



The Breeze

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July 2011

Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**
July 21st, 7PM
At Lafayette

Park Point 5-miler
July 15th

Duluth Maritime Festival
July 15-18

**Dr. Nancy English
Memorial 5k walk/run**
July 30th

**Neighborhood Night Out
Potluck**
August 2nd, 6-8PM
At Lafayette

Food and Garden Festival
August 19, noon – 3PM
At Lafayette

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

Art Fair 2011



Some
came for
the Art

Some
came for
the
Music



Some
came for
the Food

But they all found
what they were
looking for.
Great Fair again!

The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is August 5th for the August 2011 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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A superstar Beach!

The National Resources Defense Council, a nonprofit environmental group, puts out a guide to water quality at vacation beaches nationwide. The NRDC report awarded "superstar beach" status to just four beaches that ranked highest in the group's 5-star rating guide. These beaches were singled out for having perfect testing results in each of the past three years. And among those four was

Park Point Lafayette Community Club Beach!

After all those "avoid water contact" signs at points along the bay and the north shore it's nice to get some good news.

Park Point Garden Club

The Park Point Garden Club meets monthly on the fourth Thursday. Join us at our meetings and in our upkeep of the flower garden at LaFayette.

Email Pam at: pegriggs@clearwire.net or

Phone: 727 2158 for time and place.

ART FAIR VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU !!

Carla Tamburro, with assistance of her husband Jake Kapsner put on a fantastic 41st Park Point Art Fair. The Art Fair would not be the success it is without the help of the approximately 50 volunteers who do everything from putting out posters and advertising prior to the event to those who set up and check in the artists on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday about 35 volunteers, in two hour shifts, greeted guests, relieved artists, who needed a quick brake, worked at the children's make and take table and kept the grounds clean. At the end of the day on Sunday, those same volunteers helped the artist's pack up, take down tents and return equipment to Lafayette. The work the volunteers do is much appreciated by the artists who always say "the Park Point Art Fair is the one we enjoy the most all summer". Again, Thank You for all you did to make the Art Fair a success and hope to see everyone again next year for number 42.

Diane Gould

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The fullness of Joy is to behold God in everything.
Julian of Norwich

I was just down in Iowa near a location where several tornadoes went through in early April and destroyed long-standing farmsteads. Some had been in families for over 100 years. It wasn't just the buildings that were destroyed, but many of the groves that surrounded their homes, barns, machine sheds, and grain bins. You can see fires all around the area as trees are taken down, burned, then buried. It is painful to watch.

In ancient times, mature trees connected the three worlds: heaven (branches reaching into the future), the here and now (trunk, solid and reliable), and the under-world of our ancestors (the roots). It is important to protect old trees and to develop our personal relationships with them. To touch or embrace a tree is to remember all the life force just under the bark. I hope you have some slow enough time this summer to get to know a tree. They are a wonderful gift from God. The 13th century mystic, Meister Eckhart said that *'Every creature is a word of God'*. To learn some of the lessons God has prepared for us, we need to *adopt the pace of nature - her secret is patience* (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Jesus often used parables of nature to teach about God (the Divine, the Holy). To be a disciple of Jesus is to respect nature and learn deeply of God's desire that we be careful stewards of this gift given to us.

I hope you have a summer filled with enough moments to get to know a tree.

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Fr. John Petrich
God Cherishes Each of Us

A couple in one of Thomas Hardy's novels had a daughter named Elizabeth. She died, and the parents were devastated. They decided if they had another girl, they would name her Elizabeth. So they did. They were blest with a baby girl who they named Elizabeth. It didn't help. They realized they could have 100 daughters and name them Elizabeth but they still would miss Elizabeth. You can't replace a person that easily.

Sometimes, I feel so insignificant in this world of billions of people. Do I matter? Does God even notice me? Does he care about me? We are assured that God cares for us. He knows each of us by name. God promises never to forget us. If God had a wallet, your picture would be in it. Walk in confidence. God loves you!

Father, it is hard to believe that you care for me. But in faith I know you do. Thank you. May I live as your child. I pray in Jesus' name, the Divine Revealer of your love. Amen

Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations
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PARK POINT COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING JUNE 16, 2011

President Dick Gould called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm. 17 persons were in attendance.

