



The Breeze

of Park Point

Lafayette Edible Garden
Monday, September 22,
6 PM

Potluck Dinner
Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Community Club
Meeting

Thursday, September 18,
7 PM

Social at 6:30
Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Garden Club
September 25,
7 PM

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Northshore Inline Marathon
Two Harbors to Canal Park
Saturday, September 13

The mission of the Breeze is to
serve the community by:

1. Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club.
2. Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects.
3. Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns.
4. Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live.

Park Point Community Club Special Meeting Regarding Street Ends September 18, 2014, 6:30 pm

PPCC resolved on July 17th "to hold a special community club meeting to discuss and gather information on legal issues on street ends." The purpose of the special meeting(s) will be to inform ourselves about the legalities regarding street ends and public access, and to listen to each other's perspectives.

Agenda for the special meeting:

Step 1. (5 minutes)

Welcome and introduction to the purpose of the meeting and background information (handouts provided, i.e. Attorney General opinion, Maritime Law, law re. community right to maintain present community context)

Step 2. (30 minutes)

Please come prepared with your answers to the following questions! Participants are asked to write their comments on the sheet, which they will turn in at the end of the meeting.

Each question will be discussed for 10 minutes each. Up to 10 participants may express their comments and they are asked to raise their hands to speak - each person will have 1 minute to share briefly their views.

- a. What do like about living on Park Point (what is your most important/best example)?
- b. What is your most important immediate concern about land utilization on Park Point?
- c. What do you want Park Point to look like ten years from now?

Step 3. (5 minutes)

- a. Please turn in you comment sheets.
- b. Next steps: form a Park Point task force which will determine a process for continuing the discussion and develop a collective vision for our neighborhood, based on input from our residents; take names of people who want to volunteer to be on the task force, which will meet before the next PPCC monthly meeting and present their plan for moving forward.

Note:

If there is a need for more discussion, there may be a 2nd special meeting before the task force is formed.

John Sargent, Judy Dwyer, Lyn Clark Pegg, and Bill Long

The Breeze

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Letter to the Editor

Neighbors,

I recently applied and was appointed to represent District 3 on the Duluth Parks and Recreation Commission. "The mission of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, City Council, Parks and Recreation Division and other agencies and organizations in matters related to Duluth City Park and Recreation programs and facilities."

I will inclusively represent our community in that capacity. Please contact me regarding any matters or information you have to share related to Parks and Recreation in our district. I am not an elected official and have not had experience in city government. I have a lot to learn.

I know what it is like to live on the Point. I moved here in the 70's and have learned a lot about our rich community history from many of our neighbors. I value our unique environment, collection of diverse people and our ability to live and work together. I am committed to protecting those qualities. I am proud to be a Pointer.

I know many of us voluntarily give time and resources to: clean, protect and improve our water, dunes, beaches, forests, wetlands, flora and fauna. Please help me collect those stories.

Respectfully,

John F Schmidt
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Note from the Editor


Hello Neighbors,

I have heard from several people that they have experienced difficulties navigating sidewalks with overgrown bushes and/or trees. Please take a moment to make sure that your sidewalks are clear as a courtesy to all.


Thank you!

Natalija Walbridge
Editor of the Breeze





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From the PPCC President

Happy end of August. It's about the time of year when I challenge myself to re-spin my thought processes about the summer. A spinning mental Rolodex of things that I wanted to do, but didn't, starts creeping in. I think that this happens because there are so many very cool things to do right here in front of me. The beautiful Park Point days bring bouts of mania to me in the form of trying to do as much as possible all day long, every day. The mandatory morning weather and wind check gives me an idea of what the day SHOULD look like. Is the lake warm? Must swim if it is. Is the wind good for a little sail? Take advantage of it, you don't want to miss out. Get on your bike, ride to work. Winter is coming....

What a grand dilemma to have. New spin to self becomes, "Focus on what you did; how lucky you are." Hoping that you all had some good times this summer on our splendid sand spit.

Master Chief Robert Pump and his crew from the Coast Guard Station generously hosted our August meeting. We were thrilled to have very personalized tours of the Alder, the rescue boats, the station and the gear. The light drizzle did not dampen the enthusiasm of our group; a few photos are posted on our website. Thanks also to Duluth Police Officer Craig Lindberg, his partners and their horses who came by the station to visit and check in with us. Thank you to Chief Pump and our program committee chair, Dave Poulin, for coordinating this great community gathering at the station.

