



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck
Monday, October 14th
6PM
at Lafayette**

**Park Point
Community Club
Meeting
October 15th
Social at 6:30
Meeting at 7PM
at Lafayette**

**Park Point Garden
Club Thursday,
October 24th
Clean Garden For
Winter
Contact: Kathy Jacobs
722-2375
All are Welcome**

**Election Day
November 5th**

**First Snow!
October ___?
November ___?
What's your guess?**



Fall Fest 2019

Inside and outside, with young and old, games were played at Lafayette during the Park Point Community Club's Fall Fest on September 15th. If the crowd was a bit smaller than last time, perhaps it was due to the too-nice weather, or the Vikings regrettable loss to those dang Packers. But it was clear those who attended were having a good time.



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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

When I visited my grandma in her house here on S. Lake Avenue in 2007, the year she died at age 92, she had a handwritten memo on her harvest gold fridge that said "Jean is not too old to learn new things." Granny never did have a computer or go online or have a smartphone but she was one wise lady. I am happy to report that the memo is so true after wishing my spry 82 year old neighbor, LeAne Rutherford, bon voyage to Sacramento, CA last week. I am thrilled to report that she successfully picked up her Honda that had been shipped out west, travelled successfully to her new home via eight lane freeways, bought a new bike and was meeting her arrival goals by picking out a hearing aid. I interviewed LeAne about Park Point life and will bring you the full report in an upcoming Breeze article. I was really interested in learning more about her experiences here, how she came to Park Point in 1999 with her husband Bruce and her parting words, all captured on my iPad. Stay tuned for LeAne's inspirational perspective on Park Point life. I will miss LeAne an awful lot and am so grateful for the wisdom she and Bruce shared with the Park Point & Duluth community for so many years. I look forward to welcoming new neighbors at 3205 MN Ave.! LeAne was kind enough to leave a PPCC "Welcome Neighbor" letter for the new owners. LeAne crafted this letter several years ago and it is available for you if you would like to welcome your new neighbor to Park Point. I will post the "Welcome Neighbor" letter our website.

Kudos to all Pointers who endeavor to try new things and to those who support this mindset! I channeled my dear Granny and neighbor LeAne this summer while finally picking up a guitar and learning how to make it work. In July, my son kindly brought me a well traveled guitar that had been cast into a dumpster in Berkeley, possibly from Neil Young's sailboat. I have figured out how to play a number of chords with the goal of strumming and singing around a fire & creating songs with all kinds of interesting lyrics with my other half. Along this journey, we met another Park Pointer, Scott, at Music Go Round, who has advised us on all matters guitar and is a huge cheerleader for us newbie guitar enthusiasts.

A huge thank you to our neighbors who hosted and supported fun day at Lafayette on Sunday the 15th. The softball game was described as the most fun game in town! Following the game, we all enjoyed delicious soup, an ice tea bar, bingo and great prizes. Mary Kapsner, Charlene Shimmin and Judy Dwyer lead the volunteers to make this event possible- thank you for a joyful Sunday afternoon on Park Point that was enjoyed by those young and those young at heart.

The PPCC erosion and high water committee has been busy collecting the surveys that were inserted in the Sept. Breeze and recording the data. Chairperson Hamilton Smith commented at the September meeting that he is happy to have the surveys flowing in. They are bringing to light many scenarios and observations, several of which, members in the group had not even anticipated. Thank you for taking the time to share your experiences with the committee who will share the data and their plans for further action at the October meeting.

I hope you are basking in the memories of a wonderful summer and preparing for what's next.

Here's to the good life on Park Point,

Dawn



So Long LeAne

A farewell to long-time Park Pointer LeAne Rutherford, who has moved on to the warmer weather of California. LeAne was active in both the Park Point Community club and the Lafayette Edible Garden, and was a familiar site biking and walking along Park Point. Goodbye LeAne, you will be missed.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

September was a sad month for the community gardeners as we wished founding member LeAne Rutherford farewell as she moves to California. We honored her with a table full of desserts-to-die-for at the September potluck dinner meeting. Also at that meeting, Nicolette Slagle joined us to share her adventures in growing hemp locally. As a licensed hemp grower, she is learning the ins and outs of producing strains that meet the THC levels appropriate for preparing hemp products, such as salves, for the retail market. Nicolette's presentation was eye-opening and very informative for gardeners and all who have pains that could be remedied by hemp CBD products. Nicolette can be contacted at 218-979-0168, and nicolette@honorearth.org.

