



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**National
Neighborhood Night
Out**

**Tuesday August 6th
5 to 7PM at
St. Andrew's by the
Lake**

**Brief Park Point
Community Club
Meeting to follow**

**Park Point Garden
Club Thursday,
August 23rd, 7PM
Contact: Kathy Jacobs
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All are Welcome**

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck
Monday, September
9th, 6PM
at Lafayette**

**Community Softball
game, Supper and
Bingo
September 15th at
Lafayette 3PM – or
whenever the Vikings
game is over!**

**OK , enough
humidity now!**

National Neighborhood Night Out



Last year, the event was held at Lafayette. This year, St. Andrews is hosting.

The idea for a national Neighborhood Night Out evolved in the suburbs of Philadelphia in the early 1980's. It was part of a community building campaign to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. But it grew from there. Neighborhoods across the nation began to host block parties, parades festivals cook-outs and other community events. Although an "official" date is chosen each year- August 6th this year- people have expanded on that, and "unofficial" block parties and neighborhood gatherings, both large and small, are held throughout the Summer months. (In warmer climes, they may happen at any time of year.) Their intent remains the same – to meet your neighbors, socialize, and just share what's going on.

This year, St. Andrews by the Lake Church is hosting the event for all of Park Pointers. August 6th, 5 to 7 PM, with a brief Community Club meeting to follow. They'll be grilling brats and burgers, along with vegetarian bean casserole and other side dishes. There will even be live music provided by Park Point duo Len and Lois. All are welcome. But don't let this limit you. If your immediate neighbors on your block or street end want to gather on another date, feel free to do so. Any night can be Neighborhood Night Out.

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Happy deep summer! We have been busy with little grandkids and guests and enjoy sharing the many recreational opportunities that we can access everyday just out the backdoor. Wednesday on the beach with the clean and clear warm water was spectacular! Last night the swirling storms clouds looked promising for rain but a no-go again; it's time to hook up the sand point.

A few neighbors are planning a fun afternoon on September 15 after the Vikings game, 3-7pm. Hoping you can come by and celebrate the commencement of fall by joining a fun game of softball (Superior Lakers vs. Bayside Buccaneers) and having a bite to eat plus play BINGO with prizes! Volunteers are needed with suggestions. Call or email Charlene (Co-Chair) parkpointer@gmail.com or 269-0787 . Thanks for joining in the fun!

Other helpful information that has come to me via email communications with neighbors and City officials, see below. The responses from both departments were timely, friendly and helpful :)

If you find a needle on the beach or anywhere, here are resources: The Park Rangers can definitely pick them up. The other options are calling the city-wide sharps hotline at 730-4001 or 911 and an officer or the fire department will come pick it up as they are able."

Re. lost/stolen property if you believe that the Police may have picked up the items: Duluth Police Property and Evidence phone number is 218-730-5130. This came up when a neighbor observed a couple of bikes that looked to have been dumped at 37th bayside. The Park Rangers are willing to pick up abandoned bikes that may have been stolen.

What happened to the orange rescue rings on the beach? From the DFD: "We are definitely in a transitional period with this equipment. First, our Twin Ports Rip Current Awareness Workgroup which is comprised of a number of germane service organizations has wanted to better improve the actual stations themselves. Our desire is to make them a bit less susceptible to storm damage and beach erosion. As you know, the erosion problem with the lake level has washed out our posts that mount the rescue stations and other beach information signage. Fire Department is working with Parks to come up with a solution. We are also working on new signage and placement of signs including the "drop down" signs that we display when red flags are flown. This work is taking time and we want to do things right so they do not wash out again. I wish I had a timeline on this, but I do not. I know that some of this work is included in a grant that is awarded later in the summer. In the interim, we encourage beach patrons to be familiar with our beach flag system, know when lifeguards are active and that they can obtain lifejackets as needed at the beach house when lifeguards are present. At this time, lifeguards are stationed at the beach house on green and yellow flag days only. Parks has Park Rangers that are at the beaches on red flag days informing patrons of the dangers of swimming in our waters in high surf. We continue our outreach to get the message out, and it is difficult to hear that some patrons would chose to disregard the red flags."

A highlight of July- attending the dedication of the Duluth Rowing Club on July 12th and watching the hundreds of people on Park Point participating in the regatta the next day. The 2019 DRC program is an example of what can happen when the right combination of people, passion, time, space, and generosity align. For this large project, the love of rowing and the desire to pass along the values that this lifelong sport nurtures kept the vision going for years until the right stuff gelled. Rower Mike Cochran, author of "Invincible, History of the Duluth Boat Club," did a nice job of recognizing a number of Park Pointers and other generous rowers and coaches who have kept Duluth crews, and the old boathouse, on top of the water and afloat until all of the players and
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pieces needed for the major improvements were in place. The Krmpotich and Fox family members were on hand to share their feelings about rowing, tell stories, and explain why donating to this project was important to them.

