

The Breeze

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April 2013

Calendar

Park Point Beach Cleanup
April 13th, 1-4:30 PM
Park Point Beach House
Potluck to follow at Lafayette

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting April 18th 7PM**
At Lafayette
Social at 6:30

Run Smelt Run Parade & Party
April 21st

**Lafayette Edible Garden
Earth Day Potluck April 22nd,**
6-8PM
At Lafayette

Park Point Rummage Sale
June 14th & 15th

Park Point Art Fair
June 29 – 30

**Duluth Aviation Centennial
Lark O' The Lake Festival**
Sky Harbor Airport
July 12-14

The Smelt Are Coming!



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

At least we hope so. Last years' Smelt Parade preceded one of the smelting "runs" along Park Point awhile. (Do they still call it a "run" when the smelt simply gather along the shore of the lake? Smelters did far better last year along the point than they did on the North Shore rivers). Perhaps the smelt just go where they're welcome. And this year The Park Point Community Club has voiced its support for the Run Smelt Run Parade and Party, scheduled for April 21st. Even if the real smelt don't show up, The Smelt Queen and her followers are worth watching, and joining, on their parade to Zeitgeist Arts Café – where smelt will be served, for those who haven't caught their own! Come join us!

The Breeze

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From the President

Hi Neighbors,
Happy Spring!

- Thanks to Bob and Laura Goewey for sharing their plans for Firehall #5 at our last meeting.
- Thanks to the 70-80 neighbors who came out to share comments about our community at the Small Area Plan Public Meeting. I will post the comments on our website.
- Everyone is invited to help create puppets, masks, and costumes for the upcoming Run Smelt Run Parade. The workshop is at 134 W. 1st St. in Duluth, between Pineapple Arts and Bella Flora.
- Send me an email if you have a child for our summer youth program, ages 5-12 and indicate how often you'd use the program between 8 & 4 Monday through Thursday. The Youth Program Committee is working on planning for the program. Please include your name, kid's name and your contact info. dbuck@harborcityschool.org
- Get involved in the Clean & Green clean-up effort on Park Point, Saturday, April 13. Clean the beach or a stretch of the street from 1 – 4 then meet at LaFayette for a potluck following the clean up. Award for most interesting thing found while cleaning. We will clean "everything" but around the beach house area as that area is already assigned to a group. Set up your "clean team" and have some fun. Thanks to Bente S. for facilitating this effort on Park Point.

I received several comments regarding my last note in the Breeze about dogs on the beach. I'd like to share a helpful list of questions I received from one of our neighbors down near the S curve where loose dogs are a common occurrence.

I would also like to acknowledge that there is a leash law and I am not condoning loose dogs on the beach. Obviously the leash law is frequently ignored and there is no way to enforce it consistently (confirmed by Animal Control). I think it's appropriate to ask people to be respectful and responsible in these ways. That is why I liked the following reminder about responsible and polite dog etiquette in our parks.


The Park Point Beach is a City Park, not a dog park, as most of you know. (There is a dog park where dogs can run free at Keene Creek Park in West Duluth; plus there are also a few more possible dog parks in the future.)

Here are some questions you can answer to determine whether or not you are a responsible dog owner in a City Park. If you cannot answer "yes" to these questions, you could change your ways to be more responsible to other people in the park.

1. *Can and do you manage your dog with voice commands?*
2. *If you cannot manage your dog by voice, do you leash your dog before it runs toward people?*
3. *Do you apologize when you are negligent and let your dog run at people?*
4. *Do you apologize if you have a noisy, barking dog that is disturbing the peace?*
5. *Do you watch where your dog "goes" so that you can clean up after it?*

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Park Point Community Club Minutes

March 21, 2013

March, 2013 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order at 7:00pm by club President, Dawn Buck. The Civility Checklist was read. New members were welcomed.

