



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Lafayette Edible Garden Pot-Luck Monday, March 9 6-8 PM at Lafayette

High Water and Erosion Committee Meeting. Monday, March 16th , 6:30PM at Lafayette

Park Point Community Club March 17th Social at 6:30 Meeting at 7:00 at Lafayette

Park Point Garden Club March 26th 7PM

Contact: Kathy Jacobs 722-2375

All are welcome

Youth Program Open House, Thursday, March 26, 5-7:30 PM

Park Point Clean-up Thursday, May 14 5-7PM

Park Point Rummage Sale, June 12 & 13

Park Point Art Fair June 27 & 28

What will March Bring?



Fun on The Ice

It came together kind of fast – a bit of a pop-up event. But with a lot of work by Rinkman Mark Elden and his family, and a handful of other volunteers, a Family Fun Day at Lafayette came happened on February 9th. Good weather, good ice, good time. And luckily, just before the mid-February thaw turned our rink into a puddle!

And off it



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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Here are several important dates for your calendars:

Park Point Summer Youth Program Open House, March 26, 5:30-7pm, Lafayette Lake Ave Bridge & Twin Ports Interchange Presentation April 21, 7pm Lafayette

• **Doug Kerfeld with MN Dot and Kate Van Daele with the City of Duluth**

Park Point Rummage Sale June 12 & 13

50th Park Point Art Fair June 27 & 28

Have you ever driven by a home where the yard and street are dug up, a plumbing van is out front, and felt really sad for the family? I have really groaned when I see this happening on a holiday :(Digging and contractors will be common sights on Park Point for the next few years. I have heard from several neighbors who recently received letters from the City of Duluth Utility Operations office saying, "The private building sewer serving your property must be replaced or relined." Excess water in the sanitary sewer line is causing sewer overflows into Lake Superior. In early February, we got the letter, groaned, and promptly called the number listed to avoid the \$250.00 surcharge on our next bill. We have a complicated situation with a shared sewer line and unanswered questions at this point. The funding available to defray costs, which is coming from user fees, will cover up to 80% of the completed project but not to exceed \$4,000. The costs to repair that I am hearing about from neighbors are quite expensive, the highest mentioned so far was \$34,500 and the lining costing \$120 per foot which is higher than in other neighborhoods. I am not sure yet if the City will require a clean-out in our 188 foot line which would mean digging a big costly hole in addition to the lining job. When I hear that the common sense solution is not possible, I really wonder if we can do better and go back to "what problem are we trying to solve?" You, too, may likely get this letter over the next three years. We are trying to get a few things figured out and will share what we find out along the way. BTW, don't take out your anger and frustrations on your fellow Duluthian tasked with coming to your house to explain the problem and the process. Give a call to the department heads; they will do their best to help explain why this is happening, what data was used to identify your home as a source of inflow and infiltration and provide the more technical and building code details for complicated cases. Bill Bergstrom, Eric Shafer @ 730-5200; Jim Benning 730-5105. There is financing available, two estimates will be required. The City has a list of contractors who are interested in doing work on private sewer services. Two are lining contractors and twelve are excavating contractors. No one is happy about sewage going into Lake Superior. If you would like to share your experiences or have questions, please send me a note parkpointcc@gmail.com.

More good news for swimmers at the Beach House! The City has granted \$75,000 from tourism taxes for lifeguards at the beach house. The money, through the YMCA, would be used "to enhance the quality and duration of our summertime lifeguarding service out on Park Point, pursuant to valid concerns the community has expressed about our prior standard of service," said Jim Filby Williams, in the DNT.

More good news about this summer, Kevin Chederquist will once again lead the summer youth program and a new Park Point volunteer, Kari Speer is leading the Youth Committee. The program will run from June 8 to August 6. Registration information will be on the website, parkpointcommunityclub.org.

March is the month when "any member of the Park Point Community Club is eligible to present himself or herself to the membership as a candidate for any office of the Club or its committees." The elections will be held in May for the next two- year terms. If you would like to get involved with one of the most engaged community clubs in Duluth, please come to the March meeting. Contact members of the executive board to learn more about volunteering with the PPCC.

