



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Park Point
Garden Club
November 15, 7PM**

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**Lafayette
Community Edible
Garden Club
Meeting and
Potluck,
Sunday
November 18th,
5PM**

**PPCC Meeting
November 20th
at Lafayette
Social at 6:30
Meeting at 7:00
Presentation from
Minnesota Sea
Grant on Beach
Erosion**

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**

'Gales of October' – the New Norm?

Minnesota's climate is already changing rapidly and will continue to do so into the foreseeable future. Temperatures are increasing – especially in winter – and larger, more frequent extreme precipitation events are occurring.

This statement (above) is the first of five key messages on climate change offered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Minnesota State Climatology office observes and analyzes local climate data and projects Minnesota's climate is trending warmer and wetter with larger and more frequent extreme rainfall events and intense storms. These extreme rainfall events, or "mega" storms (6"+ rainfall distributed over 1,000 sq. miles) means Minnesota will likely experience more surface water flooding and increased soil erosion.

Water levels of Lake Superior are currently above long-term average. Higher water levels can compromise slope stability, increase damage to property, and can be life-threatening. You, coastal residents on Minnesota Point, are well-aware the combination of waves and water can be devastating. In 2012, Duluth experienced historic flooding after receiving more than 10 inches of rain in a 24 hour period, causing hundreds of millions of dollars of damage to roads, bridges, and infrastructure. Waves during an October 2017 storm ravaged public and private property along the entire Lake Superior shoreline. And it happened again in April and October 2018.

What can property owners do to minimize risk?

Get flood insurance. Public and private property on Minnesota Point has been damaged from storms, yet many residents do not have flood insurance. Extreme storms and subsequent economic impacts will continue, and flood insurance is one way to mitigate that impact. Your property does not have to be in the (mapped) floodplain to get flood insurance! A "Preferred Risk" (discounted) policy to compensate for damages if flood waters come overland (and excludes seepage) is available to residents as long as the community participates in the national community flood insurance program. The City of Duluth does participate. Ask your homeowner's insurance provider for details. Some agents may not know this information – DNR floodplain and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff are working to educate insurance agents with this information.

Adhere to setback regulations for new construction. Another way to minimize costly damages from storms is to adhere to shoreland setback regulations. New construction (including rebuild) within 1000' of Lake Superior is in the "Shoreland District." New construction within this district dictates the lowest floor of a building needs to be above flood elevation to meet the shoreland setback requirements.

Minimize disruption to the dunes and beach grass. As you know, sand dunes are constantly changing. They are part of a dynamic ecosystem which also includes American Beach Grass, a rare and threatened species in Minnesota. The grasses keep sand in place, effectively keeping the sand on the beach and mostly out of homes and off the street. MN point hosts the only population of beach grass in Minnesota. It also marks the westernmost extent of the species natural range. Disruption to this beach grass (including transplanting or re-planting) requires a permit to ensure disturbance is minimized and increase transplanting success.

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

If you are interested in learning more about climate adaptation and the social science of environmental behavior, contemplating the idea of resilience, climate change, the current dilemma on Park Point caused by high water and storms surges, hoping you will attend the Nov. 20th PPCC meeting. Our guest will be Thomas Beery, Resilience Specialist, Minnesota Sea Grant, University of Minnesota, Duluth. [Information about Tom and recent publications: <http://www.seagrants.umn.edu/about/tom>] Several club members have been gathering information on how to address the erosion issues on Park Point. Tom hopes to start a dialogue that will provide a better picture of the challenges ahead and how to best proceed toward solutions.

Thanks to City Councilor Arik Forsman who attended the October PPCC meeting. One of the concerns that came up during the Watch Committee report, is the darkness due to street lights out on Park Point. In just a matter of days, eighteen bulbs on Park Point were replaced. Thank you, Arik, for listening in and taking action and passing along information to community members.