At our October 14 potluck dinner meeting, ex-Duluthian Liz Wilson will be our speaker. In 1999, Liz met a young couple starting a CSA farm in Essex-on-Lake Champlain, New York. She became their first volunteer. Essex Farm has since grown into an enormous operation. Liz learned that her interests and skills did not lie in farming itself. Her early volunteering involved cleaning glassware, and moved through taking care of horses, and finally settled into being the chef for Friday noon meals for all the farmers. Wilson's talk will try to give you a sense of this kind of farm operation and its relationship to the local, small community; how it interacted with older and more established farmers; and how it inspired a generation of young new farmers.

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, October 14, 6 p.m., Monthly potluck dinner and program, Liz Wilson will talk about the Essex Farm Institute in New York.

Tuesday, November 12, 6 p.m., Monthly potluck dinner and program by Bonnie Ambrosi about the joys of eating vegan. NOTE DATE CHANGE TO TUESDAY INSTEAD OF MONDAY FOR THIS MEETING ONLY.

- Susan Peters

Park Point community Club Minutes

The September 17th, 2019 Park Point Community Center monthly meeting was called to order by President Dawn Buck at 7:00pm.

The regular business agenda schedule was suspended due to a visit from the Duluth Police Department. The officer's name was Jessica M. She is primarily on the downtown beat which includes Park Point. A question was asked of her about disposing of used needles being found on the Point. Her suggestion was to call the Duluth Police Department with the location of the needle. They would send someone down to dispose of the needle when they were coming down to the Point. She also said the Police Department could provide a 'sharp container' vessel. A meeting attendee asked if she had any news on the completion of Superior St. She was unable to give us a specific date as to when the West Superior street would be open to traffic.

Approval of the August, 2019 minutes requested. There was a secretarial error as to the name of St. Andrew's Church. Mistakenly, St. Anthony's name was used. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as they appeared in the Breeze with, the correction of the church name. The remaining membership votes were all ayes.

Treasurer's Report – Al Robins

Beginning balance	July 1 st , 2019	\$45,178
Beginning balance	August 1 st , 2019	\$42,340
Ending balance	August 31 st , 2019	\$34,808

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Per Jake Kapsner, the 2020 Art Fair will celebrate 15 years next year.

.If you have any suggestions as to the occasion, please let Carla or Jake know.

A concern about flooding down at the location where the Art Fair has always been held was brought up. The standing water posed problems for artist's tents and for attendees to enter the area without getting wet. Jake asked that this need be addressed or Art Fair may have to be relocated.

Breeze – Alan Dartanyan

Nothing new to report

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

Dick noticed some of the white pine trees are dying. He spoke with a person about this situation and was told white pine trees were very fragile. Because of their shallow root system, not only excess water, but also heat will kill the trees. The dying trees have produced seeds which will partially germinate the area but replacing the dying trees with a more hearty root system will need to happen. Bird migration is underway. Dick reminded the club to take care of your windows to prevent the birds from hitting the windows.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thank you Ted for providing the civility cookies and the community coconut and corn flake cookies. They were wonderful and much appreciated.

Program Committee – David Poulin

With the fall and winter season upon us, David is looking for ideas for programs for the monthly meetings. Anyone with ideas should contact David Poulin.

Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki

Rummage sale went off beautifully this year. Please start saving for next year's sale weekend.

Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

Program was a huge success this year. Attendance was up. A video of the program can be found on the Park Point Community Club facebook page.

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

Two get well cards were sent last month.

Old Business

Hamilton Smith had high water surveys placed in each of the August Breeze. He asked that the surveys be filled out whether or not you have an issue with the high water level and the damages you have sustained at your home due to water. Results of this survey will be discussed at the October meeting that will be held at Lafayette Square. Date and time to follow.

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(Minutes, continued)

The Park Point community project at 8th and Lake Avenue on the Point is being worked on. The City has cleared a large area of the property so allow beach access at this area. Thank you Nancy Olson and Gary Glass for cleaning up the yard.

Fall Fest was held on September 15th at Lafayette. There was a baseball game on the field where participants' ages ranged from two years to late 60's.

New Business

Theresa O'Halloran-Johnson, who is running for District 3 City Counselor, spoke to the PPCC about her goals if she is elected in the upcoming election.

It was brought up that we should ask the City to flood the ice rink at Lafayette to accommodate the Christmas break or the February break. It was thought that if we could get an initial sheet of ice on the rink, Mark Eldon said he would maintain the rink for this short period. We asked the City last year about the rink and they refused saying we had asked too late.

Pam Paige from Parks and Rec spoke about what activities the Park and Rec. Dept. had come up with. When asked about whether she thought the City might agree with flooding the rink one time, she was not optimistic about that happening. She said the City was planning on flooding Bayfront Park only.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.
Submitted by Sheryl Robins

Environmental Report

Birds, everything from Eagles to Hummers. They are obviously smarter than most of us as they are heading south.

