



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Park Point
Community Club -
we will meet again,
some day!**

**Lafayette Edible
Garden
June Potluck
Cancelled
Hopeful for July**

**Park Point Garden
Club**

**???June 25th ???
Water Schedule
Begins**

**Contact: Joann
Ellison 722-5757
All are welcome**

**Lafayette Summer
Youth Program
Cancelled**

**Park Point Rummage
Sale Cancelled!**

**Grandma's Marathon
Cancelled**

**Park Point Art Fair
Cancelled!**

**Just this once, a
June not chock-full
of events.
Breathe,
Relax,
Enjoy it**

A June Like No Other



How it was - 2019



How it is - 2020

Usually around this time of year there is a huge flutter of activity in my home and in my life centered around getting ready for the art fair. And I can't believe I'm going to write....this year is different. And you all know it is different.

We are all sharing this common experience (yes...it's redundant on purpose) of covid-19 together and perhaps one of the good things about this stressful pandemic is that it focuses our attention on our humanity and our common struggle.

From the perspective of this individual who has done the same thing for 15 years, it is an aberration. My body, which knows the spring routine so well, wants to kick into gear and start hanging posters and promoting. Lacking that activity and purpose has been interesting to note. Many long- time volunteers may concur and others of you may relate as your own "annual rites of spring and summer" go unnoticed this year.

The Park Point Art Fair Committee is grateful to the Executive Board of the Park Point Community Club for returning all artist's jury fees. The Board and Committee recognize the artists loyalty and their difficulties in this economic climate.

What this means for us is that we get a whole extra year to plan the fiftieth anniversary of the art fair!

Enjoy the quiet and stay safe and healthy.

Carla Tamburro

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Hoping you are well and taking good care while you are out and about. If you would like to support people who are in need during these challenging times, check out Chum's website. (Chumduluth.org) A "Buy a Truck Campaign" is underway with the truck needed to pick up donations. Send your donations to Chum Food Shelf, 120 N. 1st Ave. West, Duluth, MN 55802. Thank you to our neighbors who are involved with the care and support of our fellow residents in need.

Exciting news at Sky Harbor Airport!

Check out this link to Drone Footage at Sky Harbor, the project is almost complete! <https://drones.sehinc.com/projects/duluth-sky-harbor-airport>

"The Sky Harbor Airport is entering the final phase of a multi-year runway relocation project. Previous years' efforts to add new land and engineered shoreline have paved the way for construction of a new runway and taxiway that will provide pilots with a safe approach while maintaining the protected old growth forest on Park Point. This footage shows the evolution of the project over the past 3 years, along with unique features of the last phase, such as barging asphalt trucks across the harbor to pave the new runway and taxiway systems. The Sky Harbor Airport is set to re-open for public use in June 2020."

The annual PPCC tree planting initiative was completed in mid-May. I am grateful for the leadership of Dick Gould of the Environmental Committee and to everyone who participated in the plantings over the span of many years. Are you interested in developing a planting program? Dick reports that it is time to turn over the Loraxing to another Park Pointer.

Watching the red line on the thermometer finally nudging closer to the 60 mark is so very exciting! Yesterday was marked by my annual "overdoing it" while under the spell of pre-summer euphoria. Last evening I was thankful that I remembered to stock up on the sky blue, fast acting ibuprofen gel tabs and had placed the lower back ice packs in the freezer. At least I am getting better at planning...

Sadly, I was also seeing red on the beach first thing in the morning when we picked up nearly a full bag of plastic wrappers and trash along a very short stretch of shoreline. Many thanks to boaters who secure their trash and educate their guests on respecting the lake, shorelines and ecosystem. I see many of our neighbors walking with extra bags and picking up beach litter- thank you! Also, a friendly reminder that your dog's waste is your responsibility. I was showing my granddaughter the downy goose nest near the rowing club recently and she spotted the geese in the water then noted, "Grandma, look, see that lady way over there with the fluffy big dog? It looks like she is not picking up her dog's poop!" Sure enough, when we continued our walk along the shore towards Southworth Marsh, we found the corresponding, fresh, large dog deposit. How disappointing. Please pick it up- there is no poop fairy!
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(President's Report, continued)

Thanks to Judy D. for sharing this link from Popular Science, The Great Lakes are higher than they've ever been, and we're not sure what will happen next by Molly Glick, 5/2020.

<https://www.popsci.com/story/environment/great-lakes-water-rise/>

While out paddling (& overdoing), I was taking a look at the projects that neighbors have done to keep the water in the Bay during these dynamic times. Stretches of the beach have quite a drop down to and there are beautiful & clever ladders and structures in place until the next surge takes them away. Watching the water levels and carefully monitoring the wind direction are well integrated into the extraordinary Park Point living experience.

