



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Park Point
Garden Club
Thursday
December 20th
Christmas Party
and Cookie Plates
Contact: Liz
Mackay 727-1834**

**Lafayette
Community Edible
Garden
Potluck Holiday
Party
Sunday
December 16th
5PM**

**No December
PPCC Meeting
Next Meeting
January 15th
with Pizza!**

Happy Holidays



Tom Beery, Resiliency Specialist for the Sea Grant program, spoke at the November PPCC meeting. His presentation is summarized below

Climate change is happening and is documented by empirical scientific evidence. He noted that human behavior is one of the factors supporting climate change. Environmentally speaking we have gotten into trouble resisting the evidence of climate change and believing that what we are now experiencing is not normal. In other words, our climate will not go back to what it was and what we are now experiencing is our new normal. Minnesota is becoming wetter and warmer. We are losing our cold winter nights and have bigger rainfall events. Tom gave the example of the emerald ash borer doing better as one outcome of warmer and wetter.

Climate attribution is the science of knowing how much any one weather event can be attributed to climate change. Climate attribution is challenging in that we do not have the data to say with certainty that, for example the October 2018 storm, is a result of climate change.

What we do know is: there has been an exceptional amount of rainfall across the Lake Superior basin spurring a rapid rise in its water level; Lake Superior is 11" above normal, but 2" below its level on November, 2017; there has been approval to release more water from Lake Superior at the Soo Locks, this will be the highest amount of water being released since 1996; water levels are high in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron so there is tension between lowering water levels in Lake Superior and the rising water levels in the other two adjacent great lakes. A concern in all of this is the effect of having higher lake levels for longer periods of time. For more data on Lake Superior's water level go to the NOAA web site and look for the lake level graph.

For the Duluth area, the implications for higher water levels in Lake Superior are damages and losses to Brighton Beach, London Road, the Lake Walk, Canal Park and both lake and bayside of Park Point. On Park Point there is the ecological problem of dune erosion and the loss of the beach grass, the financial problem of repairing damage caused by the storms, and the emotional aspect of having a Duluth treasure being damaged. (continued on page 4)

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Great to see many of you at the meeting on November 20th for Tom Beery's presentation on living during rich times of change, details noted in the report and minutes. A big thanks to Marie M. who volunteered to fill-in for madame secretary Sheryl R. and to Tom for sharing the data on lake levels and offering insight on resiliency. We Park Pointers are not alone in our love and concern for our unique and dynamic neighborhood. Speaking of change, I took a look back at the December 2008 Breeze online on the PPCC website to see what we were talking about a decade ago. A retirement party for Dick Gajewski of Bayside Market was in the works as the store was closing its doors in December, trees in the Pine Forest were in peril due to the prickly relationship between tall trees and runways, and secretaries pro temps for the November 20th meeting were LeAne and Bruce Rutherford. At the Nov. 2018 meeting last week, Bruce's love of trees and tree planting was recognized and memorialized by a \$250 donation from LeAne. "Bruce loved the Point, the Park Point Community Club and trees. He particularly loved to plant them." Bruce passed away last June, shortly after the Park Point Art Fair, an event for which he had volunteered for many years as the procurer of the water hook-up at the hydrant and a greeter at the gate. Bruce was an active member of the PPCC and worked for years to preserve the pines at Sky Harbor. This year, once again, Dick G. of the environmental committee, has ordered the trees for spring which will be planted in memory of Bruce Rutherford, an engaged and inspirational Park Pointer whose eyes twinkled with kindness and curiosity. Checking in with the old Breezes is a good thing to do from time to time, like checking in with old friends.

Eight Park Pointers supported a DNR project by taking down a large encampment that was built over the summer in the Pine Forest. Thank you for collaborating with AmberBeth VanNingen, DNR Northeast Regional Specialist - Scientific and Natural Areas Program, in protecting and preserving the sensitive and fragile pine forest.

Hoping you will join us for the membership pizza party in January! Tuesday, January 15th 2019, 6:30pm at Lafayette.

Very best wishes for a memorable and inspirational holiday season!

Hoping to see you on the ice for some ice boating; stay tuned for news of skating at Lafayette, volunteer Mark Elden has said he is willing to get the process started. We are hoping that the City will continue to help out as well.

See you out and about on our extraordinary island,

Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

Park Point Community Club Minutes

President Dawn Buck called the attendees to order at 7:00 pm introducing the night's speaker, Tom Beery, Resiliency Specialist with the Sea Grant program. tbeery@d.umd.edu. His work is funded by NOAA. A summary of his presentation appears on pages 1 and 4.

After Tom's presentation, President Buck continued with the regular meeting.

1. The minutes in the Breeze as published November 2019, were formally approved by those in attendance noting no corrections or additions.

2. Financial Report – Treasurer Al Robbins was not in attendance but provided the information that the PPCC has \$26,402 in its bank account.

3. Committee Reports

Youth – Sally buck stated that volunteers are needed to promote and coordinate the summer program and to propose a budget for the 2019 summer program. Both Co-chairs Sally Buck and Wanda Sturm's children have aged out of the program so new chairs are needed for the program. Sally noted that she and Wanda will propose a budget for the 2019 summer program.

