



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Edible  
Garden Potluck**  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 PM  
on Zoom???

**Park Point  
Community Club**  
May meeting  
Cancelled

**Park Point Garden  
Club**  
??? May 28, 2020 ???  
Planting decisions  
Contact: Kathy Jacobs  
722-2375

All are welcome

**Lafayette Summer  
Youth Program**  
Cancelled

**Park Point Rummage  
Sale Cancelled!**

**Grandma's Marathon**  
Cancelled

**Park Point Art Fair**  
Cancelled!

**Warmer weather**  
Indefinitely  
Postponed!

**Welcome May!**  
I've had Enough April

## Sanitary Sewer Lining Continues



These have become familiar sights the last couple weeks – the Michels trucks disgorging men, equipment and hoses, and steam arising from manholes as the cured-in-place-pipe lining continues along Park Point, and will soon begin in Canal Park. They spent a couple days parked across from my house, with a request for reduced water usage. It meant skipping a couple showers, but, hey, we're not going out anywhere. And its good to see some people working.

And it's hardly the only project that's ongoing. The third and final stage of runway reconstruction at Sky Harbor Airport (actually stage 3B, as 3A was completed last Fall) will begin in mid-May, and run through mid-June. Besides ending a long conflict between runway approaches and the old-growth pine forest, it will conclude with environmental mitigation, the planting of native species, and construction of 5 more underwater cribs to improve fish habitat.

Another project that's actually benefiting from the pandemic shut-down is the Lake Avenue Bridge re-decking. Since they don't have to make allowances for Grandma's Marathon or other events, they can get right down to it, beginning the last week of April, with a goal of opening the bridge and the Superior Street intersection by the end of June. Improvements I am looking forward to are bike lanes across both sides of the bridge, and a left-turn lane onto Superior Street. These may not be exclusively Park Point issues, but they sure affect are comings and goings. And we will be coming and going again – sometime!

## ***The Breeze***

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## **President's Report**

Hi Neighbors,

The northeaster persists and it's a bit chilly when heading down to the beach to get in touch with the essentials of life. I have introduced the "no such things as bad weather, only inadequate clothing selections" concept to the grandkids and we are practicing on how to prepare for outings along the big lake. Wool, layering, windblock and space are essentials for pandemic life on Park Point.

With the little kids sheltering with us, we have not gotten to many of the indoor projects that time home from work would allow so we have shifted to what we can do outside. We finally built the firewood racks that we have talked about for several years. We don't head to town much, a few strategically planned trips to Menards & the grocery store. During a recent trip to pick up a few things for a fencing project (putting up the fence for the big dog that we weren't going to get...aka Bruno), Jocko at the building materials desk at Menards said that they had actually run out of drywall two times since the stay at home order began. I am happy to hear that neighbors are getting their long awaited drywall projects done! Drywall work is one dusty project that I might be tempted to put off forever....

Members of the Erosion and High Water Committee, chaired by Hamilton Smith, are participating in the monthly conference calls with the US Army Corps of Engineers Duluth Harbor Dredged Material Management Working Group. Jim Luke from the Corps is the Outreach Coordinator. Stay tuned for the latest on how and exactly when beach nourishment will start from the Bridge to the S-curve. Contracts have been awarded and the start date is in August 2020. We have not heard if the sand will be pumped over the street or if the sand will be barged in or ?? If they can't distribute sand all the way to 12th, they will resume next summer. Interstate Island will be nourished in October. Since October has become the new November in terms of gale force winds and storm surges, getting that sand in place before October will be important. Efficient and effective collaboration between agencies and the City will be necessary to meet ongoing challenges. Thank you to everyone who has participated in the process leading to this action to protect the beach, one of the City's greatest treasures. By the number of people I am seeing out on the beach on a daily basis, even at sunrise, the beach is more beloved than ever!

