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Park Point Community Club Meeting December 19, 7 PM, Social at 6:30 Lafayette Community Center

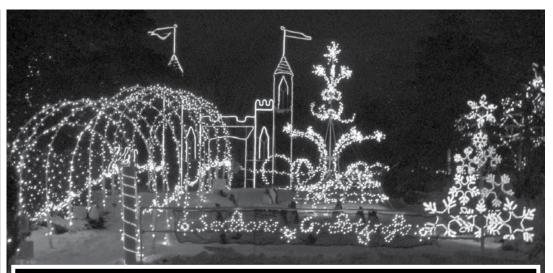
Lafayette Edible Garden Sunday December 15, 5 to 7 p.m. Holiday Party Potluck Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Garden Club Thursday December 19, Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Rummage Sale Friday & Saturday June **13-14**, 2014 (Correction from November Breeze)

A special meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 5:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, City Hall to hear and discuss draft recommendations concerning the Park Point Small Area Plan, (street ends/S-curve realignment.)

Because of the time needed for this particular topic, it was considered to be too much for the already busy December 10th agenda. The Agenda for the December 17th special meeting should be posted soon and the meeting packet will be set out to members of the Planning Commission on December 11th.



As we work to create light for others...we naturally light our own way. Everyone's efforts to light the holiday evenings are viewed and appreciated by all of our visitors. Thanks to you, Park Point looks wonderful!







Thanks to the Park Point Community Club for your generous donation which has been applied to the cost of cookies and cider.

Volunteers are welcome to come pour cider or tend the fire. Give me a call to get on the calendar...727-4527.

Have a GREAT holiday!

See us on Facebook @ Holiday Spirit in the Lights



The Breeze

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From the President

Hi Neighbors,

I would like to thank all of the wonderful, wholehearted Park Pointers who have supported me, my mom, and my family during mom's long illness and her recent passing. We have truly appreciated your calls, emails, cards and sustenance.

In my mom's own words, "One of the very best things that happened to my brother and me was moving to Park Point in 1953." My mom loved her large "gang" of longtime Park Point friends and organized many get-togethers and parties for the gang. She had a passion for cooking for these events. Just days before Mom died, she gave me very specific instructions about finding the 180 meatballs in her freezer and how to get them to her friend who would be hosting the annual Christmas bash. She had made the meatballs in October on a day that she had the strength for cooking. Kindness and consideration were just two of my mom's specialties.

Neighbors, I wish you all a season filled with kindness, gratitude and love.

Dawn and family

When icicles hang by the wall by William Shakespeare

When icicles hang by the wall And Dick the shepherd blows his nail And Tom bears logs into the hall And milk comes frozen home in pail, When blood is nipp'd and ways be foul, Then nightly sings the staring owl, Tu-whit;

Tu-who, a merry note, While greasy Joan doth keel the pot. When all aloud the wind doth blow And coughing drowns the parson's saw And birds sit brooding in the snow And Marian's nose looks red and raw, When roasted crabs hiss in the bowl, Then nightly sings the staring owl, Tu-whit; Tu-who, a merry note, While greasy Joan doth keel the pot. Love's Labour's Lost, 5.2.916-31



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.

Winter Trees by William Carlos Williams

All the complicated details of the attiring and the disattiring are completed! A liquid moon moves gently among the long branches. Thus having prepared their buds against a sure winter the wise trees stand sleeping in the cold.

The Episcopal Mission of St. Andrew's by the Lake

2802 Minnesota Avenue www.standrewsbythelake.org

Holy Eucharist, Sundays, 9:45 am

"A People on the Way to Knowing, Loving and Serving God."

Tradition, Thomas Merton asserted, is alive, creative and transformational. The cycle of Advent and Christmas is a time of year when we walk lock step in tradition. The birth of Christ, this "new thing", is a moment we are able to see our traditions are alive and well

St. Andrew's will begin a new tradition this Christmas. Instead of one early service, we will have two Christmas Eve services.

The early service will be a family service. Carols and Christmas songs will begin at 4PM, the service will begin at 4:30PM. There will be family activities, fun music and a children's homily.

