



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community  
Edible Garden  
Potluck  
Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
6PM at Lafayette**

**PPCC Meeting  
March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Social at 6:30  
Meeting at 7**

**Park Point Garden  
Club  
Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>,  
7PM Contact:  
Kathy Jacobs  
722-2375  
All are Welcome**

**Smelt Parade  
April 12th  
Canal Park**

**Park Point Rummage  
Sale June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
8A.M. to 5P.M.**

**Park Point Art Fair  
June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

### Ready for March?



Coming off the snowiest February on record, and the recent discussions on the deplorable state of Lake Avenue South, I couldn't resist running this photo from the March 1<sup>st</sup> blizzard of 2007. File it under that typical Minnesotan expression, "Could be worse". Remember when we couldn't even find the street, and sections of it were closed for days? Although sometimes I'm not sure which IS worse, the steady day after day snowfalls we endured during February, or getting it all in one big dump. And given the history of March – and April – down here, we could well get a chance to compare them side by side. Ain't Winter grand?

## ***The Breeze***

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Submissions for the April issue are due  
by 3/27/19

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## **President's Report**

Hi Neighbors,

Klaus and I heard the call of the cardinal early this morning near 32nd beach side. I am hoping that the beautiful bird is a direct descendant of my dear grandma's beloved cardinals. Their portraits hang in my porch. I inherited Granny Jean's binoculars and her collection of bird watching books and am eager to consult them again this spring. Park Pointer and birder Scott Wolff will speak on bird migration and how to prevent window strikes at the April PPCC meeting, that is on Tuesday, April 16th.

We have talked about scanning old pictures and documents at Lafayette for years. Many of the treasures were barricaded in the inner office under a lot of non-"joy-sparking" junk per Marie Kondo. This past weekend, several brave and strong volunteers made significant progress in accessing the files and old photos in the office of the conference room. A trip to the dump and many to the dumpster created space in which to look at what we have! I was thrilled with a few finds aging under an old cabinet: old Breezes from 9/1999, 5/2002, 8/2004, 9/2006 which revealed that we are talking about many of the same issues today- beach erosion, terrible road conditions, speeding, beach fires, scarcity of club officer volunteers plus many anecdotes conveying the passion, engagement and kindness of Park Pointers.

I found a postcard from the 32nd PP Art Fair in 2002 and a timely Detailed Project Report from the US Army Corps of Engineers from 2000 studying the shore damage on Minnesota Point due to the Duluth Ship Canal and the Superior Entry, "Accelerated shoreline erosion along Minnesota Point is occurring as a result of the interruption of alongshore littoral transport processes." This is certainly a hot topic today as the lake level rises and the storms surge. A group of Park Pointers is starting a committee to look at plans for beach nourishment and possible longer term solutions to this ongoing challenge. Let me know if you are interested in joining the conversation. I also found two old photos of the Nevari Lodge at 2624 Minnesota Avenue dated March 1, 1909. Treasures galore for sure at Lafayette- stay tuned for more updates on the "finds." Let me know if you'd like to assist with organizing the archives and developing a plan for scanning and sharing the club's history which dates back to 1889!

The planning for Park Point Summer Youth Program 2019 is underway. Co-director Kevin Chederquist presented an overview and highlights of the program that he and Karen Boynton have led for the past two years. The youth committee meets with Parks and Rec. manager Alicia Watts, this week and will learn how the City will support the PPSYP.

Registration will start in March, check the website for forms and details. Summer is right over the next dune.

See you out and about our extraordinary island!

Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

## PPCC Minutes

The February 19, 2019 Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dawn Buck, PPCC president.

### **Business Agenda**

**Approval of the January 2019 Community Club minutes.** A correction to the minutes of the January 2019 meeting is as follows: Treasurer's Report

The January 2018 Beginning Balance	\$18,807
The January 2019 Beginning Balance	\$19,625

The second entry (\$19,625) should have read for 2019 instead of 2018.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 2019 meeting minutes as printed in the Breeze with the exception of the above Typographical error. Remaining membership votes – all ayes.

