

# The Breeze of Park Point

### Please join the Park Point Community Club

#### Park Point Garden Club HOW

No meeting in December

Lafayette Edible Garden

Sunday, December 20th, 5 - 7 p.m. Holiday potluck dinner, party and gift exchange

#### Park Point Community **Club Meeting**

No meeting in December January meeting will include a pizza party & membership drive Tuesday January 19th, 7 p.m. Social at 6:30 Lafayette Community Center

Just fill out the Membership Form below, enclose your \$5 dues and mail to the Club. Or even better; bring it to the next PPCC meeting and pizza party, January 19th at LaFayette Community Center.

#### **WHY JOIN**

Your neighbors welcome and value your participation. It gives you a vote in all Park Point Community Club (PPCC) matters. And this Club matters: For decades, people like you have helped the PPCC do amazing things:

- protect and care for our Duluth parks and unique Park Point ecology
- offer a Summer Youth Program (formerly provided by the City)
- host a premiere annual Art Fair for 43 years that draws 10,000+ visitors
- host an annual Rummage Sale (Duluth's largest)
- publish the Breeze newsletter 12 times/year and maintain parkpointcommunityclub.org and the S-Curve "postcard" message board
- rent out Lafayette Community Center and keep the warming house open for ice skating
- create a forum for civil discussion and a stronger voice on a range of issues
- provide YOU with an opportunity to weigh in on issues of importance to you via your voting membership in the PPCC. Public officials and others throughout the City of Duluth read the Breeze, and are influenced by the opinions expressed via Community Club members.
- much more—from sharing educational forums, gardening and neighborhood watch to welcoming new residents

lave other ideas? As a member, you can help shape the Club while supporting a non-profit 01c4 that keeps neighbors connected to each other and this place we call home.

for questions or more information, contact: John Sargent DDCC Vice President, iteorgent76

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L Che	ck this box if you agree to be included on the list.
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#### The Breeze

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# **Letter from the PPCC President**

Hi Neighbors,

I was recently at a family memorial service and my aunt mentioned that she remembered hearing from her grandmother Edith that an opera singer used to sing on one of the porches of my old house. I don't know much about the house before the time when my great grandmother moved here with her four sons in 1930. I would describe my family as musical, and I wondered how the opera singer story might have been possible. A simple four word search on my

DULUTH GIRL ON LUSITANIA EXPECTED TO ENTER GRAND OPERA

laptop yielded the tragic story of the rising operatic star Amelia "Millie" Ann Baker, who grew up on Park Point at 2209 Minnesota Ave. Her parents were Mary Ann Baker and Alfred George Baker. One source reported that Millie had been adopted from a New York orphanage. She spent her last Christmas in Duluth in 1914, and died when the Lusitania sank on May 7th, 1915. She was returning to Paris to continue her studies and make her debut in grand opera in the fall of 2015. Is it possible that Millie was singing on my porch sometime between 1907 and 1914? I am looking forward to digging a bit more into this question. Here is a link to an interesting site: <a href="http://www.ency-clopedia-titanica.org/lest-we-forget-the-lusitania~chapter-6~part-4.html">http://www.ency-clopedia-titanica.org/lest-we-forget-the-lusitania~chapter-6~part-4.html</a>

Starting in January, the Club's regular meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of the month, rather than the third Thursday. The membership voted to change the meeting date to promote attendance by our city council representatives. The January 19th meeting will be our annual membership pizza party & meeting, and will start at 6:30 for pizza and 7pm for the meeting.

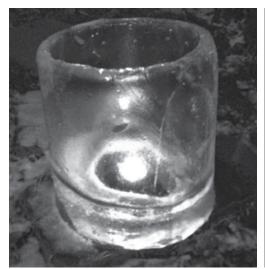
If you would be willing to help get the ice ready for some skating at Lafayette, please send me a note or give a call. There are a couple of neighbors who may be interested in getting a base down before the December school break, but they would need some help to get this going.

As usual, check our website for the latest updates and information on items that may affect our community; give a call if you have a question or need more information. 218-525-1764.

parkpointcommunityclub.org

Wishing for you holiday experiences of gratitude, wholeheartedness and fun! Hoping to see you out on the ice & snow,

Dawn & Klaus, canine companion



# 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.

# **Duluth Rowing Club News**

The Duluth Rowing Club wrapped up its 2015 season with good news from several areas. While the "official" rowing season ends with the closing of the Boathouse in mid-October, some members of the DRC continued late into the month with a rowing tour of the East Coast and participation in two of the largest regattas in the world. In Boston's famous Head of the



Charles 5k, the Senior Master Women's (50 - 59 age) Coxed Four, consisting of Patti Harviuex, Leigh Wright, Jenny Peterson, and Bonnie Fuller-Kask, and coxed by Bria Kask, competed in the Senior Master Division. In the Grand Senior Master Men's (60 - 69 age) double, Greg Peterson and Tom Rauschenfels finished 5th. Eleven thousand rowers, from both the U.S. and overseas, competed in the two day event which saw lots of sun, warm temps, and clear skies.



