



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Rink Party at Lafayette
Sunday February 9th
Noon – 4PM

High Water and Erosion Committee Meeting, Monday, February 10th, 6:30PM at Lafayette

Duluth Polar Plunge February 15th, 2PM at the Park Point Recreation Area

Park Point Community Club February 18th Social at 6:30 Meeting at 7:00 at Lafayette

Park Point Garden Club February 28th, 7PM Contact: Kathy Jacobs 722-2375 All are welcome

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

Anybody Seen the Sun?

Rinkman Mark Elden reported a 2020 record of 5 kids on the ice, Sunday, January 26th. But we can beat that. Remember we're planning a rink party at Lafayette, on February 9th, from noon to 4PM. At this point we don't know what will be there except ice and an open warming shack. But come on down, lace up your skates, or borrow a pair from our loaner bins. It's bound to be a good time



Winter Wet Work

City crews and contractors are continuing the cleaning and inspection of the sanitary sewer lines along Park Point. You should have received a letter from City of Duluth Senior Engineer Tom Pfeffer laying out the timeline for this project: January/February 2020: cleaning and CCTV inspection. March/April 2020: install CIPP pipe liner and post lining activities. May 22, 2020, Contract complete. Let's wish them good weather and good outcomes from all their work.

The Breeze

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by 2/27/20

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President's Report

Hello Neighbors,

It was nice to see so many neighbors at the pizza party last week! We counted just about sixty hungry pizza enthusiasts who gathered to hear Dr. John Swenson present "Starved, drowned, and battered: The uncertain fate of Park Point" and celebrate PPCC's 131st year at the annual membership meeting. John is willing to share his slides with you and answer your questions on the presentation. Here is his contact information at UMD: (218) 726-6844 (office) jswenso2@d.umn.edu. Thank you very much, John, for sharing your expertise and insight with Park Pointers.

I want to mention special thanks to the PPCC Executive Committee volunteers for their work setting up this gathering and presentation and to the neighbors who swooped in at 6pm and set up all of the tables, chairs and the technical support for the speaker. The delicious pizza was once again supplied in partnership with our friends at Green Mill of Canal Park~ thank you!

I hope you will spend some time digesting and percolating on the reports in this month's Breeze. A group of engaged and tenacious volunteers on the Erosion and High Water Committee collected data via the September 2019 Breeze and have succeeded in shining a bright light on how Park Point is affected by rising and record high water levels, storm surges and the dynamics presented by the construction of the shipping canals. The committee has been successful in finding leaders who are willing to listen and assist with seeking out the powers and agencies who find and fund solutions. The committee is making the following recommendations to City of Duluth leaders, city councilors, state and federal elected officials and to all agencies who share responsibility in meeting the complex challenges that residents of Park Point are facing.

The Park Point Erosion and High Water Committee recommends immediate action. In order to address ongoing and future impacts we recommend the City

- (1) Pursue beach nourishment and permanent barriers.
- (2) Prioritize storm and sanitary sewer infrastructure improvements on Park Point.

- (3) Fund no interest or low interest loans for residents to protect their property from high water on the Bayside and water in basements all along Park Point.

In Support of these recommendations, we further request that the Duluth Mayor's office reconvene the Committee on Park Point Erosion with major stakeholders including the Park Point Community Club, the US Army Corps of Engineers and all other environmental, political, educational, and community entities committed to finding ways to monitor high water and erosion on Park Point and aggressively pursue long-term solutions to this critically important issue.

We are thankful for the partnerships that this committee, led by Hamilton Smith, is creating. Like I have expressed so many times, Park Pointers are highly engaged, and through organization and collaboration, are often responsible for legacy status outcomes. Thank you for taking the time to read The Breeze and keeping up on the interests and contributions of the community. On the matter of Family Fun Day at Lafayette in February, this may be a smaller, flash type gathering. Watch for emails and check the website for details where skating dates and times are posted. www.parkpointcommunityclub.org Best for a wonderful month on our extraordinary island! Today I experienced a winter trifecta: skating at Lafayette, biking on the beach, xc skiing with Bruno. How lucky are we?

See you soon,

Dawn & Bruno, fuzzy canine companion

**A SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU TO GREENMILL FOR THE GREAT PIZZA.
Think of giving an extra Thank You when you next visit them.**

Park Point Community Club Minutes

The January 21st, 2020 Park Point Community club Annual Membership meeting was called to order by Sheryl Robins, Secretary, at 7:00 pm. The regularly scheduled business agenda was suspended to accommodate the guest Dr. John Swenson, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Minnesota Duluth. The title of his presentation was “Starved, drowned, and battered: The uncertain fate of Park Point.” Topics included current high water levels, erosion effects, the source of sand formation, ideas to solve beach loss and forces that influence the “shape” of Park Point. Thank you for your informative knowledge.