### **Treasurer's Report – Al Robins**

January 1, 2019 Beginning Balance	\$19,625
January 31, 2019 Ending Balance	\$19,839-

A \$590 profit for last year.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as given by Al Robins. Remaining membership vote – all ayes.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Art Fair – Carla Tamburro**

Jake Kapsner spoke at the meeting saying the committee was seeking more applicants for the Art Fair. The Art Fair Committee is also looking for sponsorships. If you have any leads, please contact Carla or Jake. If a person is interested in serving on the committee, please call Carla. The Art Fair is scheduled to happen on June 29<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Breeze – Alan Dartanyan**

The yearly contract the club has with Alan is due to renew in March 2019. A motion was made and seconded to renew the contract for one more year with Alan for \$100 per month. The remaining membership votes were all ayes.

#### **Environmental Committee – Dick Gould**

Trees for planting has already been ordered by Dick Gould. When they are available, Dick will ask for volunteers to help plant.

#### **Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck**

Thank you, Ted, for the wonder warm civility cookies. Very much appreciated.

#### **Neighborhood Watch Committee – All Park Point Residents**

The PPCC donated \$200 to the City of Duluth Police Dept. for their canine program in remembrance of Haas who was recently killed. Thanks to a club member, Beth, who notified us to send the money to Harbor Pointe Credit Union, as they were matching funds for the program. Residents still have concerns about the condition of Lake Ave from the bridge to the 'S' turn. Other concerns were about the City of Duluth plowing street ends.

The following information is for a reminder. When you see something suspicious, call **911**. This is the place where suspicious activity **should** be reported. 911 does not necessarily mean you are being put into an 'emergency' reporting area. The person answering the phone assess the situation and then directs the call to the appropriate area.

#### **Program Committee – David Poulin**

David Poulin is working on several leads of interest for the club meetings.

#### **Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki**

Rummage sale scheduled to happen the weekend of June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

#### **Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum**

Kevin Chederquist, co-director of the Park Point Summer youth program spoke at the meeting. Kevin and Karen Boyton co-chair this program. Their goal for number of students is 30 students. He and Karen are hoping to involve more interns to help administer the program and volunteers to also help.

The 4 goals of the Youth Program are as follows:

1. Provide and safe and nourishing environment
2. Intellectual stimulation
3. Traveling in the community
4. Celebration days (Birthdays, fun days with police and firefighters, & etc.)

The students are involved with art projects. Last year they set up a booth at the Park Point Art Fair and sold their art projects. They have an Olympic event, A food farm tour, hiking, visits to the rowing club and sailing club and this year will be visiting the Folk School. The youth program is due to begin on June 10, 2019. It runs for 9 weeks (first week in August). In support of the Park Point Summer Youth Program, a second vote was made and seconded to donate up to \$1000 for expenses for this program. Remaining membership votes – all ayes.

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**Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs**

No cards were sent out last month.

**New Business**

Jim Ouray has requested \$250 support for the Smelt Parade scheduled for 5/12/2019. A first vote motion was made and seconded to spend \$250 in support of the Smelt Parade. Remaining membership votes – all ayes. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Remaining membership votes – all ayes.

**Additional PPCC notes**

**\* Under our new contract with the City, all Lafayette rentals must be made through the City of Duluth. Their on-line registration system can be found at [www.duluthmn.gov/parks/registration](http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/registration) Or contact Craig Decker, Parks Permit coordinator, at 218-730-4305**

**\*By our Club by-laws, we are all on the Watch Committee! For everyone’s safety, if you see something that doesn’t look right, don’t hesitate to call 911. It’s not just for emergencies; anything you’re not sure about, or think the “Authorities” should know about, give them a call.**

**\* At the April PPCC meeting, Dr. Scott Wolfe will give a presentation on migrating birds – and how to keep them from hitting your windows!**

**STREET CONDITION SURVEY**

We have heard concerns of many residents about Park Point’s streets. The street especially between the bridge and 12th street has deteriorated to where there it is dangerous as drivers try to avoid holes and potentially damaging to Vehicles. Would you be willing to add your input and list your concerns? A group of Park Pointers will be meeting with City officials and City Councilors and will add your voice to the conversation. Constructive comments and suggestions are welcome. Please drop off this slip in the Lafayette mailbox o P.O. Box or mail to P.O. Box 16326, Duluth MN 55816-0326. If you have questions call John McKinney at 218-464-1290.

