



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

At This Point, All Meetings and Events Must Be Considered "Tentatively Scheduled"

Please Check parkpointcommunityclub.org For Updates

Lafayette Edible Garden Potluck Cancelled for April

Park Point Community Club Tentatively Scheduled for April 21st
Social at 6:30
Meeting at 7:00 at Lafayette

Park Point Garden Club
April 24th, 7PM
Contact: Kathy Jacobs
722-2375
All are welcome

Park Point Clean-up
Thursday, May 14
5-7PM

Park Point Rummage Sale, June 12 & 13

Park Point Art Fair
June 27 & 28

Stay Home
Stay Safe



Sign of the Times

This sign at the playground at Lafayette is just one example of the many closures and cancellations facing us all during this "Stay at Home" phase of the battle against the Covid19 pandemic. But this does not mean "the outdoors" is closed. Indeed, getting outside is our salvation.

"Extraordinary", "unprecedented", "a little scary"- all terms used to describe these times as we "hunker down" to avoid spreading the corona virus in our community – and around the world. Schools, restaurants, many businesses closed, meetings and events cancelled. But "social distancing" does not mean social isolation. We can still meet and greet our neighbors, just at a "respectful distance". And here on Park Point we have advantages other communities lack. First and foremost, we have the beach. The ice has finally surrendered, and we can once more hear the lake lapping on the shore. Go out, enjoy it. Perhaps give others a little wider berth, but still greet them with a smile, a wave, a "hello". We are also blessed with a wide and level street, perfect for running, biking, or just strolling along. Watch the birds -we've already spotted the first robins of the spring. Maybe I'm rushing things, but I'm already looking at yards and gardens, waiting for the first green shoots to appear. And though we may curse it at times, our proximity to Canal Park puts us in reach of many restaurants with take-out and delivery options – all in need of our support.

So get out there, enjoy our "extraordinary" sandbar, wave to your "extraordinary" neighbors. And if we have to "stay at home" what better home can there be?

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President's Report

Our extraordinary lives on Park Point have been taken to a whole new level given the global health crisis of Covid-19. We have family from California sheltering here with us and we are so grateful to have the glorious, dynamic beach for our playground during these stressful times. Did you see the surreal signs posted at Lafayette? The playgrounds are closed so head to the beach! I heard the polar explorer Will Steger speaking with Cathy Wurzer this morning on MPR on how he is coping with the pandemic crisis and managing isolation in northern Minnesota. He stressed the importance of staying in a rhythm, setting up a certain routine, going to bed at a certain time, limiting caffeine intake, taking tea a certain times, airing out your space by opening up the windows and letting the cold air in, calming the mind, getting creativity flowing, metering the intake of news, reading a good book, journaling, looking forward to little things. He said that the two to three hours per day he spends outside are the most essential with the rest falling in place by staying in rhythm. Park Point offers a great platform for the essentials! Wishing you the best as you protect your health and care for those around you.

Good news from the Park Point Erosion and High Water Committee! Beach nourishment from the bridge to the S-curve is slated to begin this August. Many thanks to all who have been working on getting something done in the very near future vs. years away. A special thanks to State Senator Erik Simonson and his staff for taking action and moving the process along. The committee has also been working with Representative Pete Stauber's office on requesting federal funding for projects along both sides of Park Point, stay tuned for more from the committee.

Neighbors have questions and concerns about requests by the City for residents to replace or line their private sewer lines and have requested a meeting with the City. Jim Benning, Director of Public Works & Utilities sent this note back:

Thank you for your email and describing your concerns. My staff and I will certainly be available to attend a community meeting and answer questions. The timing of that meeting is a little tricky to plan for right now. City staff will begin working remotely this Wednesday and we are limiting our exposure to large groups. I suggest we put this off until things get back to normal. In the meantime you can rest assured that we will not impose any surcharges, and in fact we don't impose surcharges as long as residents are working with us and staying in communication.

I will have Project Coordinator Andy Swanson put this meeting on his list of priorities to accomplish once he and his crew are fully operational again. Feel free to email me directly again if you have any questions prior to the meeting.

Stay tuned on this front as well.

I hear the kids calling so I am off to get outside for the essentials on the beach.

See you out and about!