If you have a rowdy mouse and vole party in your lawn and garden that is keeping you up at night, I may consider renting out the weasel who lives in our woodpile. This curious and wily weasel must eat half of its body weight DAILY. The weasel's head popped up near the shed last weekend and was using our old basement pipes in the scrap pile like a habitrail; a really big dead mouse was in tow when little weasel headed towards the wood pile. The hungry weasel shares hunting strategies with the jaguar, best be mindful of its ferocity. ParkPointRAW (Rent a Weasel).com, jk.

The large storm drastically changed the landscape on the beach and I love heading down to check out the new beach backdrop. Big logs migrated down the shoreline, many ended up in the dune grass; large timbers landed on the beach and I enjoyed taking photos of Klaus on the logs and beams for my "dog on log" series. One very large beam had been a resting spot and play platform for several families over the two weekends that it rested high up on the beach. Last week, in a three block span, four spectacular large timbers on the beach were rolled down into the lake and removed. I noted large four wheeler tracks on the beach. Whoever desired and took the beams chose to trim off the jagged, unwanted tips/ends of the beams and leave them discarded on the beach. I am thankful that I took the photos when I did.

Hoping your winter preparations are going well. I spoke to several neighbors who moved their snowblowers to the "winter ready" positions last weekend. Happy Thanksgiving; I am grateful for my extraordinary life on Park Point!

Kind regards,
Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

(Picture: weasel for hire!) >



Park Point Community Club Minutes

The October 16, 2018 meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by club president Dawn Buck. Seventeen people signed the attendance sheet, including Arik Forsman, Councilor At Large, Duluth City Council.

Bonita Crow, SEH, gave an update on the Sky Harbor Runway Relocation project. Phase 2 includes adding 90,000 tons of sand to the top of Phase 1. Sand compresses soils to prevent movement and serves as erosion control. This Fall crib structures (a box of logs with tree roots) will be added to create a fish habitat. Next year Phase 3 will be to construct runway.

A motion was made by Tom Griggs and seconded by Tom Rauschenfels to approve October minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. Remaining membership voted with all ayes.

Treasurers Report was given to Dawn Buck for presentation by Al Robins.

September 1, 2018, PPCC had a bank balance of \$28,632

October 1, balance was \$26,402.

A motion was made and seconded to approve treasurer's report. Remaining membership voted with all ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck & Rhonda Strum

After all expenses were paid and reviewed, the program was completed within budget and enjoyed by all. Many volunteers were involved to make a fun and educational summer. New organizers will be needed next year.

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

48th Art Fair will be Summer of 2019. Budget will be approved in October and November. Applications will be accepted in December. Check list information is available on PPCC website. Profit expected to be \$8,120.00. City fees will go to YMCA and we will get use of Beach House as needed. Motion to approve budget as presented made by Dick Gould and seconded by Dennis Hoelscher. Remaining membership voted with all ayes.

Breeze – Alan Dartanyan

All is running smoothly. As residents obtain new information, Alan is able to keep Breeze information and contacts current. Councilor Forsman said he reads our Breeze and he attended our meeting.

Environmental – Dick Gould

Dick proposed funds for tree plantings as has been done each Spring for the past 20 years. \$250.00 would allow for purchase of trees and shrubs to help reduce blowing sand near the Beach House. Motion to approve \$250.00 as presented made by Tom Rauschenfels and seconded by Tom Griggs. Remaining membership voted with all ayes. Sand "blow hole" fences near Beach House has been working. Recent storm took fence nearest beach. Driftwood and branches were stopped by fence and continues to hold sand.

Homeless people have been camping in the pine forest over summer.

Warblers and eagles continue migration. Local bird store has items which help reduce bird strikes into windows.

Mice, voles, moles, deer and poison ivy continue.

Ice fishing contest has been discussed over the years as a possible fundraiser. Members talking with organizations who have done this find it would take 3 years to become profitable and lots of volunteers. We best look for other fund raisers.

Executive Committee – Dawn Buck

City of Duluth is looking into the cost of buildings and maintenance at each community club in Duluth. City is considering new contracts with community clubs. Dawn Buck and Tom Griggs are meeting with City to advise of our volunteer efforts to keep our community active. As discussions continue, we will be advised.