Another euphoric neighbor hoisted a little sail in her kayak yesterday, caught a sneaky little gust and plopped into the Bay- Brrrr. Thanks to neighbors who quickly sped to her rescue and towed her kayak home. From the Sheriff's Dept., "As we start our summer off in Minnesota, this incident is a good reminder of the lifesaving capabilities a properly worn personal floatation device (PFD) can have. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office urges all who are out enjoying water sports in the area to use one while doing so." You might want to remove your pfd from hibernation status and make sure it's ready to go.

Take care & see you out having summertime fun!

Dawn & Bruno, fuzzy canine companion



Thought I'd include these photos to accompany Dawn's column. The blurry one I took – from a considerable distance – is of the flashing "X" that marks the closed runway at Sky Harbor. The new, realigned runway is scheduled to open later this month. The other, which Dawn sent me, is of one of many structures Park Pointers have built to maintain access to our eroded shoreline.

The editor

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Welcome new gardeners: Alyssa Johnson & Cory Coffman, Stephanie Peterson, Debbie Repensky.

On May 11, we entered a new era of monthly community garden meetings. There was no meeting and greeting our Park Point neighbors, no potluck buffet, no rubbing elbows, no cleaning up. That evening, we participated in our first virtual community garden meeting via ZOOM. And it was good. We may continue with these virtual meetings until the Lafayette Community Center is open again for live meetings.

Our fearless technology leader, Ted Buck, facilitated the meeting and hosted our guest speaker, Haley Diem. Haley is a UMD horticulturist and coordinator for Duluth Community Garden Program's One Vegetable One Community initiative. She spoke about Duluth's Vegetable of the Year for 2020: Broccoli.

After Haley's presentation, I knew why my Park Point vegetable patch never produced good broccoli. She set me straight. Here are Haley's tips for growing great broccoli:

1. Broccoli is a heavy feeder and needs lots of nitrogen. Work blood meal into the soil a few days before planting or look for a fertilizer with a 8-2-4 blend of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K).
2. When planting transplants, put the plant in the soil up to its first set of leaves – or one-third of the way up the plant. Avoid using root-bound nursery plants. Space your plants 18" to 24" apart. Broccoli plants like room to breathe.
3. To keep pests out of the plants, cover them with agribond cloth and be diligent about removing any cabbage looper larvae or moths.
4. If the leaves yellow and the plant does not form heads, your plant may be a victim of fungus in the soil that produces club foot. This will kill the plant, so remove it and don't compost it. To void this, plant in sandy, well-drained soil.
5. Broccoli likes cool, rainy weather and is sweetened by a little frost. So, harvest later in the season. When harvesting, cut the stalk with a clean, sharp knife and immediately stick the stalk in very cold water to hydrocool. This will improve the quality of the broccoli and extend shelf life. Don't forget that the leaves of the broccoli plant are edible; treat them as you would kale.
6. Broccoli plants left to go to seed produce lovely edible flowers that also attract pollinators.

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 usually take place at the Lafayette Community Club. Please bring your own plates, silverware, beverage and a dish to share.

NEW SAFETY PROCEDURES IN OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN:

The city requires us to use pandemic practices so wear your masks, gloves, and keep a physical distance from others. Please bring your own tools, if possible. Plan on sanitizing all tools after each use. Use hand sanitizer. We need to keep track of who and how many people are gathered in the garden. So there will be a sign up sheet in the garden. Please sign in and out as you come and go.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 8 Potluck dinner meeting CANCELED.

July 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Program on climate change with Rachel Wagner.

-Susan Peters

It's been a couple months since I last printed the Park Point Community Club's membership list, but memberships have continued to come in. And it is perhaps even more important to recognize these members now. Not just because, with the cancellation of the Art Fair, our annual dues have become our main source of income. But also because, in this time of cancelled meetings and social distancing, it's important to recognize that the Park Point community, and the Community Club, remain strong. So thank you all, and we will meet again – I just don't know when

More PPCC members in good standing!

ALSPACH, ELLIE & EDWARD
BENGSTON, DAVID AND CHERYL
DUNLAP, ELLEN
CALLIGURE, JULIE
GRAHAM, CHERYL
KERPE, ROM AND MARY
MEYERS, MARY AND TODD
TRUEL, JAN AND LONG, BILL
PARISH, ANNE
SODERLIND, BENTE
DON LEMMERMAN & CHARLENE SHIMMIN

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BURNS, PAT AND BILL
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MARGATAN, MARIE
KANTONER, JOHN AND JEANNE
MCLEETE, LORANOA AND PAUL
BRITTON, DOUG AND ODEN, NANCY
PROUD, DULCE
BAERT, JER
SAWINSKI, MICHAEL.
DOUG & JODI DETERMAN

NEWS FROM THE PPCC EROSION AND HIGH WATER COMMITTEE

Update on the proposed Beach Nourishment on the North end of Park Point

On May 7th the USACE put out a Request for Bids, RFB, for the placement of 120,00 cubic yards of harbor dredge material , 50,000CY to be placed on the North end of Park Point between the ship canal and the S turn, and the other 70,000 CY to be placed on Interstate Island. The Park Point portion to be done in Aug. and Sept. Of 2020 and the Interstate Island portion to be done in Oct. And Nov. 2020. This is the first time Beach Nourishment has been done on this area of Park Point since 1996.

