



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Lafayette  
Community Edible  
Garden Potluck  
Monday  
January 14 6PM  
at Lafayette**

**PPCC Annual  
Membership  
Meeting and Pizza  
Party!  
January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Pizza at 6:30,  
Meeting at 7**

**Park Point  
Garden Club  
January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7PM  
Installation of New  
Officers  
Contact: Liz  
Mackay  
722-1834**

**Be a Joiner!  
Join the PPCC**

## **Uncovered Ice!**



Every Park Point Winter has its own delights. Just a week or so after a lake wind stranded 35 ice fishermen on the wrong side of open water, the bay re-froze into a sheet of glorious clear ice. And while some lamented the lack of snow, others celebrated it in it. Ice boats that had been tucked away for years were dragged out and their sails rigged. Brightly colored kites appeared, pulling skaters up and down the bay at breakneck speeds. And the skaters! In a December too warm to flood the rink at Lafayette, I saw more skaters out on the bay than I have seen in years. I even saw ice fishermen (or women) pulling their sleds of gear across the ice on skates. (The ice fisherpeople, of course, were back out there as soon as they dared). As I write this, there's a winter storm raging, dumping a load of wet, heavy snow on top of the ice. So maybe its time to put the skates away and bring out the cross-country skis!

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## **President's Report**

Happy Boxing Day, Neighbors,

It has been a odd December- taking the dog out in the morning without a jacket, looking for beach glass along the shore, riding a bike on the beach for a couple of weeks. This strange pattern has coincided with an extended season for iceboating when you really must strike when the iron is hot. Hoping you saw the Park Pointer iceboaters in action in the DNT online last weekend, here is the link to the story by John Myers on December 23rd:

<https://www.duluthnewstribune.com/sports/outdoors/4547557-nice-ice-sailing-superior-bay>.

We pulled out the little Skimmer 45 and got some wind burn zipping down the bay. My grandpa and his brothers built "Goofus" in 1933 which was a much larger craft. We enjoyed watching the activity on the ice from the skaters to the kites.

Tonight, as I see the storm warnings popping up, I am not going to get too excited. We did get the snow blower ready to go just in case, happy that it fired up without too much hassle. The shovels and the scoop are standing by as well. The grand kiddies from California are visiting; they are excited to see more of the white stuff so I hope the storm delivers enough to make for some good times outside- maybe some sledding at Lafayette & a little xc skiing.

Conversations with the City around the Club's use of Lafayette will now continue with the new Assistant Parks and Recreation Manager, Alicia Watts. The City is requiring a more formalized agreement between users of the City buildings. The Club has been renting out upper Lafayette for years to fund the Summer Youth Program and the production of The Breeze. Moving forward, the City, would like to use the rental income to cover the expenses at Lafayette. We have asked that a portion of the revenue continue to fund a summer youth program at Lafayette. On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank Missy LePage for managing the Club's rentals over the past years. Missy and a small crew of volunteers facilitated a lot of memorable events at historic Lafayette. I can recall a number of times when I am chatting with community members and they hear that I live on Park Point and then they tell me about a great party or a wedding they hosted or attended at Lafayette. Seems like many Duluthians have great memories of spending time down on the Point at Lafayette.

I had the pleasure of chatting with some long time Park Pointers this month when I attended two very nice bayside social gatherings. Rod Olson turned 90 and his family threw him a really nice party. I hope to check in with Rod and his sister and see if they might chat about the Park Point olden days for a Breeze piece, readers have expressed in learning more about living down here back in the day.

The membership pizza party is on January 15th, hope to see you there! Tom Beery may be back for a debrief after the November presentation; he collected a number of questions. Park Pointers live in a dynamic landscape, resilience is key.

Best for a super 2019!

Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

**HAPPIEST OF NEW YEAR'S to ALL from the Duluth Rowing Club!**

2018 is now in the books and the rowers and friends of the Duluth Rowing Club are looking forward to a fantastic 2019. Many thanks to the residents of Park Point in the support of all that has happened on the Bayside of the 3900 block of Minnesota Avenue these past five years. As most know, the DRC was established in 1886. It follows that the new Duluth Rowing Center is now done and ready for the next 133 years. Again, thanks to all those that have helped in this endeavor.

While you probably won't see any rowing shells until early April, there are a couple of things the Club would like you to know. If you are wondering why the snow fence and no trespassing signs have been put up, it is for two reasons: 1) The blacktop contractor indicated that if there was no plowing and no parking off or on that surface during the winter months, it would last up to three times longer than if both were allowed (and we certainly don't want it to quickly become what Lake Avenue, from the Bridge to the S-curve has become!). 2) And because of insurance liability issues, it is hoping the fence will discourage ice fishing people from crossing the premises. Already, the fence has been cut a couple of times for whatever reasons.

At this time, the following dates have been selected for various DRC events:

- Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am - noon, for the annual Open House, all are welcome!
- Saturday, July 13, all day, annual Duluth International Regatta
- Sunday, September 15, 8:00 am, start of Death Row Regatta (27 kilometers up the St. Louis River)
- Monday, June 10, 8:00 - 10:00 am, "veteran" or experienced junior rowing program starts; 10:00 am - noon for new (novice) junior rowers. Novice junior rowers row 10:00 am - noon for the first two weeks of the junior program, then join the 8:00 am group.