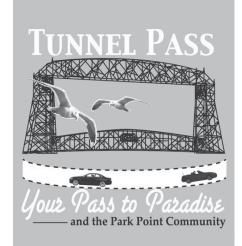
A week later, on the 45th anniversary of the famed Philadelphia's Head of the Schuylkill 4k regatta amid 8,000+ rowers, Duluth rowing was again at the forefront of competition. Jenny Peterson and Bonnie Fuller-Kask teamed up to row the 60 - 69 year-old Women's Pair to a first place, gold medal victory. Later that first day, Tom and Greg rowed the 60 - 69 age Men's Double to another gold medal, first place on the podium. The second day of the regatta found the four DRC rowers combining in the 60 - 69 age Mixed Master Quad to a third place, bronze medal finish. Many thanks to former DRC rower, olympic silver medalist, and present Philadelphia Penn AC rower Dave Krmpotich for the fabulous help in securing rowing shells and oars for this regatta.

Back here on Park Point, the news is hugely positive for the planned new boathouse. All permits from both the Minnesota DNR and the City of Duluth are a go for the new boathouse and clubhouse facilities. Park Pointers should see the start of the sheet piling base, centered on DRC's 39th street property, to begin yet this winter. Marine Tech will be driving the piling, and will also be the general contractor for the over-the-water portion of the boathouse. Fundraising and future construction of the shore-based clubhouse will be the next phase of the project. Stay tuned for updates on the progress of both phases.



Again, thanks for the shiny paper contributions. The dumpster has been emptied, so feel free to stop by with all those unwanted holiday catalogs, magazines and inserts. Oh yeah...... Don't forget those tunnel passes! They'll make excellent stocking stuffers for both Pointers and those who don't live on our island. AND the proceeds benefit both the Park Point Community Club and the Rowing Club. Both Al Robins (720-6518) and Tom Rauschenfels (722-7643) have them available for the \$5 sale price.

Submitted by Tom Rauschenfels





On December 14th ABC will broadcast the Great Light Fight which includes our Park Point neighbor Marcia Hales' Fantasy Light Display!

What a coup for Duluth that a national television audience will be exposed to our Park Point Community for an hour during prime time!

Additional information regarding this event can be obtained either through Marcia or the Duluth News Tribune, which provided front page coverage November 26th, 2015.

Submitted by Rory Strange

# **PPCC Meeting Notes for November 19, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by PPCC President Dawn Buck at 7:01 p.m. Dawn noted that the scheduled presentation of safety issues on Park Point will not occur, as presenter Dennis Hoelscher is ill.

**Minutes** from October 15th meeting were approved without change.

#### **Communications**

Brian Madsen, Sky Harbor Airport Manager, reports that all the permits required to make changes to the airport are in place. The airport authority is working to secure funding to implement the "5A short version plan." With this plan the runway will be rotated 5° and shortened. Land beyond the runway will be turned over to the state. Contact Brian at bmadsen@duluthairport.com with questions on the timeframe for construction.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report** – Dawn reviewed the report for Treasurer Al Robins, who was not at the meeting. As of 11-1-15 there was \$36,112 in the combined checking accounts. This compares with the balance a year ago (11-1-14) of \$41,280. There has been very little rental activity to generate income in October. Income was \$640 and expenses \$693.43. Report was approved without questions.