Hospitality – Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Delicious cookies!!! Thank you.

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Rummage Sale – Dave Lavamaki

Rummage sale was started years ago with a purpose—we do not want any competition during the Art Fair. As part of our fund raising for youth programs, artists pay for their booths and we hope all residents will respect the efforts of artists and volunteers. PLEASE DO NOT COMPETE WITH THE ART FAIR.

Sunshine – Pam Griggs

Two sympathy cards sent.

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

Tom Beery, MN Sea Grant, will attend the November meeting to advise us on beach erosion and water levels.

Neighborhood Watch – All of Us

Recent storm created much damage. We will all help as we can.

Proposed hotel expansion beyond existing building code concerns residents whose view will be blocked.

Pedestrian beach paths at 8th Street, 10th Street and 18th Street each need efforts to continue walkable beach access.

Encampment in the pine forest near the airport is being monitored by State of MN conservation officer and City of Duluth officer who helps homeless find a better place to live.

Three plus acres of bare land on Bayside between Harbor Point Circle and 19th Street apartments has been sold.

Lake Avenue street conditions between lift bridge and 12th street continues to be very bad and bumpy. Hopefully after troubled main line sewers are reconstructed, street surface can be addressed.

Stop sign at Minnesota Ave and 19th Street is being considered by City as not necessary. Because of the apartments, many residents feel the stop sign should remain. Several residents are in contact with Taryn Erickson from the City.

Speeding cars continue to be a problem. If you are able to get a description and/or license number, call 911 and the City will send a patrol car if possible.

Poison ivy control, especially in children areas, continues to be a problem. Hopefully warning signs are helpful.

Homes with older plumbing pipes are asked by the City each year to keep a small stream of water flowing all winter to avoid freezing. City will hopefully be able to repair next year.

Many street lights appear to be not working properly. Minnesota Power maintains lights on wood poles; City maintains others. If any resident has success reporting outage, please notify an executive board member on who to contact. If we can't figure it out Councilor Forsman will help us.

Duluth Rowing Club – Tom Rauschenfels, President

DRC continues to thank all volunteers and financial donations to help make our beautiful new facility. Commemorative bricks are available for a donation of \$125.00 each. Bricks will be engraved and placed outside the smaller club house.

Death Row, the long trip up the St Louis River, was delayed due to heavy fog. Rowers with safety boats following made the trip. A few of the junior rowers performed REALLY WELL. We look forward to watching their efforts in the future.

Work party brought in all docks, cleaned, and rowing is officially closed for the season.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm was made by Dawn Buck, President. Seconded by Dick Gould.

Big AYES from attendees. We each grabbed another cookie, cleaned up and we were out the door.

Submitted for Sheryl Robins, PPCC Secretary

By Pam Griggs

Environmental Report

It is sad to see that three cats are missing here on the point. Please keep your cats in the house at all times! The dune grass is full of mice, moles and voles this year and we have large hawks and eagles passing through our area at his time of year on migration. As well we have Great Horned Owls here all the time. The Fox are also a possible danger to the cats.
Dick Gould

Park Point Art Fair Estimated Budget for 2019

Expenses:

City Fees \$2050
Advertising \$2700
Artists and Hospitality \$6360
Event Day \$3680
Coordination \$10,010

Expenses Total: \$25,730

Revenue: \$33,850

Profit: \$8,120

Details available om PPCC website

Shop local without leaving the Point & support a local artist!

Neighborhood artist Natalija Walbridge will be hosting an open studio on Small Business Saturday, November 24 from 11a.m. - 2 p.m.

Check out the latest addition to the Dock 5 collection, *Lake Superior Fury*, inspired by the Gales of November. This is a great chance to pick up unique gifts from bandannas to laptop bags! Enter to win free raffle prizes!

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Share the Love Concert at St. Andrew's Sunday, November 4. Desserts at 3, Bill & Laurie Bastian performing at 4 pm. Monetary donations for our CHUM bag lunch ministry are appreciated.