Also, many thanks to all the volunteers who worked on our Neighbors Night Out celebration. Will share the banner with the responses to the prompt, "The best thing about living on Park Point is..." at our next meeting. During the email correspondence in planning for the evening, I read this from one of the volunteers and chuckled, "All we need now is someone to make sure the weather is perfect and people are happy!" Great job!

Current topics in my mailbox and voice-mail:
(More info on our website, parkpointcommunityclub.org)

Tax Forfeit County Land Sale-

"The special sale will be November 18, 2014 at 10:00 am, at the Depot in Duluth. This sale will include other properties and is not limited to Park Point parcels. As for registration, we are required to notify adjacent property owners of parcels to be sold at public auction. We will send out a sale booklet to each of them. There is a pre-registration form included in that booklet. There will be a registration table on the day of the sale, as well, for anyone wanting to register the day of the sale. (Registration doesn't take very long.) In addition, there is also be a form on our website:<http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/LANDPROPERTY/TaxForfeitFeeLands/TaxForfeitedLandSales.aspx> "

Street Ends-

Special topic at this month's meeting, "The purposes of the special meetings will be to inform ourselves about the legalities regarding street ends and public access, and to listen to each other's perspectives." Please join us and share your experience and insight.

Sky Harbor Runway Realignment-

"The Park Point Community Club wishes to comment on the Draft Federal Environmental Assessment and State Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the Runway 32 Approach Obstruction Removal at the Duluth-Sky Harbor Airport Dated July 2014. The PPCC supports the Preliminary Preferred Alternative (5a Short)...."

Meeting of the Community Club Presidents-

We met on the 27th at the Iron Mug Cafe in Morgan Park. What a great group of passionate & thoughtful Duluthians.

Successful Lafayette Summer Youth Program-

Received an enthusiastic thank you note from a happy family.

Park Point SNA-

The web page regarding changes to the Minnesota Point Pine Forest SNA is (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snas/uses.html>) The DNR has extended the public comment period until September 2nd.

Hope to see you at our next meeting, September 18, at Lafayette. All are welcome!

See you out and about,

Dawn & Klaus (canine companion)

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God's Call To Change

A desert nomad awakened in the middle of the night. He lit a candle and began eating dates from a bowl beside his bed. He took a bit from one and saw a worm in it so he threw it out of the tent. He picked up a second date — and a third and a fourth — and did the same thing. He was quite hungry and realized that soon he wouldn't have any dates. He blew out the candle and quickly ate the rest of the dates.

We can be stubborn. We can continue in doing the same thing over and over even if it doesn't work or is harmful. We stubbornly cling to our way of doing things. Now is a time of conversion, a time of change. How are you being stubborn? Let go and let God.

Gracious Father, remove my stubbornness, for I know I can be thickheaded. Your way is not only the right way, but the only way. May I surrender to you this day. I pray in Jesus' name, the Obedient One. Amen

Mass 8:00 AM every Sunday
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Lafayette Community Edible Garden News



September is upon us and it's harvest time. In August, we harvested garlic. Pulling the bulbs out of the ground is just the start: they can be eaten right away or tied together with string and left to hang for 3 to 6 weeks in order to cure for better storage. Some of the bulbs will be used to propagate next year's crop by planting them this fall.



Growing garlic is very easy and can be done in a sunny spot in your garden or even in containers (they need a pot that is at least 18" deep and 12" wide and has drain holes). Break a garlic head apart and plant only the largest cloves about 3" deep with the flat side down and the pointy side up. The tip of the clove should be about 1" below the soil surface. Cover with a little straw to protect the plants from winter's cold and then remove the straw when the temperatures warm in the spring and watch the sprouts shoot skyward.

Perhaps you have noticed the beautiful red flowers along the garden fence that faces the street. Those are the scarlet red runner bean flowers. We are looking forward to harvesting these beans and using them in dishes for the big city-wide potluck on October 24th, which will showcase beans, the Duluth Community Garden Program's Vegetable of the Year.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 22, 6 to 8 p.m. Monthly potluck dinner. Angela Krick is scheduled to teach us about fermenting, an activity she and her family have been doing for several years. She teaches fermenting classes at Whole Foods Co-op.

Friday, October 24, Our Annual Harvest Dinner with the Duluth Community Garden Program. Time and place to be confirmed. We will celebrate BEANS, this year's One Vegetable One Community initiative.