The late service will be a traditional Episcopalian service with traditional hymns. Christmas hymns will be sung starting at 10PM and the service will begin at 10:30PM.

We hope you will join us, all are welcome at St. Andrew's.

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

2002 Minnesota Ave 722-3078

Fr. John Petrich,

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

ADVENT MASSES:

Wed., Dec 11th – 6:00 pm Rosary, 6:30 pm Mass

Wed., Dec. 18th – 6:00 pm Rosary, 6:30 pm Mass

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday Dec 8th, 15th, 22nd – 7:40-7:55 am

Dec. 22nd – 2:00 – 3:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Dec. 22nd immediately following mass

CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Dec. 22nd stop over to the rectory for snacks and punch after 2:00 pm. Official social time begins at 3:00 pm with dinner served by 4:00 pm.

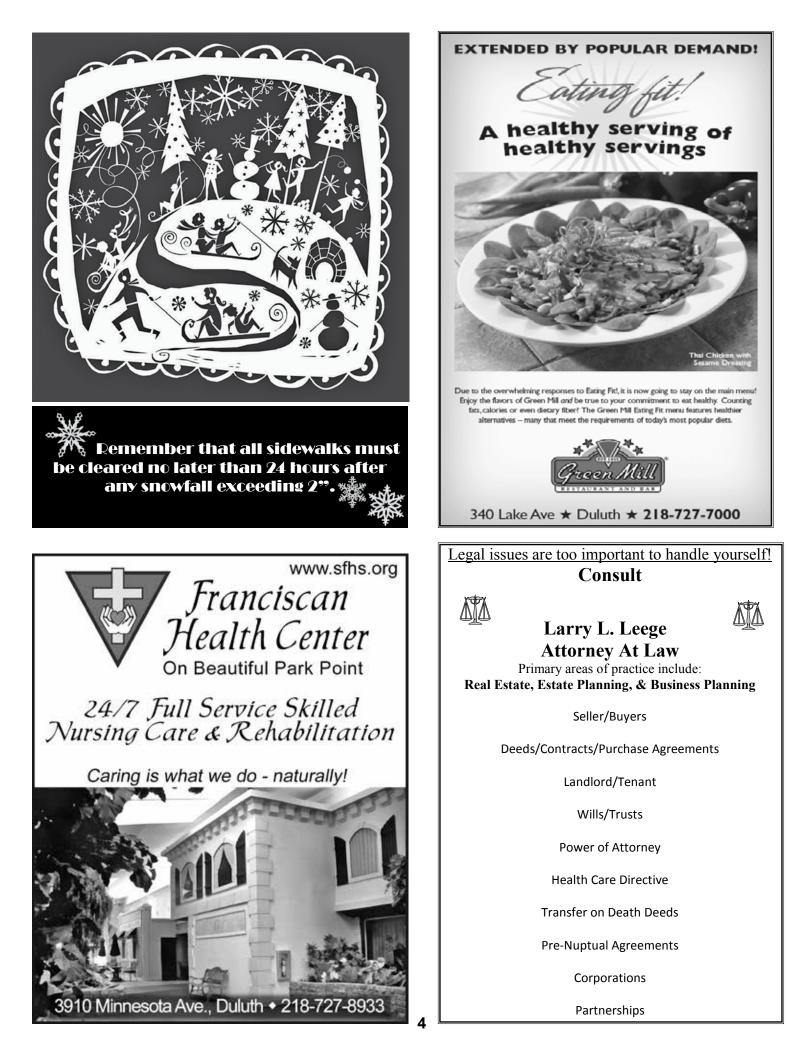
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CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT 6:00

MASS STARTING AT 6:30 PM

Mass 8:00 AM every Sunday with confessions at 7:40



Park Point Community Club Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Park Point Community Club Vice President, Jake Kapsner.

Treasurer's Report (Given by AI Robins Treasurer)

1/1/2013	Beginning of the year balance	\$31.083
10/1/2013	Beginning of October balance	\$51.247
11/1/2013	Beginning of November balance	\$48,279

Tom Rauschenfels made a motion to accept the report as given. Tom Mackay seconded the motion. Membership vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Club Minutes for the October, 2013 minutes needed a correction made. The name Ellen Dunbar appeared and the name should have been corrected to Ellen Dunlap. Otherwise, Dick Gould made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Tom Griggs seconded the motion.