Dawn and Bruno, sporting his spring haircut- no more fuzzy bear



A Park Point Easter Egg Hunt

I saw this on Facebook, I think. With most community, and even extended family, Easter Egg hunts cancelled, a way for kids to hunt Easter eggs from sidewalks, bicycles and car windows. People are encouraged to color pictures of eggs and tape them in windows facing the street. Kids passing by can count how many they find. If you have kids, they can color eggs of their own. One more activity to keep them occupied. But you don't need kids to participate. Coloring is fun, even for adults. If you don't have crayons, those pink and yellow hi-lighters will work. And Park Point is perfect for it, with lots of houses right along the "main drag". Join in!



Family Fun Day Rink Party

First of all I would like to thank Plaza SuperOne for its generous donation for this event. Our Rink Party was graced with perfect weather, great ice, good turnout, couldn't have been better. There was food, drink, a nice outdoor fire, a great recipe for fun & socializing. A great time had by all. Many thanks to all who helped.

Rinkman Mark Elden

Thank You

Often, I walk pass bus turn around and see all the litter in the area. This week I walked by and there was no litter. THANK YOU to whoever cleaned the area. It was a big job.
Pam Griggs

Park Point Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale dates are Friday and Saturday, June 12 & 13, 2020 **(WE HOPE!)**

Contact number is 218-729-8925, David Lavamaki, Chairperson.

4 miles and approx 125 yards of Bargains. Food available throughout the event. Just cross the Aerial Lift Bridge to Park Point and start your shopping adventure. Plenty of free parking on both sides of the street. Sorry No Public Area for sales. All sales must be on private property with approval of owners.

Have you ever wondered who suggested there be a special weekend for the Park Point Garage Sale? It was Pat Joyal. Pat was the one who, also, started the Park Point Art Fair. In her quiet way she has done much for our community. Pat is a special Park Pointer and deserves a big "THANK YOU" for building community and raising funds for the Community Club.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Welcome to new gardeners Nancy Litman, Aria Kampfer, and Eldri Snow.

Beth Hall reports on our March 9th potluck dinner meeting. “Our guest speaker, April Hepokoski, filled us with ideas on how we can live a zero-waste life by making more intentional choices as consumers. It is easier than you might think. It starts at the top of a pyramid with Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot.

“Her first suggestion is to take inventory of your household trash: When you see what you toss, you see what you can try to change. Are there plastic food containers that could be replaced with your own reusable cloth bags or jars? If you don’t have any, buy them at thrift stores or rummage sales to give them new life. Bring these reusable containers from home to “bag” produce instead of the pre-bagged options at the store. Seek out the bulk-foods aisle to avoid pre-packaged foods altogether. Reducing use of grocery store’s ‘convenient’ single-use plastics keeps plastic out of the recycling/landfill system and Lake Superior.

“April also suggests evaluating your kitchen garbage. Cut down on trash by collecting food scraps (no meat or any other animal product) in a container and donating them to the compost bins at our community garden. Besides keeping this waste out of landfills where it produces methane gas, it makes great new soil for the gardens.

“For more information, Google Zero Waste International, April’s ZeroWasteDuluth on Facebook, and her preschool blog zerowastenatureschool.com. She suggests starting with one or two ideas until they become a normal part of your routine. Have a family discussion about everyone trying to be on board with zero-waste living, and go easy on yourselves as you transition.”

We need your leaves:

As of this writing, WLSSD is closed, so you can’t bring your yard waste there. If you need to get rid of leaves left over from last fall, bag them up and bring them to the community garden at Lafayette Square. Just set the bags inside the gate or dump the leaves (not the bags) into the compost bins along the fence on the lake-side of the garden.

Upcoming Events:

The city has closed Lafayette Community Center due to concerns about the Corona virus. Therefore, our planned potluck for April 13 has been canceled. We are unsure how long the community center will be closed at this time. We look forward to delicious potluck dinners and informative programs again soon. Our community garden potluck dinners encourage intellectual inquisitiveness, community spirit and simple fun.