A motion was made by Al Robins and Dick Gould seconded the motion to accept the minutes as they appeared in the Breeze paper. Membership vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

January, 2013 beginning balance	\$31,083
February, 2013 beginning balance	\$43,952
February, 2013 ending balance	\$44,502

Motion was made by Diane Gould to accept the Treasurer's report and Diane Lavamaki seconded the message. Membership vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules for a regularly scheduled meeting to allow Bob and Laura Goewey to speak to the club on the progress of their new home at fire hall #5. They told of a few plans for renovating the fire hall. Fire hall #5 is on facebook. Check it out for updated pictures & etc. as the work progresses.

Standing Committee Reports:

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs and LeAne Rutherford
Cards sent by the committee were two get well cards.

Hospitality Committee - Diane Gould and Ted Buck
Another tasteful treat for the meeting. Thank you for everything.

Watch Committee - all members are on this committee. There was an incident on the beach with two unleashed dogs that bit a walker. This was a reminder there is a leash law in the City of Duluth. Dawn Buck has offered to help dog owners train their dogs to come on command. The beach is used by many and we all need to be respectful of others.

Small Area Plan meeting is to be held 3/27/2013 @ 5:30 pm at Lafayette Square. Check the planning department's website for discussing plans for Park Point, vacation rentals items & etc..

Art Fair Committee - Carla Tamburro - at present, the committee is receiving applications for the Art Fair.

Breeze Committee - Alan Dartanyan - nothing new to report

Youth Committee - Jake Kapsner, chair pro-term- has met twice to plan for summer program. Lafayette

was approved for up to 2 AmeriCorps for this summer. They are working on the program and budget that includes using grant money, increased fees for increased hours, and using DSSA Sailing program for kids. The committee will be asking the Park Point Community Club for support.

Sally Buck, Alex Ross, Liz Mackay, and Deb Kellner have volunteered for the youth program.

Environmental Committee -

Clean and Green Committee - Bente Soderlind - Committee formed to work at cleaning the beach. One suggestion was at the end of summer, those persons helping in the summer beach cleanup would be invited to a pot luck.

Tree planting is still planned for summer.

Dick Gould spoke on applying for grant money for the Minnesota Point Preservation Society to build a walkway at 47th St. as one of their first projects.

Rummage Sale Committee - Charlene Shimmin and David Lavamaki - nothing new to report.

Discussion and Action on New Business:

Edible Community Garden - speaker told us that squash was the vegetable of the year. On 4/27/2013, at Hillside Public Orchard, the public was asked to bring a shovel and wheel barrels to move 10 yards of compost. Bring buckets to take extra compost home. The Edible Community Garden Club has a meeting April 27, 2013. The speaker will talk on mound gardening.

Run smelt Run is scheduled to be held on 4/21/2013. There will be a parade from the Aerial Lift Bridge to the Zeitgeist Cafe where smelt will be served. Leading the parade will be a brass band. The Park Point Community Club was asked to donate \$250 towards costumes. A motion was made by Nancy Olson and seconded by Cornelia Dacey to approve the the donation of \$250. This was the first vote of two required for membership vote before funds can be given. The second vote will be taken at the at the April, 2013 meeting.

Diane Gould made a motion and Dick Gould seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.



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During Severe Weather Awareness week, the local office of the National Weather Service is honoring the late Alex Sahlberg, a Park Point Stormchaser and budding Extreme Weather Photojournalist, who left us far too soon

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Spring is upon us and gardens and gardeners are coming alive. Our calendars are filling up with springtime events and social outings. Consider adding some of our activities to your lineup of fun and educational things to do in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about your Park Point community garden or its programs, give Coral a call 727-6455. All Park Pointers are invited to our events.

Start Saving Your Stuff

This year's fundraiser for our community garden is a garage sale – in conjunction with the huge Park Point Rummage Sale, June 14-16. If you are not having a sale of your own, we will be happy to take donations that we can sell. Our focus is on kitchen and garden items, but we'll take anything that will sell. Plus, we will be looking for bight, funky clothes to make garden scarecrows, so save those for us, too.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUNDAY, April 21, 4 p.m. Second Annual Run Smelt Run parade, puppet show, and smelt fry. Park Pointer Jim Ouray is the mastermind of this event. The procession starts by the Aerial Lift Bridge and ends at Zeitgeist Arts Café.