Speaking of volunteers, when you see Mark Elden, Lafayette Square Rinkmaster Extraordinaire, would you be willing to express your gratitude for his work on the rink? He led a small group of determined volunteers after the City provided the jumpstart snow removal. Also, the intrepid chairperson of the Park Point Rummage Sale, Dave Lavamaki, has again committed to the coordination of the sale of the season on Park Point on June 12 & 13.

See you out and about!

Dawn & Bruno, fuzzy canine companion

Park Point Community Club Minutes

The February 18, 2020 Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Dawn Buck, President.

The regular business meeting agenda was suspended to accommodate City of Duluth police officers Leclair and McClennan. Various questions were asked and answered.

January 21, 2020 PPCC approval of minutes

A correction to the January 21, 2020 minutes is as follows: Dick Gould's original request for a first motion for the club to purchase 250 trees for \$400. The January minutes did not reflect his request correctly. In regards to approving the minutes, Mark Eldon made the original motion to accept the January, 2020 minutes as they appeared in the Breeze, correction made. Pam Griggs seconded the motion. All remaining membership votes were ayes.

Treasurer's Report – Al Robins

Beginning balance 1/1/2020	\$23,400	Balance as of 2/1/2020	\$23,093
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Pam Griggs made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as given by Al Robins. Coral McDonnell seconded the motion. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Breeze Committee – Alan Dartanyan (Breeze Editor)

Alan thanked the volunteers who stuffed the Breeze paper with the Erosion and High Water insert. Alan said that made his part much easier. He is waiting for the membership list and when it is received, the list will be included in the Breeze.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thank you, Ted, for the cookies and coffee for the meeting.

Program Committee – David Poulin

David reported he had no program plans at present. He said if anyone had suggestions for programs to please call him.

Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki

The rummage sale has the dates of June 12th and June 13th, 2020. David has begun working on the event set up.

Summer Youth Program –

The budget for the Summer Youth Program has been completed. Alan Dartanyan made the first motion to support the 2020 Summer Youth Program up to \$4000. Liz Mackay seconded the motion. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

No cards were sent out last month.

Old Business

The second required motion for the purchase of 250 trees for \$400 was taken. Al Robins made the motion. Tom Griggs seconded the motion. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

New Business

Thanks were given to the individuals who kept up the ice skating rink and activities. Coral McDonnell, from Edible Gardens, made an announcement for their next meeting, 3/9/2020 at 6:00pm, there would be a speaker who will speak on 'zero waste.

Alan Dartanyan made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. Pam Griggs seconded the motion. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

Submitted by Sheryl Robins

Park Point Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale dates are Friday and Saturday, June 12 & 13, 2020

Contact number is 218-729-8925, David Lavamaki, Chairperson.

4 miles and approx 125 yards of Bargains. Food available throughout the event. Just cross the Aerial Lift Bridge to Park Point and start your shopping adventure. Plenty of free parking on both sides of the street. Sorry No Public Area for sales. All sales must be on private property with approval of owners.

Have you ever wondered who suggested there be a special weekend for the Park Point Garage Sale? It was Pat Joyal. Pat was the one who, also, started the Park Point Art Fair. In her quiet way she has done much for our community. Pat is a special Park Pointer and deserves a big "THANK YOU" for building community and raising funds for the Community Club.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Our February 10th potluck dinner meeting found us dreaming of this summer's garden and what we would plant. Ellie Alspach gave us a report on the seed trials from last season including various types of beets, arugula, and tomatoes and we started listing the produce we want to plant in the coming season.

On Monday, March 9, we will again meet for another great potluck meal and a presentation on Zero Waste Duluth. Our speaker will be April Hepokoski, who is a sustainability activist living a near zero waste lifestyle, creating close to just a mason jar of trash each month. She has founded Zero Waste Duluth, a group where she inspires others to live intentionally and sustainably by sharing her story. She is active in the community hosting speaking events for herself and other activists, organizing clean-ups, speaking on podcasts, and running her nature-based preschool near Zero Waste. Her preschool blog, Zero Waste Nature School, can be found on zerowastenatureschool.com.

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:

March 9, 6 to 8 p.m. Zero Waste Lifestyle.

April 13, 6 to 8 p.m. Climate change presentation.

