



The Breeze of Park Point

Park Point Community Club Meeting

November 21st, 7 PM,
Social at 6:30

at Lafayette Community Center.

Lafayette Edible Garden

Sunday, November 17,
5 to 7 p.m.

Monthly potluck supper at
Lafayette Community Center.

Park Point Garden Club

Wednesday November 20th due
to Thanksgiving.

Park Point Rummage Sale

Friday & Saturday
June 14-15, 2014



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.

Park Pt. Street Ends - An Historical Review

The topic of street ends, public water access and the right to build upon or otherwise improve so-called "paper streets" that extend along the length of Park Point's nearly 4-mile residential neighborhood is, as most residents are aware, one of both frequent debate and high levels of emotion. While newer residents may find themselves confused and uncertain as to the rules and common practices associated with street end access, they may find comfort in the knowledge that this discussion has continued over a span of nearly three-quarters of a century. It pops up periodically whenever there is a contest between parties over access to a particular parcel, or when changes to longstanding practice are proposed. In other words, don't distress! Long-time residents (and even the attorneys some of them have hired) are often as perplexed on this topic as you may be.

As a fifteen-year resident previously active in efforts to help identify and record local feeling and concerns on this and other public land use issues, I believe I am able to shed light on some of the history regarding this sensitive subject. What follows is a review of several of the past actions and recordings of public sentiment that have transpired over the years. I do not claim it to be a comprehensive list, and would encourage others to add to the discussion. There exists a great volume of history on this topic. I encourage all residents, no matter what their positions, to remind city leaders of that history and discourage any setting of policy that fails to recognize precedent or to otherwise plunge ahead with "new" ideas that fail to honor the views and past efforts of Park Point residents.

One final caveat: It is easy to find people who claim clear knowledge of "what the law says." However, one must beware of the distinction between law and opinion, legal or otherwise. Attorneys differ, for example, as to the circumstances under which citizens may legally access public rights-of-way. One oft-cited view states that access is valid only if "public improvements" have been made, although the definition of what constitutes an improvement is somewhat nebulous. An alternate position asserts that easement is implied whenever a well-trodden path has been long established. No single viewpoint, no matter how well-informed, holds permanence until it has been adjudicated through the court system. I am aware of only one instance in which a court decided an issue regarding street-ends on Park Point (40th St., 2008.) In that case, the MN Supreme Court overruled prior District and Appellate Court conclusions. While I have read all three decisions in full, I am neither foolish enough nor qualified to attempt analysis of those conclusions here! Fellow "policy nerds" can easily access those decisions on-line, however.

So, finally...here follows a sampling of past references that could be considered relevant to the street end issue, as well as other areas of access and land use concerns. It is fair to note that residents' views do not always appear to be consistent over time:

1902 - Duluth Common Council notes, in its acceptance of the Oatka Beach Addition plats, that property owners must "dedicate to the public use streets and avenues herein shown." Cited specifically are Lake Ave., Minnesota Ave. and Interlachen St. (now 40th). This language is consistent with the acceptance of other plat additions throughout the city.

The Breeze

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Park Pt. Street Ends - continued

1966 - The Park Pt. Breeze reports a survey of residents claiming that 69% of residents favor maintaining public access to the water at street ends; 76% support limiting construction that may inhibit public views of the lake and bay from Minnesota and Lake Avenues.

1973 - City of Duluth Dept. of Research and Planning produces the Park Point Sketch Plan, one of a number of neighborhood sketch plans undertaken in the early 1970's. The plan emphasizes the natural qualities and manmade features which make Park Pt. a unique neighborhood, and recommends a series of improvements for land use, traffic management and use of public facilities. A subsequent URS study (see below) notes "a remarkable similarity between...the recommendations identified in the Sketch Plan and those identified by residents and visitors some thirty years later" on such topics as protection of dunes and beach, the attraction of younger families to the Point, and the provision of marina space.

1976 - An amendment to the City Code (Chapter 26, Article I) states that "all ends of public streets or highways which abut upon any waters of the city harbor are considered public docks." Authors of the Comprehensive Plan (see below) conclude, "This is interpreted to mean that the public has access to the harbor-side street ends for launching boats."

1999 - Minnesota Point Environmental Management Plan. Subsequent to passing by the State Legislature of the Minnesota Point Protection Act, the PPCC receives a grant focusing on the identification and protection of environmentally sensitive areas. One product of this effort is extensive digitized mapping of the entire Point. These maps continue to be utilized today by the DNR, the City of Duluth and its Planning Department, the Forest Service, the PPCC and others interested in the preservation of sensitive environments and other land use concerns.