Engraved bricks are still available for a tax deductible \$125. Instructions and how to apply are on the DRC website. And finally, all those interested in the Learn To Row, 2 week sessions during Summer, 2019 (or any other DRC news): keep an eye on the future updated [duluthrowing.org](http://duluthrowing.org)



**PARK POINT ART FAIR**

Inviting visual artists working in the following media: printmaking, painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, wood, photography, jewelry and fiber to apply for the 2019 Park Point Art Fair. In its 49th year the art fair is well established, well organized and well- liked by regional artists for its ease of set-up, hospitality and consistent sales. Each year The Park Point Art Fair draws over 10,000 visitors to Park Point, a beautiful natural setting tucked between Lake Superior and the St Louis Bay, where they can buy art from our region's finest artists.

*The application deadline is March 1, 2019,*

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Check this box for email subscription

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**Echoes of Peace Choir**

is welcoming new members for our upcoming season. Our 10 week session begins January 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2310 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Echoes of Peace is a non-audition choir, no previous singing or music reading experience required. We sing songs of peace and justice, hope and joy. Sliding scale fee: \$50-\$100. Scholarships available.

For more information, visit or call:  
<https://www.echoesofpeace.org/choir>

Sara Thomsen, Director at: 218-269-9557

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Once a month, on the second Sunday of every month, we make 90 bag lunches for the CHUM Drop-in Center.

Following our morning Eucharist Service, around 11am, those that want to help meet in the kitchen to put the lunches together. Many hands make quick work.

If you feel like helping the CHUM community by making sandwiches, please join us on January 13. Coffee and treats are served when we get them all made.

**Chum**

The Rev. Marta Maddy  
Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.  
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We are on Facebook

## Fundraiser for Tanzanian Orphans January 7

Donatus Gadiye will arrive in Duluth to speak at St. Andrew's by the Lake, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2019. Donatus is a co-founder of an orphanage in Arusha, Tanzania. He is also the elephant monitor for the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania, Africa. Donatus founded the "Save the Elephant's" project. He also works to save the severely endangered black rhinos.

I visited with the boys and girls at orphanages while I was on safari in Tanzania with Donatus' Wilderness Tours.

Please join us on Monday, January 7 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2802 Minnesota Avenue, Duluth, MN at 6:30 p.m. for a slide show presentation and discussion with this amazing Renaissance man!



Contributions towards indoor plumbing facilities for the boys at the orphanage would be greatly appreciated.

All are invited to attend. Refreshments will follow.

JC Curtis, Parish Life Co-chair

## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

On December 16, we celebrated the holiday season with a potluck dinner in the festively decorated party room at Lafayette Square. It was fun before it started with many hands decorating the room. Then in poured the guests, including four small children, the food, and the holiday sweaters and outfits! We even had a real elf prancing around! Ellie Alspach directed our turns in a creative game of gift-giving. Many people shared stories about past holiday traditions and food. A few mentioned the joy of receiving an orange as a most treasured gift during these Northland winters. It was a memorable and loving time and each of us took the true spirit of Christmas home with us. To further our gift-giving spirit, folks brought books to donate for the children at Steve O'Neill Apartment. If you missed this event in 2018, be sure to join us in 2019.

On Monday, January 14, we will be joined by Cindy Hale from Clover Valley Farms. At this potluck dinner meeting, we will hear about the many projects at Clover Valley Farms. These include farming, gardening, worms, and making vinegar. All Park Pointers are invited to join us. For more information, contact Coral 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net.

Remember, our 2019 meeting are now scheduled for the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

Our next potluck dinner meeting is Monday, January 14 at 6 p.m.

-Susan Peters



### Environmental Report

Mice, Moles and Voles (they all look the same to me) they have been thinned out very much in the past two months because there has been almost no snow for them to hide and exist under. The fox, weasels, owls and other predators have been able to get to them quite a bit easier than usual. A month ago my dog was catching at least two every day and now almost none. She is a bit frustrated! The Cotton tail rabbits and Squirrels seem to be doing well.

I would like to start a planting project in the sand area where we hold the art fair this spring. If you have an idea or an interest in helping please let me know.

I saw a Flying Squirrel here on the point for the first time December 26<sup>th</sup>, very unusual.

Dick Gould



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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

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 Officer Kelly Greenwalt 218-730-5617 | [kgreenwalt@duluthmn.gov](mailto:kgreenwalt@duluthmn.gov)

Dog issues: [clane@duluthmn.gov](mailto:clane@duluthmn.gov)

City Coucilor Em Westerlund (218) 355-1137 [ewesterlund@duluthmn.gov](mailto:ewesterlund@duluthmn.gov)

### **One Last wish for the wishing penguin**



As Marcia Hales closes her spectacular light display for the last time, I have just one wish: That the magic continues long after the lights go out. The Editor



