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The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Lafayette Community Edible Garden Potluck April 8th 6PM at Lafayette

> PPCC Meeting April 16th Social at 6:30 Meeting at 7

Park Point Summer
Youth Program
Open House
April 25, 5:30 – 7 PM
at Lafayette
Come meet the staff,
tour the park and
register for the program

Park Point Garden Club Thursday, April 25th 7PM. Contact: Kathy Jacobs 722-2375 All are Welcome

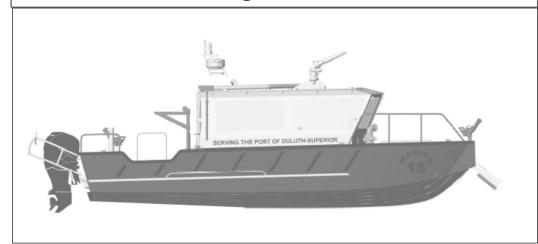
> Smelt Parade May 12th Canal Park

Park Point Rummage Sale June 14th &15th 8A.M. to 5P.M.

Park Point Art Fair June 29th & 30th

Duluth Women's Club Homes & Gardens Tour July 17th

Now Patrolling Minnesota Avenue



Maybe it could have cruised a few blocks after the March rains, but, no, this is the craft secured with a 2016 Port Security Grant. 25% of the funds were locally raised or supported by the DFD – and the PPCC. The vessel will be docked at Pier B Resort in June. The DFD quick response vessel was specifically designed and equipped for swift response to support all life safety operations including: search/rescue, evacuations, medevac/EMS, fire protection/suppression, environmental emergencies, and personnel transport. In addition, the vessel will be equipped to support hazardous material response needs in cooperation with Duluth Fires regional team. This high-speed maneuverable craft will also include: patient care space, FLIR night vision camera, high definition radar and GPS, side scan underwater sonar, and shallow draft. While the City stresses that the street – and the bridge – will remain the main point of access for emergency services, this will provide another option.

And Good News from the Bridge Supervisor

Remember way back when I came to your community meeting? I talked about the proposed change to the summer bridge hours. Well that finally came through and we have final approval from the Coast Guard. The new bridge hours are:

Lift on the hour and half hour...March 15th through December 31st!

12 hour call for lift...January 1st through March 15th. So pretty much anytime the recreational boaters are on the water, the bridge will be lifting only on the hour and half hour. We will still be lifting on demand for all lake vessels, commercial vessels, vessels in distress etc. Just like we always have.

Thanks

David Campbell,

Aerial Lift Bridge Supervisor

The Breeze

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Submissions for the May issue are due

by 4/27/19

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

On Saturday, I hopped on a bike and rode the length of the Point to see which creatures might be stirring. I heard a lot of seagulls, a few cardinals and saw optimistic boaters cleaning off their crafts despite the lingering ice. I ventured off of the dock near DSSA to ride down the bay to checkout Southworth Marsh. Paddling behind Southworth on a creature quest is one of my favorite PP adventures, am looking forward to the first outing, hopefully soon?

Biologist, naturalist & photographer "Sparky" (aka Mark Stensaas) showed some great photos of plants, birds and bugs who hang out on Park Point at last week's Knowledge and Nourishment presentation at St. Andrews. His awesome pics included a few shots from Southworth Marsh. Fun facts from my napkin notes: Of the approx. 430 bird species seen in MN, 300 of them have been identified on Park Point; there are two species of tumbleweeds on Park Point; the roots of beach grass can grow to 25 feet long. The week prior, geologist Tim Holst provided a geological history of the Great Lakes and Park Point. Is Park Point the longest baymouth bar in the world? How did the Temperance River get its name? Postglacial rebound-what's that? Thanks to St. Andrews for inviting the community in for this series, very nice gatherings for those with inquiring minds seeking good company & warm soup. For more on winged friends on Park Point, our neighbor Scott Wolff will speak on birding and how to prevent window bird strikes at the next PPCC meeting on 4/16, 7pm at Lafayette.

While on my Saturday joyride, I took a close look at the recently filled potholes and the overall horrible conditions on Lake Ave. near the Bridge to 13th. Thanks to all who took the time to provide feedback on the road conditions on the short survey in last month's Breeze. The ad-hoc street condition committee will be sharing the data and the comments with city administration, councilors and City of Duluth engineering and planning departments. A couple of neighbors have received word from the City that there will be more than pothole filling coming this spring- stay tuned for confirmation of that good news.