Minutes were approved and seconded.

Treasurer's Report -

| | | | |
|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| 1/1/2011 | Beginning balance | \$43,026 | |
| 5/1/2011 | Balance | | \$61,234 |
| | Income | \$ 3,502 | |
| | Expenses | \$ 3,518 | |
| 6/1/2011 | Balance | | \$61,291 |

New Business -

An Executive Board meeting was held on 6/14/2011. The formation of a separate organization to comply with the 501C3 requirements was discussed. The officers for the Park Point Community Club would be the same officers in the beginning for the new organization that has a tentative name of Minnesota Point Preservation Society. After the initial organization of this group, new board members would be elected. Dick Gould said the new organization would need a mission statement and he would appreciate any suggestions. The Park Point Community Club would be different entity from the new organization as one requirement for a 501C3 status means the organization must encompass a larger area than Park Point when asking for grants for projects. Letters of recommendation are also needed to help get the 501C3 status approved. Motion was made and seconded to move forward to make a new organization with the 501C3 status. Membership vote was taken. 2 opposed. Rest of the attending members were in favor of.

Summer youth program under way. Nothing more to report at that time.

DNR responded to Dick Gould in regards to the young bear on Park Point. The DNR no longer relocates these animals but destroys them. We were asked not to feed the bear. Ignore him. In August, bears get more hungry in preparation for hibernation and will move to a place where food is more plentiful.

Carpet installation upstairs and downstairs at Lafayette Square was discussed. Dick Gould had many different color samples available.

Lafayette Square rentals going well.

Art Fair -

Carla Tamburro said everything was on schedule. The Art Fair was good to go.

Breeze -

Nothing to report

Environmental Committee -

It was reported there was 3' of sand @ 12th St and 48th St.

Sunshine Committee -

Nothing to report

Garden Club Committee -

Nothing to report

Rummage Sale report -

The portable potties were delivered late. Next year, twice as many pots should be ordered as when the person came to empty these, they were quite full.

Communication report -

New locks are being installed at Lafayette Square.

S turn sign -

Dave Johnson working on this project

Fire Hall report -

City will paint the fire hall. They do not want the help from Park Point residents.

Membership Committee report -

Liz Mackay recommended membership dues be increased to \$5. A membership card would be issued. A motion was made and seconded to increase membership fees. Then the discussion was why not increase the dues to \$5 with no reference to membership cards. Again, a motion was made and seconded to increase the membership dues with no reference. Dick Gould recommended we table the discussion until Liz Mackay was in attendance.

James Campbell spoke about the challenges of opening his new tea room.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. This took place @ 8:00pm.

Gypsy Moth Treatment

I'm Allen Sommerfeld, Communications Coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. I wanted to pass along some information that is aimed at residents of Park Point. The week of July 11 the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) plans to treat the neighborhood for the invasive insect gypsy moth. The gypsy moth is a voracious pest that has defoliated forests and caused millions of dollars of damage in eastern states. Annual monitoring traps indicate a growing gypsy moth population on Park Point. The MDA is conducting this treatment to ensure the area is protected from this insect.

The MDA will be using a federally approved product called SPLAT. This product contains a pheromone undetectable by humans that interferes with the male moth's ability to locate a mate. SPLAT is a waxy substance that will be hand-applied by ground crews. The product is manufactured from food-grade ingredients. A small dollop of the substance will be applied to trees, shrubs or posts in the 460 acre block.

Since SPLAT will be ground applied by MDA employees and representatives of the agency, it is important the ground crews have access to the area. While state law gives us authority to come onto property for the treatment, the MDA is asking for permission. To ensure access for workers, we ask that residents please leave gates unlocked and open, if possible.

For more information, go to MDA's website at www.mda.state.mn.us/gypsymoth. If residents have further questions, they can call the Arrest the Pest Hotline at 888-545-MOTH.

Thanks for your attention to this. It would be helpful to get information to the residents by including this information in the July issue of The Breeze.

