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The Breeze Of Park Point

Park Point Summer Youth Program 2018

Upcoming Events

October 3rd
Canal Park back to
"normal"

PPCC Meeting October 16th at Lafayette Social at 6:30 Meeting at 7:00

Lafayette
Community Edible
Garden Club
Meeting and
Potluck
Sunday,
October 21,
5PM

Park Point Garden Club Thursday, October 25th at 4:30 Lafayette Clean-up

No Halloween Blizzards, please!

The Summer Youth Program held at Lafayette Square and sponsored by the Park Point Community Club ended on August 9 after nine weeks of activities. The returning staff included Program Director, Kevin and Assistant, Karen, who brought creative energy, an Olympics, field trips, adventures on Park Point, education and technology. This year 24 children (16 from Park Point) attended the Program. Many attended for a limited number of weeks while 15 attended full-time. The average age was eight. This year we had an intern full-time, Mallory, who assisted the staff allowing the group to divide into 3 age groups for different activities.

The Program featured a variety of field trips including bowling, a movie, the Aquarium, Maker Space, the Trampoline Park, a tour of two organic farms in Wrenshall, the Zoo, the library, UMD Tweed Museum and Planetarium. The children enjoyed many beach days with the warm water this year. The kids held a beach sweep and played bingo at the Franciscan Nursing Home with residents. They enjoyed many veggies in the garden joining the Community Edible Garden Club on Mondays. On the Point they toured the airport, the rowing club, had a day of tubing, sailing and paddle boarding. They also played 'water works' at the playground, tennis, soccer, built Lego structures, played Foosball and made crafts. On rainy days, they enjoyed some movies and learned painting skills with Carla. On the last day, there was a talent show, Elite Camper Awards, a camp video and visit by the Olympic Curler and Gold medalist, John Shuster.

A survey of grandparents and parents indicated that the 2018 Program was positively received with parents supporting the flexibility of staff, open play and hours. The majority thought the fee was reasonable and all plan to return next year.

Thank you to the Community Edible Garden Club and the Park Point Community Club, especially the officers for their support and assistance for a successful program. St. Andrew's By the Lake Episcopal Church donated an electric piano / keyboard for the PPSYP to use in skits and the talent show. It is great for rainy days! Thank you for the generosity. Thank you also to the parents and grandparents and children for participating and all the supporters who provided exciting field trips and activities

Submitted by the Youth Committee.



Summer Youth Program Talent Show - The Macarana

The Breeze

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Hi Neighbors,

Thank you to the beach sweep volunteers from Harbor City International School. After school on September 14th, eighteen students, staff, and parents collected over 800 pieces of trash in only 30 minutes on the stretch of beach adjacent to the canal. A parent volunteer reported that his group of four volunteers picked up over 150 cigarette butts in that time period. The Alliance for the Great Lakes will send the data that the Harbor Citizen scientists collected to the Ocean Conservancy as part of International Coastal Cleanup Day. The data will be used to help understand human impacts on our beaches and to help find solutions to Great Lakes issues. Thanks to all who pick up trash everyday along the lake.

After this weekend's high water, I went on a little search to study the seiche and if it is tide related.

http://geo.msu.edu/extra/geogmich/seiches.htm will tell you the answer.

If you have not taken the survey on the Imagine Canal Park project, now is the time to provide feedback and offer up ideas. http://www.imagineduluth.com/canalpark2/ Thanks to neighbors who came to the September meeting where Keith Hamre and Emelie Voight from City Planning described the project and how it came about- might be a great idea to re-up your Tunnel Pass before next spring.

Other meeting notes:

The membership supported the idea of a Disc Golf course at the end of Park Point and also discussed a silent auction fundraiser at the Art Fair and the possibility of an ice fishing contest. If you would like to get involved with these projects, send an email to me at parkpointcc@gmail.com.

A neighbor offered to talk to us about reducing bird kills via windows and identifying invasives in future months. Residents are weary of speeding cars and the associated noise and unpleasantries. A task force will be formed to address this issue and also to see why the city might consider the removal of the stop sign at 19th. Have you seen cars cruising through that intersection? A correspondence on the matter will be sent to city in hopes of finding answers and resolution.

The Executive Board is working with the City on an agreement regarding the rental income from upper Lafayette. The initial draft proposal received from the City eliminated the Club's profits entirely. The board was unpleasantly surprised by the initial terms suggested but the proposal did lead to some good questions; the dialogue will continue. Stay tuned or give me a call with questions or have ideas.