#### Art Fair Committee – Carla Tamburo

Carla overviewed key points from the 2015 Park Point Art Fair, and distributed a one page handout with 2015 highlights. She noted that 2015 was the second consecutive year PPCC received a Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) grant. The grant allowed for additional marketing, a new exhibit of emerging artists, interactive events during the Fair, exhibiting art in public spaces before the Fair that both highlighted artists and promoted the Fair, and conducting a comprehensive survey of over 400 fairgoers. An I-Pad and video equipment were also purchased with grant funds. This equipment is available to Park Point Community Club members to use for other club projects. Please refer to the November, 2015 issue of The Breeze (p.4) or contact Carla for more details. Carla then summarized the 2015 and 2016 Art Fair budgets, and had a one page handout for each year. For 2015, Carla stated no profit was earned by the fair, as that was one of the conditions for receiving the MSAB grant. However, the grant paid for several outreach tools, as well as equipment that will be used for future fairs. The PPCC did not apply for an MSAB grant to support the 2016 Art Fair, so she is projecting earnings of \$6515 in 2016. She noted that a ten year average profit for the Fair has been \$7500. Projected expenditures for 2016 are as follows: City Fees \$1805; Advertising \$2330; Artists & Hospitality \$5060; Event Day Expenses \$2320; Event Coordination (Carla's contract) \$10,170 - for a Total of \$21,685. Projected 2016 revenues are as follows: Jury Fees \$1000; Exhibitor Fees, \$23,000 (fee being raised to \$200 from prior years' \$185); Food Vendors \$4200 - for a Total of \$28,200. A motion was made and seconded to approve the art fair budget as presented. Motion carried without dissent. The Art Fair will be held June 26th and 27th; as always, the last weekend of June.

Carla also reported that the Duluth City Attorney recommended that a separate, independent contract be signed with the Art Fair Coordinator. This contract should outline the Coordinator's role, expectations of the job, make it clear that the coordinator is not an employee of the PPCC, and that the Coordinator shall not retain any property of the PPCC. Also, the Art Fair Committee has written in a three-year, automatic renewal clause into the contract. A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract terms as presented. The motion carried without dissent.

#### Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

A total of five cards were sent over the past month.

#### **Environmental Committee** – Dick Gould

Bald eagles are still flying through, so residents need to be careful with their cats and small dogs. Occasionally, deer and fox have been seen on the island. There is a pair of bald eagles hanging around the nest on the island; a fox family living at about 43rd street; and beaver activity on the island. Three beaver houses have been counted, so put up fencing around vulnerable trees. A deer was killed on about 42nd street. There is going to be a meeting on December 10th, 6-7:30 p.m., to talk about emerald ash borer activity and the ashwood quarantine on Park Point. A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$500 to purchase trees for the 2016 spring planting; this was the second vote, as specified in the bylaws for all expenditures over \$200. Motion passed without dissent. A combination of Scotch, Norway and white pine trees will be planted. Volunteers will be requested to help with planting, generally in late April or early May.

### **PPCC Meeting Notes continued**

Watch Committee - A homeless man living on the dunes in the park where the art fair is held was connected with CHUM.

#### Rummage Sale Committee – Dave Lavamaki

Dave has again volunteered to coordinate the annual June rummage sale.

#### **Old Business**

By-laws Change - A motion to move the PPCC meeting to the third Tuesday of the month, as opposed to the long-standing third Thursday, was - as required by the by-laws - brought up for a vote for a second time. Dawn noted that in order to pass, the motion needs to be approved by two-thirds of the eligible members present at the meeting. The change of day is being proposed in order to allow our City Councilor(s) to attend the club meeting, as the third Thursday conflicts with the City Council's agenda-setting meeting. All eligible members at the meeting approved the motion; there was no dissent. The new meeting schedule will begin January 19th, 2016, as there is no December meeting.

#### Pontliana Woods - Dave Johnson

Dawn Buck, in Dave's absence, reports that the City has a couple of avenues to buy the land parcels in order to create the wetlands preserve; either a land swap or, if need be, private funds. He reports being very positive about this coming to fruition.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Rowing Club – Tom Rauschenfels reported that the Rowing Club has all the necessary permits to re-build the boat house and a new club house. The boathouse will be built over the water, as it currently is. It will have the same square footage, will be a Wick building, and will not have showers or toilets. Funding for the boathouse was provided by a former member of the Rowing Club, Joe Krmpotich, brother of David Krmpotich, a 1988 Olympic silver medalist in rowing. It is hoped that the boathouse will be done by spring or early summer of 2016. The plans for the club house are still in development, and will not be finalized until funding is secured. Jenny Peterson is the lead on that effort. Tunnel passes are still for sale. Proceeds of the sales are divided between the Rowing Club and the PPCC.

