



The Breeze of Park Point

Park Point Community Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th

6:30 p.m. Annual Membership Drive
& Pizza Party

Lafayette Edible Garden

Sunday, January 21st,

5:00 p.m. monthly potluck
dinner & meeting

Park Point Garden Club

Thursday, January 25th

Installation of Officers

Contact: Liz Mackay

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Twin Ports Rip Current Workgroup

I coordinate the Twin Ports Rip Current Workgroup; we've been working on rip current and beach safety for about eight years now; I know various folks from our group have presented to the Community Club about some of our efforts in the past, including myself, Brent Consie with the Fire Department, and Cheryl Podtburg with the YMCA.

At our meeting last week, it was suggested that I contact you to see if someone from the Community Club wanted to participate in our workgroup. I know the Club is interested in water safety. We meet four to five times a year to discuss and coordinate beach safety efforts, exchange e-mails if issues come up, and have several events that some members participate in, including River Quest in May, and the Water Safety Expo at the beach house. We have members from both MN and WI Sea Grants, the National Weather Service office in Duluth, the City Fire and Parks Departments, YMCA, US Army Corps, MN Department of Health, and Park Point Volunteer Surf Rescue.

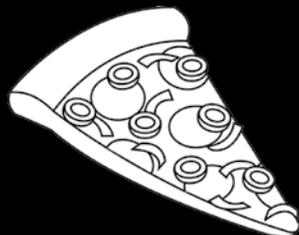
Our next meeting will be sometime late this winter or early spring.
I look forward to your response. Thank you!

Jesse Schomberg

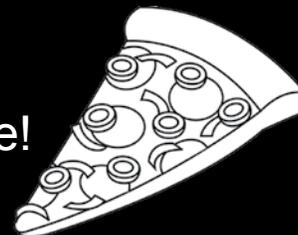
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You're invited to the PPCC
Membership Drive & Pizza Party,
January 16th, 6:30 p.m. at Lafayette!
We'll hope to see you there!



Lafayette Family Fun Day

Sunday, February 11th, Noon - 4 p.m.



Family Fun Day was once a Park Point tradition we brought back last year for a successful event.

Join us for skating, activities, hot dogs, chips, homemade treats, s'mores & hot cocoa!

We are looking for volunteers to help organize, bring snacks/treats, and provide games/activities.

If you're interested in helping out, contact Kyle (Elden) Heyesen via Facebook

or at kyleleiayoga@gmail.com

Here's the Facebook Event link

<https://www.facebook.com/events/719461474895196/>

(or search Lafayette Family Fun Day)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! Spread the word & invite your friends!

Submitted by Kyle (Elden) Heyesen

The Breeze

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Letter from the PPCC President

Hi Neighbors,

Can you believe 2018 is here? While trying to pick out a few good pics for a holiday card, I noticed it seems as if we packed a lot into 2017. Or maybe it was the new camera and many days of decent weather? Park Point living does offer a dizzying number of photographic opportunities, so I had a lot of pixels to ponder for the card. I remember some super beach days and a lot of stand-up paddle board traffic.

To launch 2018, the annual Membership Drive & Pizza Party of the Park Point Community Club will be held on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Lafayette. Hoping you might come on over and check in with your neighbors and see how the winter is going. Maybe you have some ideas for 2018 that you might be willing to share?

Also, Family Fun Day for February 11th, 2018 is in the planning stages; hoping you will mark your calendar and head over to Lafayette for some New Year's cheer. More details coming soon.

The presentations on Park Point history by Tony Dierckins, Nancy Nelson and Wendy Grethen held at Lafayette in 2017 sparked my interest in the history of our fair island. I had heard somewhere that at some point in Duluth's early history a land dispute resulted in a rope strung across the canal and threat of court action to any vessel going through the canal. True or false? Well, yes, it is true and it involves the Boeing family, who went on to build the aviation company in the Pacific Northwest. In 1857, after a financial panic in Duluth, Wilhelm Boeing - a businessman and speculator from Hohenlimburg, Germany - bought the land on which the canal was built. Eighteen years after the canal was dug, Boeing sought \$100,000 compensation from the City of Duluth. In 1889, he left Duluth, turning over the rope blockade implementation to friend and business associate Marshall H. Alworth. Boeing died the next year of pneumonia, his wife Marie benefitting from the mineral rights Wilhelm had wisely retained from the Minnesota timberlands he had purchased on the Iron Range. Upon Marie's death, their son William inherited a million dollars, which he used to further his own timber business, and then build boat and aircraft businesses. He built two luxury yachts at his shipyard, both named *Taconite*, after the "good luck" ore under which lay the iron deposits that fortified his fortune. The 1930 *Taconite* was built as a gift for his wife, Bertha, and crafted of Burmese virgin teak. William Boeing died aboard the *Taconite* in 1956; the yacht was listed for sale in 2015 for 2.5 million dollars. I don't believe that the boat ever passed through the canal where, in 1889, the captain of the steamer Winslow reportedly yelled, "To hell with you and your old clothesline."