I know I have said this before, but please don't feed the crows! They are most of the reason we have so many fewer songbirds nesting here on the point. They use the bird nests of the songbirds to feed their nestlings!

After consulting with the DNR people about the white pine trees that are dying here on the point it appears that much of it is being caused by the high water levels and some by blowing sand. We should keep planting but not White Pines.

Dick Gould

CONGRATULATION

The fall meeting of the 8th District Minnesota Horticultural Society was held in Grand Rapids on September 21, 2019. The 8th District covers the Grand Rapids area, as well as Northern and Southern St. Louis County. They present two awards to the Park Point Garden Club.

Nancy and John Sedgwick received the 8th District Beautification Award for individual gardens
and

Diane Gould received the 8th District Community Service Award.

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Park Point Garden Club

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

Monday Morning Study Group

Book: Everything Happens for a Reason: And
Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler

Begins: September 23, 9:30 to 11 am

We will read and discuss 2 chapter a week.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6, 9:45 am

Join us with your furry and feathered friends.
Weather permitting, we will meet outside.

Treats for pets and humans will be served
after the blessing of each animal.

All are welcome to both happenings!

The Rev. Marta Maddy
Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.
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We are on Facebook

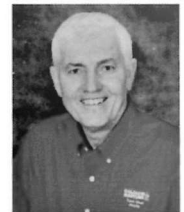
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Day Trips Local art fairs

11/17 **Annie-the Musical**
Bemidji reg. by 10/20

12/8 **Rittenhouse**

Wassail Concert/lunch
Bayfield *Check availability*

wendyupnorth.com

218-525-5098

Nov 9 Get Great Stuff/
Duluth Cong Church

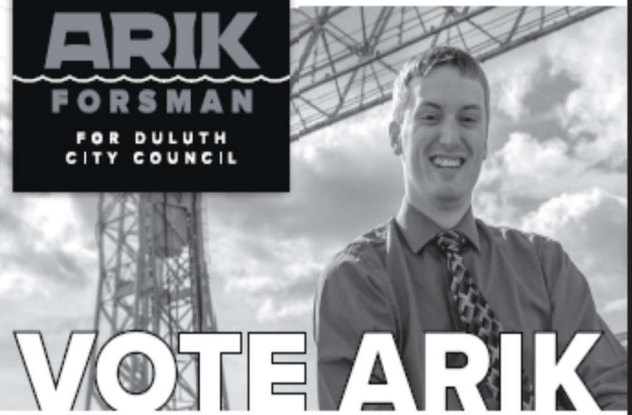
Dec 7 Get It Local/
Peace Church

Dec 14/Neighbor-Made/
Concordia Lutheran

Vote Hobbs November 5th



Investing in streets, public safety, and neighborhoods!



NOVEMBER 5
FOR DULUTH CITY COUNCIL-AT LARGE

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A friend of Park Point

I hope to work with Park Pointers these next four years to make Duluth an even better place for everyone. Let's make positive changes together on issues like erosion, child-care, and housing.

Prepared and Paid for by Arik Forsman for Duluth Committee
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From the Editor:

I've got a little space this month, so I'll take the opportunity to mention something. At the last Community club meeting, someone passed on a comment heard from a delivery driver -UPS? FedEx? USPS? Whatever. What they said was, in most Duluth neighborhoods, when a delivery person is attempting to cross the street, traffic will usually stop for them. Not so on Park Point – they just keep rolling. Now it's tempting to blame this behavior on those darn tourists, and other "mainlanders", but you know it's us, too. There aren't many marked crosswalks on Park Point, only one stop sign, and we're always in a hurry. And it's not just delivery people. With parking on the bay side and beach access on the lake side, there are often families with small children trying to cross the street. Come on, show a little Park Point courtesy. Give em' a brake!

Along with that, and this is a good thing, city workers recently cleaned up and widened the "Little Portage" at 8th street. This gives kayakers who don't want to run the canal an easy route across Park Point. But then they have to cross the street, too. So be alert, slow it down, and watch for kayaks crossing! (Bit of self- interest here. I'm a kayaker,too)

Alan Dartanyan

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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

News from The Erosion and High Water Committee

The responses to the surveys which were distributed with last month's Breeze should all be in by now, as the deadline was September 30th. Committee Chair Hamilton smith reported at the September Community Club meeting that quite a few responses had already come in, including a few referencing problems he didn't know existed. In response to that he was hoping to expand the committee, which now has just 3 members, and was particularly hoping for some whose property abuts Superior Bay.

(Note that I say Superior, rather than St. Louis Bay, as St. Louis Bay is only that portion above, or up river, from the Blatnik Bridge. Park Point lies between Lake Superior and Superior Bay, as small but important distinction. The Editor)