Standing Committee Reports:

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs One sympathy card sent out

Breeze Committee – Natalija Walbridge Nothing new to report

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

300 new trees to be planted before Spring, 2014. Deer are still on the point. Fox are still being fed.

Mother bear and 2 cubs swam to the Point. One cub did not make it. Possible hibernation on the point this winter.

Art Fair Committee - Carla Tamburro

Second vote was taken to approve the 2014 budget. Al Robins made a motion to accept the the budget. Tom Rauschenfels seconded the motion. Membership vote resulted in all ayes. 2104 Art Fair budget was approved.

David Johnson reported new tree plantings where the Art Fair is normally held. One of the positive comments made from the artist survey is the ability to have the parking area close to their tents. This allows the artists to be in close proximity with their goods. Theft issues and transport issues are better handled.

It was suggested that we immediately notify the City of Duluth to the problem. The Park Point Art Fair is a big event and not only is the location of the trees in the way, the community club, as a sponsor, was never notified of their planting intent. Liz Mackay made a motion that Ellen Dunlap write a letter to the City of Duluth asking that the trees be moved and area restored between May 1, 2014 and 5/31/2014. The PPCA executive booard will read and approve the letter before sending. A membership vote was taken and resulted in all ayes.

There will be three Art Fair Committee meetings prior to the June, 2014 Art Fair. Anyone who would like to become a part of the committee should contact Carla Tamburo. *Membership Committee – Jake Kapsner* Nothing new to report.

Watch Committee – All members are a part of this committee

Home break in 2300 Minnesota Ave. Clock stolen & vandalism.

Residents of Park Point are asked to report suspicious activity on the Point. The officer for this area says even though no one is caught, the police dept. can map out areas where crimes are becoming more of a problem.

Youth Committee – Judy Dwyer

Second vote was needed to approve the authorization of \$9000 from the Park Point Community Club for the Summer Youth Program. A \$3500 grant has been applied for through the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation. Al Robins made a motion to approve up to \$9000 for expenses for the Summer Youth Program. Dick Gould seconded the motion. Membership vote resulted in all ayes.

New Business

Rental Agent Agreement – Proposed Contract

Same budget as last year. Approval for a two year \ period. Tom Rauschenfels made a motion to approve the proposed contract based on last year's contract. Dick Gould seconded the motion. Membership vote resulted in all ayes.

David Lavamaki has volunteered to get the ice laid for Lafayette Square. There will be a warming house. Volunteers are needed to come down and spend a couple of hours to staff the warming house.

Debra Strange requested the purchase of a scanner to scan the information stored in the Community Club office. The request was for up to \$399 so she could start scanning these historical documents. Membership vote resulted in all ayes.

A survey resulted in the following results concerning street end closures:

- 240 total people taking survey
- 39 voted yes meaning privatization was wanted
- 201 voted they did not want the street ends closed and want public access

See PPCA website for survey results.

Second vote taken to give Marcia Hale Lighting Display \$300 for the Spirit of Lights for cookies, cider & etc. Tom Mackay made the motion to approve the \$300 Nancy Olson seconded the motion. Membership vote resulted in all ayes

Dick Gould made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Tom Rauschenfels seconded the motion.

Park Point Bicycle and Pedestrian Count

The Park Point Bicycle and Pedestrian Count was conducted this past August. During the Park Point Small Area Plan process, it became apparent that a count of the number of non-motorized users (bicyclists, pedestrians, skateboards, etc) traversing back and forth on the Point was needed. The City of Duluth asked the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council, who has developed a program for counting bike and peds and is conducting counts across the city, to help gather this data. With the help of the Park Point Community Club, the count was organized very quickly and with not much time for recruiting and training volunteers. However, despite the hastiness of organizing the count, the volunteers, which comprised primarily of Park Point residents, did a remarkable job and the count went off without a hitch. The weather for the 2-day count was typical for late August, hot and muggy, but this did not deter the volunteers who worked for 2-hour shifts, many sitting in the sun and even a number of folks working multiple shifts over the two days. The count could not have happened without the help of the volunteers, who all went beyond what could possibly be expected. Volunteers printed off their own count forms, let their fellow volunteers use their front porch, provided water, coffee and refreshments, had great conversations with their neighbors, and stayed around after their count was over to help the next volunteers get started with their count.