From William E. Boeing's biography,

Thanks to zenithcity.com for information; read the details here on the City's position on Boeing's land. <http://zenithcity.com/archive/legendary-tales/boeings-claim-on-the-ship-canal/>

Best wishes as we launch into 2018!

See you bundled up on the beach,
Dawn and Klaus, canine companion

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 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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

Park Point Community Club 2018 Membership Drive

It is that time of year again, and like MPR and PBS we count on our members to keep the Park Point Community Club going. The many benefits of supporting the Club include:

- * an organization that can deal with issues that affect Park Point and you
- * staying abreast of Club activities, including local National Night Out events, barbecues and parties
- * having a vote on the officers and issues
- * volunteer opportunities, including the Art Fair, Rummage Sale, Skating Rink, Duluth Rowing Club, and many more
- * feeling part of a community, something most neighborhoods today sorely lack
- * working with and/or having your kids participate in the Summer Youth Program
- * helping to pay for our community newspaper, *The Breeze*, delivered to your door every month.

This year, we resemble MPR and PBS in yet another way, in that we are using the Membership Drive as a fundraiser, small though ours is. Publishing and distributing the *Breeze* has become a serious financial drain on our bank account and we've taken measures to cut expenses by \$2,400 per year. Additionally, we've voted recently to raise dues to a whopping \$10 a year per person, and hope to add many more members, as well.

And that's all good...but not enough. Here are some statistics that help lay out the rest of the problem. On the Point, we have 425 single family homes, 155 apartments, and a total of 30 condo and duplex units. Total residents number just under 1,500. Of those, we list only 247 Club members, despite the fact that the *Breeze* is delivered to each household, every month. This is where it gets interesting: to serve members only, we'd only have to deliver to 166 addresses. Theoretically, we could cut our printing costs to 166 or 200 copies and save another estimated \$2,400. But instead, we print and deliver 750 copies, with the belief that it's a better, stronger community if everyone is tied together through the neighborhood paper. So, the plea this year is for everyone who gets a *Breeze* to please sign up and become a PPCC member.

It's only \$10 per person, and that's for the whole year. It's easy, too. Just fill out the form at the bottom of this page and send it along with your check to the address on the form. There is also an online edition sent via email; if you'd prefer to receive it that way, that saves additional money.

And that's not all. As a bonus, there is a free pizza party for members scheduled for January 16th, 6:30 at the Community Club. Come and meet your neighbors. See you there!

Submitted by Thomas Griggs, PPCC Vice President



Park Point Community Club Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____ Check this box for email subscription

Number of Memberships _____ X \$10.00 _____

Please mail checks to:

Park Point Community Club PO Box 16326

Duluth MN 55816-0326

The Park Point Community Club publishes a list of member names (w/o contact details.)

Check this box if you agree to be included on the list.

Check this box if you prefer to remain anonymous.

Free Listings for Park Point Snow Services

For the winter issues of the *Breeze*, we are planning **free** listings for Park Point neighbors who offer snow removal services.

If you are a service provider, please send your name, rates and contact information to: ppbreezeeditor@gmail.com

Submissions due by 1/27/18.

Handy Help

Local big strong teen available for snow shoveling and chores.

Reliable, careful, reasonable rates.

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Sign Language for Hard-of-Hearing Couples & Friends

Presbycusis, literally translated as “old age hearing loss,” affects 1 in 3 people over the age of 65; after 75, nearly half of us experience significant loss of auditory function. It is the second most common medical issue among elders. Only arthritis exceeds it. Among its most serious limitations can be deteriorating communication between live-in partners. Many couples find themselves impatient in ways they never felt before: frustrated, when a request seems to be ignored or is misunderstood; irritated, when repetition so often becomes necessary; perplexed, when a partner seems angry for no apparent reason. The partner experiencing hearing loss may become increasingly isolated, and the one with sharper hearing often feels guilty.

