



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**High Water and
Erosion Committee
Meeting, Monday,
January 20,
6:30PM
at Lafayette Park**

**Park Point
Community Club
Membership Meeting
and Pizza Party
January 21
Pizza at 6:30
Meeting at 7:00 at
Lafayette**

**Park Point Garden
Club
January 23rd, 7PM
Installing New
Officers
Contact: Kathy Jacobs
722-2375
All are welcome**

**Awaiting yet
another Winter
Storm!**

A store on Park Point



It's not Bayside, and never will be. It's a hotel, first and foremost, and their guests will always be their top priority. But the Fairfield Inn and Suites, at 1000 Minnesota Avenue, does contain a small convenience store. And the Management team is reaching out to the Park Point Community. On December 10th, General Manager Ellen Betzold and Area Manager Scott Ehrlichman hosted a focus group of Park Point residents, and asked: Within the constraints of space, and the rules under which all the Marriot family of hotels operate, what can they offer that Park Point residents would like? What are the needs? What would draw people in? Currently they mostly stock snacks and convenience items aimed at their guests, and the RV'ers who park at Lakehead Boat Basin. What are the items that "regular" Park Point residents, and visitors, would like to see? They're unlikely to ever stock fresh meats or bakery products that have a short shelf life. But canned, frozen, or boxed items, things you could grab on the way home from work when need a quick dinner. Or when you can't, or just don't want to leave the Point? The store is easy to find, just inside the front doors on the right. And they have an ATM, if cash is your need. So stop in, take a look, and offer your suggestions. They want to be a part of the community, and we welcome that.

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Hello Neighbors,

Seems that I stowed the umbrellas and galoshes prematurely - very strange December weather indeed! The rink at Lafayette is waiting for colder days to come, if you would like to volunteer to help out, give Mark Elden a jingle at 340-6453. Maybe some skating for the February break from school? Thank you to City of Duluth Parks and Rec., Mark Elden & Dave Poulin for launching the rink preparation project, real winter will be back.

Our holiday guests had a few days to see the ice caves and volcanoes on the beach before the rain and fog arrived. Today was a fun day of selecting and gathering ice boulders for a sculpture plus some sledding at Lafayette.

If you have been affected by high water and would like to take a survey and provide photos of the issues, check out this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YXZ8822>

From GLAM "The Great Lakes–St. Lawrence River Adaptive Management (GLAM) Committee is seeking input from property and business owners that have been directly affected by the high water levels on the shoreline of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River in 2019. The following questionnaire allows property owners to submit information on the extent of flooding, erosion, damage to shoreline structures, and related damage to residential and business shoreline properties. The questionnaire should take about 20 minutes to complete, depending on the extent of damage being reported on."

The Club is hosting the annual membership drive pizza party on Tuesday, January 21. Hoping you might consider attending and celebrating the beginning of another decade & the 131st year of the PPCC. Thank you to Exec. Board members Dick & Diane Gould for working on the celebration again this year.

Best get back to playing with the California grandkids who are enjoying extraordinary Park Point living.

Wishing you happiness and good cheer as we welcome in 2020!

Dawn & Bruno, canine companion



A much requested photo of Bruno!

While not directly connected to our own High Water and Erosion Committee, the survey below is another opportunity to give your input on the effects of high water on your property.

And another note: All of the information on "how to Stabilize My Eroding Shoreline" article in last month's Breeze was submitted by the City of Duluth Planning and Development Division and all inquires should go to them first.

Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Shoreline Questionnaire We Appreciate Your Input!

The Great Lakes–St. Lawrence River Adaptive Management (GLAM) Committee is seeking input from property and business owners that have been directly affected by the high water levels on the shoreline of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River in 2019. The following questionnaire allows property owners to submit information on the extent of flooding, erosion, damage to shoreline structures, and related damage to residential and business shoreline properties. The questionnaire should take about 20 minutes to complete, depending on extent of damage being reported on.

Note: Questions that are marked with an * are mandatory questions that need to be answered in order to proceed to the next question.

The GLAM Committee would like to know how conditions at your property change for different water level conditions. Please feel free to complete the questionnaire again and submit further photos using the same address.