Following the talk from John Swenson, Hamilton Smith from the Park Point Erosion and High Water Committee spoke about a meeting the committee had with government officials. Enclosed in the Breeze this month is an insert from the committee summarizing the meeting. Also, this committee provided a survey several months back. The results of that survey are also enclosed in the Breeze.

Approval of Minutes from 11/19/2019 meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as they appeared in the December 2019 Breeze. Remaining membership responded with all ayes.

Treasurer Report – Al Robins

Beginning Balance 1/1/2020 \$23,450

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report as given by Al Robins, Remaining membership voted with all ayes.

Committee Reports

Art Fair Committee – Carla Tamburro The Art Fair could use more members on the committee. If interested, please contact Carla @ 428-1916. This will be the 50 year Anniversary of the Art Fair.

Breeze Committee – Alan Dartanyan Not a lot new to report. Alan said the 2020 membership list could be available in the Breeze in March. If not, April will be the issue that lists members for this year.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

Dick reported a lot of animals on Park Point now. He also asked for \$250 for the White Pine tree planting this Spring. A motion was made and seconded to approve the first vote to purchase the trees for planting. Remaining membership voted with all ayes. A second vote will be taken at the February 2020 meeting.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck Thank you Diane for arranging pizzas for our membership drive meeting. Thank you, too, Green Mill, for making the pizzas. We appreciate a Canal Park business that made this possible.

Watch Committee – all present

Canal Park Advisory Committee – John McKinney provided feedback from what the committee found out about future plans for the Canal Park area.

Community Edible Garden to host a potluck on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Program Committee – Dave Poulin Thank you Dave for lining up John Swenson to speak at our community club meeting. His talk was informative and answered some questions we had.

Summer Youth Program – Kari Speer and Rhonda Strum Kari Speer has replaced Sally Buck this year. We would like to give a “huge thank you for years of work on the committee”. Kari said they are working on the budget and it should be available for next month’s meeting.

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs One get well card was sent out last month.

New Business- The City of Duluth Volunteer Corps will be meeting in May to join forces with the PPCC for a beach clean up day. The more hands the better. Please call if you would be interested in helping. More to follow at the February PPCC meeting.

Coming in May, the election of officers. If anyone is interested in working on the nominating committee, please call. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Remaining membership voted with ayes.

Submitted by Sheryl Robins



**Nothing like
pizza (and a
good
speaker) to
pull in a
crowd. It
was a full
house at the
January 21st
PPCC
Membership
meeting and
Pizza Party**

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

In the middle of a snowy winter it is hard to imagine springtime and think about gardening. But, if you can shut your eyes and visualize raised garden beds filled with verdant green, you just might be picturing the Duluth Community Garden Program's Vegetable of the Year for 2020: Broccoli. I tried growing broccoli in my home garden last year and didn't think the reward was worth the effort and garden space. There were lots of leaves and only a few small bunches of flowerets on each plant. What there were of them were tasty, but they left me wanting more. I hope the summer of 2020 will teach me to be a better broccoli grower, as we practice in our community garden.

To prepare ourselves for growing all manner of produce in this summer's garden, at our February 10 potluck dinner meeting, Ellie Alspach will give us a report on the seed trials from last season including various types of beets, arugula, and tomatoes. We will also start a list of what we would like to grow this coming season, besides broccoli. Do a little research before February 10 and bring your ideas about new items to try growing in the community garden.

There are more great programs for our meetings on the horizon. On March 9, we will hear about Zero Waste Living with April Hepokoski. In April, we will talk about climate change with Park Pointer, Rachel Wagner.

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 Potluck Dinners:

Monday, February 10, 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, March 9., 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, April 13, 6 to 8 p.m.

-Susan Peters



PARK POINT ART FAIR

Park Point Art Fair 2020. June 27& 28, 2020; Park Point Recreation Area; Duluth MN

CALL TO ARTISTS

Inviting visual artists working in the following media: printmaking, painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, wood, photography, jewelry and fiber to apply for the 2020 Park Point Art Fair. In its 50th year, the art fair is well established, well organized and well- liked by artists for its ease of set-up, hospitality and consistent sales. Each year, the Park Point Art Fair draws over 10,000 visitors to Park Point, a beautiful natural setting tucked between Lake Superior and the Superior Bay, where they can buy art from the region's finest artists.

The application deadline is March 15, 2020.