2001 - Park Pt. Long Range Planning Committee. UMD Urban and Regional Studies graduate students assist the Committee in production of an extensive Zoning Questionnaire. Of the approximately 800 surveys distributed, 104 are returned. 52% favor limited vacation of street ends on the lake side; 58% on the bay side.

2002-2003 - City of Duluth hires Minneapolis office of the national URS Planning & Urban Design Group, which subsequently works with Senior City Planner and Project Manager Chuck Froseth to develop the Park Pt. Urban Impact Study. The group coordinates with a committee of the Park Point Community Club to create a comprehensive document that will best reflect the wishes/concerns of residents of both Park Point and the larger Duluth Community regarding future goals and activities on the Point. Professional planners review more than 75 years of plans, studies, committee notes, surveys, legal precedents, City Council notes, Breeze articles and other documents, as well as holding numerous public meetings and hearings. Participation on the part of the community is substantial; approximately 65-70 people attend one meeting held at the Duluth Public Library. Skeptics are reassured that the Council considers the Plan serious business and the resulting document will inform policy for many years to come.

The Park Point Urban Impact Study undergoes several revisions following numerous open meetings and a period of opportunity for public comment. It is subsequently accepted by the City Council and published as the City of Duluth Comprehensive Plan Component: Park Point (April 1, 2003.) Street end access is addressed on pp. 19-20 and 23, and references the above-mentioned 1976 addition to the City Code. Highlighted in the Plan is the adoption of a 1990 City Council Resolution stating a policy for rights-of-way on Park Point and resolving that the city will "continue to discourage vacations of and placements of structures in public rights-of-way." It further allows that "property owners may fence off 'reasonable portions' of a right of way where circumstances warrant to provide security and parking areas, so long as pedestrian access is preserved." The Council Resolution reiterates its determination to preserve street end rights-of-way for these purposes:

- * Preservation of lake and bay vistas.
- * Preservation of access to the lake and bay for both Park Pointers and other Duluth citizens.
- * Prevention of overcrowding at major access points.
- * Provision of “visual relief” from continuous rows of buildings.
- * Protection of future utility corridors.

The Comprehensive Plan Component also discusses distinctions between access and rights-of-way, as well the process for street vacation. The authors further note that “when streets are officially vacated, there is often a clear public interest in maintaining pedestrian access to the shoreline,” citing the Council’s stipulation of pedestrian access when vacating St. Louis Ave. for the building of the South Pier Inn. In other words, street vacation does not always preclude pedestrian access. The lack of consensus on the issue is also addressed (“Many community members support street end access for neighbors, but not for the general public”), and a recommendation is made for street-end signage directing visitors to “improved beach access points.”

2012 - The City’s Park and Recreation Commission adopts a resolution expressing its goal of ensuring long-term access to park and water space throughout the City of Duluth. The resolution emphasizes that the Commission “does not endorse street end vacations of city property to Park Point residents.”

Once again, I stress that this list does not pretend to be comprehensive. All references are available through public record. To my knowledge, however, few have been digitized. I hope all who are interested will study this issue thoroughly and make their views known to city planners and other public officials, as it appears that some potentially life-changing decisions are soon forthcoming.

- Ellen Dunlap

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*Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland.”
(adapted from Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2006).*

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Fr. John Petrich,

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A four-year-old girl and her younger brother were in their family room, jumping from the couch to the floor. Their daddy told them, “Stop that! You could get hurt.” As the parents listened from the kitchen, they heard her proclaim in her preschool, know-it-all voice, “come on, let’s jump. Daddy doesn’t spank very hard.”

What is your image of God? Is He the stern taskmaster, ready to punish and strike us down? God is a compassionate God who weeps when we weep, suffers when we suffer and hurts when we hurt. God loves us. When He corrects us it is for our own good.

Father, may I never offend you by sin. Help me to grow in faith, hope and love. I pray in the name of Jesus, the reflection of your love. Amen.

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Park Point Community Club

October Meeting Notes

October 17, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by PPCC President, Dawn Buck.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the rule for the order of the meeting to welcome guest speaker, Kathy Thibault, who spoke on the education levy to be voted on 11/5/2013.