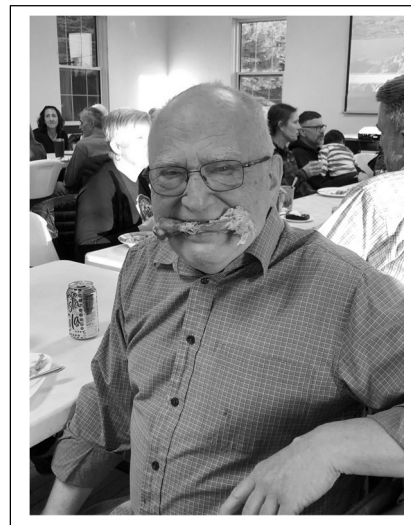
For future reference, Coral McDonnell is the contact person for folks interested in our community garden and potluck dinners. She can be contacted at 218- 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net. Our monthly potluck dinners are FREE and open to all Park Pointers. They take place at the Lafayette Community Club. Please bring your own plates, silverware, beverage and a dish to share.

May 11, 6 to 8 p.m. Julie Allen from the Duluth Community Garden Program will talk about the Vegetable of the Year: broccoli.

June 8, 6 to 8 p.m. Program on climate change with Rachel Wagner.

-Susan Peters

Don Lemmerman hams it up a community garden potluck dinner.





What I've been waiting for – waves on the beach. Much as I enjoy the ice formations, and fat biking the frozen beach, this – when the lake is free – this is why we live here.

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.

Need music? Call: (218) 606-1670



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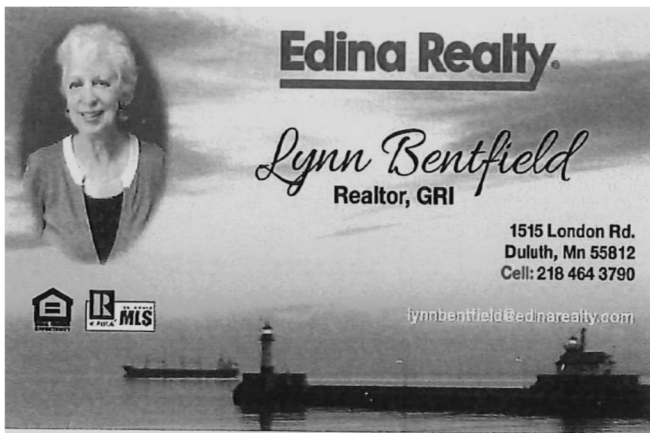
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*We are a people on the Way to
knowing, loving, and serving God
and neighbor!*

Dear Friends, we are not meeting in person for the
near future. Check the website for online
worship: standrewsbythelake.org

Prayer for People Facing Great Uncertainty

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills
the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope
and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty.
Bring hope that you will make them the equal of
whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure
what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and
wholeness; you are God, and we need you.

—Taken from *A New Zealand Prayer Book—He Karakia
Mihinare o Aotearoa* (adapted)

The Rev. Marta Maddy
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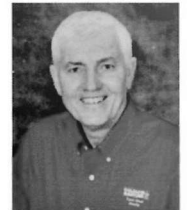
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Environmental Report

The trees are coming May 14th and we need
planters. Please call me at 727-4067 if you have a
shovel and a bucket to put them in. If you have an
area that you would like to see planted please let us
know. They will all be White Pine.

Eagles are migrating through, watch out for your
small dogs and cats. I have found the remains of
many small animals below the nest on Hearing
island.

Dick Gould

An issue without meeting minutes gives me the space to reprint the full **Park Point Community Club Membership List** -hopefully more accurately and completely than last time. And once again I'm including a membership form, and reminding everyone it's not too late to join. The community club, and the community itself, remain strong.