The Duluth Boat Club, who hosted our July meeting at the 13th site, is on a similar journey towards actualizing their goal of a facility and a program at the 13th site next the UMD paddling facility. We learned a lot about each of the organizations that make up the Duluth Boat Club and how each will contribute to the community. Neighbors asked questions about how the facility will relate to the neighborhood and specific questions about the infrastructure and features. Thank you for the opportunity to learn more about the project and for hosting the meeting in the neat bayside "big top." Thank you to Greg Haapala from Grandma's Marathon and the PP Five Miler for coming by to say hi and filling us in on the historic Park Point race and expressing the organization's gratitude for Park Pointers' "grace" during the race. Thanks for the race swag, too! Hoping runners did ok in the heat on race day. Lafayette was one of the watering stations along the way.

Wishing you a wonderful deep summer of fun and exploration on our extraordinary "Neiashi" or "Shagawamik" which means "point of land."

Cheers,

Dawn

PS Hoping to see you at St. Andrews on the 6th at NNO!

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

At our July 8 dinner meeting, Pat Berger, from the Boreal Bounty Farm in Two Harbors, taught us about harvesting and preserving produce. She provided great tips such as wash lettuce in cold water right after picking and then store it in the refrigerator in a bag made from a kitchen towel for the longest shelf life. She said these two books are very helpful to her in her gardening endeavors: *The Market Gardener* by Jean-Martin Fortier, and *The Vegetable Gardener's Bible* by Edward Smith. As well, she suggests the University of Minnesota Extension program as a great resource for all of our gardening and harvesting information. Pat passed out a U of M Extension fact sheet about harvesting and storing veggies. If you did not get a copy and would like one, Coral can email you a digital copy.

Coral is also 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.

In September, we will explore the hemp production in our area and the products produced by it. Our speaker, Nicolette Slagle, has been growing hemp for several years and her long-term goal is to open a dispensary. Learn more on September 9 at our monthly potluck dinner meeting.

Upcoming Events: No August Dinner: We encourage everyone to attend the festivities for Neighbor's Night Out on August 6

.Monday, September 9, 6 p.m., Monthly potluck dinner and program about hemp production in Minnesota.

-Susan Peters

Environmental Report

The birds are singing the Doves cooing and it is another beautiful morning.

The bird migration will be starting soon and it is time to get some owl and hawk stickers on your windows that a bird might hit. Many of the birds that migrate down the shore of the lake and across Park Point have never seen a window before and are likely to fly into one. Also the Beaver are becoming more active as the days get shorter. Get some chicken wire around your fruit trees soon. They are cutting down many trees on Hearing island already and become more active as the days get shorter.

Dick Gould

Park Point community Club Minutes

The July 16, 2019 Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:00pm at the Duluth Boat Club site. The regular format was suspended due to various speakers. Greg Haapala from Grandmas Marathon spoke about the upcoming 5 miler race to take place on Park Point on July 18th, 2019. Greg said they had 550 runners signed up this year. Greg explained the closure of Minnesota Ave. from 2300 MN. Ave. to Sky Harbor Airport. The road to be closed at 6:00 to 7:30 with the actual race being run from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Second speaker was Kevin Chederquist from the Park Point Summer Youth Program. The program which runs into August is going well. Attendance is up. Kevin explained 60% of participants are affiliated with Park Point families and the remaining 40% are participants off the Point. Kevin said their goal is to get the participants in an area away from electronics.

The Duluth Boat Club at 13th St. and St. Louis Ave. is preparing a large project to build a boat club in that area. The speakers were the President of Duluth Boat Club and Vice President. A representative from the American Boat Association, Duluth Power Squadron & etc. Eric Larson from the Courage Center spoke about their organization teaching persons with disabilities how to sail. Each group spoke about their role on this project and the challenges some have encountered with the City Planning Commission. This project is estimated to cost \$8 million.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June, 2019 minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

Al Robins, Park Point Community Club treasurer reported on the finances.

Beginning balance June 1 st , 2019	\$45,178
Ending balance June 30, 2019	\$42,340

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report as given by Al Robins

Committee Reports

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Carla will have the final financial report at the August, 2019 meeting. A thank you was given to the 80 people who volunteered their time to help the Art Fair be a success.

Breeze Committee – Alan Dartanyan

Nothing to report. All is going well per Alan.

Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki

Rummage sale went off well this year. Thank you, David

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

Two sympathy cards were sent out last month

Watch Committee – All present

The one piece of information is the City is willing to help enhance the entrance from Lake Ave. to the beach at 8th Ave.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thanks to the Duluth Boat Club for providing refreshments at the July PPCC meeting. They were appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Old Business

Charlene Shimmens and Judy Dwyer are planning a Park Point Baseball game on 9/15/2019 at Lafayette Square at 3:00pm. Bingo will follow the baseball game.