Two questions will appear on the ballot. Question #1 - answer yes to this question. There would be no increase in taxes. The current levy amount would remain in force with no increase. Question #2 - answer yes to this question. An increase of \$48 / year on a \$150,000 home. This option would increase the tax. Kathy could not guarantee the money would go directly into the classroom and not a general fund. Liz Mackay said the levy was for ISD709 and not Edison, Harbor City International & etc. Rod Johnson said the United States spends the highest amount for education and yet is ranked 12th in the world. The existing levy will expire June, 2014.

A motion was made by Dick Gould and seconded by Ellen Dunbar to accept the secretary's report as it appeared in the September, 2013 Breeze. A membership vote resulted in all ayes.

Treasurer's report was given by Al Robins.

Finances: January 1, 2013 \$31,083

September 1, 2013 \$52,307

October 1, 2013 \$51,247

A motion was made by Tom Mackay and seconded by Lynn Binsfield to accept the Treasurer's report. The membership vote resulted in all ayes.

Standing Committee Reports:

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

Two sympathy cards were sent out. One to Bob Swanson and the other to Don Liberman.

Art Committee - Carla Tamburro

Carla outlined the proposed budget for 2014 Art Fair. A grant was obtained from the Minnesota State Arts Board for \$23,200. An additional \$28,925 was taken in by the 2013 Art Fair. Ellen Dunbar made a motion to pass the 2014 Art Fair Budget. David Poulin seconded the motion. The membership vote resulted in all ayes.

Youth Committee - Judy Dwyer

Budget for up to \$9,000 was discussed at the prior executive board meeting. The budget amount needed to be brought up to the membership for a vote. Liz Mackay made the first motion to accept the 2014 budget. Al Robins seconded the motion. The membership vote resulted in all ayes. A second vote will be presented to the PPCC at the November, 2013 meeting.

Breeze Committee - Natalija Walbridge

Nothing new to report.

Environmental Committee - Kinnan Stauber

Dick Gould reported in regards to tree plantings. It is too dry to plan trees at this time.

Rummage Sale Committee - Charlene Shimmin

Nothing new to report.

Watch Committee - We are all members on this committee Home @ 8th St. was broken into and ransacked.

Trees have been cut from the road to the beach in the 3300 block of Lake Ave.

Sand has been put on grasses because of a geothermal system in a home at the end of the Point.

Unfinished Business:

Motion was made by Melanie Goldish for the club to give \$300 towards the Spirit of Lights for Marsha Hales Christmas lighting display. Money to go towards the cider and cookie house. A second vote will be taken at the November, 2013 meeting.

New Business:

Pam Griggs made a motion that the Park Point Community Club support the 'no feed' rule for the foxes on Park Point. Dick Gould seconded the motion. The membership vote resulted in all ayes.

Small Area Business Planning Committee will meet at Lafayette Square @ 4:00 pm on October 30, 2013. Dawn explained about the five stations that are set up at these meetings. No one is allowed to speak. If there are questions, you are asked to go to the station designated to cover your topic of concern and write out your request for an answer.

A discussion about the street end closings resulted in the community club being against the street end closings. Tom Mackay made a motion to let it be known we would not support the vacating of street ends on Park Point. Melanie Goldish seconded the motion. The membership vote resulted in all ayes.

The outdoor toilets that were requested to be built at Lafayette has been put on hold for now. The City of Duluth is unable to prove clear title to this property and until this is resolved, the grant request has been put on hold.

Nancy Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Pam Griggs seconded the motion.

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Merry Autumn

Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

It's all a farce,—these tales they tell
About the breezes sighing,
And moans astir o'er field and dell,
Because the year is dying.

Such principles are most absurd,—
I care not who first taught 'em;
There's nothing known to beast or bird
To make a solemn autumn.

In solemn times, when grief holds sway
With countenance distressing,
You'll note the more of black and gray
Will then be used in dressing.

Now purple tints are all around;
The sky is blue and mellow;
And e'en the grasses turn the ground
From modest green to yellow.

The seed burs all with laughter crack
On featherweed and jimson;
And leaves that should be dressed in black
Are all decked out in crimson.

A butterfly goes winging by;
A singing bird comes after;
And Nature, all from earth to sky,
Is bubbling o'er with laughter.

The ripples wimple on the rills,
Like sparkling little lasses;
The sunlight runs along the hills,
And laughs among the grasses.

The earth is just so full of fun
It really can't contain it;
And streams of mirth so freely run
The heavens seem to rain it.