Hoping your winter prep is well underway on our extraordinary island,

Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

Park Point Community Club Minutes

The September 18, 2018 Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by club president, Dawn Buck. The regular business meeting agenda was suspended to accommodate speakers Keith Hamre, City of Duluth Planning Dept. Keith came to the meeting to answer questions about 'Imagine Canal Park' initiative started by the City of Duluth. The City of Duluth was given a grant for \$200,000 for revamping Canal Park to make it more tourist friendly. Their envisioned plan would be to provide Winter festivities as well as summer festivities on Buchannen St. Thirty- seven parking spaces were lost to the traffic changes. The traffic area in the Canal Park area is only temporary. It should be this way through September only. October, the streets will go back to the way we remember. The City will gather feedback in November and then determine what course they will take. Keith reminded the group that this is only in the planning stage. The majority of complaints were in regards to parking. Pam Paige from City of Duluth Parks and Rec department said she had been down to the Canal Park area and felt everyone was happy with how the project was going.

The next speaker of the evening was Brandon Twedt, Lead Engineer from SEH. SEH is the engineering firm overseeing the Sky Harbor Runway Relocation project. Phase 2 of the project started on September 5, 2018. Surcharge materials are being placed. It should take about three more weeks of barging the materials with this phase being completed in mid October. The material will sit for the winter months and project due to resume next spring.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 2018 minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. The remaining membership voted with all ayes.

Treasurer's report was given by Al Robins. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report as given by Al Robins. The remaining membership voted with all ayes.

Committee Reports

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Carla said the summer Art Fair 2018 netted a profit of \$7500. She was going to fill out paperwork to send to the City of Duluth for improvements that would be beneficial to be made in order to have a more successful Art Fair next summer. Thank you Carla and the many volunteers who make this event a success each year.

Joanne Ellison spoke on a money raising idea. It would be the community club set up a tent and have a silent auction. Several ideas were given as to the auction. The proceeds would be dedicated to a community project. There would be a need for a chairperson and volunteers to help make this happen.

Breeze – Alan Dartanyan

Nothing to report

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

Many mice and moles on the Point. A Coyote was spotted around 43rd St. Fox population is down. This is the time of year for migrating birds. More windows are hit during this time of year.

2800 birds killed on Park Point each year. Poison Ivy is still a problem on the Point. (The three leaf type). Signage for the new toilets should be increased as the bathrooms behind Lafayette Square are not being used as they should. More signs need to be put up directing them to the new area. There is a ringworm disease among the squirrels on the Point. It affects the squirrels and raccoons. Supposedly, not dangerous to humans or dogs.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thank you for the wonderful treats you provided. As usual, they were good.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – All Present

Drag racing last weekend involving old cars.

Program Committee – David Poulin

Nothing to report at this time.

Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki

Sale went well. Don't forget to start storing up items for next year.

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Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

There will be a need for new chair people next year. Something to think about. The club needs to find other ways to help support the program. We will need volunteers to help out.

New Business

Rory Strange spoke about developing a Disc Golf course at the end of Park Point. It would be 9 holes and the cost to set it up would be around \$2700. The money required to set up the course would come from sponsors. This was an idea Rory brought to the club for consideration. A motion was made and seconded to support the idea of the process it would take to set up this game. The remaining membership voted with all ayes.

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

Two 50th Anniversary cards were mailed out last month.

JR Rogers brought up a concern about the stop sign at 19th St. He had been in contact with Taryn Erickson from the City. Her response to him was that because the grocery store was no longer there, the city could consider removing the sign. There are approximately 140 apartments in that area that need to pull out on Minnesota Ave. The stop sign allows the renters to safely get onto Minnesota Ave. Another point brought up, the stop sign at that location acts as a reminder to slow the speed down. A motion was made and seconded to have a community club member write a letter to Taryn Erickson asking her reconsider the removal of those signs.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm by Dawn Buck, President. The remaining membership voted with all ayes.

Submitted by Sheryl Robins, PPCC Secretary

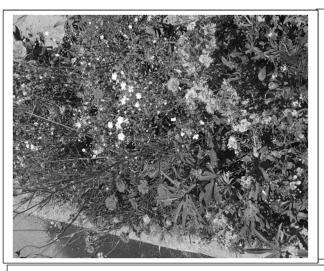
R.I.P. Glenn Maxham

I can't let the passing of former Park Pointer Glenn Maxham go without comment in the Breeze. It was during my previous stint as editor that Glenn first contacted me, and proposed writing a monthly column for the Breeze, which he call "ParkPoint.....Naturally". I accepted, and for the rest of my tenure as editor and continuing into the editorship of Natalija Walbridge, Glenn contributed regular articles on Park Points flora and fauna. Then living on the 3rd floor of the Bay Point Apartments, overlooking the bay, Glenn was a keen observer, noting the comings and goings of migratory and resident birds, as well as the antics of foxes, rabbits and deer. He wrote on the changing of the seasons, the emergence of flowers and leaves, local and global environmental concerns, even delving into history to put his stories in perspective.