I am interested in teaching a course focused on effective communication between couples when conversation is challenged, augmenting spoken communication with basic signs and movement. I may soon offer a class under Duluth's Community Education program, but would first like to try it out among fellow Park Pointers at no cost. Three couples have already indicated an interest, but there's still room for a few more.

The instructor holds a degree in Linguistics and formerly made her living as an interpreter between Deaf and Signing-Impaired people. She was trained in the Twin Cities as a Health Care Interpreter and has logged many hours over a lifetime teaching English, French, ESL, aquaculture, swimming and How to Drive a 12-ton Bus. If interested, please contact: nellepalnuda@yahoo.com or drop at note in her mailbox at 2908 Minnesota. Together, we'll figure out a late-winter/early spring schedule that works best for most. An 8-week course is anticipated. [Please do not phone.]
Submitted by Ellen Dunlap



THE PARK POINT ART FAIR IS CALLING ON ARTISTS FOR JUNE 23rd & 24th, 2018

Inviting visual artists working in the following media:
printmaking, painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, wood,
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Applications are being accepted from
December 1st, 2017 - March 1st, 2018,
go to the link below to apply.

<https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=5965>

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Cornelia Dacey, Carol Kondrath and LeAne Rutherford organized a fabulous party for us on December 17th. As usual, we had a fine feast in a holiday-decorated room at Lafayette Community Center, and everyone had a fun time with a gift exchange game. LeAne led us all in a personal sharing from our past that had food and holidays linked together as a theme. Everyone participated and that made the evening a warm and intimate time together. We also collected donated items for Loaves and Fishes.

On January 21st, we will be joined by Bryan French at our monthly potluck dinner and program. As co-founder of the Duluth Folk School, in Lincoln Park, Bryan directs its class schedule. He will be speaking about the school and our opportunities to take classes and/or bring our skills to teach classes. He says, "Classes have ranged from cider pressing and rug making to chainsaw safety, canning and kayaking, with more than 70 instructors lending their talents to a growing community of handcrafters. Our mission is handcrafting, building community, having fun."

All Park Pointers are invited to our events. For more information, contact Coral @727-6455, or email coraljean@charter.net

Garlic Update:

Our garlic bulbs were all planted in the fall. They took up more than five of our beds. We planted almost 600 cloves, so hopefully gardeners will enjoy plenty of garlic next fall and we'll still have plenty left for replanting. What a good idea from Scott Wolff to save all the beautiful garlic harvested this summer for replanting.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, January 21st, 5 p.m. - monthly potluck dinner and meeting.

Sunday, February 18th, 5 p.m. - monthly potluck dinner and meeting.

Submitted by Susan Peters

Environmental Report

I recently watched three deer cross over the bay to the Wisconsin side. It looked as if it was the same doe and the two fawns that were living on Hearing island this past spring. People have reported wolves howling down in the area past the airport, so be careful if you walk your dog near there.

There are plenty of birds at the feeders, and squirrels too! The eagles are hanging around the nest on the island and feeding on fish that are being left on the bay.

In "human news:" The ice fishermen seem to be doing well. I have talked with a few of them, and they say they are catching walleyes and crappies.

The bathrooms behind Lafayette seem to be about done; hopefully, they will help keep the beach a bit cleaner next summer. In addition, the City has begun the flooding of the skating rink at Lafayette.

Submitted by Dick Gould

Letter from the Editor

Hello Park Point Neighbors,

As a new year begins, I have good news to share! Although it's been my pleasure to serve as Editor of the *Breeze* for the past four years, I have decided to resign in order to focus on my growing Dock 5 business. This was not an easy decision to make, since I've truly enjoyed the opportunity to help connect our community through the *Breeze*.

The good news is that Alan Dartanyan, our former Editor, will be returning! Alan and I will be working together on the March issue and I'm sure his experience will ensure a smooth transition. Meanwhile, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year! Thank you for all of your support.

Submitted by Natalija Walbridge, Editor



We are a people on the Way to knowing, loving and serving God and neighbor.



The wise men set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

- Matthew 2

Having found Jesus, the wise ones were overwhelmed with joy.

The Rev. Marta Maddy

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A Look Back on Park Point's History

1760 - French colonists are defeated by the British; Indians are unable to defend themselves without guns and ammunition they had formerly traded with the French.

1836 - The first major business in the area opens, a fish firm operated by Bradshaw & Bly, of Superior.

