



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community  
Edible Garden  
Holiday Potluck and  
Party, Monday,  
December 9, 6-8PM  
at Lafayette**

**Park Point  
Convenience Store  
Focus Group  
December 10, 6PM at  
the Fairfield Inn**

**High Water and  
Erosion Committee  
Meeting Monday  
December 16, 6:30PM  
at Lafayette Park**

**Point Garden Club  
Thursday December  
19, 6PM Christmas  
Dinner by Officers  
Contact: Kathy Jacobs  
722-2375**

**Park Point  
Community Club  
No December Meeting  
Membership Meeting  
and Pizza Party  
January 21!**

**C'mon Mother  
Nature!  
I like snow, but this is  
just cruel!**

## City Hall in the City



Mayor  
Larson  
mingles and  
talks with  
Park Point  
residents  
on  
November  
13<sup>th</sup> at  
Lafayette.

Mayor Emily Larson brought her Department heads to a “City Hall in the City” event at Lafayette on November 13<sup>th</sup> at Lafayette. The main focus of the event was the streets maintenance plan, and while streets on Park Point aren’t scheduled for work at this time, certainly some upcoming projects - particularly Superior Street and the Lake Avenue bridge – will be affecting us.

This being Park Point, of course the subject of high water was brought up. And while that is far from just a City problem, they do have a role in it, and a few department heads were able to weigh in on this. Utility Program Coordinator Andy Swanson, AKA “The sump pump guy”, spoke about the storm water being pumped into the street. The sanitary sewer lining project won’t directly affect this – they are separate systems. But preventing sanitary sewer overflows will at least keep the water in the street “cleaner”, and preventing inflows may increase the capacity of the sanitary sewers, and possibly allow at least some of the people now pumping water into the street to discharge it into the sanitary sewer lines.

He also recognized the problem of ice buildup from the sump pump discharges. City plows have already been down here several times to clear the buildup at intersections, and he said when it gets bad, call! Complaints from residents are the driving force for getting things done!

## *The Breeze*

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Submissions for the January issue are due by 12/27/19

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## **President's Report**

Hi Neighbors,

I have on my desk a crisp copy of the September 2, 1999 Edition of the PPCC Breeze produced by "temporary volunteer Coordinators" Arlene R. and Rebecca T. during a time of volunteer transition within the Club.

I came across this Breeze while working with several neighbors in tidying up the office at Lafayette. I am not sure why this copy was sitting around by itself but I am grateful that it caught my eye. Rebecca T. wrote this in the Sept. 1999 Breeze, "I have and will continue to benefit every time someone tries to contribute. I enjoy a long list of benefits such as artful gardens, parks, the preservation of natural areas, access to all kinds of activities and more. A strong community atmosphere and sense of pride goes with these things. We've got one of the greatest clubs in town. And this is because people volunteer and work hard to make it happen. We don't have to agree about everything to acknowledge time and effort has been donated. All we need is to accept it for what it is, a gift."

I feel a deep sense of gratitude for the many dedicated PPCC volunteers when perusing the old Breezes. At the time, they may have not even realized how important their work was or how it would affect the future. We are now living in the wake of their efforts and enjoy the many benefits of their talents, skills and tenacity. In that issue, Park Pointers were spending their time producing the Minnesota Point Environmental Management Plan, working to preserve the pine forest at Sky Harbor, preserving a wetland park at 41st bayside, planting trees, studying and working on erosion mitigation projects, running a successful youth program, shining a light on street and infrastructure woes. Sound familiar?

Thankfully, Park Pointers continue to say yes and future Duluthians will share in the sense of connection and gratitude for the work done today.