Please share the link with others who may also have been impacted and be sure to upload your photos.

If you experience technical difficulties while completing the questionnaire, or have questions about the questionnaire please contact the GLAM Committee at GLAM@jic.org.

Further information about the GLAM Committee can be found on its website.

Photos of damaged shorelines may be uploaded as part of the survey. Survey link = <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YXZ8822>



Rink Ramblings

Thanks to the city of Duluth for plowing the massive snow pile off the rink. This allowed us to begin the flooding just in time for the mild weather!

More volunteers for flooding and minor tasks will be thankfully welcomed. Volunteer crew so far: Dawn buck, Dave Poulin, Rick Lyle, Coral McDonnel, and plowman Bob Boynton. Bless this Park Point community spirit. We're planning a Family Fun Day, tentatively set for the Sunday after the Superbowl, with activities (inside), skating fun, fire pit, games, etc. Let's enjoy our rink!

Mark Eldon – Rinkman

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

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On December 9, we trudged through the cold winter night to gather at the Lafayette Community Center to celebrate the passing of another year. It was a social event filled with good cheer, a festive feast, and creativity. As part of our commitment to community outreach, we collected gifts for the kids and families at Steve O'Neill apartments. The highlight of the gathering was the creation of a poster celebrating winter on Park Point. It included pictures, drawings, sayings, and poems. The centerpiece of the poster was the following poem by our own Cornelia Dacey:

The Park Point Promise

There will always be sunshine after the storm
The Lake will be swimmable in August
Sun rises will break your heart
There will always be sand in your house
Orange sunsets, another heart breaker
You will learn patience from the Bridge
It is a very special place
and all of the people here are special

Coral McDonnell is the contact person for folks interested in our community garden and potluck dinners. She can be contacted at 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net. Our monthly potluck dinners are FREE and open to all Park Pointers. They take place at the Lafayette Community Club. Please bring your own plates, silverware, beverage and a dish to share.

Upcoming Events:

No potluck dinner meeting in January. Happy New Year.
Monday, February 10, 6 to 8 p.m., potluck dinner meeting and program.

-Susan Peters

Lafayette Community Edible Garden's winter crop: snow!



Starting a Community Conversation on Beaver Trapping

It's beaver trapping season, when men in boats pull in to the shore of Herding Island, just across the channel from where I live with my husband Pete. The first trapper I saw came 14 years ago in an outboard fishing boat. I watched and wept from our dock as he hauled six, long beaver carcasses from the water. He said he didn't need a permit to trap them, but over the years I've learned otherwise.

One trapper brought live traps, which I appreciated, since my husband and I love seeing the beaver. I understand that they can devastate; I have shed tears over the destruction they have caused too! I just hope that as some of their nearest neighbors, we get to be part of the conversation about if, when and how beavers are controlled on Herding Island. If you live alongside these fascinating animals, you may want a voice in these decisions, too.

Last year, I learned a lot about beaver trapping from the trapper who paddled up in a kayak, Stone. When I stood on our dock and hollered across my usual question, Stone said that Yes, he did have a permit to trap them, and I could learn more on his website, Stone River Wildlife Control, and give him a call. So I read about all the nuisance wildlife Stone captures and, when necessary, kills—everything from bats to bear and bobcat. Then Stone drove up to our house to answer more of my questions in person.

Turns out, lacking an open waterway in which to release a family of beaver last fall, Stone was using kill traps. He had set them on shore and said they would kill a beaver in about 5 seconds. The meat would go to a local sled dog team. I felt sad to lose this family, but okay with Stone's approach and grateful for his approachability. Then I told him all the things Pete and I love about seeing the beaver's square, dog-like head pushing a big, vee-wake, often carrying woody greens, sometimes willow from our shore.

Stone paddled back the next day, and then the next – no small feat in cold October mornings. I was impressed he was checking his traps daily, so when he pulled up to our house again, I told him so.

“Oh, no, actually, I wasn't checking my traps yesterday,” he said, “I was unsetting them.” (Pause for my brain to try to catch up.)

“Yeah, just now I pulled them out.” (I couldn't have missed him hauling dead beavers into or onto a kayak, could I?)