A Canal Park Advisory Group is in the formation stages and PPCC has been invited to participate. Stated purpose: "Advise the City regarding issues, redevelopment opportunities, and other changes in the Canal Park area for a 24-month period. Enhance communication between the Canal Park Business Group, DeWitt Seitz Business Group, the Park Point Community Club, and the City. Standing items: Lakewalk rehab/planning, streets and traffic, parking, public art, wayfinding and pedestrian circulation, redevelopment." Will keep you updated on this process and post information on the website: parkpointcommunityclub.org.

Planning for the 2019 PP Summer Youth Program is well underway. There is an Open House schedule for Thursday, April 25, 5:30-7pm at Lafayette. Registration information is on the Club's website: parkpointcommunityclub.org

Looking forward to seeing you out and about on our extraordinary baymouth bar!

Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

PPCC Minutes

The March 19, 2019 Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Dawn Buck, President. The regular business meeting agenda was suspended to the progress update for the Sky Harbor Runway Relocation project. Phase 3. Kaci Nowicki, planner from SHE Inc. was the first speaker. She spoke on the asphalt timeline, barge traffic versus truck traffic for the Point and also the possibility of having a larger runway than was discussed on the original plans. The possibility is extra money could possibly be available which might allow for the new runway to be 75' wide versus the original 60' width. The additional 15' would have no impact on the environment. The length of the runway will remain the same as originally planned. A question was asked about whether the project would allow for larger planes to land at Sky Harbor. The answer given was no. The same size planes that currently use the airport landing would remain the same. The next speaker was engineer Benita Crowe from SHE Inc. Benita said the original Phase 3 was to finish by Labor Day. Revised finish date will be late Oct., 2019. The bituminous pavement is the only material that could possibly be truck delivered via the Point roads. The rest of the materials are barged.

Approval of Minutes from the 2/19/2019 PPCC monthly meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2/19/2019 minutes as they appeared in the Breeze.

Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

Treasurer's Report - Al Robins

Beginning Balance February 1, 2019 \$19,839 Ending Balance February 28, 2019 \$18,676

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as given by Al Robins, Treasurer.

Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Art Fair - Carla Tamburro

Art Fair is progressing on schedule. Next month the committee will be picking artists to participate. Looking for sponsorships. If you would like to help sponsor the Art Fair, please contact Carla for more information. The Art Fair is scheduled for June 29th and June 30th, 2019.

Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

Issuing of the Breeze is going well. Alan said the membership list will be printed in the April, 2019 Breeze. There will be only one list this year and that list will appear in the April Breeze.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

The trees for planting have already been ordered. Dick said they should be available for planting in the middle of May. There are 250 trees. Dick has asked for help planting and any ideas of where to plant would be appreciated.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck

A well-deserved 'Thank You' for the treats you serve at the meetings. They are appreciated.

Watch Committee – Everyone present

A committee was formed that drew up a Pothole Survey. Members were asked to fill out the survey and leave at the end of the meeting. The committee was going to take the survey to the City. The survey can be taken up to March 29, 2019. Please mail the forms to the PPCC PO Box or send to John McKinney. The committee will then assemble the comments and take to the City for consideration. A vote was taken among the members present at the meeting as to whether the survey was a good idea. All the membership present agreed to forward to the City of Duluth the results of the surveys.

Program Committee - David Poulin

The April 16th, 2019 Park Point Community Club program will include a talk from Scott Wolf in regards to the migration of birds. Scott will speak on bird strikes (windows & etc.) and how to prevent.

Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki

Rummage sale planning is on track. The sale is scheduled to happen June 14th and June 15th, 2019.

Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

The planning of the Youth Program is in full swing. The ideal number of students to participate would be 30. The ages are from Kindergarten to age 12. For additional information on the program, please contact Sally Buck. Also, there is additional information on the PPCC website.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

One sympathy card was mailed last month from the PPCC.

Old Business

A second vote was taken to donate \$250 to the Smelt Parade. This is an annual parade. Jim Ouray spoke about the parade. The event is planned to take place on Mother's Day, 5/12/2019. The place the construction of masks, costumes & etc. takes place at the old Johnson Furniture Store at 19th Ave W. and Superior Street. Volunteers are always needed for the success of the event. If you are available, please call Jim Ouray for more information.

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A motion was made and seconded to approve the second vote for \$250 to be given to help support the event. The remaining members all voted with ayes.