More news on this topic will be included in the January Breeze.

James Gittemeier, Senior Planner Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council jgittemeier@ardc.org | 218-529-7556 www.dsmic.org www.ardc.org

A big thanks must go out to all the Park Point residents who volunteered to help count: Georgina Cantoni Dave Haavik Jan Karon Dianne Kelleher Gale Kerns Sheri McMillan Lynnette Olson Nancy Olson Jeanette Paulson John Pegg Al Robins Sheryl Robins Jan Truel Chris Whaley



Volunteers (from left to right) Dianne Kelleher, Nancy Olson and Jan Karonat at the 10th Street Count Station on Wednesday, August 21st.





Lafayette Community Edible Garden News

Community Edible Garden Events:

Sunday December 15, 5 to 7 p.m. Holiday Party Potluck. Bring a giftwrapped white elephant gift for a gift exchange and a delicious holiday dish to share. As usual, we encourage attendees to bring their own plates, utensils and beverages. Any questions? Just call Coral at 727-6455.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates in 2014 when we will have our community potluck dinners: January 19, February 16, March 16, April 27.

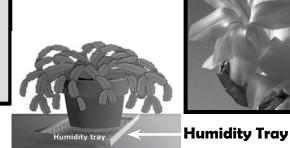
Have happy holidays & a bountiful new year!

On Sunday, November 17, garden members and Park Pointers enjoyed another delicious potluck dinner and an informative presentation by Karen Rvona, a producer of raspberry vinegar. Karen shared the secrets of her craft and inspired many of us to try our own hand at making vinegars flavored with tastes from our gardens. Carol Kondrath reports, "Karen shared her beautiful and tasty bottled raspberry vinegar, her recipe booklet, and some tools her husband created for the kitchen. Her husband grows the berries, her daughter designed the label, and Karen wraps the bottles artistically. Her recipe: mash together 6 bottles (375ml) white wine vinegar and 3 pounds of raspberries, set away in a dark, cool area for 1-3 weeks, then strain and add some sugar, bring to a boil and allow to settle. As in fermenting wine, a "must" develops during this process, which is removed after the vinegar has settled. It is very clear and a beautiful rose color. Karen had a few bottles of her vinegar with her and we bought them as well as her recipe booklets."

Park Point Garden Club

Park Point Garden Club Events:

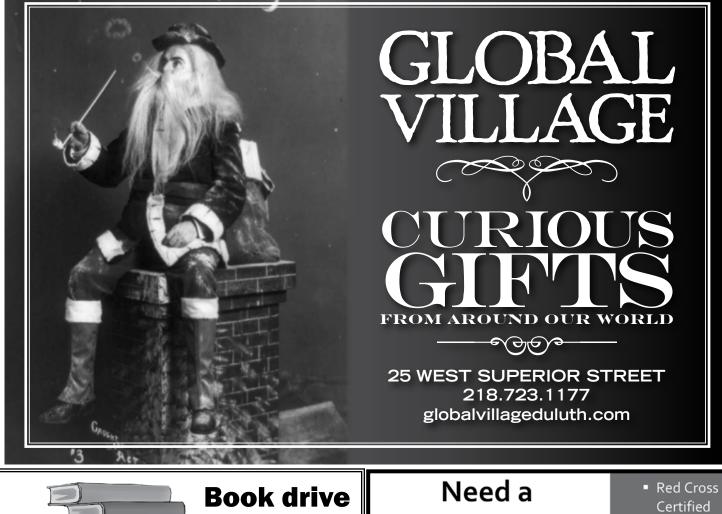
The December PP Garden Club meeting is on the third Thursday. We return to fourth Thursdays beginning January. You are invited to any of the meetings. Please call President Diane Gould for information.

