

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**
April 15th
7PM at Lafayette

Park Point Rummage sale
June 11th & 12th

Park Point Art Fair
June 26th & 27th

Park Point 5-Miler
July 16th

Duluth Maritime Festival
July 28-August 3

Thanks to the Fire Department



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 above before-and-after pictures of the walkway at 12th street beach show the results of the Fire Department turning their hoses loose on the sand which had covered the wooden deck, leaving it clean and handicap accessible once more. Thanks to all involved. You saved us much effort.

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Submissions

The deadline is April 30th for the May 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 April Meeting

On the agenda:

- 1) Meet the developer of the new hi-rise hotel and resort on Hearing Island
- 2) Presentation by city Officials on the 100 site RV campground to be opened in the Pine forest
- 3) Closed Session (no mainlanders) for discussion of the maintenance of the Park Point Tunnel

(Come on, gang! It's April! I don't have a real agenda, so I thought I'd just Fool a little. No lynch mobs, please!)

Looking for Rip Current Monitors!

We've known for a number of years about rip currents on Park Point. Their deadliness was in full display in 2003, with one death and a number of rescues. Recently, the National Weather Service in Duluth began offering forecasts of rip current conditions for the beach. Unfortunately, rip currents in the Great Lakes are not well understood. We're looking for a few dependable folks to take several simple measurements on the beach daily during the summer to help us better understand and predict rip current conditions, and improve forecasting ability. Interested? Call or E mail Jesse at 726-6182 or jschombe@umn.edu

Sweep up your sand and give it back to the City.

City of Duluth wants to remind residents to not sweep the sand from their sidewalks, driveways or boulevards into city streets. The best way to dispose of it is to sweep it up and bring it to one of the eight dump sites that Utility Operations has set up around Duluth for your convenience.

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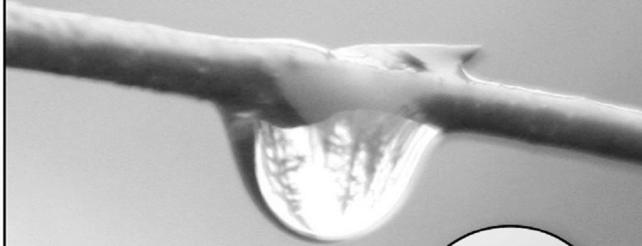
No greater love can we have than to give our lives for another. Even today, there are people willing to give the greatest sacrifice: their lives. We must die each day to our demands and ourselves. We die to ourselves by forgiving our injustices, giving of our time and resources and putting the other person first. When we die to ourselves, we find our life in Christ.

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Park Point Community Club 2010

Membership Form

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E-Mail address _____

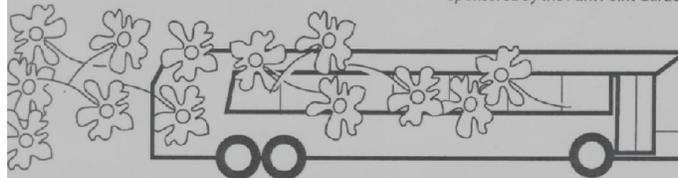
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Please Mail Checks to:

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Twin Cities Garden Center Trip - Tour

Sponsored by the Park Point Garden Club



Tuesday, May 11, 2010 - Itinerary

- 8 a.m. Bus leaves Playfront Parking Lot. Park cars facing Railroad Street. Breakfast with juice will be provided on the bus. Please bring your own thermos for hot drinks.
- 10:30 a.m. Arrive at Gerten's Greenhouse - Inver Grove Hts.
- 12 noon Leave for Bachman's Garden Center. Lunch may be purchased at Patrick's Cafe in the garden center. Browse the center until ...
- 2 p.m. Bus leaves for Otten Brothers' Nursery - Long Lake
- 4:30 p.m. Bus leaves for Hinkley
- 6:30 p.m. Stop at Hinkley - dinner will be available at Tobies.
- 8 p.m. Bus leaves for Duluth
- 9 p.m. Bus arrives back in Duluth

Reservations must be made by Friday, April 30, 2010. The cost is \$30 per person

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Number of tickets _____ at \$30 each Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to the Park Point Garden Club and mail to:
Elizabeth Mackay, 2233 Minnesota Avenue, Duluth, MN 55802