MONDAY, April 22 EARTH DAY, 6 to 8 p.m. At this month's potluck supper, we will be joined by Chad Johnson, a disciple of Sepp Holzer, the noted European permaculturist. He will talk to us about Hugelkultur, a German term that roughly translates to "mound culture". The *hugelkultur* gardening method has been used in Eastern Europe for centuries and is essentially a sheet-composting method that involves burying woody debris (logs, branches, sticks) and other organic matter under a mound of earth. This gardening method mimics nutrient cycling that occurs in nature. When trees and branches fall to the floor of a forest, they act like a sponge as they decay. That sponge-like property allows the wood to soak up rainfall and then release it slowly into the soil use by surrounding plants. Hugelkultur beds are designed to take advantage of this natural water-retention cycle – so much so that some gardeners who use this method claim they never water at all. (Others say they have to water every few weeks or just once per season.)

WEDNESDAY, April 24. Last day to register for the St Louis County Extension Peat Tour on May 17. For more info visit www.stlouiscounty.org/ext, or call (218) 733-2877.

MONDAY, May 20, 6 to 8 p.m., monthly potluck dinner and program. This will be mushroom month, with a talk by Debbie Ortman. Debbie is the former national field director for the Organic Consumers Association and lawn care technician/coordinator of the Green Thumb Project (Great Lakes pesticide-free lawn care project). She has been an organic consumer and gardener for more than 25 years, as well as a community activist, freelance writer, and consultant.

Also at this meeting, Bill Long will lead a discussion about putting up another hotel on Park Point – this one would be for purple martins.

This summer's monthly potluck dinners and programs will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on the following Mondays: June 17, July 15, and August 19.

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As the time grows near for us to do some planning for gardening, I would like to again urge you to do something to help the rapidly shrinking population of monarch butterflies---down by 59% in their Mexican wintering grounds. You can plant or transplant milkweed. I always check on the overwintering success of the milkweed colony that generally does well in the sandy soil near the fence at the east end of the airport building.



The chemistry in the milky fluid is needed by the monarch to provide the distasteful taste that protects them from predators. Though not an especially attractive plant for humans, their small flowers have a wonderful aroma.

As expected, I heard from deer hunters that believe I was incorrect in assuming the trio of canines on the bay last month were coyotes, not wolves. They claimed they had seen wolves now and then while hunting and, therefore, know the difference. They weren't convinced that I also had some credentials for knowing a coyote from a wolf: I once raised a full-blooded timber wolf from infancy and saw it every day!

Breeze reader Ken Jackson contacted me to report seeing the animals in question while skiing around Hearding Island, putting him somewhat closer to them. He, too, concluded they were coyotes. I am always grateful to hear from readers...whether or not they agree with the substance of my column.

When winter starts to overstay the welcome we extend each fall (as it did this spring) it may be a bit of a stretch for some to suggest it can still be a pleasure and enjoy its beauty. After the last of the March storms the sunny but bitterly cold, high-speed north wind began to sculpture the face of the bay, creating tiny hills, valleys, and fanciful designs.

I stood comfortably at my window shortly before sunset, glad to be inside, and watched with fascination as hundreds of "snow snakes" slithered just an inch or two above the hardened base, each icy particle reflecting the orange sun's rays as they raced south. From my lofty perch three floors high, and with no obligation to grab a shovel and dig out a driveway or free a car from a drift, I can appreciate readers may have a far less rosy attitude...one punctuated by a desperate cry for a change in the Point's color scheme from a sterile white to a lush green.

An update on the potted rose bush I brought indoors last October and placed next to a south-facing big windows; not only did it sprout shiny new leaves, it now has two buds! It's amazing what some water and fertilizer can do, along with a lot of TLC.

I'm anything but an accomplished gardener but experienced good luck when I grabbed a few seed heads from the dried stems of my morning glory plant a month ago. They popped up in less than a week in the soil of last year's hanging plant and are five inches high...now comes the problem of stringing twine from the pot to ceiling hooks while praying for their stunning, deep blue flowers to introduce spring into my living room.

