



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Meet and Eat with Your Neighbors

**Neighborhood  
Night Out Pot-luck  
and PPCC Meeting**  
August 7<sup>th</sup>  
6 to 8p.m.  
at Lafayette

**Park Point Garden  
Club Thursday,  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
7:00pm contact:  
Liz Mackay  
722-1834  
all are welcome**

**Next  
Community Edible  
Garden Club  
Meeting and  
Potluck Monday  
September 17th  
6p.m.**

**Enjoy the summer!**



It's been a few years since we did a National Night Out pot-luck and community gathering at Lafayette. Had to dig back to 2014 to find this picture. Not sure who took it, but since I'm in it, it wasn't me. But we're doing it again, and **TUESDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>** is the date. **6 to 8 pm**, or thereabouts. We'll be grilling hot dogs and brats, and our Club Treasurer has promised a big ol' pot of beans. Please bring a dish to share, and come join us. And even though we'll be squeezing a short Community Club meeting into the middle of it, note that this is an event for the whole community, not just the Community Club. **All Are Welcome!**

## ***The Breeze***

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are due by 8/27/18

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## **President's Report**

Hi Neighbors,

Hoping you are enjoying our many spectacular days on Park Point by walking on the beach, puttering in your gardens and playing on or in the water. I love observing the joy of kids floating and splashing in the lake and recently heard a young person exclaiming, "This is just the best, being on the water, and looking up at the city, you guys are so lucky!" While riding my bike to work and weaving through the busy canal scape after a bridging, I heard a biking tourist exclaim, "I am so glad we decided to come to Duluth, this is so much fun! I didn't even know we would be able to ride right down here and across the bridge!" Yes, we "put up" with a lot of extra people pressures on the island; for me, observing the joy makes it doable.

Kudos to the PPCC volunteers who had an idea about Exploring and Celebrating Park Point during Lake Superior Days and made it happen! I had an opportunity to show a relatively new neighbor a few highlights during a bike tour of the north part of the island. The enthusiasm and spirit of Park Pointers is admirable! Thank you to all of our neighbors who worked on this initial celebration of Park Point during Lake Superior Days.

The Rowing Club hosted the July PPCC meeting in their newest building and gave tours of the entire facility and features, thanks to the DRC for hosting another summer meeting. Stop on by and check it out, the entire project is an amazing accomplishment and a source of pride for Park Point and Duluth. If you would like to read a great book on the grand history of rowing in Duluth, check out Mike Cochran's book, *Invincible: History of the Duluth Boat Club*.

The little grand kids are visiting and this morning enroute to the beach we were greeted by three powered parachutes and a pair of cottontail bunnies followed by a young eagle chased by a bold seagull- never dull on Park Point!

Here's to exciting and extraordinary lives on Minnesota Point!  
Dawn & Klaus, canine companion



**A pair of "Eights" battle it out during the 2018 International Regatta**

## Park Point Community Club Minutes

The July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Park Point Community Club Meeting was called to order by Dawn Buck, President. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Duluth Rowing Club facility. The normal business meeting agenda was suspended to accommodate speaker Greg Happala. Greg is in charge of the 5 Mile run on Park Point on 7/18/2018. He said Minnesota Ave. at 2300 block will be closed to traffic from 6:00 to 7:30pm. There will also be a water station at Lafayette Square.

The normal business meeting resumed with the approval of the minutes from the June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. Alan Dartanyan, Breeze editor, clarified his statement made in the Breeze about the printing of the membership list. This list is scheduled to print in the Breeze one time during the year. This year, the list was printed more often, but that is not the norm. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. The remaining membership votes were all ayes.

### **Treasurer's Report – Al Robins**

Beginning balance as of June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2018	\$46,258
Ending balance as of June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	\$42,420

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as given by Al Robins. The remaining membership votes were all ayes.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Art Fair Committee – Carla Tamburo**

Diane Gould reported the artists were happy this year with the results. Diane noted that 30 new artists were added.

#### **Breeze Committee– Alan Dartanyan**

Alan reported the Breeze process was going okay.