YES ----- NO -----: Lake Ave. and Minn. Ave. street conditions are dangerous and require immediate repair between 7th and 13th Streets. New surface, base, curbing, sidewalks and storm water drains are urgently needed.

YES ----- NO -----: I have contacted the City or City Councilors with my concerns re. road issue

Concerns/Comments/Needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME & SIGNATURE:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Street address on Park Point:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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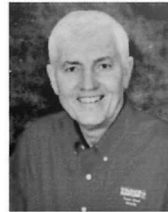
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I just had to find a space to squeeze in this cool old picture found in the back office at Lafayette. It's of the old Nevari Lodge at 2624 Minnesota Ave. And if you look closely it is dated "1<sup>st</sup> of May 1909". Given the snow, I guess late Springs are nothing new down here.

The Editor



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

**What** forces of nature shaped the Lake Superior region? **How** was Park Point created? **What** role does the Blue Heron research vessel play in monitoring the largest freshwater lake in the world? **What** critters call Park Point home? **What** birds migrate through this area and rely on the bay for feeding and resting?

If you would like the answer to these questions and a chance to learn even more, then you are encouraged to attend the Nourishment and Knowledge series hosted by St. Andrew's by the Lake. The series will run for 5 Wednesdays starting on March 13 until April 10.

See details for each night on another page of the Breeze. All are welcome to attend.

The Rev. Marta Maddy  
Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.  
standrewsbythelake.org  
2802 Minnesota Ave 218-727-1262  
standrewsbythelakeduluth@gmail.com  
We are on Facebook

### Nourishment and Knowledge at St. Andrew's

Beginning Wednesday, March 13 and continuing for the next four Wednesdays, the Nourishment and knowledge series will explore what makes Park Point a unique place to live, work and play. Our first speaker will be Professor (retired) Timothy Holst, Ph.D., leading us through the geological forces that shaped Lake Superior and Park Point. Dr. Holst is an engaging teacher who loves geology, Nordic skiing and music.

Mark, "Sparky" Stensaas will present on the critters of Park Point on Wednesday, March 20. Sparky is a naturalist, photographer and author with a degree in Biology and American Indian Studies from the University of Minnesota Duluth. He co-owns Kollath+Stensaas Publishing with Rick Kollath. He also owns Stone Ridge Press and sparkyphotos.com. His photo blog is The Photo Naturalist. Sparky founded a non-profit to promote and protect the Sax-Zim Bog of northern Minnesota.

On Wednesday, March 27 we have invited a member of the US Coast Guard on Park Point to present on the role of the USCG Station and the important work that they do to protect the environment, enforce maritime law, conduct search and rescue and break ice in the harbor.

Wednesday April 3 we will have the opportunity to learn first-hand about the important work that the UMD research vessel, the Blue Heron, makes possible. Dr. Doug Ricketts, the Marine Superintendent for the Blue Heron, will share stories about Lake Superior and give us insight into the what researchers are learning about this most precious body of water. Dr. Ricketts works at UMD with the Large Lakes Observatory. He has published extensively and conducted research on large lakes in Africa and Central Asia.

Wednesday, April 10 will be our last presentation of the series. As of the publishing deadline the presenter has not yet confirmed their availability. Look for the St. Andrew's ad in the April edition of the Breeze to highlight this event.

Each evening will start at 5:45 with a simple soup supper, a 30 to 40 minute presentation will begin at 6:15, with an optional Compline Service to bring the evening to a close. All are welcome to attend and there is no charge. Folks can feel free to attend just the presentation, just the soup supper, or just the Compline service or any combination of the three. You are welcome to bring bars or cookies. Soups and bread will be provided. St. Andrew's is located at 2802 Minnesota Avenue on Park Point.