New Business

Theresa O'Halloran-Johnson spoke to the PPCC members. She will be running for 3rd District City Council in Duluth. Update on status of Pontliana Woods, bayside wetlands. This property was mistakenly put up for sale. The City promised conservation protection years ago and agree to keep this area protected. This property is located at 17th St. Aerial Bridge lift schedule has been released. The bridge will raise on the half hours for all boats. The time duration has changed. Originally the bridge was lifted from March 15th through Labor Day Weekend. The new schedule of lifting will go from March 15th through December 31st on the half hour. The regular shipping traffic will be on demand. Diane Gould asked for someone who would deliver the Breeze from the 3100 block to 3300 block. The person who is normally scheduled to deliver is on vacation. There was a volunteer who said she would deliver these two blocks while the other person is unavailable.

There was a discussion about 'Beach Nourishment.' The purpose is to dredge the sand beach area to make wider beaches along the lake side of Lake Superior. If you would be interested in helping with this project, please contact Dawn Buck, by email.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Remaining membership votes were all ayes. Sheryl Robins

Environmental report

Spring is here and the birds are returning. Everything from Eagles to song birds. I saw a big flock of Robins this morning and way too many Crows. Please don't feed them, they are predators on other bird's nests! Thank you, Mrs. Rutherford for the trees! She made a donation to the club for trees in her Husband's name. We will have about 350 white Pine to plant about the middle of May. Please call me if you can help or have an area that you would like to see planted with them.

Last Fall's weather washed up a huge amount of drift wood on the beach. I bet we will have some giant smelt fires this spring. If fires look too big, call the police. There is a limit on how much fire they can have.

Have a great spring and summer!

Dick Gould

Art Fair Update

The Park Point Art Fair is currently being juried. Artists will be notified by April 15. We have 182 applicants with 104 spots open for jurying artists. The applicants are of the highest quality and reflect a variety of media including: ceramics, photography, painting, printmaking, glass, wood, jewelry, sculpture, fiber and mixed media. Please consider volunteering the weekend of the fair, June 29 and 30. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and contribute to the goals of the community. Proceeds from The Fair fund the summer youth program, environmental projects and special projects and events hosted by The Park Point Community Club. If you haven't volunteered before or it has been more than a few years don't miss this year. We need you; as we ramp up to celebrate our 50th year in 2020 now is the time to get involved.

The Art Fair will have some new sponsors this year. If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring the event, now is the time to contact the coordinator, Carla Tamburro at coordinator@parkpointartfair.org More about sponsorship in the next issue!

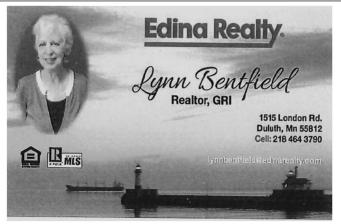
Uodate on DNAP Green Space Protection of Pontliana Woods Wetlands from Jim Filby Williams, Director of Public Administration for the City of Duluth

Let me clarify. What we have said in the past, and have every intention to follow through on, is not that the Pontliana Woods property would become part of the St. Louis River Natural Area but, instead, that we intend to solicit funds to acquire Pontliana for protection at the same time that we solicit funds to acquire unprotected portions of the St. Louis River Natural Area. We agree that Pontliana Woods deserves protection but it has never been our intention to use the Duluth Natural Area Program as the vehicle to accomplish that protection. Putting aside its other ecological merits, the property is too small and too isolated from other high quality habitat to meet the demanding DNAP criteria. Grantfunded acquisition of Pontliana will require us to place the parcel in permanent protection which will be sufficient to accomplish our shared

goal.

Thank you for your advocacy. Please let me know if you have other questions or concerns.







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Nourishment and Knowledge Wednesday, April 10, 5:45 pm will be our last presentation of the series. Bonnie Fuller Kask and Greg Peterson will speak about the Duluth Rowing Club!

April 14 Palm Sunday Service 9:45 am Procession of Palms, Reading of The Passion

Holy Week Schedule

April 18 Maundy Thursday Meal & Eucharist: 5:45 pm, free & open to the public. Call Ginny at 218-269-6164, by April 10 to reserve a spot.

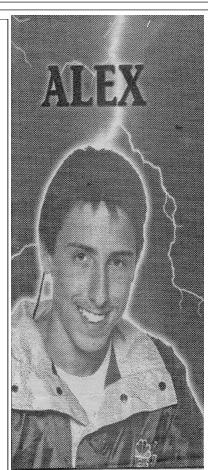
April 19 Good Friday: Noon, Eucharist April 20 Easter Vigil: 7pm in the Mission

The Rev. Marta Maddy
Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.
standrewsbythelake.org
2802 Minnesota Ave 218-727-1262
standrewsbythelakeduluth@gmail.com
We are on Facebook

In Loving Memory of Alex Sahlberg August 12, 1986-April 13, 2005

14 years have passed since your life here on earth came to a sudden end. And yet here we are still searching for a way for our hearts to mend. Our souls are so heavy with the grief we are under. Far greater than the force of Lightning and thunder. You wee such an important person to us, like a member of our family tree. We wish we could unlock the feeling of pain, however: there is no key. You were so loved by us, this we want you to know. In life and in death that feeling continues to grow. Our memories of you are so great and so divine. Like the power and strength of a ray of sunshine. There are no words to express the way we are feeling today. We miss you so much, in the worst way.