2010 Park Point Community Club

Membership

Printing the membership list one more time, and I know it's still not complete. And our membership drive is on-going. In fact, I've printed another membership form in this issue, for those of you who might have "misplaced" yours. Feel free to join any time

Anderson, Brooks	Kapsner, Jake	Ouray, Jim
Ball, Bob & Lee	Kaspari, Cameron & Pearl	Pauley, Peter, Candave & Meghan
Beechler, Lynn & Darrell	Kellner, Deb & Paul	Paulson, Jeanette
Bentfield, Bill & Lynn	Kellner, Ralph & Mary	Peterson, Greg & Jenny
Bjerklie, Janine	Kerns, Carolyn	Petrovic, Betty
Brown, Barbara	Kerns, Gale & Jeri	Peyton, Beryl
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Kaim, Ethelyn		

Park Point Community Club Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2010

The regular meeting of the PPCC was held on March 18, 2010, at the Lafayette Square Community Center at 7pm; all officers in attendance. Thirty-one people present. Meeting called to order by Pres. Dave Poulin at 7:06pm.

MSC To accept the minutes from the February meeting as corrected to read, "A motion was made to require that those persons planting trees for the club get permission from the city to plant on city property and further that they get permission from homeowners to plant any trees which may obstruct the homeowners view. "Stauber/Dartanyan

Treasurer's report- Chuck Flaig presented the financial report.

City Councilor Dan Hartman presented his idea for backpacking/camp sites on the beach similar to those found on the Superior Hiking Trail. Discussion points raised by community members:

Potties, fires, firewood, traffic, rules, resident ranger, parties, this would present the opportunity to legally camp on the beach, overall feasibility of such campsites.

Councilor Hartman will speak to Parks and Rec. regarding the feasibility of this project.

Officer Mike Tinsley- presented report and spoke about car prowls. Stow gear and packages in trunk or out of sight. Lock vehicles and homes. Things are relatively quiet right now.

Firefighter Chad Rindal distributed drawings of new firehall. If your smoke detector is 10 years old, replace it. Call 723-3215 and the fire dept. will come out and install a new unit. Call for details. The fire dept. will spray the sand off of the boardwalk at the S curve while testing out nozzles and doing training.

Jesse Schomberg with the MN Sea Grant distributed a handout on rip currents and gave a presentation. Beach warning flags will be installed this summer along the Point to help keep swimmers informed about currents. Watch for red, yellow and green flags.

Audit Committee- No report, another member needed, call Dick Gould.

MSC The PPCC authorizes the executive committee to spend up to \$800.00 for a lawyer to upgrade PPCC from c4 to 501c3 status. L.Mackay/Wegner

Nomination Committee- Please speak to Dave Poulin or Ed Alspach to volunteer to join them on this important committee.

Environmental Committee- Dick Gould presented report on upcoming tree planting project. Dave Poulin spoke about the Scoping Document and updated the club on the lawyer's recommendations and fees. LeAnn and Bruce Rutherford crafted a letter sent to Rep. Oberstar about the tree cutting issues at Sky Harbor Airport. Dave distributed copies of the letter to Rep. Oberstar.

MSC To spend up to \$1000.00 on legal fees for consultation re. Sky Harbor Airport tree cutting.

Shed update- Dave Poulin reported that possible shed donation did not work out.

Summer Youth Program- Committee of parents needed.

MSC To spend up to \$5000.00 on the Lafayette Summer Youth Program 2010.

L.Mackay/Wegner

Residents glad to see biffies in place at S-curve and street cleaning completed.

Brief discussion about Boat Club status and scheduled bridge lifts.

Meeting adjourned, 8:45 pm. Gould/Griggs

Dawn Buck, secretary.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Chickens Rule

At our March potluck supper and meeting, Nancy Nelson, a resident of Duluth's East Hillside neighborhood and an urban chicken flock owner, talked about raising chickens in the city. Back in 2008, our City Council passed ordinances pertaining to having chickens in Duluth. They include establishing a \$10 annual fee for keeping up to five hens – no roosters – for domestic use and consumption, plus many details on how and where a coop must be constructed. Note that chickens can NOT be slaughtered within the city limits. For more info, check out Duluth City Code 1959, Sections 50-55 and Sections 6-79 to 6-79.1.