Sunday, November 16, 5 to 7 p.m. Monthly potluck dinner. Chad Johnson will make a presentation on what permaculture is and reintroduce us to Sepp Holzer and his practices. Chad will share his projects at his Spirit Mountain Farm and premiere Sepp's new DVD, *Desert or Paradise*.

Park Point Garden Club Tours B&B Garden

Instead of meeting in a member's home, the garden club members did what they like most: walking in a beautiful garden. Flowers envelope this Dutch Colonial home built in 1909 for William (general manager of the Great Northern Power Company) and Martha Ryerson, both of Dutch descent. It is the only known Duluth house designed by renowned Minneapolis architect Edwin A. Hewitt. The house was sold to Adam G. and Clara Thompson in 1918. A member of Duluth's Board of Trade, A.G. ran his father's firm which operated Superior's Great Northern grain elevators. The home now serves as a bed and breakfast. WDSE has included the garden in their 2011 tour and Duluth Garden and Flower Society featured the garden in 2014. Pictured left are Carolann Howe, Kathy Jacobs (secretary) and Mary Grover. Park Point Garden Club's next meeting is September 25, 7pm. Visitors are welcome. Please call Diane Gould, President, 727-4067.

Letter to the Editor

OOPS!

While finishing dinner on a beautiful summer evening, we were watching the rowers gliding gracefully along the calm water. Oops...a boat was upside down with the rower swimming toward shore. She was near our house and Tom waved to her to swim toward our shore. She quickly reached chest-deep water and Tom helped her dump water from her boat.

The rower had been practicing for an upcoming regatta in a skinny racing shell and dipped an oar a bit too deep into the water, causing the upset. She climbed onto our dock, re-entered her boat and gracefully rowed away in wet clothes. I offered dry clothes but she said she swims daily and was ok.

Rowers--kayakers--canoe paddlers--paddle boards

We are all so fortunate in our area to have fairly shallow water a distance from shore. We can make corrections with a short swim, stand up, dump any water from the boat, re-enter and continue on our way. A little adventure on a warm day...also a possible reminder of the wisdom of City of Duluth Charter Article 1 City Harbor, Division 1 Generally, Section 26-1, including public docks. "All public grounds and all ends of public streets or highways which abut upon any waters of the city harbor are public docks." If Duluth can keep street-ends open to the water with a little path and space for standing, it sure would help to quickly correct any OOPS turnovers.

Pam Griggs

Park Point Community Club Meeting: August, 2014

The Park Point Community Club monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 21, 2014 by Club President Dawn Buck. This month, the club meeting was held at the Coast Guard base. We were given a tour of the Alder by Chief Robert Pump and several other officers on base. The extensive tour included all areas of the Alder, from the bridge to the mess area and crew quarters. We were also given a full tour of the building and grounds. Although the weather was rainy, over 35 took the tour and had the opportunity to ask questions and see how things work behind the scenes. Please feel free to send thank you notes to Chief Robert Pump and his crew for welcoming us and giving such an interesting tour!

The other guests at our meeting were Community Officer Craig Lindberg and the entire mounted patrol. We had the opportunity to meet the horses, ask questions and get a feel for what kinds of issues the officers are seeing in Canal Park and on Park Point. Many questions were asked and answered, with Officer Lindberg reminding us to please call 911 if we see anything out of the ordinary.

At 8:06 p.m, we held a very brief business meeting. There was a motion to approve last month's minutes by Diane Gould and seconded by Dick Gould.

Al Robins gave a brief Treasurer's report, stating that we have \$80,000 in the two accounts and that bills from both the Youth Program and the Art fair should be paid by next month's meeting. There have been many rentals at Lafayette, as well.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Al Robins; seconded by Dick Gould. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chief Pump invited any who wanted to do so to stay for a more in depth tour.

Respectfully submitted
Deb Strange

Letter to the Editor

August 26, 2014

Commissioner Jewell

Dear Commissioner Jewell,

The Duluth City Council recently acted on the sale of County Tax Forfeit Land between 13th and 15th Streets on St. Louis Avenue in the City of Duluth on Park Point.

The Duluth Boat Club (DBC) holds a lease on the property across St. Louis Avenue from the land identified in the previous paragraph. It is our understanding that a meeting between the neighbors and the City was held to explain the proposed council action. The DBC was not informed of or given opportunity to comment on this action.