St. Andrews will be hosting Neighborhood Night Out on 8/6/2019. Food will be provided. A short business meeting will take place at the end of the Neighborhood Night Out festivities.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

Submitted by Sheryl Robins

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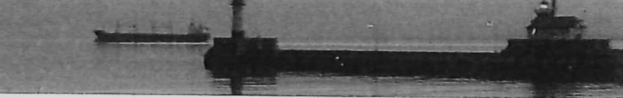
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*We are a people on the Way
to knowing, loving, and serving
God and neighbor!*

**Welcome to all our friends
and neighbors.**

We invite you to stop by on Sunday
morning to join the service (9:45 a.m.) or
just take a rest on the benches out front
while you're out walking.

All are welcome here.

Tuesday, August 6 is
National Neighborhood Night Out

from 5-7 pm at St. Andrew's.

We hope to see you there!

Len and Lois will be performing.

The Rev. Marta Maddy
Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.
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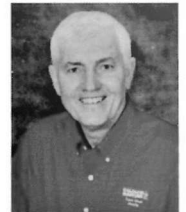
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Keeping sidewalks Clear

Just a friendly reminder to all Park Point residents to keep their sidewalks clear of obstructions, such as overhanging branches and bushes. And though I hate to mention it, remember that that branch that's just overhead now will be hanging in our faces once covered with the inevitable snow!

Thanks from the Duluth Rowing Club

Former DRC member and Olympic Silver Medalist Dave Krmpotich spoke at the Dedication of the new Duluth Rowing Center. The new boathouse is named for his late brother Joe Krumpotich, another former rower, whose bequest was a major source of funding for the new center.



The Duluth Rowing Club would like to thank the residents and people from Park Point for the kindness and hospitality shown to both DRC members and guest rowing clubs, and the many spectators, family members, and athletes that were at the July 12th and 13th events. Friday, July 12th, was the dedication of the finish of the new Duluth Rowing Center. The next day, July 13th, was the 61st Duluth International Regatta, with a record number of competitors. Both days were perfect examples of the great summer weather that Park Pointers are familiar with! A huge thank you to the nearby neighbors that allowed overflow rowing shells, tents, chairs, and spectators access to their private property. The regatta success could not have happened without that kindness.

Duluth rowers won seven of the 28 events on Saturday. 1st places: Master Men's Quad, Junior Men's Eight, Junior Men's Four, Mixed Master's Quad, Master Men's Double, Master Women's Four, and Master Men's Four. Park Pointers Greg Peterson and Tom Rauschenfels were part of the winning crew in three of the events, while Jenny Peterson was on two of the winning crews.

Duluth rowers were second in four of the 28 events: Junior Women's Four, Junior Men's Four, Master Men's Double, and Women's Double.

The next and final DRC hosted event of 2019 is the "famous" Death Row, Sunday, September 15. This 8:00 am shotgun start is directly off the DRC Rowing Center and follows the St. Louis River, approximately 27 kilometers, finishing at Fond du Lac. The race is open to all age rowers, canoes, kayaks, outrigger canoes, and ????. Expect athletes from both Canada and much of the Midwest to attend.

We Get Around



Last month, The Park Point Community Club meeting was held under this tent at the Duluth boat Club site, where we learned of their hopes for future development. This month it will be held at St. Andrews by the Lake Church, following their hosting of National Neighborhood Night Out. What's next?

Park Point Community Club Summer Youth Program Update



I don't have a written report from the Summer Youth Program this month, but if "A picture's worth a thousand words" then here's a couple thousand. At left, kids at the Railroad Museum, and at right, sitting in a wigwam during their Depot field trip. Learning and having fun.

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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

Art Fair Round-up

Well it was quite the art fair weekend. From the beginning there were challenges, primarily the condition of the park and parking lots. Volunteers and myself moved booths, directed people to their new spots and the fair began without too much of a hitch. But for those of you who weren't down there on Sunday; the place was swimming after the storm and heavy rain. The water was up four inches in some booths and things were not looking good. But optimistic attitudes prevailed and most people stuck it out and the crowds came and people made money! One artist regular reported her best sales ever! Some artists reported their best sales on Sunday. Many artists wrote to express thanks for all the help and the calm commitment to making things work. It was by most accounts a wealth of good will and cooperation. I would like to offer comments from artists as a testimony to the work you do.

Comments:

I wanted to thank your tear down volunteers who helped me put everything in my truck so I could get on the road quicker.

I wanted to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who helped to make up this art fair.

I can't think of a more helpful positive group that guided us in set up, general support and a lovely dinner.

The sense of community of all the volunteers working together was amazing.

I want to offer a BIG thank you to you and the volunteers. You all do such a great job. We faced weather challenges but it all worked out.

And from me, a heart felt thank you to all the volunteers for one of the most memorable and enjoyable art fairs in my history.

Carla Tamburro