Remembered with love by family, friends and neighbors



This Is Us

2019 Park Point Community Club Membership List (so far!)

Alspach, Edward & Ellie

Anderson, Brooks & McDonnell , Coral

Anderson, Lyle

Beechler, Lynn

Bentfield, Lynn and Bill

Berdan, Frank & Kathi

Bernick Chas & Debora

Bohlman, Richard & Benita

Bray, John & Karen

Buck, Dawn & Ted

Buck, Sally & Tim

Borg, Kathryn

Bostrom, John & Stephenie

Brown, Barbara

Brown, Sue

Brozic, Tom &Jean

Bye, Doug & Lynn

Cantoni, Georgina/Jheri McMillan

Carlson, Sandra & Gene

Catanzarite, Kathy

Cervenka, Debbie/Litvinoff, Arlene

Cleveland, Jerry & Anderson, Marge

Christainson, Malcolm & Shelia

Cohen, Jan

Crain, John

Crain, MaryLou

Curran, Tom & Linda

Curtis, JC

Dale, Karen & Miller, Jan

Dartanyan, Alan & Cheryl

Davern, Char

Doty, Diane

Dunlap, Ellen

Dunleavy, Pat

Dunleavy ,Gloria

Durbin, Mary

Elden, Mark

Erickson, Mark & Sue

Feyen, Ann and Bob

Fierek, Bob, Maria, Max, Ben

Fisher, Harry & Pat

Fiero, Dolores

Gaidis, Mike & Mary

Gallice, Ritch & JoAnn

Gould, Dick & Diane

Griggs, Pam

Griggs, Patricia

Griggs, Tom

Graham, Cheryl/Margitan, Marie

Grover, Mary & Brian

Haavik, David

Haller, Sigurd

Hallsten, Mary & Jerry

Hansen, Drew & Dana

Harrison, Heidi

Harrison, Judy

Harshan, Nate

Hayden, Paul & Cindy

Heder ,Mary

Heyesen, Jon & Kyle

Heyesen, Wayne L

Hoelscher, Dennis

Hooper, Elizabeth Gay

Howe, Warren/Karon, Jan

Hughly, Red and Mary

Jackson, Ken

Johnson, Denny & Sue

Johnson, Steve/Korndrath, Carol

Kantonen, John & Jeanne Jeneatta

Kapsner, Jake & Tamburro, Carla

Kerns, Gale, & Jeri

Kerns, Carolyn

Kerns, Gordon

Krenelka, Glen & Rene'

Lavamaki, Dave & Diane

Lent, Bob & Carole

LeSage, Deven & Kristen

Lombardi, Richard

Long, Bill& Truel, Jan

Lunning, Bruce & Stephanie

Maxwell, Christina (parkie & Ann

Marge, James & Mary Ann

Marpe, Donald & Ellen

Mattson Jim & Tricia

National Inches

McGough, Larry & Maureen

Mackay, Tom & Liz

McKinney, John & Suzanne

McLeete, Loranda & Paul

Meagher, Jerry & Harriet

Medlin, Joe

Mitchell, Jim & Haugejorde, Jayne

Murray, Judy

Neinstadt, Anita

Nelson, Brian

Odden ,Nancy/Britton, Doug

O'Neil ,Dan

Olson, Nancy/Glass, Gary

Ouray, Jim/Mock, Rachael

Pajunen, Brigid

Paulson, Jeanette

Pedersen, Sherry & Jeff

Pegg, Lynn Clark

Pretrowski, Walter & Geri

Peters, Patti

Peters, Susan

Peterson, Greg & Jenny

Peyton, Beryl

Peterson, Richard & Patricia

Poulin, Dave

Puglisi, Frank & Marian

Quackenbush, Mary Anne

Ralph, Charles R

Rauschenfels, Tom & Kris

Reyers, Jan & Bonnie

Remer ,Dennis & Laura

Renken, Arlene

Robins, Al & Sheryl

Rogers, Jim

Rogers, Jim and Tina

Roise, Charlene

Rolle, Sharon

Ross, Mary Rutherford, LeAne

Schmidt, Susan/Hadland, Jerry

Schwartz, Travis & Shannon

Sedgwick, John & Nancy

Shaw, Nancy & Richard

Slattery, Sue

Shimmin, Dale/ Kaim, Lyn

Smith Hamilton

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Speer, Jeff & Kari Sobczak, Tim & Liz