Our small, neighborhood marina (at the stop sign), Sand Point Yacht Club, had hired Stone to trap the beavers. I learned that the issue last year was two-fold: keeping the waterway open for boats and keeping trees safe in property owners' yards.

Well, after ‘sleeping on it’ – it being some neighbor-lady's positive feelings about the beavers, and the lack of obstruction to the waterway, and the efficacy of simply wrapping protective wire mesh around the base of trees – Stone decided the situation didn't warrant trapping. Phew. We got another 12 months of watching the show, and the beavers got to raise and educate their young into effective aquatic engineers.

I understand that wildlife populations can need controlling. And I appreciate that the DNR uses beaver to manage waterways and trappers to manage beavers. However, I also understand that we urban humans should do what we can to make room for wildlife. Don't try to make friends with them (please don't feed the fox!) just give them the space to live. If through one simple measure I can safeguard my trees and grapes from beavers, that's the place to start. Some year, if they dam the channel or denude Herding Island or gnaw on my canoe, maybe then it will be time, as a neighborhood, to take a look, share ideas, bring in professional advice, and decide what action is warranted.

Meanwhile, here's to the wilds of Park Point and to all our neighbors.

--Lisa McKhann, email: lulu@cpinternet.com

(Editor's note: This article was submitted a couple months ago, but held until I had space to fully print it. Yet the conversation on living with wildlife on the Point is a year-round thing.)

Need music? Call: (218) 606-1670



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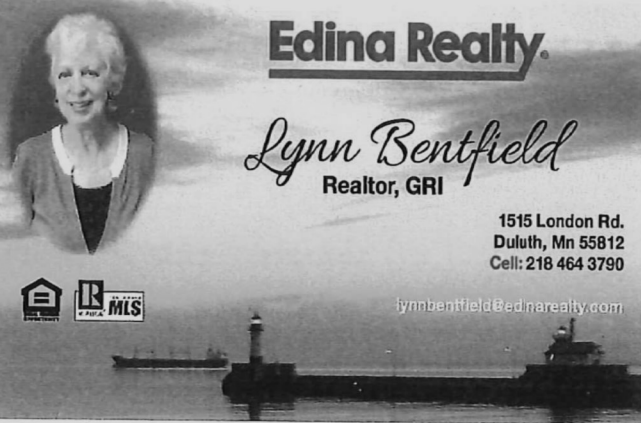
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St. Andrew's
BY THE LAKE

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

A man named Henry Whipple became the first Episcopalian Bishop of MN in 1859. Our adult Monday morning study group is reading his memoir on line, "Lights and Shadows of a Long Episcopate". <http://anglicanhistory.org/usa/whipple/autol>

The history of MN as Bishop Whipple traveled throughout the state, by foot, horse, canoe or wagon, is fascinating.

We have just finished the chapter on the Dakota war of 1862. We will meet at 9:30 on January 13 to continue our study and you are welcomed to join us.

The Rev. Marta Maddy
Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.
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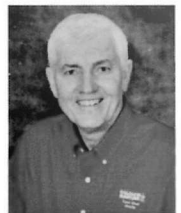
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Environmental report

The strong wind and snow has broken many trees down here on the point as well as many other areas giving us more reason to plant this spring.

On the other side, the large snow has covered the small trees that we have planted in the last few years protecting them from the Deer, Rabbits and freezing root systems that do away with many of them. Again living proof that Mother Nature is entirely in control of the planet.

Hope everyone had a good Christmas!

Dick Gould

The January 21 meeting of the Park Point Community Club is our annual Pizza Party and Membership Meeting. We encourage all Park Pointers to fill out the form below, and bring it, and your check, to the meeting. Of course you can always mail your membership in – but why pass up free pizza?

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 here if you agree to be included on the list.

Check here if you prefer to remain anonymous.

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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 Officer Ethan Roe 218-730- 5747 eroe@duluthmn.gov

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

City Councilor Roz Randorf rrandorf@duluthmn.gov



The Spirit Lives

The lights and decorations – including the Wishing Penguin-from Marcia Hales “Spirit of the Lights” display have been moved to the Glensheen estate on London Road. Still free to walk through, and still with free hot cider, and guest books to sign. May the Spirit be with you.