Don't talk to me of solemn days
In autumn's time of splendor,
Because the sun shows fewer rays,
And these grow slant and slender.

Why, it's the climax of the year,—
The highest time of living!—
Till naturally its bursting cheer
Just melts into thanksgiving.

From the President

Hi Neighbors,

This poem was enjoyed by a small group of peaceful neighbors on a wonderful bay side beach in the splendor of a gorgeous, mid-October afternoon. Enjoy.

I would like to add poetry reading to the list of activities enjoyed on our shared shores. You can read all of the wonderful activities enjoyed on Park Point in the recent survey data posted on our website: parkpointcommunityclub.org. I have also posted some nostalgic photos depicting use of public dock-age on our website. If you have any photos you'd like to share, please email or bring them along to our next meeting.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the recent survey on public access and the use of street ends. 246 residents, living both on and off the Point, took the survey and posted hundreds of comments. The data and comments have been shared with City Planning, Sharla Gardner and the Park Point Small Area Plan Advisory Committee.

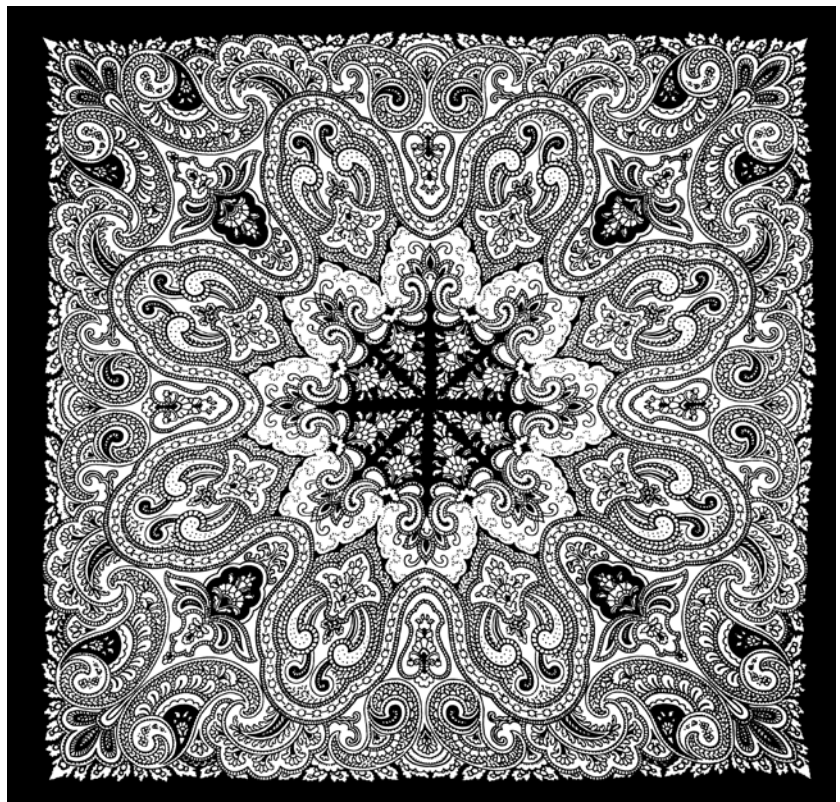
The public meeting hosted by City Planning on October 30 at Lafayette was busy and loud. If you did not make it, you can find City Planning's Draft recommendations on our website as well. **Please send your comments and your own recommendations to John Judd, jjudd@duluthmn.gov, City Planner.**

The Youth Committee is already working on next summer's program. Kudos to all involved for their important work in our community.

Please bring your ideas for spring/summer 2014 projects to our next regular meeting, Thursday, 11/21 at Lafayette.

I wish you a happy time of Thanksgiving, reflecting on the abundance of privilege we enjoy by living on Park Point.