If you would like to check out a cool video shot on Park Point, see "Uncertain Certainties" by Josh Peterson. Filming takes place in the graffitied remains of the U.S. Lighthouse Station Depot, south of the old lighthouse near the end of Park Point. The depot was used to store buoys and acetylene used in the batteries that powered the lighthouse on the piers along the ship canal. The building was used from 1905 to WWII. The storage of acetylene too close to the canal and aerial bridge was not a good idea (Ka- Boom) so was stored in this structure. Thanks to neighbor Brad K. for sharing this video.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEBj69\\_5DE0&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEBj69_5DE0&feature=youtu.be)

Wishing you well; see you out and about at a distance of > 6 feet,

Dawn & Bruno, Intrepid Giant Schnauzer companion aka Sneaky Snatchy Schnauzer, butter lover



### **COVID-19 Restrictions Impact DRC**

It is our hope that our rowing programs will be able to be up and running yet this summer. This Covid19 virus has thrown a wrench into our usual planning for the entire rowing community here in Duluth, from masters (old guys), down into the open/college, and into our juniors (ages 13 - 19). The annual Duluth Rowing Club Open House is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 10:00 am - noon. Also, we had planned on starting junior training and learn to row on Monday, June 8. But these dates and start-up will be reliant on when or if Governor Walz opens things up. Right now, rowing clubs are in the same grouping as fitness and health clubs, which are still under quarantine. As of mid-April, our website, [duluthrowing.org](http://duluthrowing.org), is being rebuilt and updated for the 2020 rowing season. Please check back occasionally and hopefully there will be more news. Or, feel free to stop down to the 39th Street Rowing Center to checkout if docks and coach boats have been launched. That would be a good sign that things might be starting up.

It is our hope that you, your child, or neighbors will be pulling on an oar this summer in a safe, virus-free environment! Stay safe. Stay healthy!

Best regards,

DULUTH ROWING CLUB

### **Environmental Report**

300 White Pine transplants will be arriving the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. If you can help with the planting or have an area you would like to see planted please call me at 727-4067.

They come in bunches of twenty five. Help needed!

This will be my last year of tree planting. We have planted over 11,000 of about ten varieties since 1986!

It has made a much better environment here on the point.

Thanks to all who have helped!

Dick Gould

#### **Found:**

#### **Mooring Buoy, with chain attached**

Found floating in the bay

So if you've lost your moorings.... Call 218-464-2362 and identify it.

**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  
218-428-1999**

## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

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

What's New(s)?

In this age of physical distancing we still enjoy social interaction in our community garden, albeit in smaller groups than in the past. It's a great way to get some sunshine and exercise while relieving the stress of being homebound.

For example, a load of fresh manure was spread in the garden in April. We also started spreading new wood chips in the pathways to keep weeds at bay. This gave us a chance to breathe in the fresh scent of Mother Nature at work and get our hands dirty while we spread it on the gardens.

We need your leaves:

WLSSD is open again, but if you don't want to travel that far with yard waste, keep it on Park Point. 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:

With the temporary (?) closure of Lafayette Community Center, we are exploring options for our monthly potluck dinner meetings. One option is to enjoy our live programs from the comfort of our homes through the online ZOOM.com platform. We could all hear and see the speaker and be able to interact with them. This may be how we conduct our upcoming May 11 program. Dinner will be on our own in front of our monitors. Watch for emails about this and get ZOOM set up on your computers.

We look forward to in-person 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 usually 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

I have heard that some of residents might like to stage an unofficial Park Point Garage Sale later in the summer/fall when/if COVID19 has died down. Is anyone else is interested? I know there are community groups who plan on the PP garage sale as their big fundraiser each year. And then, there are those of us who have been collecting piles in our basements and garages to sell at the 2020 garage sale. Is it worth considering? Should we at least start a discussion?

## **Hello from Local Basement Experts at DBS**

Greetings Park Point Community Members!

We are DBS Residential Solutions, your local experts in “All Things Basementy!” Our highly trained team specializes in foundation and crawl space repair, concrete lifting and leveling, and basement waterproofing, a service we wanted to specifically highlight now as springtime thawing and rains are approaching!

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### **Editor:**

I had an interesting and fun time joking with a Park Pointer I know about his bushes hanging way over the sidewalk. I sent him a picture and joking said “Hey how am I supposed to keep six feet from others with your bushes blocking the sidewalk?”

He said “I’ll get right on it!” Of course I did not think he would but he did! I did call and thank him and told how impressed I was. He said not an issue, Emily got right on it, didn’t you see her down there cutting the bushes?”