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Technical assistance from Anita Neinstadt

PS A pair of Canada geese made their initial spring scouting flight over the bay at 7:30 am, April 1st...at least the first I have seen...no doubt they were looking for open water. Finding little except in the shipping lane, they will likely return to their winter retreat and let the flock know St. Louis Bay is not yet ready to welcome them.

HEARDING ISLAND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA)

The 29.2 acre Hearinging Island Wildlife Management Area (WMA) was constructed from dredge spoil sand, silt and gravel when the St. Louis River navigational channel was dredged in 1934-35. Subsequent dredging efforts have deepened the channel on the east side of the island and created a deep hole near the southwest edge. The water immediately surrounding the island is generally shallow (2-3 ft).

By 1973, the island had naturally regenerated to a woody cover of trees and shrubs that was used primarily by passerine birds, especially during migration. Beginning in 1979, a portion of the center of the island was cleared by various means to create open, sandy nesting habitat for piping plovers (*Charadrius melodus*) and common terns (*Sterna hirundo*). Much of this area has now been overgrown with a cover of grass, forbs and shrubs.

In the 1978 Duluth-Superior Harbor Land Use Management Plan, Hearinging Island WMA was meant to complement efforts at Interstate Island WMA, Barker's Island and Hog Island as part of the overall environmental plan for the estuary. Hearinging Island was intended to provide suitable nesting and brood-rearing habitat for common terns and piping plovers; to maintain and enhance the value of the island and surrounding area for wildlife viewing; and to monitor and evaluate management activities and make recommendations for future efforts including possible enhancement of fish and waterbird use of the adjacent shallow waters. The current WMA serves all of these purposes, except that piping plovers and common terns have not been successfully established on the island. The primary recreational activities on and around the WMA are boating, birding, and wildlife watching. The island

was designated as a Wildlife Management Area in 1978. According to Minnesota State Rules:

“State Wildlife Management Areas shall be administered by the commissioner of natural resources in a manner which is consistent with [MR Chap 86A.05, Subd.8 Item C](#) of The Outdoor Recreation Act of 1975 to perpetuate, and if necessary, re-establish quality wildlife habitat for maximum production of a variety of wildlife species. ... Physical development may provide access to the area, but shall be so developed as to minimize intrusion on the natural environment.”

All WMA rules and regulations apply to Hearinging Island. A partial list of PROHIBITED activities include: Camping. Use of horses. Consumption of alcohol. Target, skeet, trap or indiscriminate shooting. Taking of unprotected wildlife from March 1st through August 31st. Beavers and otters may only be trapped with a permit issued by the Wildlife Manager. Dogs must be accompanied and under the control of the owner at all times. From April 16 – July 14 dogs must be leashed.

Though Hearinging Island WMA is managed for wildlife and WMAs are generally open to hunting and trapping, City of Duluth firearms ordinances prevent the public from hunting on the island since it falls within the Duluth city limits. At present trapping is allowed with a permit from the Wildlife Manager.

An updated Management Plan was developed for the island in 2012. Copies are available from the Duluth Area Wildlife Office, 4805 Rice Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55803.

MINNESOTA POINT PINE FOREST SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA (SNA)

The 18 acre Minnesota Point Pine Forest Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) on Park Point was designated in 2002 with land donated from the Minnesota Land Trust. It protects old-growth pine forest on the longest freshwater baymouth sandbar in the world. This sandbar is also home to several rare species. The SNA is divided into two parcels that are mostly surrounded by City of Duluth land. Yellow SNA boundary signs and brown rules signs are posted around the perimeter of the two parcels. The SNA does extend down to the lake, even though the signs were installed inland to protect them and the natural features of the beach.

Because of its proximity to Duluth, Minnesota Point is one of the region's most visited SNAs. A popular trail runs through the SNA from City of Duluth land and the SNA is just southeast of a public swimming area. As part of the State Outdoor Recreation System, most SNAs, including Minnesota Point, are open to the public for hiking, nature photography, bird watching, snowshoeing, and other activities that don't disturb the natural conditions.