May 11, 6 to 8 p.m. Vegetable of the year, broccoli.

Environmental Report

We just got back from Belize where I saw Piping Plovers on the sand beach who looked the same as the ones that nest on our beach. I have been told by Audubon people that they are close to extinction, I wonder if they were ours?

Dick Gould

Need another reason to join the Park Point Community Club?

You - Yes, You! - could become a club officer or committee chair! March is the month when we begin hunting up new blood, putting together a nominating committee, and preparing for elections in May. But you have to be a member – and there's still plenty of room on our membership list!

Election of Club Officers and Committee Members

The term of office for all officers of the Club and all officers of committees of the Club shall be for two years, and elections shall take place in even numbered years as follows:

- A. In March of each election year, at the Club's regular March meeting, any member of the Club is eligible to present himself or herself to the membership as a candidate for any office of the Club or its committees.
- B. Current officers of the Club and its committees are eligible to run for re election or to run for any other offices of the Club.
- C. Other candidates may be selected by a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members of the Club, selected by the Club at its regular March meeting. Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible for election to office and shall not hold any office in the Club while serving on the Nominating Committee, the Nominating Committee shall be abolished after the election.
- D. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for each and every office being contested and shall present the slate of candidates to the total membership at the Club's regular meeting in April. At the May meeting, nominations may be made from the floor.
- E. At the Club's regular meeting in May, the entire membership shall have the right to vote for all officers of the Club and its committees, but only those present at the May meeting shall actually vote, voice vote or show of hands, as determined by the members present.
- F. The candidates who receive the majority of the votes shall be declared elected and shall take office immediately following the election. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, a second vote for that office shall be taken between the top two candidates.

Park Point Community Club Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Check this box for email subscription

Number of Memberships _____ X \$10.00 _____

Please mail checks to:

Park Point Community Club

PO Box 16326

Duluth MN 55816-0326

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

Check here if you agree to be included on the list.

Check here if you prefer to remain anonymous.

Need music? Call: (218) 606-1670



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

All are welcome to join us for our second
season of **Nourishment and Knowledge.**
This season's theme:

People Helping People

Come share a soup supper and be
inspired by our guest speakers and stay,
if you wish, for a short Compline service.

Wednesday evenings at 5:45
March 4 - April 1

The Rev. Marta Maddy
Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.
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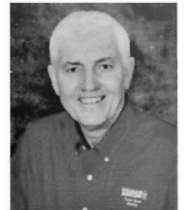
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Quotations from The Farmer's Mother's Almanac,
2020 by Janne Goldbeck and Paula Jull

March:

Hunt fiercely. Feed your young.

Plants should be fertilized in March. Houseplants
will stretch and quiver, sending out new shoots.
Yard plants will intensify in color, glowing; their
roots begin imperceptible
motions, answering the wind weaving in their
branches.

HERE IT IS!

The 2020 Park Point Community Club Membership List, (as of February 26)

Please excuse the omissions, misspellings and typos. There are a few every year.

Alfonsi, Karen
Anderson, Lyle
Boynton, Bob & Sandy
Brostrom, John & Stephenie
Brown, Barbara
Brown, Sue
Brozic, Tom & Jean
Bruno, Frederick & Caroline
Buck, Dawn & Ted
Buck, Sally & Tim
Catanzarile, Kathy
Cantoni, Georgina & McMillan, Jheri
Carlson, Sandra & Gene
Cervenka, Debbie
Christsen, Evonne
Christainson, Malcolm & Shelia
Cleveland, Jerry & Anderson, Marge
Crain, Mary Lou
Dale, Karen & Miller, Jane
Dartanyan, Alan & Cheryl
Davern, Char
Dodge, Clare
Doty, Diane
Elden, Mark
Ellison, Tom & Joanne
Fisher, Pat
Fogerty, David & Amy
Gaidis, Mike & Mary
Gallice, Ritch & JoAnn
Gardonio, Michael
Gehl, Len & Lois
Glass, Gary
Gleekel, Beth & Tony
Gould, Dick & Diane
Griggs, Pam
Griggs, Patricia
Griggs, Tom
Grover, Mary & Brian
Haller, Sigurd
Harney, Molly
Harrison, Judy
Hill, Carol
Hooper, Elizabeth Gay
Huberty, Barb