Dawn



Lafayette Community Edible Garden News



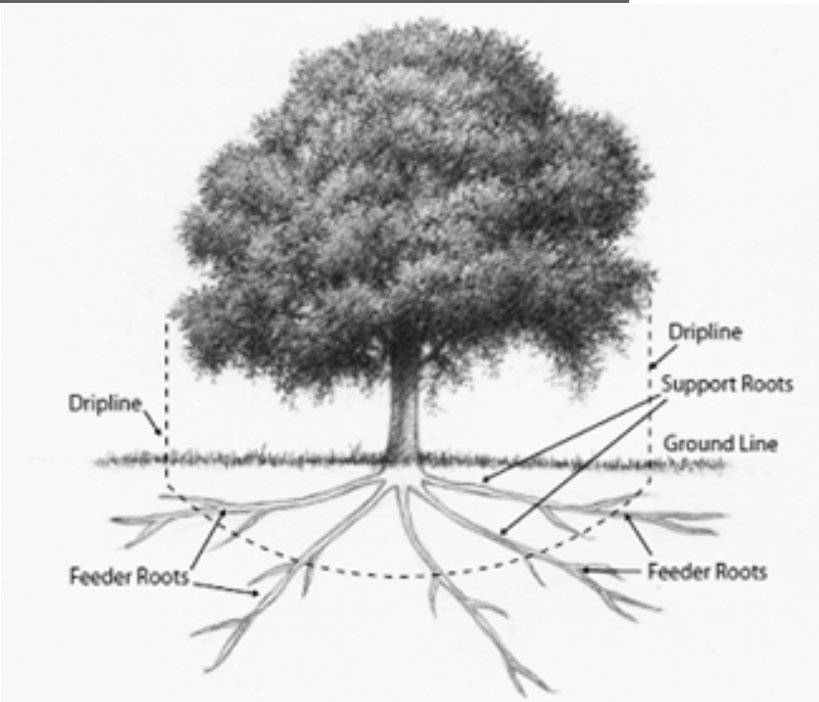
The Park Point community garden has been put to bed. We have harvested what was left in the garden, turned compost into the raised beds, pulled out weeds, covered the strawberries with straw and said good-bye to the 2013 scarecrows. We now turn to the tasks of winter: planning the 2014 garden, considering fundraising projects, and learning about new growing and preserving techniques and ways to expand our garden and its community influence.

We will start with instruction on how to make herbal vinegars at our November 17 potluck dinner. You don't have to be a member of the community garden to enjoy our monthly dinners and programs. Just bring a dish to share and join in the fun. For more info, call Coral at 218-727-6455.

On October 24 we gathered with members of other Duluth community gardens at Holy Family Church to share a harvest potluck dinner featuring squash, the 2013 Vegetable of the Year. The evening was filled with families, live music, a 32-foot buffet, and a lively discussion about what the 2014 Vegetable of the Year should be. The popular vote went to BEANS, so be on the lookout for delicious bean recipes to try making next summer.

As part of the mission of the Lafayette Community Edible Garden, we donate excess produce to our community food shelves and soup kitchens. We estimate that in 2013, over 40 pounds of our harvest went to feed hungry members of our community who utilize the services of the CHUM food shelf.

Park Point Garden Club



"Water Your Trees"

Advice from a website is to water your trees and bushes until the ground freezes. This is especially true when there is a dry Fall. Many are under the misconception that trees, especially evergreens, get the water they need from the snowfall. However, once the soil freezes, moisture is unavailable to the roots. Even when there is a winter thaw, the moisture may not reach the feeder roots. There is more concern for evergreens since their foliage continues to give off moisture throughout winter. (http://landscaping.about.com/od/pruningtrees/ff/tree_watering.htm)

Community Edible Garden Events:

For information about the Lafayette Community Edible Garden or our events, contact Coral at 727-6455.

Sunday, November 17, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck supper at Lafayette Community Center. Speaker Karen Rvona will teach us how to prepare herbal vinegars.

In December, there will be no potluck dinners.

Have happy holidays and a bountiful new year!

Park Point Garden Club Events:

November's Garden Club meeting will be on the third Wednesday due to Thanksgiving.

The December PP Garden Club meeting is on the third Thursday.

We return to fourth Thursdays beginning January.

You are invited to any of the meetings.

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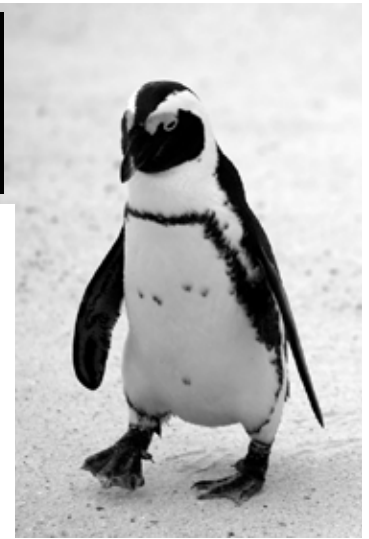
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Contact: Missy LePage at
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Believe!