A partial list of PROHIBITED activities includes camping, horses, dogs, motorized vehicles, or collecting plants, animals, rocks, or fossils. Some of these prohibitions were conditions of the donation; others are part of standard SNA rules. The SNA program is planning to hold a public hearing which would allow a rules change to be consistent with uses on City of Duluth land, including bikes and dogs on leashes on the trail. Part of this process will include public input.

Martha Minchak,
Assistant Wildlife Manager

(Martha will be speaking at the April PPCC meeting on Park Point's two Wildlife Management areas)

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MUSIC – BY THE BRASS MESSENGERS
SECOND LINE PARADE – JOIN THE ROYAL PROCESSION ON THE LAKEWALK
COLORS – WEAR SILVER ON BLACK OR BLUE

5:30PM – SMELT FRY & PARTY AT ZEITGEIST CAFE – 222 E. SUPERIOR ST.
Check our **MAGIC SMELT** Facebook page for more information, or call 218-370-8980 to get involved.

Flowers in Zone 3-b



When planning a flower garden there are a few things to consider such as color variation, shades of green, variation in leaf shape, amount of sunlight available and the drainage of the soil. Another consideration is what blooms in our zone. Most of Duluth is in 4b but Park Point, due to proximity to the lake, is in 3-b. Black-eyed Susan or Rudbeckia, is a hardy perennial flower found in prairies. It is thought that this flower was named after a line in the poem by John Gay "When black-eyed Susan came aboard; 'O where shall I my true love find?'" He also mentions sweet William, which is a name of another common flower.

<http://www.bartleby.com/40/276.html> You can start Black-eyed Susan with seed or from a pot. Perhaps one will volunteer in your garden if the wind carries seeds from your neighbor's garden, surprising you the following spring. We hope you will consider coming to our next Garden Club meetings April 25 and May 23.

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Editor's Corner

After the Park Point Small Area Plan meeting was covered in the local news, I heard from several people saying "Did ya hear what they're gonna do?", mostly referring to the idea of re-routing traffic down 8th Street to Minnesota Avenue, and eliminating the S-curve at 12th Street. Though I haven't been able to attend any of the meetings, I was aware of the proposal, as it is available both at the community club's website,

www.parkpointcommunityclub.org, and on the city's website at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/planning/sap/park-point.cfm>

But I want to remind people that the small area plan is still a work in progress, and there will be ongoing planning meetings, another public meeting, public hearings and city council meetings – plenty of opportunity for you to have your input before a final plan is adopted.

And even once a plan is adopted, it doesn't mean they'll be tearing up the street the next day. It's more of a long range plan, a blueprint for how things should be developed, when they are developed. And given that both Lake Avenue S. and Minnesota Avenue were recently resurfaced, I doubt if they're "gonna do" anything soon.

Lots of "Spring" stuff going on this month, from beach clean-ups to smelt parades to Earth Day potlucks. But I never really trust April. There's always a chance that winter will still give us another shot or two.

And because of that possibility, I want to thank Al and Sheryl Robins, who will be picking up this issue of the Breeze from the printers, and distributing it. And Julie Calligore, who will be delivering our Breeze route. 'Cause I'm bailing out of here for a little southwestern sunshine!

REMINDER TO ALL PARK POINTERS:

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ANNUAL PARK POINT RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, June 14 & Sat. June 15, 8 AM-5 PM.

Only 2 months to get through your closets, storage areas and of course garages and find those items that are just taking up space. Don't forget to tell your friends and invite them come to one of Park Point great events.

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Duluth, MN 55816-0326



Park Point Resident

Numbers you can use

Got (non-emergency) issues you'd like to discuss, but don't know whom to call? Here's some numbers you can use: Community Police Officer Nick Lukovsky 730-5646.

Parks Maintenance Division: 730-4491 (after hours 730-4150)

City Councilor Sharla Gardner: 724-4701 sharla.gardner@gmail.com



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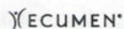
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