So what about a polite suggestion/request in the Breeze asking property owners to trim the trees, bushes or hedges that hang over the sidewalk in front of their property? It could be pointed out that with more walkers during this COVIN-19 we need the space and it would spruce up Park Point.

I realize it may fall on deaf ears but nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Stay safe and  
well

John McKinney

## **Burning Wood on Park Point**

Dear neighbors,

We love living on Park Point and have done so for 27 years. The bay and the lake are daily inspirations. Unfortunately, we have a major problem we are hope you can help us with.

We are very allergic to burning wood and the formaldehyde it off-gasses. When you burn wood the smoke/formaldehyde comes into our home and we run around closing windows and our patio door. Instant headaches and burning eyes are the results.

I know that I’m not the only person who suffers when wood is burned. There are, most likely, people living on Park Point who have allergies, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, chronic bronchitis and cystic fibrosis and we are all affected when you burn wood.

We would be very grateful if you would please think of us when you consider having a wood fire.

Sincerely,

Sandy and Gene Carlson



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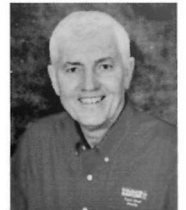
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mowing. References.**

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## ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL

The motto for the Three Musketeers can serve us well in these times of dealing with the pandemic.

We can all play a part in our community by giving to our local food shelf programs, asking our neighbors who are essential workers how we can support them, of course respecting and maintaining the 6 foot physical distancing guidelines and wearing masks. Even at this time not everyone has a face mask. Can you help by sewing some masks? Below is a link to one face mask pattern and also a link on how to improve the protection you get from a mask.

Bayshore Residence and Rehabilitation Center (1601 St. Louis Ave) needs 100 masks. You can drop them off on the table in their front entrance. Even if you can only make a few masks it all helps.

There is an initiative by our local NAACP to distribute masks to adults and smaller sizes for children to our communities of color. Finally, there might be our immediate Park Point neighbors who still need a mask.

This is how you can help.

Do you have fabric or elastic to donate? do you have masks to donate? Do you need more supplies to make masks?

(we have elastic donated by St. Andrews church)

Contact Val Kennedy at 218-730-7409

Do you have masks you want to donate to the NAACP contact Lyn Pegg at 218-348-3048

Do you have other ideas on ways we can be a supportive proactive community contact Joanne Ellison 218-722-5757

ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE



This Stay-at-home order has had some benefits. I was able to sit at my front window and watch as the second story of the new duplex on 16<sup>th</sup> street was lifted into place. And after receiving the lower picture from Jan Karon, walking down the beach to 14<sup>th</sup> street and trying a pull-up or two (well, maybe just one) at the gym someone has set up there. There are many more people out walking now, both on the street and the beach, which makes it important to be mindful of a few things. One was mentioned in a letter, reminding us to keep our trees and bushes trimmed back so they don't impede the sidewalks. And another is our dogs. Hard as it is for some of us to believe, not everyone enjoys having a wet and sandy dog come bounding up to them. Or having one aggressively defending its piece of the sidewalk. And while we're all out walking, whether on the beach or on the street, we can take the opportunity to pick up any litter we find. I want to single out one Park Pointer. Mac Welles, who has been doing just that for 20 years. Thanks, Mac. And I know he's not alone.

I've seen a lot of sights while walking/running/biking on the Point these last few weeks, from two deer standing placidly in a neighbor's front yard in the middle of the day, to a full-grown bald eagle dropping right down in the street to steal a tasty morsel of something dead from a raucous murder of crows. But it's the things people do – from putting teddy bears in their windows to chalking pictures and messages on the sidewalks (like all those birthday wishes on Glenn Solens 68<sup>th</sup>) – that remind me why I love living on Park Point. The Editor



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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 Roz Randorf [rrandorf@duluthmn.gov](mailto:rrandorf@duluthmn.gov)

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

**May:**

**There is always the urge in May** to involve your children in traditional activities like Maypole dancing. Resist this urge. Strongly. This is not a good time for anything involving precision and accuracy. Persisting in Maypoles will only result in sullen children entangled in yards of ribbon. Instead, substitute more free-form activities like painting gigantic flowers and leaving them secretly in the cars of total strangers.

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