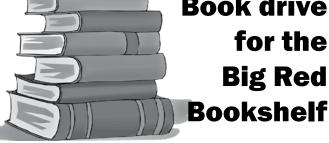




"The Christmas Cactus"

The Christmas cactus is native to tropical Brazil. In the US it is available with red, pink, purple and yellow blooms. Because this plant is thermo-photoperiodic, it will set buds when the day length is about equal to night length (in Duluth this was the 15th of September, according to US Naval Observatory) and when the temperature drops to 50 - 60 degrees for several weeks. After blooming, the plant is in a resting period (when water, sunlight, fertilizer and temperature are reduced). Trimming it after rested will encourage the plant to branch out. When not blooming, provide it with bright but not direct sunlight with temperatures between 55 to 70 degrees. Too much watering will cause spots of white rot on the leaves and the leaves will fall off. The rule is less water is better than too much. Never water the top of the plant. Instead, put it in a container that has many holes and place this into a larger container that will hold rocks and water. To provide needed humidity place the cactus in a humidity tray or in a saucer filled with rocks and halfway filled with water. A tray of water next to the plant will also work. At the beginning of the growing season repot using regular potting soil and fertilize with a standard fertilizer. Fertilize 2-4 times a year but stop feeding about a month before the buds appear (this usually means stopping by the end of October). If you want blooms for the holidays cut it back and save the cuttings to propagate new plants. Then begin 12 or more daily hours of dark treatments for 6 – 8 weeks as this plant requires long, uninterrupted dark periods. Closets or unused bathrooms are ideal places. During the summer this tropical cactus enjoys being outside in the shade. http://www.wikihow.com/Care-for-a-Christmas-Cactus





This drive is part of United Way's Success by 6 initiative. Basically, there are several locations around Duluth where kids can pick out a book and bring it home. This give all kids a chance to grow up reading and maybe even solve challenges of the future! For more information: www.unitedwayduluth. org.

Books should be in decent condition and suitable for young children (infant to 8 years), should not be religious, and should not make noise.

Books can be dropped off until the end of December at 103 South 32nd street, just leave books in the front porch. Look for a little green house.

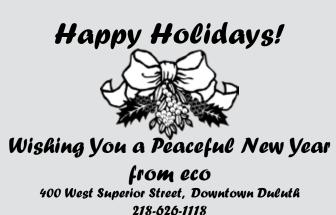
Thanks! Jeremy Roettger 218-409-5832

Hannah Feyen

727-0352 hannahf12@outlook.com

Babysitter?

- Park Point Resident
- 7th grader
- References available



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Park Point.....Naturally

Where are the bears? With winter now clearly upon us, I can't help wondering where the mid-November bear family, seen in the 3700 block by Mary Ann Quackenbush, found or created a den. What she saw in her yard and photographed was a mother and two healthy-looking cubs. But a week later she sadly learned of the fate of one of the trio. The body of one of the cubs washed ashore a few blocks away. There was no indication of the cause of death. The two survivors will den together. Come spring she will drive the yearling away so she can start a new family...but where? It's possible they swam over to Wisconsin Point before the freeze up.





Now six resident deer are on the Point. No one I spoke with found that to be exciting...some perhaps wishing Santa would recruit them for his sleigh and station them in the North Pole. There actually was a time when they were seldom seen in Duluth. In 1923, Duluth Zoo founder Bert Onsgard correctly believed people would come to the new facility even though initially he had just one animal on display; an abandoned fawn he had rescued!

Exotic animals, of course, greatly increased zoo attendance. In 1937, people flocked to see Tom and Jerry, the mischievous pair of chimps. Unhappy with their tiny cage, they managed to remove some of the screws holding the bars in place. Jerry, the female, is said to have urged her mate to climb to the ceiling of their cell where he kicked holes in every glass pane in the skylight.



Canoe tilting, a sport new to me, apparently was once common on the bay. As a waterborne form of ancient jousting, this event involved two people, each in his own canoe, armed with a long pole with paddles on each end. The object of the mock battle was to get the opponent soaked by capsizing him or her...no doubt an event scheduled only in the warm water weeks of summer!