Sincerely,
Allen Sommerfeld
Communications Coordinator
Minnesota Department of Agriculture
625 Robert St. N

Rummage Sale Roundup

Thanks to all of you that took part in the Park Point Garage Sale. We had buyers come from all over the area including several that came down from Thunder Bay. We encourage you to start a box or two for next year's, which is scheduled for June 8th and 9th. Please tell your friends and family the dates of next year's 31st Annual Park Point Garage Sale. A special Thanks to Dave Lavamaki, who worked hard as co chair. Dave has agreed to be co chair next year, again.

Charlene Shimmin co chair

Duluth Rowing Club Events Calendar

Summer and Fall 2011

Learn To Row Sessions:

- #1: June 20-30, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Monday – Thursday)
- #2: July 11-21, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Monday – Thursday)
- #3: July 25 – August 4, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Monday – Thursday)

Duluth International Regatta – Celebrating 125 years!

July 9, 2011

Northwest Championship International Regatta

Hosted by the Duluth Rowing Club

August 19, 20, 2011

Death Row – 25 kilometer race up the St. Louis River

Duluth Rowing Club Boathouse

September 18, 2011

And

Mark Your Calendars

To commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Duluth Rowing Club and in conjunction with the St. Louis County Historical Society, there will be a celebration at the Depot on Friday, September 16, 2011 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, and DRC member Mike Cochran will be the keynote speaker, presenting his book "Invincible", along with a slide show from the history of rowing in Duluth. Tickets will be sold in advance from any Duluth Rowing Club member, details are still being worked out. Everyone is invited. Let's see how many Pointers and ex-rowers can come and tell stories from the good old days.

Lafayette Summer Youth Program Update.....

With more rainy and windy days than sunny ones we have been soaked to the bones but our spirits haven't been dampened! We have been to the Lafayette Theatre watching Hercules save the world, danced in the Swiss Alps as we heard Sounds Of Music and have seen Angels In The Out Field all while having popcorn, watermelon and Ice Cream Sundaes. With our enrollment of 29 and growing, we have been busy.....the Engineers have been constructing Lego creations while the Interior Decorators have been decorating and designing doll houses out of card board boxes. The Jewelers have made beautiful pieces with wooden beads and pipe cleaners, the Fashion Designers have clothed Popsicle stick dolls with scraps of fabric, tissue paper, pop-tops and glue. The Loomers have made enough pot holders to open a market and the Painters have been busy working on our mural. We have been able to sneak out between rain drops and watch the rivers flow thru the city we made on the playground and run laps around the basketball court to work out the wiggles. We have squeezed in a few field trips and busted gutters at the Bowling Alley, introduced ourselves to the Library and soared the friendly skies in the Skywalk. We have taste tested Kale, Carrots and Fennel with our friends from the Kids Garden and painted YaaYaa chairs for the Garden. We will go on a rock hunt for rocks to decorate and dance the salsa as we taste test the vegetables the garden will have offered. If you see us walking backwards it is because we are having a backwards day and we will be having dessert before lunch at DQ in Canal Park. We will sail the high seas as we picnic on the wooden boat at the end of the Point, keeping watch for seagulls who think they have been invited! We will be dazzled by Jugglers, Magicians, Story Tellers and much more at the Library Kids Programs and check out the Children's Museum at the Depot. We have many more things to do but too many to list so stop down Monday thru Thursday: 10:00 thru 4:00 and join in the fun.

Think sunshine and warm weather....after all, it is summer!

Thanks, Joy

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Community Gardeners seem to lead the way on getting produce to grow on Park Point. The plantings in the garden beds are more verdant and mature than those in many of our home gardens. We're not sure why -- maybe it's all the attention the community garden is getting from the working members, passers-by, and the children attending the Lafayette Summer Youth Program. The plants are responding so well to the human contact that members are already enjoying the garden's bounty. No small feat considering the late start our growing season got this year.

On June 21, we celebrated the summer solstice with each of us reading inspirational prose related to gardening. This may sound kind of highbrow to many of you, but the quotes Cornelia picked for us to read were whimsical and humorous, as well as thought provoking. Best of all, our serious service was followed by a frolic through the buffet lineup of potluck goodies such as Crockpot Chicken Parmesan, Braised Bok Choy, Apple Potato Salad and Dane's Brownies. We could have used more help to finish all the delicious food, so, all you Park Pointers, this is your official invitation to join us at our future dinners. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Coral at 727-6455.