The polar bears will be coming out of the garage rafters next week. The deer herd has been tested, eight have all their lights, twelve, need a little attention. The penguins are standing proud and their igloo has new lights. Hopefully, there will be a few less windy, blue sky days to get on the ladder in the trees. Kitty litter buckets are clean and waiting to be filled for the ice candles. It may seem early however, it's much simpler to work with the lights before the snow flies!



This will be the fourteenth year the light display will welcome all viewers to wander through the yard, roast some marshmallows in the fire pit, walk to the beach, stop in the garden cottage for cookies and cider, visit with old friends and neighbors or meet new folk and get in the spirit of the season.

Looking for volunteers!



Official "lights on" this season will be Friday, December 6.

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Happy Lighting!.....Marcia Hales

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**Duluth Native
Park Point
Resident**

Regarding the fox issue---I seldom agree with decisions made by the DNR, and I love to watch the red foxes on the Point, but this time I believe this agency's directive is the right one: stop feeding these creatures now. By the time the bay freezes over they will likely be driven by hunger to go to the Superior harbor entry canal and head for Wisconsin Point or exit elsewhere.

After many careful observations, I've come to the conclusion that we have at least three gray foxes on the Point. I see them only after dark and their fur appears almost blonde under artificial light. Some months ago, we ran a picture of a gray fox but thought it might be helpful to do a side-by-side visual of both the gray and the red for a comparison.

Smaller than their reddish cousins, the grays can do something the reds can't---they climb trees---not the straight ones, only those that tilt toward the ground!

Not to worry, they won't leap out of a tree and drop on your head. According to wildlife expert Bernd Heinrich (one of my favorite authors), they have been known to raise a litter of kits up in the branches or in an old raccoon den.

We've all heard about the early Native American population on the Point. Their villages were established here centuries before European explorers, fur traders and white settlers even knew the Point existed. Old data I just read in The Minnesota Arrowhead Country revealed details of the "real story" of how the Point was created. This legend grew out of the local battles between the Ojibway and the Sioux.

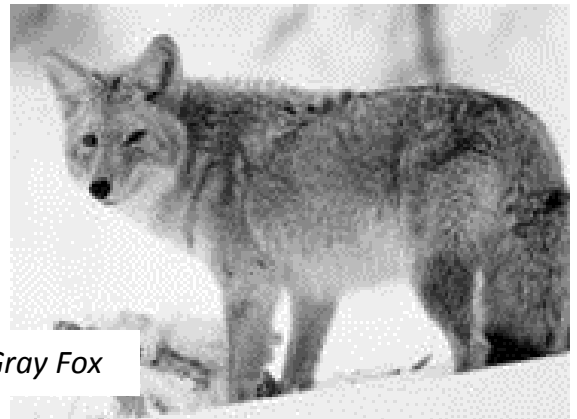
Never mind what today's geologists have found...at least until reading this tale. A sandbar suddenly appeared to save an Ojibwa brave who was trapped by the Sioux on the south shore of Lake Superior. Surrounded on three sides, he had turned to flee, only to find his escape was blocked by icy water. The Great Spirit urged him to stay in the water, then caused a harbor to form in front of him. As the Sioux started to follow, part of the newly formed land sank, and this channel became the Superior harbor entry! Now you know.

Wildlife activity here began to slow down considerably by late October. The bird migration is nearly over except for the gulls. The crows will probably stay with us all winter unless we have weeks of deep snow and cold. Though I saw three fat mallard drakes waddling on land, their numbers are down and, at least from my viewing point, far fewer geese. Looking odd among a flock of two dozen or so off 21st was a lonely teal. I'm told a white goose was seen with the Canadian regulars in the bay... possibly a snow goose or even an albino. If you know, contact me at Glenn319@Charter.Net. Thanks.

Copy by Glenn Maxham with technical assistance from Anita Neinstadt



Red Fox



Gray Fox



BEAR ALERT:

Just before the Breeze deadline Mary Ann Quackenbush sent me word and great pictures of the mother bear and twin cubs in the 3700 block... more on the bears, including pictures, in December.