Speaking of gratitude, Mayor Larson and department heads visited Lafayette in November, listened carefully and took concerns seriously. Ice build-up from sump pump discharge was removed from the streets and sidewalks and a storm drain was repaired. City Engineer Tom Pfeffer hosted an evening meeting to inform Park Pointers about the sewer lining project and has been following up with updates and information on sewer vs. storm drain. His helpful and detailed explanation is posted on our website, [parkpointcommunityclub.org](http://parkpointcommunityclub.org). Alayna Johnson from Parks and Rec. visited the meeting to talk about planning for spring beach sweeps. Please contact her at [amjohnson@duluthmn.gov](mailto:amjohnson@duluthmn.gov) to help with planning and logistics. Isaac Schultz with Congressman Pete Stauber's office came to listen to residents' needs and concerns related to erosion and high water. ([isaac.schultz@mail.house.gov](mailto:isaac.schultz@mail.house.gov)) Gale Kerns of the Erosion and High Water committee presented a review of the committee's work; they have reviewed a variety of studies, as well as the history of what has been done over the years and are working on crafting the next steps. Councilor Elect Derek Medved attended the entire meeting and chatted with neighbors afterwards. He says he is looking forward to spending time with us and learning more about our community.

It's time for me to head out for shoveling with my new made in the USA Back Saver Pathmaster Ultra and see how many neighbors helping neighbors I can find- I won't have to look too far.

Here's to extraordinary living on Park Point! Happy Holidays!

Dawn & Bruno, newly adopted, large "Fuzz Bomb" canine companion

PS Membership Pizza Party in January, third Tuesday 6:30pm at Lafayette

## **Park Point community Club Minutes**

The November 19, 2019 Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order by Dawn Buck, President, at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 15<sup>th</sup> minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. The remaining membership votes were all ayes.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report given by Al Robins. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

Beginning Balance 10/1/2019	\$28,388
Ending Balance 10/31/2019	\$24,477

The regular business meeting agenda was temporarily suspended due to visiting speakers. First, Adam and Ryan from the City of Duluth Police Department introduced themselves as part of the police group patrolling Park Point. It was noted that a stolen vehicle was recovered on the Point on Monday, October 18, 2019. Again, they requested residents call 911 to report incidents. 911 calls are the most immediate way to report problems no matter how severe the offense. Obtaining a license plate number is a big help. Second speaker was Alayna Johnson from the City of Duluth. Alayna spoke about a new program the city is starting that involves city cleanup. She is working with Cheryl Skaftke on a spring campaign. The Park Point portion would be beach cleanup. This would possibly take place in May, 2020. Volunteers would be needed. All of this is in the beginning planning stage. Alayna said she is available at [amjohnson@duluthmn.org](mailto:amjohnson@duluthmn.org).

Third speaker was Isaac Shultz, District Director, working in the Hermantown, Mn. Congressman Pete Stauber's office. Isaac said he was at the PPCC meeting to start getting involved with the water problem. He will be attending a committee meeting of the high water and erosion challenges affecting Park Point. Gale Kearns read the findings from the survey that was taken. Those findings should be on the website.

### **Committee Reports**

**Art Fair – Carla Tamburro**

Carla told the club about the 2019 Art Fair and thanked everyone for their participation. She also brought a budget, for approval, for the 2020 Art Fair. This should be a special event as the upcoming Art Fair will be in celebration of 50 years. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget for the 2020 Art Fair. Remaining membership votes were all ayes. Carla said new members for the Art Fair Committee would be appreciated. If you would like to be a part of the event, please contact Carla Tamburro.

**Breeze – Alan Dartanyan**

Alan said not a lot was new at this time. He said he was trying to keep everyone informed on concerns of the residents.

**Environmental Committee – Dick Gould**

The deer, bird migrations, foxes and rabbit happenings were all normal for this time of year. He did say the Plovers were not doing well due to the loss of sand. Next summer, there will be a planting of more white pines.

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

Many thanks for bringing refreshments to the meeting.

**Neighborhood Watch Committee – All Present**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Program Committee – David Poulin**

David spoke of several possible upcoming speakers for the coming months.

**Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki**

Nothing new to report

**Summer Youth Program – Rhonda Strum**

Nothing new to report

**Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs**

One Sympathy card and one get well card sent last month.

