before the monthly meeting in order to vote at that meeting. This is intended to prevent "single issue" voters from packing a meeting, dues in hand, to vote on that issue. (Single issue? Most of our members have LOTS of issues). Anyway, if you were a member in 2009, it's not a problem. That's just a renewal, and you can pay your dues at this meeting and still vote. But if you're a new member, and we sure hope we get some, you will have to mail your dues in prior to the meeting, or sit out the votes. (Actually, sitting and watching is not always a bad idea. Sometimes it can be an exciting spectator sport.)

Speaking of "exciting" meetings, some members will remember a meeting back in April 2009, when The PPCC took a pledge to adhere to the principles of civility in all our meetings and discussions. It seems that we've kind of forgotten that of late. It's good to remember the 9 simple tools for practicing civility that we were taught: Pay attention, listen, be inclusive, don't gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize, give constructive criticism, and take responsibility!

CALL FOR ARTISTS TO ENTER 40th ANNUAL PARK POINT ART FAIR

Applications due March 1, 2010

DULUTH, Minn. (Dec. 2, 2009) -- Artists are invited to apply for entry into the 40th annual Park Point Art Fair, which features 115 visual artists exhibiting and selling their work June 26 and 27, 2010 at the Park Point Recreation Area in Duluth, Minn. Applications are due (postmarked) March 1.

This is a juried art fair of original, handmade work in clay, jewelry, glass, fiber, sculpture, photography, wood, painting, leather, 2D & 3D mixed media. Not accepted: kits, patterns, buy/sell or country crafts. Applicants submit four slides or electronic samples (jpeg) representing the work they will show and sell. A jury of three art professionals will judge the slides, based on craftsmanship and originality. The highest scores in each category are then selected to attend the two-day event, where more than \$1,000 in cash awards, including a \$300 Best of Show, are bestowed upon artists. In 2009, 121 artists were selected from a pool of local, regional and national applicants. The free event attracted an estimated 8,000 - 10,000 visitors for its fine arts and crafts, food court, live music, interactive arts for children, storytelling, a puppet show and more.

The Park Point Art Fair is presented by the Park Point Community Club, a volunteer citizen group that uses art fair proceeds to support local youth activities, environmental projects such as tree plantings and dune preservation, and other community-minded efforts. For an application, more information and a complete list of 2009 artists, visit www.parkpointartfair.org. Or, contact coordinator Carla Tamburro at carlajake@clearwire.net or 218-428-1916.

Good dog Club

The Good Dog Club formal classes will be ending on January 20th. We have had a great time working on successful canine communication and developing great dogs in our community. Ken is retiring and Kim is having a baby. Dawn will meet with dogs and owners by appointment for fun and free consultations. Phone or email consults are fine too. Classes may resume when Kim is ready. Thanks to the Park Point Community Club for their support over the past year.
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Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

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