Street-end Plans - PPCC Working Group facilitator Chelly Townsend provided an impromptu report regarding the status of the Street End Study Group, which is facilitated by the City Planning Department in cooperation with City Councilor Sharla Gardner. Essentially, little has happened since the last PPCC meeting. She stated that issues raised related to Tier 1 access points and protections of the dune eco system have not been addressed. As a committee, consensus has been reached regarding walkways, fencing, and screening of adjoining properties. The members of the Working Group have not received the final draft resolution, despite the fact that a vote on the resolution is required by tomorrow, November 20th, 2015. The updated draft resolution was expected to arrive in time for discussion at the PPCC meeting this evening, a promise that was made earlier by Chief Planner Keith Hamre. The intent of the vote by the Study Group is to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding public access to the beach and the bay. Please refer to the PPCC minutes in the November, 2015 issue of the Breeze, page 11, for the details of progress to date. Also, a list of the proposed Tier 2 street ends can be found on the PPCC web site. Contact Councilor Sharla Gardner and the other Councilors with your questions and/or concerns. New Councilors are to be seated in January.

#### **New Business**

The issue of increasing property taxes was mentioned briefly. Call the assistant County Assessor with questions and concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Marie Margitan, note taker for the meeting.

#### Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church 2002 Minnesota Ave 722-3078

#### **AIM FOR HEAVEN**

One Christmas Eve, Julie Ann, a precocious 5 year old, was asked by her neighbor, "Have you been good all year?" Little Julie Ann replied, "Well, certainly not all year."

At least Julie Ann was honest. We all fall short; we all sin. The danger lies in our complacency, our comfort, our acceptance of sin in our lives. The temptation is to excuse ourselves by rationalizing that we are not that bad. Our desire is to follow the example of Jesus. Desire to do the right thing. Even if you fall, better to aim for heaven than to settle for mediocrity or worse.

O Father of holiness, we are made in your image. Our purpose in life is to be like Jesus, obedient to your will. Put in my heart that sole desire, to want only what you want. In Jesus' name, the all holy one. Amen

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



# Welcome to Christmas at St. Andrew's!

What's that, you say? Check our upcoming schedule of events and join your friends and neighbors for a warm welcome in your community church.

- Dec. 13th 3rd Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist, 9:45
- Dec. 20th 4th Sunday, Eucharist, Festival of Lesson and Carols, 9:45

#### Choose from our two Christmas Eve Services:

- » 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24th, Holy Eucharist
- » 10:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24th, Holy Eucharist
- Dec. 27th Holy Eucharist, 9:45
- Jan. 3rd Holy Eucharist, 9:45
- Adult book study: Brian McLaren's *We Make the Road by Walking* 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. For more information, call Rev. Marta Maddy, 218-727-1262
- Advent Art Exhibit, Images of Mary Sundays, 11:00
  Noon

# St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church on Minnesota Ave. at 28th

A people on the way to knowing, loving and serving God.



# Did you know that the Breeze is hand delivered by neighbors who volunteer?

We are urgently looking for two new volunteers to deliver for the 1600-1800 blocks.

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We appreciate all of the Breeze delivery volunteers for making this newsletter easily available to all!

## 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 Reminder for Snowbirds, Vacation Rental Owners, and Other Wintertime "Escapees"

On your list of things to do before you go, don't forget to make arrangements for snow removal! Duluth City Ordinance requires that ice and any snowfall exceeding 2" be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours, whether you're in residence or not. Think about how terrible you'd feel on your return to learn of your neighbor's broken hip, or to hear that a child had been struck by a car after being forced off your sidewalk into the path of an oncoming car. (Or if you truly don't care about your neighbors, think about what the legal fees might cost you in a lawsuit!) "Community" extends through the winter months.

It's OK to torture the rest of us with your Facebook photos of sunny beaches and sailing on an unfrozen bay...so long as you take care of your snow removal obligations before you go. Have a good time while you're gone, drive safely, and your summertime friends will be happy to welcome you back next spring!

# Lafayette Community Edible Garden News

At our November potluck dinner, we celebrated our garden's fifth growing season with a birthday party. Lyn Clark Pegg presented a history of the garden, "The Organic Journey of the Layfayette Community Edible Garden." We shared our memorable moments and honored one of our garden's founders, Coral McDonnell, for her many contributions to this project. Coral says, "I am honored and humbled by the accolades you bestowed on me... as you know, the garden means a lot to me. We are so fortunate to have a fine bunch of friends and gardeners! I love gathering people to share in such a fun community...it's as much about friendship as it is about growing

and sharing food."





Our December potluck will be a holiday party. Gift wrap an inexpensive or "white elephant" gift that's funky and fun for the gift exchange if you'd like to participate. We also are asking for donations of personal care products and shelf-stable food which we will donate to the Loaves and Fishes Hospitality House and Dorothy Day Catholic worker houses in Duluth, which provide housing for homeless people. Their wish list includes: Coffee and creamer, sugar, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, healthy breakfast cereal, dish soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, winter coats, hats, gloves, house slippers (all sizes, new or gently used), tarps (camoflage preferred), razors, and storage totes with lids (10 gallon or larger). Cash donations, gift cards to Whole Foods Co-op or Super One, or checks made out to Loaves and Fishes would also be appreciated.