WANTED: We are seeking donations of nice, useable culinary and gardening items to sell in our Culinary Flea Market during our 2011 fundraiser on August 19. If you have anything to donate, such as cooking tools, aprons, cookbooks, gardening books, planters, garden ornaments, garden hand tools, please call Susan (260-2149). We will be happy to pick up and store the items.

Future Events:

Tuesday, August 2, 6 to 8 p.m. The Lafayette Community Edible Garden and the Lafayette Summer Youth Program join the rest of the nation in celebrating the 28th Annual National Night Out (NNO), a grassroots effort for communities to strengthen neighborhood spirit, heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, and support police-community partnerships. Join us at Lafayette Square for a potluck dinner, socialization and children's activities while we take back the night.

Friday, August 19, noon to 3 p.m. Save the date for the 2011 Lafayette Community Edible Garden fundraiser. Lafayette Square will welcome Park Point's first Food and Garden Festival, featuring award-winning Minnesota cookbook authors selling & signing their books, cooking demos, a culinary flea market, and skilled and master gardeners on hand for personal garden therapy sessions. This event is free to the public. Stop by to sample good things to eat while learning a thing or two.

Park Point 5-miler

The 40th annual Park Point 5-miler will be held on Friday, July 15th. This is the oldest running road race in Northern Minnesota, and is also a fundraiser for the Young Athletes Foundation, a Grandma's Marathon program that promotes the development and growth of youth athletics in the Twin Ports Area.

The race begins at 6:30 p.m. and runners will travel around the Park Point ball fields and down Minnesota Avenue to approximately 23rd Avenue where they will turn around and run to the finish line near the beach house. Beginning at 6:15 p.m. on July 15, Minnesota Avenue will be temporarily closed from 2328 Minnesota Avenue to the south side of the ball fields. It will reopen at approximately 7:45 p.m. Also, traffic will increase on Minnesota Avenue between 3:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. (prior to the race) and again after 7:15 p.m. as race participants depart the Point. Race organizers apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and appreciate the cooperation and support of all Park Point Residents.

Our “visiting” bear doesn’t want to be evicted.

The restive yearling is obviously reluctant to leave us --at least as this update is being written –it refused to enter the trap and take the bait and has continued to explore the length of the Point. I saw him/her on a leisurely stroll at the edge of the vegetation at 19th on a sunny afternoon – watched (and video taped) its attempt to scale the DNR’s fenced lake access walkway and, that failing, ambled off to the end of the fence to enter the grounds of Sand Point Marina.

It was seen at Lafayette and probably a host of other locations. Dick Gould encountered in the very place it should have stayed after first arriving – the pine forest at the far end of the Point. Thanks to Dick and others, arrangement were made with a private trapper to avoid the plans of the DNR to capture and “euthanize” it. If and when it’s captured it will be taken off the Point and released deep in the woods far from here.

In the days before the canal construction turned Park Point into an island, bears were likely to have been as common here as anywhere else in the city. Since then, the welcome mat has been removed and residency denied, following complaints of some that the foraging yearling was a problem and the DNR was asked to take it away – dead or alive.

Historically, there have been others of the ursus Americanus family associated with Park Point. One of them made *Life Magazine!*

Perhaps only the “old timers” living here sixty-two years ago will remember an incident on August 19, 1949 when an adult bear, seeking refuge from harassing bystanders, made it to the north edge of the canal and jumped in. Had the unruly crowd backed off, the bear could have come ashore somewhere on the Point.

Sympathetic to the distressed animal, E. A. Thorsall and friends Michael Gauthier and Donald Parker volunteered to accompany Thorsell in his boat to try and get a rope around the bears head and tow it to shore. The bruin didn’t take kindly to the rope and decided it would be safer in the boat – so it climbed in.

It clearly wasn’t happy with its companions and promptly bit Thorsell on the leg and tore his pants. The obviously frightened trio couldn’t imagine going anywhere with an angry bear on board and decided to let the bear have the boat and they jumped into the canal, abandoning their plan to capture the animal and release it somewhere up the North shore. Too bad the furry boat occupant didn’t know how to run the motor or it could have navigated to any nearby land site and returned to the forest. The story was very funny up to this point.....but it had a sad ending.