Most of my contact with Glenn was via e-mail - I believe I only met him in person once – and until I read his obituary I never realized what a full life he had lived: radio host, environmental activist and so much more. Although he had moved off Park Point by the time of his death, his presence is still felt here, and he will be missed.

Alan Dartanyan

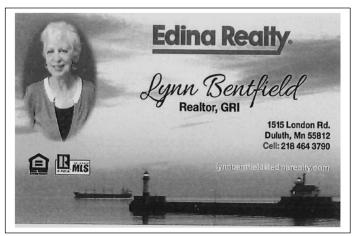
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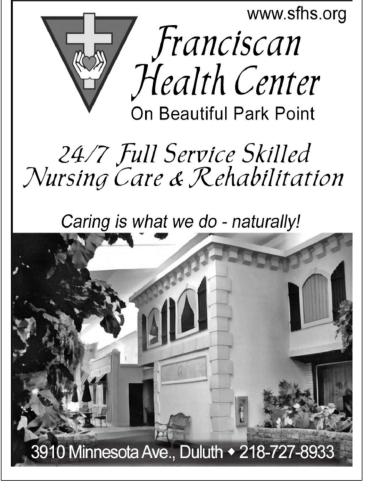


PARK POINT GARDEN CLUB
member Joanne Ellison received the
Beatification Award from the
Minnesota State Horticulture
Society's 8th District for her
spectacular gardens at her home. The
Park Point Garden Club submitted
pictures and a written summary to the
8th District. We are very proud that
Joanne received this award.
Diane Gould

Can't do these justice in black and white, but here is a picture of Joanne's garden









A checklist to see if a **Reverse Mortgage** might make sense for you.

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- ☑ Do you have quite a bit of equity in your home?
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We are a people on the Way to knowing, loving, and serving God and neighbor!

Come one, come all and bring your furry and feathered friends with you! St. Andrew's by the Lake is hosting our annual Blessing of the Animals service on October 7 at 9:45 a.m. and all are welcome to come and join in the blessing of our beloved pets. The service will be held outside, weather permitting. Coffee, treats for pets and people and conversation with our neighbors will follow. Hope to see vou there!



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

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A bit of a Mea Culpa here. Last month, in the September issue, I mistakenly printed the July version of the St. Andrews ad, thereby failing to inform readers of a couple of September events at the church. September is past, so I can't correct that now. I can only apologize and try to do better in the future.

The Editor

A NEW SEASONAL EVENT Duluth Woman's Club Bazaar Saturday November 3, 9-3 2400 E Superior Street

Unique member created gifts, home decor, accessories and more!, everyone welcome! OBJ

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

At our September 17 potluck dinner meeting, we honored Coral and Brooks with special gifts and a PEACE banner to say "thank you" for all they do to keep our community garden running so well. Without their leadership, the Lafayette Community Edible Garden would not be the beautiful, bountiful garden that it is.

Our guest presenter at the dinner was physical therapist Jana Whiting, who showed us some easy and interesting moves to keep our gardeners' bodies happy and healthy.

The prized golden pumpkins from our garden were given as door prizes, so don't look for them anymore. Instead, active members are harvesting tomatoes, peppers, beets, squash and even some late-blooming okra now. The overabundance of produce in the garden is harvested and delivered to the Damiano Soup Kitchen and the Food Shelf. Little goes to waste.

If you are interested in being part of the Lafayette Community Garden, contact Coral 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net.

<u>Upcoming Events</u>: Note – Starting in October our monthly potluck dinner meetings are on Sunday evenings.

Sunday, October 21, 5 p.m., potluck dinner meeting. Learn more about the garden as we ask members to say what plants they liked and didn't like from the garden this season as well as what they liked about being members.

Sunday, November 18, 5 p.m., potluck dinner meeting.

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

-Susan Peters

Photo courtesy of Coral McDonnell: okra blossoms still blooming in September





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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

Park Point apartment for rent:

Lake side, upper unit of duplex. 4 blocks from the bridge. 2 small bedrooms. Available October 1st. \$920/month plus gas & electric. Landlords live in lower unit & attentive to any issues. No pets, no smoking. Seeking tenants with a lifestyle compatible to quiet overnight hours. Jim #218-370-8980