Art Fair – Dian Gould reported the committee is looking at ways to get sponsors for the fair. The planning group meets monthly. A second vote on the budget as published in the November 2018 Breeze was voted on by those present at the meeting. The motion was approved for the second time without dissent. (Budget: Expenses totally \$25,730 to include: City Fees \$2050, Advertising \$2700, Artists and Hospitality \$6360, Event Day \$3680, Coordinator \$10,010; Revenues: \$33,850 for a profit of \$8120. Details can be found on the PPCC website.)

Environmental – LeAnn Rutherford has donated \$250 for the 2019 tree planting project on behalf of her husband Bruce, who died this past summer. Dick Gould would like to collect used Christmas trees to use to mitigate drifting sand near the park near the Beach House. Eagles and coyotes have been seen; the fox seem to be gone; voles, moles and mice have been seen in large numbers; a few rabbits have been sited.

Watch Committee – Dawn reported there were concerns about the bay access at 24th so she contacted city planning; street lights are getting replaced – report if you see one out; a couple of bikes were stolen in the 33rd block – lock up bikes; the homeless camp on the Pine forest has been cleaned up with the help of the DNR. If there are signs of people living out there again next summer call the DNR before the camp becomes a nuisance as trees were broken, garbage and impromptu toilets were left by the people living there this past summer. It is of note the residents living in the Pine Forest this past summer were relocated with the help of a city homeless advocate; there is a controversy about beach access at 18th. The controversy surrounds whether or not the public has access to the beach at this location. City planning has been working with one of the parties however conflict escalated to the point the police have been involved on request of one of the neighbors. If you want to weigh in on beach access at the 18th street end contact Keith Hamre, (city Planning), Noah Hobbs, (councilor at large), or Em Westerlund (our city councilor)

Sunshine Committee – two cards have been sent

Park Point Rummage Sale – no updates but a plea not to have rummage sales during the days of the art fair was made

Breeze Committee – a reminder to please send in articles or information to include in the Breeze

Lafayette Updates –no new information regarding the rental of Lafayette as the insurance continues to be a concern; skating will probably take place at Lafayette, but decisions are still being made regarding flooding rinks in Duluth. It was noted by Pam Paige, a park recreation specialist in attendance, that Bayfront will be flooded after 12/26 after Bentleyville is over; there will be a skating special events on December 12 at the Heritage Sports Center (more info on the website).

Old Business – none

New Business – a motion was made and seconded for the PPCC not to meet in December as has been done in the past. Motion approved by those present. It was noted January 2019 is the membership meeting.

Thank you to the Carpenters, new Park Pointers living on 31st, for providing cookies for tonight's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Submitted by Marie Margitan

(presentation, continued from page 1)

What can Park Point residents do? Tom referenced the article appearing in the November 2018 issue of the Breeze, “‘Gales of October’ – the New Norm?”. This article was informative and offered several suggestions. Tom reiterated actions to take including buy flood insurance; adhere to setback restrictions for new construction; minimize disruption to dunes and beach grass as beach grass is one of Park Points greatest defenses; consider storm water management action on private property such as rain gardens, rain barrels, dry wells as these actions slow the flow of water during big rainfall events; be a part of the global effort to change behavior that will slow carbon emission, action that we all make as individuals is important; participate in the Twin Ports Climate Group (meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11:30 at the PCA on the 4th floor of the Palucci Building).

Currently the Army Corps of Engineers is considering whether or not to nourish the Park Point beach with dredging materials. However, there are mixed reviews of the effectiveness of this approach – how long will it last, size of the particles, contamination of the particles. There may be more dredge materials available due to lake erosion occurring.

The last departing thought Tom shared is a definition of resilience which is “not bouncing back from trouble, but rather our ability to bounce forward.” We cannot go back because things are changing. We need to think about how we want Duluth to be better both right now and for our grandkids.

Tom collected questions and ideas for action from the audience. He plans to respond with answers by the January issue of the Breeze.

A Brewery on Park Point?

Someone hearing that today, when craft breweries seem to be popping up all over the place, might think this is ripped right from today’s newspaper, but actually this story originates nearly 150 years ago. A new book, **“Naturally Brewed, Naturally Better: The Historic breweries of Duluth & superior”** by Tony Dierkins and Park Point’s own “beer man”, Pete Clure, tells this story:

In November of 1869, Gustav Kiene, a Prussian immigrant, established the Point Brewery “on Minnesota Point, about a mile below Franklin Square, putting it around what’s 24th and Minnesota Avenue today. It was announced that he would soon produce “Lake Superior Ale”. Local breweries today brag about the quality of beer produced with Lake Superior water. But it appears that Kiene’s operation was the first in Wisconsin or Minnesota to use that magic water, as he was supposed to have a batch in the kettle by December of 1869.