Many thanks to everyone who brought leaves to the garden for composting this fall. It takes a village to run the garden and it takes a village to celebrate. All Park Pointers are invited to attend our monthly potluck dinners, parties and programs. For more information about our dinners or the community garden, call Coral at, 727-6455.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Sunday, December 20th, 5 - 7 p.m. - Holiday potluck dinner, party and gift exchange. Sunday, January 17th, 5 - 7 p.m. - Potluck dinner.

Submitted by Susan Peters

### **Special Meeting Regarding Emerald Ash Borer**

Date: December 10th, 2015, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Location: Lafayette Community Center, 3026 Minnesota Ave.

Residents of Duluth are invited to a public meeting on Thursday, December 10th, 2015 regarding the discovery of emerald ash borer (EAB) on Park Point. Representatives from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, City of Duluth, University of Minnesota, and other state and federal partner agencies will be available to answer questions. Those attending will have an opportunity to listen to presentations on EAB, hear about local plans to deal with the insect, and learn how residents can limit it's spread. Experts will be available to answer questions. The public will also have an opportunity to provide input on the adoption of a formal EAB quarantine of Park Point.

Comments can be made at the public meeting on December 10th, or by contacting:

Kimberly Thielen Cremers

Minnesota Department of Agriculture
625 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55155
kimberly.tcremers@state.mn.us
651-201-6185 (Fax: 651-201-6108)



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- ☑ Do you have quite a bit of equity in your home?
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- Are there extra things you would like to do for yourself and your loved ones?

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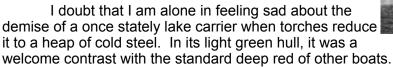
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# Park Point.....Naturally

Over the past couple of weeks, I've been looking across the harbor from my apartment to see whether the pea-green steamer *John B. Ford* is still dominating the scrap yard. Like an old horse at a glue factory, the *Ford* has reached the end of its useful life. It almost gained immortality as a floating museum, thanks to the valiant, but failed, efforts of members of the Great Lakes Steamship Society.

There's no record of the number of dangerous storms it rode out since its launching 111 years ago...a time when wind-powered boats were still calling on the Twin Ports. The *John B. Ford* was among the lucky carriers in 1906, when extremely high winds caused the *Mataffa* to become lodged crosswise at the entrance to the Duluth Ship Canal. It stayed upright in the "great white hurricane" that lashed the Great Lakes in 1913. For us on the Point, it remained in view and on the Superior waterfront for more than a decade...but went nowhere. It just served as a storage facility for limestone.





There is another reason for having a twinge of sadness. This is my final column in the Breeze! I need all the time available (at age 85 it's quite limited) to sort and assemble an immense collection of local history-related interviews (more than fifty) in my personal archives. If financial plans succeed, the video and audio tapes, scripts, and documents will be available to the media, scholars, and members of the public doing research.

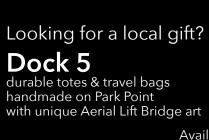
No trips are in my future and, except for the California redwoods, there's no tempting future destination in mind - at least not until an infirmity steals my cherished independence and love of living on this marvelous peninsula.

I have experienced great pleasure in exploring thirty-two countries - highlighted, for example, by a visit to the tomb of King Tut, sailing on the Nile, crossing Siberia by train to Lake Baikal, basking in the midnight sun in northern Sweden, audio taping the last of the primitive Ainu Indian bear festivals in Japan's most northerly island, following a troop of wooly monkeys in the jungle of Costa Rica, feasting on wild boar in a remote Polish natural area, managing to go to 48 of our states...and lots more. However, never was there a more rewarding "base of operations" than being in my perch at the water's edge on Park Point.

Until I moved to this location, I had no idea that such an incredible variety of species inhabited the land and water deep within the city limits. I have often reflected on the mission of the majority of my neighbors who want to keep it this way. In my opinion, we must always insist that excessive, unwise development never robs our wildlife of its natural habitat or obliterates our view and pleasure of living in this very special place.

Finally, I want to thank all who gave me tips on sighting wildlife and on little known history of this unique environment. A special thank you to Anita Neinstadt for making this page look good.

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#### Park Point Resident

# 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:

Lift Bridge Supervisor 728-3387

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

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

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

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



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