<p>Alfonsi, Karen Anderson, Brooks & McDonnel, Coral Anderson, Lyle Ball, Lee Bentfield, Lynn & Bill Bernick, chas & Debora Beechler, Lynn Bjorgaard, Mary & Pearson, Steve Bohlman, Richard & Benita Boynton, Bob & Sandy Bray, John & Karen Brostrom, John & Stephenie Brown,Barbara Brown,Sue Brozic,Tom&Jean Bruno, Frederick & Caroline Buck, Dawn & Ted Buck,Sally & Tim Catanzarile, Kathy Cantoni, Georgina & McMillan, Jheri Carlson, Sandra & Gene Cervenka, Debbie Christsen, Evonne Christainson, Malcolm & Shelia Cleveland,Jerry &Anderson, Marge Crain,MaryLou Dale, Karen & Miller, Jane Dartanyan, Alan & Cheryl Davern, Char Dodge, Clare Doty, Diane Dunleavy, Gloria Dunleavy, Pat Elden, Mark Ellison, Tom & Joanne Edgerton, Brad Erickson, Mark & Sue Fiero, Dolores Fisher, Pat Fogerty, David & Amy Gaidis, Mike & Mary Gallice,Ritch & JoAnn Gardonio, Michael Gehl, Len & Lois Glass, Gary Gleekel, Beth & Tony Gould, Dick & Diane Griggs, Pam Griggs, Patricia Griggs, Tom Grover, Mary & Brian Haller, Sigurd Harney, Molly Harrison, Judy Hill, Carol Howe, Warren / Karon, Jan</p>	<p>Hooper, Elizabeth Gay Huberty, Barb Hughly, Red and Mary Hunter, Rene Jackson, Ken Jackson, Mary Johnson, Bryan / Maki, Barbara Johnson, Denny & Sue Johnson, Ron & Elizabeth Stauber-Johnson Johnson, Steve/Korndrath, Carol Karsell, Kris and Caroline Kennedy, TJ & Valene Kerns, Gale & Jeri Kerns, Carolyn / Harsha, Nate Kerns, Gordon Kollolge, Ken & Kathy Krenelka, Glen Kreieger, Peter/McKahann Lanz, Michelle & Martin Lavamaki, Dave & Diane Lent, Bob & Carole LeSage, Deven & Kristen Lewis, Anne Lombardi, Richard Lundgren, Muriel Lunning, Bruce & Stephanie Maki, Robert & Francyne McKay, Tom & Liz McGough, Larry & Maureen McKinney, John & Suzanne McLeete, Loranda & Paul Meagher, Jerry & Harriet Medlin, Joe Medlin, Mike, Deborah, Justin, Stacy Monge, Jim & Mary Ann Murray, Judy Neinstadt, Anita Nelson, Rebecca Newberg, Randy & Janet Newman, Deb O'Hearn, Erin Olson, Nancy O'Neil, Dan Pauley, Peter & Jo Paulson, Jeanette Pederson, Sherry & Jeff Pessenda, Joe & Jean Peters, Patty Peters, Susan Peterson, Greg & Jenny Peterson, Richard & Patricia Peyton, Beryl</p>	<p>Pietroski, Walt & Geri Pitcher, Gratia LI/Eggert, David L Poulin, Dave Puglisi, Frank & Marian Quackenbush, Mary Anne Ralph, Charles R. Rauschenfels, Tom & Kris Reinert, Roger Reierson, Shirley / Gruba, Jim Remer, Dennis & Laura Renken, Arlene Reyelts, Steve & Barbara Reyers, Jan & Bonnie Robins, Al & Sheryl Rogers, Jim Rogers, Jim & Tina Roise, Charlene Ross, Mary & Dan Russ, Chris / Osell, Sara Rys, Nancy, Jim & Joe Sedgwick, John & Nancy Sanft, Ted & Molly Schmidt, Susan/Hadland, Jerry Shimmin, Dale/ Kaim, Ethelyn(Lyn) Sorczak, Ted & Liz Soderstrom, John Sola, Dale & Betty Sola, Steven / Mullins, Mia Speer, Jeff & Kari Stevensen, Dave Strum, Rhonda & Scott Stuermer, Jeff & Laura Taggart, Nancy Tanttari, Jacob & Kaye Toftey, Gail & Bob Trener, Paul & Mary Tripp, Doug & Rosemary Trolander, Judy Van Dyke Van Dyken / Foster, Sherri Wallerstein, Dan & McCouty, Cathy Watts, Howard Wegner, Lynn Wehner, Bernie Wells, Mac Wing, Amy & Todd Witrac, gundrun & Geof Wolff, Scott/Hall, Beth Young, Joyce Youngblood, Keely</p>
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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

Quotations from The Farmer's Mother's Almanac, 2020
by Janne Goldbeck and Paula Jull

April:

In April, your perennials and shrubs will still be semi dormant.

Bulbs will be sullen and reluctant to emerge. Plants at this season have

trouble understanding sun and warmth. To help them overcome their

early spring lethargy, dance gently every morning close to their beds.

Dances in which you sway a lot are especially helpful. Do not engage in

wild dances, as these only irritate the plants, sometimes causing them

to refuse to emerge or bud until late July. You can also hum softly as you clean the gardens. Try songs about mornings and sun. Do not hum lullabies and stay away from *April Showers* or other didactic songs.