The DBC arranged for the purchase of the former Naval Reserve site, now under lease to DBC, by the City of Duluth using Sea Grant money and approximately \$50,000.00 of City capital. This was a genuine bargain for all involved. This lease is currently being updated.

A proposal to gift the aforementioned county tax forfeit land to the city for inclusion in the recreational area was in process through then Commissioner Fink but was held back because of mistrust between neighbors and the city.

The Duluth boat Club believes the tax forfeit land has the potential to provide a needed buffer between the resident neighbors' property and the recreational area.

For the purpose of getting everyone involved, on the same page and doing what is best for all concerned we would ask that a meeting of County, City, Duluth Boat Club and Neighbors be advertised and held prior to listing or selling the property to the highest bidder.

Our contact information is included for your convenience and it is our desire to hear from you in the near future.

Respectfully Yours

Bob Ouellette
President, Duluth Boat Club
702 South Lake Ave
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cc: Mayor Ness
Commissioner Stauber
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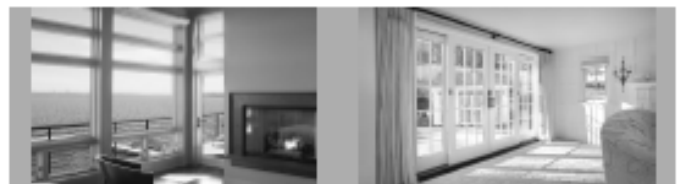


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7/12 - 56 " (west wind)

7/17 - 54

7/18 - 68 (14 degrees in a day!
...switch to a strong E. wind)

7/28 - 68

7/30 - 60 (wind back to west)

8/1 - 70 (ten degrees in 24 hours! First
70 degree reading of the season)

8/4 - 8/19 - temps consistently in the
70's, w/ east winds off the Lake

8/10 - Season high: 75 degrees

Moral of the story: Don't let the weather people chase you off the beach! West winds mean cool water, no matter how hot the air temperature; several days of east winds make the nicest swimming conditions, so long as you stay wary of rip currents.

[All temperature readings taken near Lafayette Community Center at a depth of 16" below the surface, approximately 30 yards from shore.]



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There are not many news stories these days that lift one's spirits. A recent report on the future of the official Scientific and Natural Areas on the Point was a wonderful public response to a DNR query. A majority opted for limiting human intrusions. Though some dog owners may object, these pets will have to be restrained by a leash to keep them from harming wildlife living in this safe habitat.

It's hard to imagine that anyone would listen seriously to a counter argument of this being another example of the government "locking up the land." It's my hope that periodic reports on official studies of the two-part, 18-acre special areas will be available to the public. I, for one, want to hear more about the uniqueness of the plants and animals thriving in this preserved and protected habitat amid the lush growth of the white and red pines.

I guess I could be charged with being a naturally born "tree hugger." Throughout my many years, I have developed a warm, protective feeling for certain specific ones. Right now, I fear windstorms this fall will tip two of them into the harbor. I eye them daily from my apartment---a black spruce and a deciduous species. They stand...or should I say lean...precariously close to the water. Daily the waves are lapping at their exposed roots.

As I had mentioned in past issues of the Breeze, I watch birds, mostly the over-wintering crows, seek refuge from the frigid north winds by squeezing in between the branches of the spruce to snuggle up to the trunk of the tree.

When I moved into my apartment at the foot of 19th fourteen years ago, the waterfront had a great stretch of sand beach three or four feet wide in some places. The recent rise in the level of the bay has obliterated that feature. Erosion, I'm hearing, has been eating away at the real estate in many spots on the Point.

An opposite problem, too little depth in the harbor, made the shipping industry very unhappy. The ore carriers were forced to take on less tonnage to keep from running aground. Nature simply can't be all things to all people with special interests.

In reflecting on my (unscientific) observations of waterfowl this summer, I remain concerned about the small numbers of geese, mallards, mergansers, bluebills and shorebirds seen routinely in previous years. I didn't see a single blue heron or a kingfisher! I hope you had better luck.



Copy by Glenn Maxham
with technical assistance from Anita Neinstadt

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Numbers you can use

Got (non-emergency) issues you'd like to discuss, but don't know whom to call?

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Community Police Officer Craig Lindberg 730-5727 Lindberg@duluthmn.gov

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