The policemen weren’t sure how to handle the crowd and, at the same time, get the critter out of the boat and into the woods. That was settled when Safety Commissioner Francis Daugherty sent word that, for the safety of the crowd, the bear must be shot! This was done by Patrolman David Mattson.

In the days following the execution the police department had to deal with a flurry of complaints that killing the animal should not have been an option.

A SEASONAL BENEFIT OF LIFE ON THE POINT

It may be a bit trite to say so, but rewards from nature do indeed prove that the "best things in life are free" and usually are simple pleasures. Very soon I will drive my little red car (my eight decades keep me from hiking or biking) to a parking spot close to the airport next to a stunning patch of roses....I assume they are the wild variety...I will roll down the windows, hope for a breeze off the bay, and inhale the exhilarating aroma, grateful that my sense of smell hasn't diminished in my advanced years.

Yes, I admire and appreciate their domestic counterparts including the one on my own balcony, for which I paid a handsome sum, and others I see in well-groomed gardens on route to enjoy the untended bunch.

Perhaps, like beauty being in the eye of the beholder, the stimulation of my olfactory nerves by this humble plant tells me nothing else I have experienced (including a visit to the perfume factories in Grasse, France) exceeds the heady aroma of our wild roses as judged by my own nose.

Finally, a word of caution, there's usually an abundance of poison ivy surrounding these jewels...a natural deterrent to helping one's self to the blooms.

By Glenn Maxham

Editor's Corner

I'm writing this on the 4th of July. The Monday holiday gave me an extra day to finish up the Breeze. And I'm happy to report this breaking news! It's Summer! Really! Even here on Park Point! This is the third straight day of hot sunny weather, and it even came on a holiday weekend! Another couple days of this and we'll all start complaining about the heat, the crowded beaches, the traffic – all the usual summer headaches. But not yet. It was so long in coming this year I'm still enjoying it.

Another thing I'm enjoying is the new white lines along Minnesota Avenue. Construction delays and rainy weather kept us line-less for far too long. Many cars didn't seem to know where they were supposed to drive, and wandered well over into the "recreation lane. But now we have big bright wide lines keeping everyone where they belong.

Still, I do have a quibble. They painted new lines all along Minnesota Avenue – but not on Lake Avenue, and especially not on the S-curve. I know, that part of the street was not resurfaced, and in most places the old lines are still visible, if faded. But there's a section of the S-curve where the lines are worn away completely. This is where the cars tend to cut the corner, "straightening the curves" as they say. And it can create a real hazard for bikers and others in the recreation lane. Would it be too much to ask to get some new lines there, too?

Speaking of paint, perhaps it was the offer – or was it a threat? – of some Park Pointers to do it themselves, but the City has announced plans to paint the fire hall at 22nd street. It's long been delayed, and the city debated options for replacing the fire hall. But it reached the point where something had to be done. I suppose it's just as well the city does it. I'm sure they'll just use some basic color. I was kind of thinking purple paisley myself. Not everyone is fond of that.

To my friends and wary observers on Park Point:

I would like to be registered as a member of the Park Point Community club, before I move or am removed less gracefully, from this great place, Park Point. (I will grin and bear it but will surely miss you all)

Hopefully I'll find another sunrise, another sunset if only half as fine as yours....3 bucks enclosed.

*My best,
Dylan the Bear*

P.S. if you fear me, climb a tree...it works for me...

Thank you Art Fair volunteers!

The 41st annual Park Point Art Fair on June 25 & 26 at the recreation area was a huge success—thanks in large part to the outstanding contributions of volunteers. From distributing posters and bookmarks to helping plan, set-up, operate, clean up, tear down and more, you made our community proud. Your gifts of time and talent resonated with artists, vendors and visitors alike, making the Club's signature fundraiser, an event that so many people across the city and region look forward to each year, that much better for us all.

If you weren't able to volunteer but would like to, be sure to join us next year. In the mean time, why not come to the next Community Club meeting and get involved in one of the many meaningful projects the Club is undertaking? If you have comments, feedback or ideas for the Park Point Art Fair, please email carlajake@clearwire.net.

Carla Tamburro and Jake Kapsner

The Breeze

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