The Way of Jesus:
Practices for Hopeful, Courageous Christian Lives **Saturday, November 10 at St. Andrew's, from 9 to noon**, with lunch following. There will be a free will offering for the meal. Child care will be provided. Call the church office (see number below) by November 7 to sign-up and let us know if you will need child care.

Creative Hands meeting will take place on **Saturday, November 17, 9:30-2pm.**
You are invited to attend any event at St. Andrew's.

The Rev. Marta Maddy
Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.
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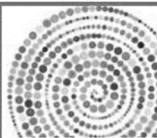
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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Growing Satisfaction

Twenty-five gardeners in LCEG participated in a Give and Take survey at the October 21st potluck to assess their satisfaction with their involvement at the Lafayette edible garden. Their comments widely ranged from the tangible to the intangible--growing great vegetables and great friendships. A predominance of comments clustered around the ideas, inspiration, and knowledge they gained from having hands-on experiences in gardening, sharing practices and techniques, and listening to presentations geared to gardening. They included the body/mind connection of knowing our food from seed to harvest and intimately connecting with the vegetables we eat. What did they contribute? Energy, effort, time, skill, commitment, hope, and generosity. Many cited our ability to donate produce to food kitchens and food shelves with pride. This year's feedback mirrored the feedback taken three years ago. We must be doing something right.

Even if you have never ever had a garden you are welcome to join us as a worker member for \$25 per family lifetime membership. We meet monthly all year for our community potluck suppers. All Park Pointers are invited to the suppers, even if you have not joined the garden group. As one fellow was overheard saying "I look forward to the potluck all month." To join LCEG and reap its benefits, contact Coral McDonnell at coraljean@charter.net.

The next potluck will be Sunday, November 18 at 5 p.m. at Lafayette. Our guest speaker will be Pat Farrell, Associate Professor in Dept of Geology and Philosophy at UMD. One of her research interests is the geography of soil. She will talk to us about taking care of soil and the Women's Environmental Institute.

The gardens are put to bed for the winter and garlic for next summer is planted. Compost piles are in need of leaves so when raking please bring your leaves (*no needles and pine cones if possible please*) and dump them in the bins. You can take your bags back and fill them again. If you don't want to dump them, just leave the bags inside the fence.

Coming Events

Sunday, November 18, 5 p.m. Potluck

Sunday, December 16, 5 p.m. Holiday Party

Submitted by LeAne, Joanne, and Coral



If anyone sees this cat, please call 218-340-7220. Last seen in the area of 37th Street and Minnesota Avenue

Celebrate with Rod

Please come for birthday cake and goodies to celebrate Rod Olson's 90th birthday from 1:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, December 8th at his home, 2925 Minnesota Avenue. No gifts please! Your presence will be a wonderful present for Rod.

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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

(Storms – from page 1)

Minimize impact to native plant communities. Three of the dominant native plant communities on MN Point are rare, and in Minnesota are and only known to occur on MN Point (with a fourth native plant community largely restricted to MN Point). Maintenance and protection of this high- quality habitat benefits both rare species and rare native plant communities, as well as the dunes. Introduction of new species to an area can wreak havoc for rare plant communities. Before you introduce new species into your yard or adjacent to the dunes, be sure it cannot encroach or negatively impact the native plant communities on the dunes.

Know about invasives and don't bring them to the point! Invasive plants (and invasive species in general) can adapt to a new climate quickly. Our native plants have deeper roots take longer to establish and do not tend to adapt as easily. Invasive species are species not native to Minnesota and cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. Minnesota's natural resources are threatened by numerous invasive species such as zebra mussels, spiny waterflea, non-native phragmites, common (and glossy) buckthorn, Japanese knotweed, and emerald ash borer. Invasive species can occur on land or in the water.

For more information on Minnesota's changing climate visit mndnr.gov/climate

For more information on shoreland management, floodplains, and rare species visit the MN DNR website: mndnr.gov
South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District offers technical assistance for landowners for protecting water quality and an annual native tree and shrub sale. Visit their website: southstlouisswcd.org

For additional information and training regarding local invasive species contact Duluth Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA). Visit their website: stewardshipnetwork.org/duluth

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