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**Old Business –**

John McKinney has and will be meeting with the Canal Park Business Assoc. group concerning disruptions and etc. with the upcoming road repairs. Also, he will be able to keep us up to date with possible changes to the Canal Park District which could affect Park Point.

Eric Medvet, newly elected City Councilman, was at our meeting. Introduced himself and said he was there to listen.

**New Business –**

There will be no December, 2019 Park Point Community Club meeting.

The January, 2020 meeting will be a pizza party. This is a normal occurrence to start off the year's membership drive. Please plan to attend.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

Submitted by Sheryl Robins

**News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden**

At our November 12th potluck dinner meeting, we hosted food writer Bonnie Ambrosi as our guest speaker. Her talk was "Why Vegan?" She said the three main reasons why people choose to go vegan or simply to go on a plant-based diet are health, environmental concerns, and animal welfare. She said that gradually moving toward more plant-based eating is easy: You never have to go without food. Bonnie encourages eating a selection of vegetables of many different colors in order to get nourishment from the different phytonutrients represented by each color.

Bonnie went on to tell us about the unhealthy environments of large factory cattle feed lots. Cattle are given antibiotics to counteract the unhealthiness. Those antibiotics remain in the meat and get digested by us when we eat the meat. Again, it's much healthier to eat a plant-based diet. Eating more plant-based foods, more sustainable non-factory farmed animal foods, and less animal products is also healthier for the environment. For example, 25% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions come from the livestock industry; and 70% of the world's fresh water is used by the meat and dairy industries. She ended her talk by quoting the title of Michael Pollan's book. Eat Real Food, Not Too Much, Mostly Plants.

Also at our November potluck we enjoyed some See's candy sent to us by our friend LeAne Rutherford from her new home in California!

At our holiday gathering in December, we would like to start a new tradition. We plan to have a large poster board available that we can think of as a blank canvas. We invite all attendees to grab a marker (supplied) and participate in some artwork to create a holiday collaboration of the Lafayette Community Edible Garden. We will encourage everyone to draw some of the elements they love best about the garden this year. We encourage you to bring items that are cut out as well, to help create a collage, or to be open to draw and to help us crowdsource a 2019 collaborative piece of art that shares how we all think of and appreciate all that our community garden and Park Point has to offer.

As usual, make a favorite holiday recipe to share at our December gathering. This could be your grandmother's Christmas cookie recipe or that amazing secret family homemade eggnog. Remember to bring along plates, silverware, cups and a beverage. Dress in your holiday best or funniest for the party. We won't be doing a gift exchange among ourselves but we will be collecting gifts for kids and families at Steve O'Neill apartments. Multicultural books for children and teens as well as bags of fruit would be appreciated. But if you have other things you'd like to donate, bring them along.

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:**

Monday, December 9, 6 to 8 p.m., holiday potluck dinner and party.

No potluck dinner meeting in January. Happy New Year.