Go to- <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=8238>

The organizing committee of the Park Point Art Fair needs your help...it *really* needs your help! As much as we appreciate, even depend upon, the 2-3 hour slots so many volunteers contribute at Fair time, our regular committee members are sometimes stretched beyond capacity. Ideas – all those “Why Don’t You?s,” “How about trying...?” and “Have you ever considered?” questions – abound; we’re never short of those! What we’re lacking is people to help out in the months leading up to the PPAF. We understand that folks are often stretched to the max, and adding one more committee to your schedule is just too much, *but would you consider helping with just a single, specific task, working within your own time frame?* Here are some examples:

- * In concert with our “media specialist” Jake, help maintain/contribute to a variety of social media sites with which we’ve already been working
- * Approach just one or two prospective sponsors - perhaps a local business or a favorite group you might already be associated with. [The PPAF Committee has already established guidelines and created materials to distribute. This job MUST coordinate with Carla Tamburo in order to maintain consistence.]
- * Help coordinate and carry out our new Zero Waste goals...again, working with Carla and members of the Committee on pre-established goals
- * Volunteer to distribute (and later retrieve) as few as 10 yard signs around Duluth and Superior
- * Attend one or more meetings of local business groups, such as the Canal Park Business Association, helping to raise the profile of the PPAF.(Here again, some groundwork has already been laid.)

While creative-minded volunteers who’re willing to join the planning group during its roughly once-per-month meetings are always welcome, we’re not asking for even that much! Just a few hours devoted to a single activity will help us ensure the success of the Park Point Art Fair in this, its 50th year. If interested, contact Carla Tamburo, coordinator@parkpointartfair.org

Need music? Call: (218) 606-1670



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knowing, loving, and serving God
and neighbor!*

St. Andrew's invites you to join us for
Lent.

Ash Wednesday Service:

February 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Series:

People Helping People

Join us Wednesday evenings in Lent for a
soup supper with guest speakers
followed by Compline, evening prayer.

Wednesdays at 5:45

March 1 - April 1

The Rev. Marta Maddy
Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.
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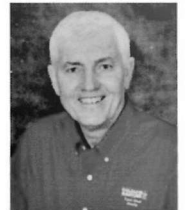
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**Looking for photos of the end of the Park Point
road, Rec. Center area,**

showing the Amusement Park. I can remember the
buildings and rides. Fritz's Ice Cream stand with
large Cone as part of the building, the Penny
Arcade, Dodgem Cars building, Carousel, as well
as a small Ferris Wheel, Chair-a-Plane Ride and
train...

Capt Tom Mackay -- 722-1834

Environmental report

We have a Beaver population here on the point and on both Hearing island and Southworth marsh. The also come down the river. I have seen them between the apartments and 17th street as well.

If you have trees that you are concerned about wrap them with chicken wire to protect.

They will cut a variety of species, so wrap them all! Not evergreen.

If you have a question or problem you can call me at 727-4067.

I have been dealing with them for over sixty years.

Dick Gould

I might as well keep flogging this. Never too late to join the Park Point Community Club. And if you join now, you might even get your name on the membership list in the Breeze. (Coming Soon!)

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.

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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

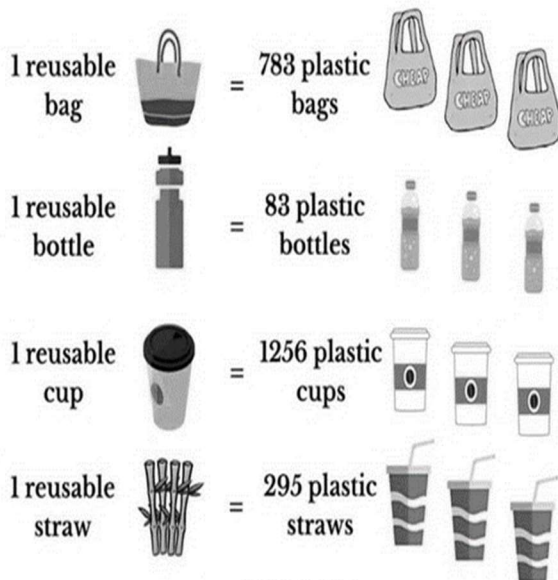
Community Police Officer Ethan Roe 218-730- 5747 eroe@duluthmn.gov

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

City Councilor Roz Randorf rrandorf@duluthmn.gov

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

February:

Not a good month for planting,
unless you want to start a sweet potato vine on Valentine's Day. These will do well in any sunny window. Train the vine around window or door frames, use it for an accent at the top of walls, around the rims of bathtubs, or weave it back and forth across the bed for extra warmth on chill spring nights.