1849 - Territorial Governor Alexander Ramsey, with the aid of Indian Agent John Watrous, plans to move the Ojibwe people as far from Lake Superior as possible because of increased commerce. When they object, he threatens to move them even farther west to Sandy Lake; anyone who refuses will lose annuities, money and supplies. At least in part because of this action, between 200 and 300 Ojibwe lose their lives due to maltreatment over the next three years. In 1852, newly-elected President Franklin Pierce removes both Ramsey and Watrous from office.

1855 - State Legislature changes county boundary lines, making Minnesota Point part of Doty County.; one week later it changes the name to Newton County. First Duluth streets are platted [see Dec. 2017 *Breeze* issue for Park Pt. street names.] City Republicans meet in the Nettletons' shanty on the Point to elect the city's first delegate to the Minnesota Territorial Congress.

1862 - Park Point's first school, located in the J.B. Culver home, is moved to Portland; a small, one-story frame schoolhouse is erected three years later.

1869 - Gustave Kiene builds a brewery one mile south of Franklin Square; sells beer for \$3/barrel. The building later burns to the ground in 1882.

1870 - Point businesses include: 1 carriage manufacturer, 3 blacksmith shops, 2 soda-pop manufacturers, 5 lumber yards, 2 coal yards, 2 meat markets, 4 fish markets, 1 fruit store, 3 general stores, 1 drug store, 10 grocery and "provision" stores, 1 harness shop, 2 barber shops, 6 carpentries, 2 shoe shops, 1 watchmaker, several real estate offices, a Daguerrean (photo) gallery, 3 hotels, 1 school, 3 warehouses, several boarding houses and more than 20 saloons.

1881 - A fire aboard the 200-ft. *Windsor* threatens its moorings at Fifth Avenue West; in order to save the dock, the decision is made to cut the ship loose. The boat drifts to Minnesota Point and then is pushed by tugs into shallow water, where it burns and sinks. Attempts to salvage dozens of barrels of bonded Canadian whiskey and other cargo fail.

1891 - Engine House #5 opens at Minnesota Avenue and Astor (11th) Street, closes in 1896, then reopens in 1912 at 1900 Minnesota in a building donated by Interstate Traction (streetcar) Company. An electric rail car is equipped for firefighting. Fire Hall #5 moves to 2140 Minnesota in 1931.

1912 - Interstate Traction reorganizes and changes its name to Park Point Traction Company.

1923 - A women's study group - the forerunner of the Park Point Garden Club - is established.

1930 - Park Point's first Girl Scout troop is sponsored by the PTA.

1941 - Lafayette rental fee is \$1.50. A small aircraft landing field and sea plane base is proposed for Hearing Island, adjacent to 24th St.

1950 - A new diagonal street connecting Lake and Minnesota Avenues at 12th Street is planned for 1951. George Cruikshank suggests that the old streetcar tracks ought to be removed from the Lift Bridge deck.

1962 - Len Naymark plans a \$1.5 million motel/marina/restaurant complex or apartment complex at 19th Street in conjunction with the Corps. of Engineers' dredge fill project.

1972 - PPCC votes "no" to development of 80-90 townhouse units proposed by Len Naymark on approximately six acres of land he owns at 19th; a developer had earlier planned a liquor store and amusement facility for the same property.

1976 - Eberhart Company (Len Naymark) is named as developer for Marine Towers, a complex of three 5-story apartment bldgs. at 19th Street. It is to have 330 units and a marina run by the City. Current zoning limits all structures on the Point to 45 feet, but Naymark requests a variance to build five feet higher.

1986 - *The Breeze* carries a column called "The Mom," authored anonymously. PPCC treasury balance is \$1239.04. Judy Curtis Maclean, who grew up on the Point, plans to ride her bike from her home in Flint, Michigan to attend the All-Park Point Reunion.

1995 - Resident firefighter Jim Wood speaks to the Club in support of a new fire hall, proposed for a location north of the US Army Reserve Center.

1997 - Dave Johnson establishes the Park Point Polar Bears Club; beginning in October, members must submerge in Lake Superior at least to their necks wearing neither wet nor dry suits; six dips to earn participants a "Zero Degrees" t-shirt.

Notes respectfully selected and edited by Ellen Dunlap

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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:

Public Works and Utilities 24 hr emergency contact numbers:

Natural Gas 730-4100, Streets, Water, & Sewer 730-4000

Lift Bridge Supervisor: Dave Campbell 723-3387

Community Police Officers: Sargent Gayle Holton 730-5628 (cell 390-2266),
or email gholton@duluthmn.gov.

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

City Councilor Em Westerlund: (218) 355-1137 ewesterlund@duluthmn.gov



Family Fun Day 2017