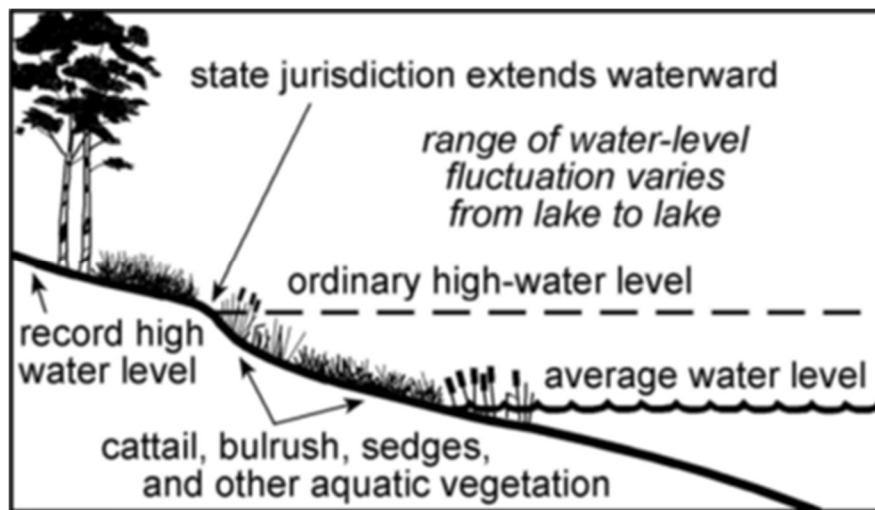
-Susan Peters

## How can I stabilize my eroding shoreline?

The Superior Bay shoreline along Park Point is within the Natural Resource Overlay (NRO) District for the City of Duluth. The Purpose of the NRO is to promote, preserve and enhance the water resources and environment within the City and to protect them from adverse effects caused by poorly sited or incompatible development. The NRO is an overlay district established in the Unified Development Chapter (UDC) and applies to wetlands, flood plains, shorelands and storm water management and soil erosion. The Shoreland overlay applies to lands within 1,000 feet of Lake Superior or within 300 feet of rivers, creeks, streams, tributaries and floodplains as designated on the City's NRO map.

The State Shoreland rules allow the placement of riprap in certain cases by obtaining permits from the local government and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR). According to the MNDNR web site rock riprap protection should be limited to the amount necessary to protect eroding areas from wave action or high stream velocities. It should only be used where an erosion problem has been documented and can require approval of the MNDNR and the City of Duluth, depending on the scope of work. The State has guidelines available on the MNDNR web page regarding the protection of shoreline here: [https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/publications/waters/shoreline/alterations\\_riprap.pdf](https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/publications/waters/shoreline/alterations_riprap.pdf)

Activities such as the installation of rip-rap along the Bay shoreline requires review and permitting by the City of Duluth and MNDNR depending on the location of the work being completed. Both the City and MNDNR require that the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) be identified prior to completing work activity including installing rip-rap. The OHWL is a mark delineating the highest water level that has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence upon the landscape. The ordinary high water mark is commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial. Typically work that is being completed above the OHWL requires a Shoreland permit from the City while work completed below the OHWL and extending waterward (see diagram below) requires permitting from the MNDNR.



Source MNDNR web site

The MNDNR is responsible for determining the OHWL and strongly recommends that property owners contact the local DNR Waters area hydrologist for a correct OHWL determination before attempting to alter the shoreline. The area hydrologist for the Duluth is Patricia Fowler [patricia.fowler@state.mn.us](mailto:patricia.fowler@state.mn.us).

In addition to having a determination of the OHWL by the MNDNR, Park Point residents with property along the Bay shoreline must also apply for a Shoreland permit from the City of Duluth prior to installing rip-rap. Residents should contact the City of Duluth Planning and Development Division at (218) 730-5580 to request a meeting with staff to review the permit process prior to submitting for a Shoreland permit. Additionally a Fill Permit and an Erosion Control permit may be needed and an application for them can be made at Construction Services permitting office located at City Hall room 100. These additional permits will require that an accurate scaled site plan with the OHWL identified be prepared indicating all of the features for the proposed rip-rap installation. Shoreland Permits are reviewed by the City Planning and Development Division Staff and issued by the Construction Services office.

Submitted by the High Water and Erosion committee

Need music? Call: (218) 606-1670



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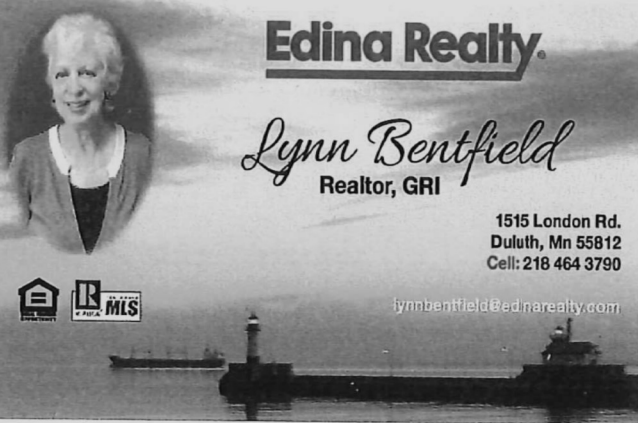
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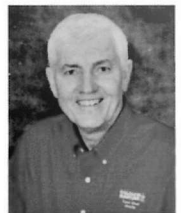
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### **Thank you Mayor Larson**