(Photo shows canoe tilting on the Hudson River, NY. Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, Washington, D.C. 20540 USA, hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/pp.print)

Petroleum shipments of crude oil from the Twin Ports via lake tankers (and the risk of pollution in accidents) may begin in the future. Older residents will likely remember when this type of cargo was routine traffic. An interesting statistic I found showed local gasoline shipments in 1941 totaled a whopping 194,035,455 gallons with a value of more than 15 million dollars.

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Lafayette Rentals

Lafayette is a great place to hold weddings, reunions, parties, meetings, workshops, etc...

> Rental fees are as follows: up to 50 people - \$100.00 50-100 people - \$200.00 100-125 people - \$300.00

There is a damage deposit of \$100.00, which is refundable, after cleaning & inspection.

Hours available are 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Contact: Missy LePage at 218-208-9545 or by e-mail at ppccdlh@gmail.com

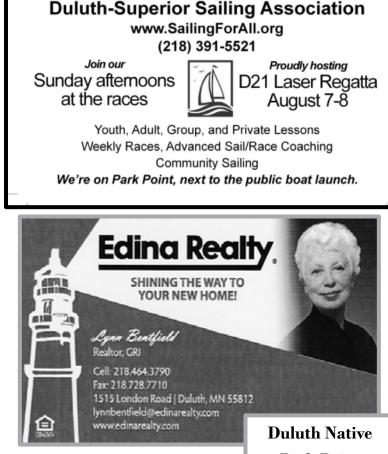


A checklist to see if a *Reverse Mortgage* might make sense for you.

- ☑ Could you use extra cash or monthly income?
- Do you have quite a bit of equity in your home?
- Do you want to remain living in your home for as long as possible?
- Are there repairs or improvements you would like to make to your home?
- Are there extra things you would like to do for yourself and your loved ones?

If you are 62 or older, find out how much tax-free cash you qualify for. Call WesternBank - your locally owned hometown bank since 1904.





Duluth Native Park Point Resident

PARK POINT BOOK LOVERS:

There is still a credit in the name of PARK POINT, in excess of \$1,000.00 at the Amazing Alonzo Paperback Book Exchange at 1831 E. Superior Street. When you buy books at Amazing Alonzo, just say you are from Park Point and you will receive an additional discount on the price of the books you are buying. You will pay only 30% of the cover price.



www.heritagewindow.com 715-394-7390



From the Editor:

Hello neighbors,

Last night I bundled up to go visit Marcia Hale's amazing light display. Even though the wind-chill was sub-zero, I knew these holiday lights would be a beautiful inspiration of festive cheer for the cover of this issue.

I arrived just after sunset and the light displays were as beautiful as I had imagined. I especially enjoyed the polar bears since they seemed so at home! After a quick tour of the garden for photos, I hurried to the warming shack, where indeed there was warm cider ready & waiting. Marcia came out to the shack to say hello and we had a nice visit. In the end, I was glad to have had a reason to venture out on a cold night and meet another neighbor.

I hope you all survived the recent snow storm. Like many people, I had car trouble the next morning when the temperatures plunged. All of the doors on the car were frozen shut. I was lucky to have the help of several neighbors and successfully got the car open. While working on my car, I noticed groups of people up and down the block. All helping move the cars before the plow came back through. My fingers were cold, but my heart was warmed by these helpful folks!

Now that this issue is almost finished, I am starting to think about the new year and new ideas for the Breeze. Of course we'll continue to feature the important news, like the Park Point Small Area Plan. I would also like to include some new features, but will need help from the community.

Here are a few ideas:

- Park Point Artists Issue with artist introductions and photos of work. Are there artists out there who could organize this feature issue?
- * Stories of PP history. Did you grow up on PP and have a great snow storm story to tell?
- Interviews of interesting neighbors. Looking for people willing to conduct interviews, as well as suggestions of people to profile. Whom do you know with an interesting job or hobby?
- * Pet of the month feature. Send in a cute photo and introduction note so we can get to know our animal neighbors.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping with any of these ideas or if you have ideas of your own.

Happy New Year!

Natalija Walbridge

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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 Parks Maintenance Division: 730-4491 (after hours 730-4150) City Councilor Sharla Gardner: 724-4701 sharla.gardner@gmail.com