News from The Duluth Rowing Club:

The Rowing Club finished its 2013 season with regattas in Minneapolis and Boston. The DRC sent eight entries to the Minneapolis Rowing Club and the University of Minnesota Rowing Team's annual "Head of the Mississippi" event on October 6th for a 5 kilometer race up the Mississippi River. The Junior Men's 4+ won their event in a time of 18:04; the Master Men's Double was 2nd in a time of 18:03, while another Master Men's Double was 5th in a time of 20:32; Master Women's 4+ were winners in a time of 20:20; the Junior Women's 4+ was 3rd at 21:46; the Master Women's Double was 8th in 21:58; junior single's rower Logan Lavalier was 5th in a time of 22:32; and the Master Women rowed in the Open 8+ in a time of 22:00 for 5th.

From Minneapolis, it was on to Boston's most famous "Head of the Charles" race the weekend of October 19 & 20. This is the largest rowing regatta in the world with 9,000 rowers, and over 3,000 different rowing shells in 62 events. The race is again 5 kilometers and starts in Downtown Boston, passes beneath six bridges on a river with turns and twists, and on a nice day might include 300,000+ spectators. Duluth's rowing contingent consisted of Greg Peterson and Tom Rauschenfels in the Senior Master Men's Double (ages 50 – 59); Jenny Peterson, Patti Harvieux, Bonnie Fuller-Kask, Gretchen Madson, and coxswain Bria Kask in the Senior Master Women's 4+ (ages 50 – 59); and the Men's Youth (ages 18 and younger) 4+ of Joe Rauzi, Andrew Zimmerman, Austin Burly, Hans Slade, and coxswain Sophie Schuder. The Duluth Club had the good fortune of President Dave Kask and Head Coach Bonnie Fuller-Kask driving the small shell trailer out East with the familiar shells for the Duluth team's use during the regatta.

With the closing of the Boathouse on Oct. 24th, removal of launch docks, and the putting away of coach boats and equipment, once again, the DRC wants to thank all rowers, spectators, neighbors, contributors, and Pointers for their support during 2013. And remember, 2014 Learn-To-Row classes for juniors to age 18 start right after school is out in June, and LTR classes for adults 19 - ? will begin in the evening around the middle of June. Plan on being a part of continuing Park Point history.

Oh yeah..... the shiny paper dumpster is open 24/7, 12 months a year right in front of the Boathouse. Thanks for all that has been recycled, and remember that it is a large part of Club fundraising!

Tom

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From the Editor:

Wow! This is only my second issue and what a whirlwind that past month has been. I've heard from several neighbors with concerns on both sides of the Street End issue. A common question is how to become more informed of the considerations and give input to the process. The Park Point Community Club web site is a great resource for notice of upcoming planning meetings. If you did not make it to the October 30th informational event, you can find City Planning Draft recommendations on our website as well. You might also consider becoming a member of the PPCC, as one of the benefits are e-mail notices for neighborhood meetings and other breaking news.

www.parkpointcommunityclub.org

Another resource, as advised in Dawn's article, is to submit your comments and your own recommendations to John Judd, jjudd@duluthmn.gov, City Planner.

While it is understandable that people are concerned about the Street Ends, I would like to suggest taking a moment to appreciate the community bond that we all share. Caring neighbors is one of the best reasons to live here. When we strongly disagree, it's the most difficult circumstance to be open to understanding another person's point of view. If we can find compassion and possibly even gratitude in diversity, then we'll have a more robust community dialog, which could lead to creative new solutions. Happy Thanksgiving!

Natalija Walbridge

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PPVSR's First Season on the Beach

We were on the beach a total of 10 days (fewer than expected) from mid-July through mid-September. During that time, we assisted 1 swimmer in distress, notified the National Weather Service 5 times for flag-changes, and had more than 100 conversations with beach goers about rip current and water safety. We raised \$600 through tee-shirt sales, and with the Community Club's generous donation, purchased a 10-foot rescue surfboard.

The conversations we had were the most important actions of the summer. Many swimmers were unaware of the dangers, and heeded advice to stay out of the water on unsafe days. Most encouraging was the fact that nearly half of the beach goers we met had heard of the safety issues through media coverage, parkpointbeach.org, or word of mouth.

Next season, we plan to use flags on the beach to identify currents as they form, have each of our volunteers certified in surf rescue, and increase the number of volunteers involved.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact me at (218) 213-7667 or by email at robert.pokorney@gmail.com.

Thanks again for your support, and have a great winter!

Bob Pokorney

The Marshmallows By Sophia Kaspner



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Numbers you can use

Got (non-emergency) issues you'd like to discuss, but don't know whom to call?

Here are some helpful contacts:

Community Police Officer Craig Lindberg 730-5727 clindberg@duluthmn.gov

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