#### **Environmental Committee – Dick Gould**

Reminded us once again about the large amount of poison ivy growing on the Point this summer. The City is aware of the problem but has not made a decision about getting rid of it. There are many monarch butterflies on Herding Island. Good sign. A couple of deer are on the Point. Many geese are here. Dick said there is a lot of debris left down here. Clothes, roller blades, 3 sets of car keys, & etc.

#### **Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck**

Thanks to the Duluth Rowing Club to provide treats for our community club meeting this month.

#### **Neighborhood Watch Committee – All present**

The major complaint is the speeding that takes place on the Point. One of our police officers that spoke several months ago said if you witness these types of wrong behavior on the Point, if possible write down their license number. If you don't get the number, still call 911 and report the behavior. He also said getting the first three digits of their license number, plus color, make and model is very helpful. Need to report to police.

#### **Program Committee – David Poulin**

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is Neighborhood Night Out. No programs have been scheduled until Fall.

#### **Rummage Sale Committee – David Lavamaki**

Nothing to report. Rummage sale went well this year and it is time to start collecting for next year.

#### **Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum**

Program going well this summer. Kevin and Karen said the attendees are being kept busy. There is going to be a sand modeling contest on Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00AM to 3:00 PM.

#### **Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs**

Three cards were sent out last month. One sympathy, Two Get Well, and one Thinking of You.

#### **Old Business**

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Neighborhood Night Out from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at Lafayette Square. Bratwurst, hot dogs, buns condiments, baked beans and lemonade will be provided. Please bring a dish to share pot luck style.

MPPS (Minnesota Point Preservation Society) is working on preventing erosion of the soil, poison ivy concerns and replacing handrails behind Lafayette Square.

Brian Madsen from the Sky Harbor Airport said the Sky Harbor Runway Relocation project will resume work in September, 2018.

#### **New Business**

Thank you Duluth Rowing Club for hosting the July meeting at your facility. Jennie Peterson spoke about the campaign funds that have been raised. As a fun way to help raise funds needed, the club will be selling pavers with names inscribed on them. Cost is \$125. If you are interested in getting a paver with a particular name, please contact the Duluth Rowing Club for more information.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. The remaining membership votes were all ayes. Submitted by Sheryl Robins

## A sea (lake) of plastics...

This is my first spring living on the lake side of Park Point. As the snow and ice melted away, I was left with the inexplicable conclusion that the beautiful lake is absolutely polluted and full of PLASTIC! I suspect because we are the Western shore of the lake we get everything washing our way but the sheer amount of plastic debris floating, in the water and on the beach both disgusting and amazed me at the same time.

All plastics, especially single use (water bottles, straws, plastic bags, etc.) break down but do not go away. They turn into micro-plastic (small plastic particles) that actually are capable of absorbing pollutants from our environment. These micro-plastics then get into our drinking water, the air we breathe and the plants and animals we eat. Every fish and critter in the lake and on the land (including us) have a measurable amount of toxic micro-plastic in our systems.

Recycling and cleanups are a good but the only real way to stop this critical tragedy is to STOP USING SINGLE USE PLASTICS.

Sit down, grab a cup of coffee (made with tap or bottled water that is full of micro-plastics) and get ready for some facts:

- \* It takes over 1000 years for most plastic to break down into the more toxic micro-plastics.
- \* Americans use 500 Million straws PER DAY, EVERYDAY, that are not going anywhere. Straws are hollow and too light to recycle so the first one ever made is still in a landfill somewhere!
- \* Humans buy over 1 million plastic bottles per MINUTE and only 23% of them are recycled. It takes 2 gallons of fresh water and ¼ of the bottles size in crude oil to make EACH BOTTLE.
- \* 4 trillion plastic bags are used each year with only 1% ever being recycled. These are especially toxic and bad for the critters as they bleach out and look identical to jellyfish and plants which are both food sources for many animals.
- \* Micro-plastics are in the air, the water, the fish, the birds, the critters and all of us ...even in our locally produced beer! (Now I have your attention.)

So what can we do? It is very simple. STOP USING SINGLE USE PLASTICS.