For more information on this exciting series please contact Dave (DJ) Johnson at 218-348-1338 or davejohnson10@gmail.com.

## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Welcome new garden member Mary Jackson. If you, like Mary, are interested in learning more about our community garden or events, contact Coral 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.

LeAne Rutherford reports on our February 11 potluck program, "Eat your garnish! Did you know that parsley is a powerhouse herb? Did you know that plants with yellow flowers lift moods? If you attended the last potluck, Angel Dobrow and Eric Ament (Anahata Herbal) would have told you that, as well as giving you useful facts on a dozen other herbs. They walked us through the basics on thriving on, healing with, growing, and using calendula, rosemary, sage, lemon balm, chamomile, Echinacea, red clover, white yarrow, oregano, lavender, dandelion leaves and even nettles while we sniffed and sampled many dried herbs. Some of these herbs we already plant, harvest, and use, but I forecast that come spring, we will try others such as lemon balm which is not only calming to the nervous system, but fights mosquitoes, as well. Or we might go in search of, or plant, the insect-and-tick repellent, white yarrow. Angel also recommended several herb books and catalogues: Home Herbal and "Strictly Medicinal Seeds."

Meanwhile, brew yourself a cup of chamomile tea and peruse a seed catalog or two. Spring is coming!"

Looking ahead to our March 11 potluck dinner, we will welcome Steven Hedman, a retired UMD Biology professor and Master Gardener, as our speaker. He will present information on till-less gardening, soil testing and use of fertilizers and soil amendments.

2019 Duluth's Vegetable of the Year

This year we celebrate the lowly rutabaga. The plant originally hails from Sweden, so most Scandinavians are familiar with the rutabaga. If you have never eaten this tuberous treat, it's time to try one. Prepare it as you would potatoes: boiled, mashed, or roasted. Just add salt and butter. Then, you will be ready to join us in the garden to plant them.

Community Garden Meet-Ups

Learn more about the Duluth Community Garden Program at their monthly meet-ups. They happen the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bent Paddle Taproom, 1912 W. Michigan Street.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 11, 6 p.m., monthly potluck dinner meeting.

Monday, April 8, 6 p.m., monthly potluck dinner meeting.

-Susan Peters

## Environmental Report

The South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is hosting a free educational event on tree health and tree care. Healthy trees and forests benefit the whole community. Speakers will be presenting on forest insects and diseases, weather damage, and creative solutions for preventing and treating common problems. Bring your questions for a chance to talk with a professional. Coffee and snacks will be provided, and there will also be an opportunity to purchase trees for the spring through the annual SWCD tree sale.

**When:** Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Doors open 5:45 p.m.

Presentations 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Harrison Community Center

3002 West Third Street

Duluth, MN 55806

**RSVP:** This is a free event, and all are welcome. Please register to help us plan for supplies by calling or emailing our forester, Beth Kleinke. 218-730-8002 or [bethk@southstlouisswcd.org](mailto:bethk@southstlouisswcd.org).

For more information on what the South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District can do for you or to learn more about our Native tree & Shrub Sale, please visit: [www.southstlouisswcd.org](http://www.southstlouisswcd.org)

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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](mailto:kgreenwalt@duluthmn.gov)

Dog issues: [clane@duluthmn.gov](mailto:clane@duluthmn.gov)

City Councilor Em Westerlund (218) 355-1137 [ewesterlund@duluthmn.gov](mailto:ewesterlund@duluthmn.gov)

Thanks to all who sent in their membership. The Club appreciates your support.

Remember – it allows us to provide the Breeze to every house on Park Point -Free! The money also helps support the Summer Youth Program. The kids and their parents really appreciate it.

The Membership Committee

### Park Point Community Club Membership Form

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Check this box for email subscription

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The Park Point Community Club publishes a list of member names (w/o contact details.)

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