for beginning to work with Health in the Hillside to develop a Wellness Center in the Hillside. If we can't do our exercises, we won't be able to shovel our sidewalks!

Amid all the questions and comments about the City Plan for street repairs and the high water and sidewalk shoveling issues, there was no time to advocate for a Hillside Community Wellness Center. So we were able to give Mayor Larson our "written comments" after the general meeting. I estimate that almost half of Park Pointers like us used the former fitness center at Miller-Dwan to stay healthy or get healthy. We are planning a public event in January or February to help create a new wellness center in the Hillside.

Watch the January Breeze for the date or go to our website or Facebook to find out:

- ⚙ Who we are
- ⚙ What we've done
- ⚙ What we envision
- ⚙ What YOU want
- ⚙ How YOU can help

Become a supporter:  
healthinthehillside.com...also on Facebook

### **Thinking toward Spring!**

**Would you be interested in helping organize a beach clean-up on Park Point? The city is looking for people to help put an effort together. Many of us pick up trash on the beach regularly. It would be nice to have city support. If you'd like to help, contact**

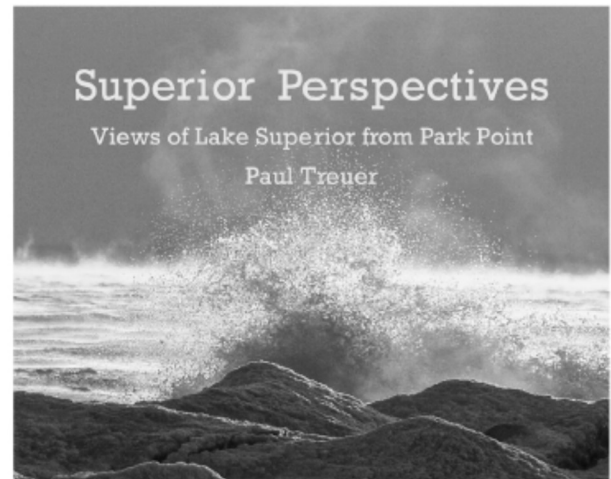
**Alayna Johnson at**

[amjohnson@duluthmn.org](mailto:amjohnson@duluthmn.org).



Interested in being more involved with the Park Point Art Fair? The committee is looking for new people to join and help planning for our 50th annual event. Big deal! Big ideas? Join us. Call Carla Tamburro 218-348-7338

### **A Great Gift Idea!**



Books are available for \$30 at Waters of Superior, 395 South Lake Ave

Giclee prints are available at Master Framing Gallery, 1431 London Road

## *The Breeze*

Park Point Community Club

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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](mailto:eroe@duluthmn.gov)

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

City Councilor Em Westerlund (218) 355-1137 [ewesterlund@duluthmn.gov](mailto:ewesterlund@duluthmn.gov)

### **Park Point Convenience Store Focus Group**

#### **FAIRFIELD INN AND SUITES WATERFRONT**

Hello neighbors! We are inviting fellow Park Pointers to join us for a discussion on ways to make the hotel's convenience store more useful for everyone. We would love to hear any and all ideas on products you would like to see in the store. Our goal is to provide a convenient store that can be utilized by the community. Please join us Tuesday December 10th, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the hotel. We will provide snacks and refreshments. Also, all participants will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate for a free room night at the Duluth property.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments or you would like to attend please reach out to Ellen Betzold by phone 218.722.6001 or email [ebetzold@golderhospitality.com](mailto:ebetzold@golderhospitality.com).

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