- \* Refuse a straw and ask your local restaurant and coffee shop to not automatically put them into drinks. If you need a straw buy a stainless steel or glass reusable straw.
- \* Bring totes and reusable bags to the grocery store...EVERYTIME. If you forget go without a bag and put everything in a recyclable cardboard box.
- \* Buy and use a reusable water bottle. We are fortunate that Duluth tap water tastes great and is purer than the bottle stuff you buy in the store.
- \* Purchase products with minimal packaging.
- \* Reduce, reuse and recycle ALL OF THE TIME!
- \* Over 132 cities and 18 states in the U.S. have banned single use plastic

There is only one way to stop the proliferation of plastic in the lakes, streams, land and air and that is to stop using single use plastics bags. Most of Europe and even third world countries have banned the use of these plastic bags ... but not in Duluth! At least not yet!

We need to take personal responsibility and be the change you want to see in the environment. We can make a difference, but only if we all try and make a conscience effort to stop using single use plastics. If not for yourself or your children, do it for the fish and critters that live in and around our beautiful Lake Superior. Do it for the Planet!

Joe Montisano



## Set an Example: Slow It Down

If you live – or have driven – down to the end of the Point recently you’ve probably noticed this speed trailer parked along the “drag strip” near 37<sup>th</sup> street. For years, one of Park Point residents biggest complaints has been speeding traffic -teenagers, tourists, “mainlanders” - racing down the straightaway that is Minnesota Avenue. But every time we’ve asked for, and received, extra traffic enforcement, the police have reported that the majority of the speeders they stop are Park Point residents! So.... if we really want to slow down the traffic, we need to set an example. Even if you’re trying to beat the bridge, or just escape the craziness of Canal Park, please, slow it down!

The Editor

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**HEEL YOUR DOG**

*First, Dog Poop  
Now, Goose Poop  
That's a lot and weather is hot...  
When your dog poops  
PICK IT UP!*

## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

At our July 16 potluck dinner meeting, Ellie Alspach took us on a virtual tour of our community garden by providing us with maps of the garden. These detailed maps clearly show where our crops are planted and the specific variety of each vegetable. There is a reference copy of the map located in the garden.

Many of the seeds we used this year are heirloom varieties from the Seed Savers Exchange in Iowa. At this meeting, we reviewed some of those and learned of their histories. On Ellie's map, those heirloom plants are highlighted in blue. They include such things as Malibar Spinach that climbs on the fence by the asparagus patches; Early Hanover Melons that are planted in the compost bin; and Clemson Okra located in the bed just to the left once you enter the gate.

On hand at our meeting were Kristen Stuchis and Michael Gabler, long-time supporters of our garden and founders of the Hillside Community Orchard. They are moving to Iowa to continue their careers and try gardening in a new location. We were happy to have the chance to honor them for all they have done for the Duluth Community Garden Program.

In August, we will not have a potluck dinner and we encourage everyone to participate in the Neighbors Night Out event on August 7.

All Park Pointers are invited to our events. For more information, or if you are interested in becoming a member, contact Coral 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net

### Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 17, 6 p.m., potluck dinner meeting.

-Susan Peters

## **BiNGo!**

*Every Thursday, Everyone Welcome*

*11:15 AM*

*Only .50 a card*

Baypoint Estates Club Room

(building #2, closest to the bay)

coffee is served

Questions? Call Anita 651-208-9476

### Editor:

There is a city ordinance requiring residents to keep obstructions off and away from city sidewalks. I believe it must be clear of trees and hedges on both sides to 7' high. Also, sump pump hoses should be flexible and able to be traversed easily. Thank you.

Mark Eldon

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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 Sargent Gayle Holton 730-5625 (cell 390-2266) or email [gholton@duluthmn.gov](mailto:gholton@duluthmn.gov)

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

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### **Environmental Report**

Crows!

We have an increasing population of them here on the Point and at the same time many other birds are going away. They are not flying away. The crows are eating them. A few years ago we had Orioles, Kingbirda, Wrens, Robins and other species nesting in this area. This year we only had two Robin nests in our yard and only one of them was successful! The Crows ate all the eggs and the hatchlings. They are the worst small bird predator!

If you are one of those who are feeding them, please stop! If you would like to know how to get rid of them, please call me. 727-4067 or 348-3768

Dick Gould