Hughly, Red and Mary
Jackson, Ken
Johnson, Bryan / Maki, Barbara
Johnson, Denny & Sue
Johnson, Steve / Korndrath, Carol
Karsell, Kris and Caroline
Kennedy, TJ & Valene
Kerns, Gale & Jeri
Kerns, Carolyn / Harsha, Nate
Kerns, Gordon
Krenelka, Glen
Kreieger, Peter / McKahann
Lanz, Michelle & Martin
Lavamaki, Dave & Diane
Lent, Bob & Carole
LeSage, Deven & Kristen
Lewis, Anne
Lombardi, Richard
Lundgren, Muriel
McKay, Tom & Liz
McGough, Larry & Maureen
McKinney, John & Suzanne
McLeete, Loranda & Paul
Medlin, Joe
Monge, Jim & Mary Ann
Murray, Judy
Neinstadt, Anita
Nelson, Rebecca
Newberg, Randy & Janet
Newman, Deb
O'Hearn, Erin
Olson, Nancy
Pauley, Peter & Jo
Paulson, Jeanette
Pessenda, Joe & Jean
Peters, Patty
Peters, Susan
Peterson, Greg & Jenny
Peterson, Richard & Patricia
Peyton, Beryl

Pietroski, Walt & Geri
Pitcher, Gratia LI / Eggert, David L
Quackenbush, Mary Anne
Poulin, Dave
Puglisi, Frank & Marian
Rauschenfels, Tom & Kris
Reinert, Roger
Reierson, Shirley / Gruba, Jim
Ralph, Charles R.
Remer, Dennis & Laura
Renken, Arlene
Reyers, Jan & Bonnie
Robins, Al & Sheryl
Rogers, Jim
Roise, Charlene
Ross, Mary & Dan
Sedgwick, John & Nancy
Sanft, Ted & Molly
Schmidt, Susan / Hadland, Jerry
Shimmin, Dale / Kaim, Ethelyn (Lyn)
Sorczak, Ted & Liz
Soderstrom, John
Sola, Steven / Mullins, Mia
Stevensen, Dave
Strum, Rhonda & Scott
Stuermer, Jeff & Laura
Taggart, Nancy

Tanttari, Jacob & Kaye
Toftey, Gail & Bob
Trenner, Paul & Mary
Trolander, Judy
Van Dyke
Van Dyke, Foster, Sherri
Watts, Howard
Wegner, Lynn
Wehner, Bernie
Wells, Mac
Wing, Amy & Todd
Wolff, Scott / Hall, Beth
Young, Joyce

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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

It's Coming!

Lake Avenue Bridge Resurfacing

I clipped this project information from a MNDot flyer, which also included maps of the project, but without a colored printing option, it would be too confusing.

Frankly, even with the maps I still have questions. Recognizing that, Project Manager Doug Kerfeld will attend the April 21 PPCC meeting to better explain the project. And hopefully he will bring others to answer questions about related projects, such as the ongoing Superior street reconstruction. Yes, it's going to be a messy Summer, but we're used to those. And the more we know, the better we can prepare

Project Information

- Location - On Lake Avenue between Superior Street and Railroad Street
- Construction Year - 2020
- Federally Funded Project
- Project Cost Estimate- \$2,125,000

Scope of Work

- Bridge redeck (2" mill and overlay)
- ADA improvements
- New signal at bridge interchange
- Addition of bike lanes across the bridge
- Addition of a left turn lane onto Superior Street

Challenges

- Traffic impacts and handling during construction (access into and out of Canal Park)
- Coordination with other construction projects in the area:
 - City of Duluth Superior Street Phase 3 construction
 - City of Duluth Lakewalk restoration
 - MnDOT Twin Ports Interchange (TPI)
 - Essentia Health and St. Lukes construction in downtown Duluth
- Grandma's Marathon access
- Weather conditions

Timeline

- Design complete mid-December
- Contract let March 13, 2020
- Start construction mid-April, 2020
 - Weather permitting
 - Coordinating with city of Duluth Superior Street Construction
- Staged construction and traffic impacts anticipated from April to October 2020
- Complete construction mid-October 2020

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