Kiene had his difficulties. In August of 1871 the brewery was destroyed by fire, and he lost everything, including his entire stock of beer. The Duluth Tribune reported that had Kiene’s barking dog not alerted him to the blaze, he might well have lost his life. But you can’t keep a good beer man down. It took over two years to recover, but the Point Brewery returned to operation. Following the Financial Panic of ’73, which threw the country, and particularly this region, into an economic depression, Kiene was apparently the only person in Duluth producing beer. In the years 1874 and 1875 combined, he reportedly produced 197 barrels of beer. Pretty good for a small operation.

Still, the brewery doesn’t appear to have lasted long. Within a few years, Kiene, now married with two sons, left the region and eventually settled in Ohio. So that original “Lake Superior Ale” was lost to history.
The Editor



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Editor's Ramblings

I've got a little "free space" in the Breeze this month, so I thought I'd take the opportunity to comment on a few things. The cover stories on both this and last month's Breezes have been by "off-pointers". First, from Julie McDonnell of the DNR, and then, a summary of a presentation by Tom Beery of Minnesota Sea Grant. But both were on an issue of concern to Park Pointers – the effect a changing climate, and the resultant more frequent and extreme storms have on our narrow sand bar. This is of course just one of the many issues of concern to us, and one of the purposes of the Breeze – and the Park Point Community Club, which underwrites it – is to bring these issues out, to foment discussion and work toward solutions. I'm hoping that Park Pointers value that, and show their support by joining, or renewing, their membership in the Park Point Community Club. Of course the PPCC does much more than publish the Breeze, but that's my part of it, and what I'm basing my plea on.

The January issue of the Breeze will include a membership form, and the **January 15th** meeting will be our annual **Membership Meeting and Pizza Party**. But you don't have to come to the meeting to join. Heck, you don't have to come to any meetings at all. Just send in your membership dues and join your neighbors in supporting the **Park Point Community Club**.

Alan Dartanyan
Breeze Editor

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Welcome new gardeners Susan and Dave Halverson, Helen and Kathryn Mongan-Rallis, AJ Kuzel and Mary Ann Jackson

In November we were still harvesting arugula and other salad greens, Brussels sprouts, and horseradish. At that month's potluck dinner meeting, Pat Farrell was our guest and talked about the geography of soil. LeAne Rutherford reports. "Potluck participants on November 18th left more fully appreciating the worth of soil after listening to Pat Farrell, professor in UMD's Department of Geography and Philosophy, present *The Awesomeness of Soil*. Who knows or even thinks about humble soil's role in supporting life on earth? Taking soil pretty much for granted, we know what it is, yet it defies definition. We do know-- but rarely acknowledge-- that half of soil's value is in the space it allows for air; that there's 10 times as much energy below ground as there is above; and that humus, which can sequester carbon, is the ultimate product of decay. She talked about the co-evolution between plants and soil, emphasizing that soil is alive and even has history. Soil is, she concluded, beautiful! If not beautiful, it is at least, in her word, "awesome." For further information on soil, Pat recommended *Growing a Revolution* by David Montgomery and *The Hidden Half of Nature* also by Montgomery and Ann Bikle.

At our December potluck dinner (December 16, 5 p.m.), we will party. Bring a gift for the fun holiday gift exchange - something you made, something good to eat, perhaps a re-gift, or something you found that is perfect for one of our gardeners - under \$10. Also, we will be collecting children's and teens new or gently used books for kids living at Steve O'Neil apartments. One of our gardeners, Sara Archbold, volunteers there and is sure they would love to receive gifts of children's' books.

New Potluck Dinner Times in 2019

Because the city will be taking over rentals of Lafayette, we will be limited in our use of the upstairs function room where we host our monthly potluck dinner. Beginning in January, all potluck dinners will be the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. If you are interested in being part of the Lafayette Community Garden, contact Coral 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, December 16, 5 p.m., potluck holiday party.

Monday, January 14, 6 p.m., potluck dinner meeting. Our guest will be Cindy Hale from Clover Valley Farm.

-Susan Peters

Environmental Report

The anti-erosion project that Gary Glass did down where we hold the art fair has stopped the sand from blowing from the beach all the way to the fire hydrant at the art fair site. I would like to expand it a bit by planting a variety of grass, bushes and trees in the sand to further control it. I would like to make a walkway about six feet wide through the middle of the sand pile by either siding it with some of the dead trees that are in the area or using old xmas tree limbs to cover the sand so that we can plant things without getting them walked on while they grow. We might use old carpet to create the walkway as well.

I will contact the City and the Fire Dept. before going forward with the project.

Dick Gould

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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 Kelly Greenwalt 218-730-5617 | kgreenwalt@duluthmn.gov

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

City Coucilor Em Westerlund (218) 355-1137 ewesterlund@duluthmn.gov

Editor:

This needs to go in the breeze. We thought originally that we only had one coyote on park point that was left behind from the pack that came through this summer - that is not the fact. The fact is a couple of coyotes were left behind and had a litter of pups that are now about 7 months old. We are seeing them on our night cam on 42nd.

The pups are about 40-50 pounds now. So they now look like full grown adults.

Our neighbor on 42nd had her cats go missing and there are a lot of others. Once they get through with the cats - they will start on dogs.

Sincerely,
DeBora Bernick

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