Upcoming Events

April 9, WLSSD Yard Waste Compost Site opens for the season. Located at 2626 Courtland Street, this is a great place to purchase compost. Open Friday through Monday, 9am to 5pm, closed Tuesday through Thursday.

April 18, 5pm, Monthly meeting and Potluck Supper at the Park Point Community Center. Park Pointer Paul Treuer will lead a discussion on gardening. Paul is known for his fantastic garden, which was on the 2009 Park Point Garden Tour, and he is a longtime member of the Duluth Community Garden. Bring your gardening questions as Paul is a wealth of information.

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

Join the Fun – participate in our garden by signing up to help one of our committees:

1. Fundraising Committee: Brainstorm ideas for raising funds as well as coordinate the plans for the August Secret Garden Tour. (Members participate in working on events.)
2. Children's Garden Committee: Plan and design center garden for PP youth program. Also, work with children in planting and harvesting.
3. Garden Design Committee: Create a design plan for bed placement. The design needs to be developed during the month of April so the Building Beds Committee can get their work done in May.
4. Building Beds Committee: Build garden beds, arrange for soil and compost delivery, and spreading and preparation of soil and compost. Also need to seek building materials for beds. (Members will share the work of spreading soil and compost to beds.) Perhaps also make some kind of a gate.
5. Planting Committee: Plan what, when, and where to plant. Coordinate obtaining seeds and starter plants. (All members work on planting, etc.)
6. Volunteer Coordinating Committee: The record-keeping task could possibly be rotated, but this committee should organize how we keep track of workers hours, work to be done, and when it should be done.
7. Signs and Murals Committee: Create a design for a garden sign and coordinate obtaining materials, painting, and erecting the sign. Plan and design other garden artwork.

Get in the Loop – check out a hoop:

Lyn Clark Pegg suggests we consider building our own "hoop house" at the community garden. Such a structure is quick and easy to build and helps regulate the impact of the weather on the garden. Lyn says, "We could extend our season and get lots of tomatoes! Perhaps we might even be able to scrounge for some of the materials."

It's yet to be decided if the community gardeners will tackle this project this year, but that doesn't mean you can't build your own hoop house. For more info and plans, visit

<http://westsidegardener.com/howto/hoophouse.html>.

Wanted:

Lumber for building garden beds.

Photos of the Lafayette Community Edible Garden in progress.

Editor's Corner

There's camping, and there's camping. The proposal by a couple of city councilors to develop a few primitive campsites at the end of Park Point drew plenty of opposition. Much of that opposition seemed to be due to inaccurate reporting in the media, and even from inaccurate interpretations of what was reported. There was never a proposal for a 50 site campground in the Pine Forest.

What was proposed – or at least floated- was 5 to 15 primitive campsites on the beach near the end of Park Point.

Are there still legitimate concerns about that proposal? Sure. And most of them were brought up at the March PPCC meeting. Fires. Trash. Human waste. Enforcement. All things to be considered. But those familiar with the ethos of wilderness camping, especially in sensitive areas, are aware that rules can and have been written to deal with just these issues. Fires? Much as I love a good campfire, there are many campsites where open fires are banned. Only self contained camp stoves may be used. Trash? The "Pack it in, Pack it out" rule applies in most wilderness sites. And in some sensitive sites, that can include packing out "human waste" as well.

Enforcement is the real rub. With most wilderness sites, it's pretty much self policing, and there very remoteness limits the number of violations. The end of Park Point is hardly a remote wilderness, and even now, enforcement of the "No Camping" and No Fires" rules is pretty lax. Would it lead to more violations? Perhaps. But perhaps having "legitimate" campers there would help keep the illegitimate ones out.

The Annual Park Point. Garage Sale Friday and Saturday June 11 & 12th

Its only 2 months away. We hope everyone is planning to have a sale, even if you just have a few items to sell.

It is just fun to see and visit with everybody that comes looking for the great bargains that are available.

Please contact us now if you are going to have nonprofit group setting up in your yard. We like to include info in the press release, which needs to be sent out soon.

A friendly reminder but important request from the Park Point Community Club who sponsor both the Park Point Garage Sale and the Park Point Art Fair Please NO garage sales the weekend of the Art Fair.

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