I believe the chances for this project moving forward are very good. I have been in contact with Melissa Bosman from the USACE Detroit office. She is the project manager for the Duluth/Superior Harbor dredging. She seems confident that this project will move forward this year.

There are a couple of issue that could stall or postpone this project. No acceptable bidder and lack of beach access from Lake Ave. A bulldozer needs to get to the beach in order to move the dredge material into proper position. Some contractors, who will hopefully bid on this project, have the ability to off load a bulldozer from the Lake side of the beach and therefore avoid that issue.

The RFB's are due back to the Corp by June 9th. We should know for sure if this project will move forward this year by the end of June. Hopefully we will have good news to report in the July Breeze.

The Erosion and High Water Committee is also working on gathering information about Flood Ins. Pros and Cons and where you can go to get accurate information. We should have that for you in the July Breeze.

Respectfully Submitted by

Hamilton Smith

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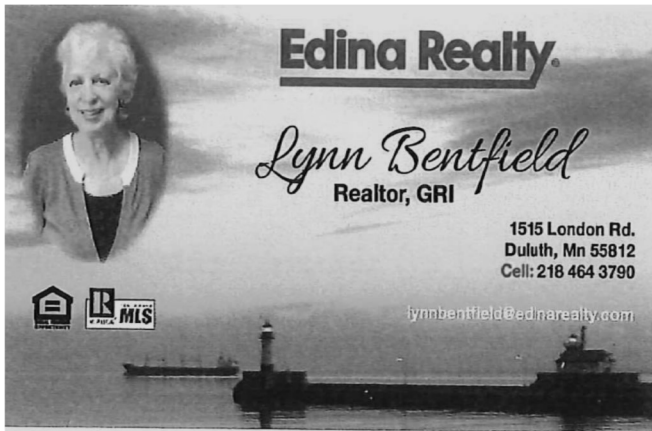
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St. Andrew's
BY THE LAKE

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

A Prayer for the Morning

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen

St. Andrew's will continue offering on-line worship services Sundays at 9:45. If you'd like to join us, or submit a prayer

The Rev. Marta Maddy
Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.
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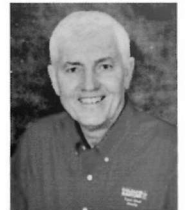
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will do yard work and
mowing. References.**

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Invitation from St. Andrew's to Use Outdoor Space

In the spirit of hospitality, St. Andrew's by the Lake invites our Park Point friends and neighbors to utilize the church's outdoor gathering area. Whether you would like a rest while walking, a spot to chat with friends, or a place to meet with small group, you are welcome to use the outdoor patio space.

Below are a few guidelines based on MN Executive Orders that you are asked to observe:

- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet
- Wear a mask
- Limit group size to no more than 10 people
- Use the stone benches for seating and bring additional chairs for a group to ensure social distancing
- You may bring food and non-alcoholic beverages but leave no trace. Take all trash with you when you leave.

Please know that the church building, including bathrooms and the kitchen, is closed.

If you are meeting with a small group, (i.e. club, family gathering, etc. - again 10 people or less), please inform the church of your meeting, standrewsbythelakeduluth@gmail.com. This prevents any conflict with another group.

Enjoy the outdoor space and stay well!

Environmental Report

Dredge spoils are going to be deposited between the bridge and 13th street soon. Julie McDonnel from the DNR has contacted me and is looking for someone from the PPCC to keep track of what is put there and when. The sand and other materials that were dumped there in the past were very upsetting to the home owners in the area. If someone from that area should contact the DNR and get their plans.

Trees are planted, thanks to all who helped. This is my last year to order and distribute them. Hopefully someone will do it in the future. The tree planting has made a great improvement to the environment here on the point and Hearing island.

Dick Gould



I don't know if you'd call them essential, but the beavers who took down this tree across from Hearing Island certainly are workers. According to Dick Gould, our environmental committee chair, they worked on it for months., and dropped it right where they wanted it. They can now eat the bark, and possibly use some of the remains for their house.

Dick reports that there are two beaver hoses on the island, and recommends that anyone with vulnerable trees wrap them at least 3 feet up with protective netting, such as chicken wire.

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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

June:

Weather this month will be variable –
rain and sun will alternate in random
patterns. On at least six separate days,
isolated thunderstorms will build up over
the hills and cast their shadows down the
valley. Expect sudden cold spells, but
many days will reach summer heat.
Most nights, the stars will seem farther
away than usual, as if seen through a
light mist.

**Two of our neighbors have kindly offered
to help with shopping, pick-ups, making
phone calls, etc. Here is their contact info,
below. Thank you Maddy & Shannon!**

**Shannon Gardner
218-464-8282**

**Madison Gardner
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