Soderstrom, John

Sola, Dale & Betty

Solin, Sue &Glenn

Spooner, Terry & Beth

Stuermer, Jeff & Laura Swanson, Bob

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Taggart, Nancy Tanttari, Jacob & Kaye

Thiry, Marianne

Treuer, Paul & Mary

Tripp, Doug and Rosemary

Trolander, Judy

Wallerstien, Michele

Wegner, Mr Lynn

Wolff, Scott/Hall, Beth

Vanderwerp, Mary/Ball, Rick

Van Dyken

Walbridge, Natdlija

Welles, Mack

Young, Joyce

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden— Past, Present, Future

"Down and Dirty in the Dirt"

On March 11, Steve Headman, UMD Biology Professor Emeritus and St. Louis County Master Gardener, enriched the gardening knowledge of 30 potluck attendees with "Down and Dirty in the Dirt." He packed that talk with information on the three types of soil, soil testing, and no-till gardening and amended our knowledge about organic fertilization.

Steve said soil is largely defined by the size of its particles from clay (finest) to sand (largest) Loam (medium) is best for gardening. But soil composition doesn't tell us how fertile it is. That's where composting and soil testing come in. Soil testing reveals what levels of nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium are present. Nitrogen promotes vegetative growth; phosphorous, transfer of energy in plants; and potassium, root development (think potatoes). Steve recommended the University of Minnesota Soil Testing Lab and demonstrated how to interpret a report from that lab. Specific recommendations from the report suggest what the soil needs, be it amendments such as sulfate, blood meal, nitrogen-fixing bacteria, milorganite, bone meal, manure, super phosphate, or potash, to name a few.

Further encouraged by Steve, LCEG is already looking at the benefits of no-till gardening, planting clover or rye in the beds, and covering that soil in the fall. To learn more about no-till, Google "no- till gardening with raised beds" or *Sunset* magazine's "guide to no-till gardening. Meanwhile, keep those leaves and that compost coming.

Planning for Planting

At the April 8th potluck (Monday, 6 p.m.) we will feature planning for planting at the garden. We will find out if there is more than rutabaga on the horizon. we will have a special orientation for our new garden members. Please plan to join us in planning for planting in May.

Talk about Ticks

Our potlucks are the second Monday of the month. On May 13th, Dr. Ben Clarke, Associate Professor in the Biomedical Sciences Department of the UMD Medical School, will talk about ticks. He has been dubbed "the Tick Warrior" because he and his students have been tracking and analyzing ticks—particularly deer ticks. Where they are the thickest, how likely they are to be carrying Lyme disease, how to avoid them...will be addressed in this valuable presentation. Gardeners, photographers, hikers, yard maintainers and anyone venturing outside will profit from this tick talk. Please join Ben at the potluck. This could be a health-and life-saving event. Member or not, you are invited. Bring your own plate, cutlery and a dish to share. We welcome you.

--LeAne Rutherford

2019 Park Point Rummage Sale

Friday & Saturday June 14 & 15 2019

- 1. Here it comes once again. Our annual kickoff to the busy tourist season. Although you have a couple of months, it is not too early to start looking around the house and see what you may want price and put on display during the rummage sale.
- 2. Porta Pots will be located at the eighth street pumping station, s-curve parking area, 17th St, 20th St, 23rd St, and 30th St.

IMPORTANT: All sales must be located on PRIVATE PROPERTY only. This includes any and all food vendors. There will "not" be any public property for use during the sale.

Please remember that that the rummage sale is held separately from the Art Fair. Please support our "very important" art fair by not having any rummage out for sale.

Everybody knows what to do, it you have new neighbors please speak with them so they will know when and when not to have a sale and why.

Dave Lavamaki, Chairman 729-8925

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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

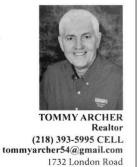
Lift Bridge Supervisor Dave Campbell 723-3387

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

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

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





Duluth, MN 55812

Editor:

I picked up from 13th Street to 16th on the beach and I only found 2 medium-sized bags of droppings that dog owners inadvertently left behind. Amazing, considering the large volume of usage at the 13th Street entrance to the Lake! People do try to keep our environment pristine and healthy.

Vicki McNabney and Sammy