



The Breeze of Park Point

Lafayette Edible Garden
Sunday, October 15th,
5:00 p.m. monthly potluck

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**
Tuesday, October 17th,
6:30 p.m. Coffee Social
7:00 p.m. PPCC monthly meeting

Park Point Garden Club
Thursday, October 26th
Fall Clean up at Lafayette
Contact: Liz Mackay
722-1834

Park Point Family Fall Fest

The delicious soups and fixings, the multigenerational softball match and bingo (with great prizes) were just a few highlights of the September 23rd Fall Fest at Lafayette. What a great way to meet new friends and catch up with old ones!

With gratitude for a wonderful community gathering, the cooperative weather and a stellar crew, we offer a big "thank you" to all the volunteers who made our PPCC Fall Fest a huge success. Here's to extraordinary living on Park Point!

From your Fall Fest planning team:
Joanne, Mary, Charlene, Sheryl and Judy



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Letter from the PPCC President

Hi Neighbors,

I am cheering for the twenty-nine students and staff volunteers from Harbor City International School who participated in the Alliance for the Great Lakes beach cleanup on August 22nd. They did a thirty minute power sweep before a school dance and collected over 1,000 pieces of trash! Included in their collections were 344 cigarette butts, over 84 pieces of foam and more than 315 pieces of plastic. These items of trash are no longer on the beach, in Lake Superior, or potentially causing harm to organisms in the food chain. Thank you to Park Pointer and science teacher Brian Scott for leading the crew of volunteers. Keep on picking! As I mentioned in my September letter, my new hobby (a.k.a. obsession) is picking up bits of plastic on the beach and I am taking it pretty seriously. My husband has joined me in the daily plastic bane campaign; he picks up a lot of trash, too. It's convenient for us, as we always have a bag or two handy for cleaning up after our large canine companion. Thanks to everyone who tends the land and water.

The Fall Fest was a lot of fun; we hung out at Lafayette and played with neighbors before hunkering down or heading south. The age on the ballfield ranged from 8 to 73, with no injuries to report...only good efforts and laughs all around. Nice to have new neighbors joining us for this great afternoon! Thanks to the team who had a vision and made Fall Fest event happen.

We will do a final close-out of the Fuglie Family Fund toward the end of October, so if you would still like to contribute to the family of Ryan and Lillian, stop in at US Bank soon or send a check to Fuglie Family Fund, 130 West Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802. So far, \$1600 from the collection has been sent to the family and the balance will be sent before the end of the month.

The PPCC website has come alive again after trials and tribulations and the tenacity of Club Vice President Tom Griggs. Tom reports learning a whole new techy lingo. I also thank Pam Griggs for cheering on Tom during the process of website transition; it was a journey.

You will want to re-activate your Tunnel Pass for the month of January, when the decking on the Aerial Bridge will be replaced. Representatives from City Engineering will come to our next meeting (October 17th) to talk about the project and provide details. Call Al Robins if you need a new pass, 720-6518.

Other interesting happenings:

There are a lot of sump pumps active on the Point at the moment. Here is a link to an interesting site on the matter: <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/Weekly-Great-Lakes-Water-Levels>. It looks as if levels will be going down.

Wendy Grethen will speak on Park Point history after our October meeting. Thanks to Dave Poulin of the Program Committee for coordinating speakers and guests.

Wishing you glorious fall days ahead on our island!
Dawn and Klaus, canine companion

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PPCC Meeting Notes September 2017

The monthly Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order on September 19th at 7:00 p.m. by President Dawn Buck.

The regular business agenda was suspended to accommodate speakers from the **Sky Harbor Runway Relocation** project and the City of Duluth Police Department. **Benita Crowe** from SEH, Inc. was the first speaker. The runway relocation project directed by her firm began the week of September 4th. A copy of the handout she gave the PPCC will be posted in the Breeze. SEH intends to come to PPCC meetings monthly to keep the Point up to date on the progress being made.

The second speaker was **Gayle Holton**, Sargent with the City of Duluth Police Dept. Gayle has twenty years' experience with the Department. He rides his bike on Park Point daily; if you have concerns, please contact him at at730-5628 (cell #390-2266), or email him at gholton@duluthmn.gov.

August Minutes

A correction was requested on the August 15th minutes. A motion was made during that meeting by Bruce Kleven; it was indicated later that Mr. Kleven was not a member of the Community Club at that time and so could not make motions. His motion has been removed. The remaining minutes stood as corrected. A motion was made and seconded to accept the August minutes as they appeared in the Breeze, with the correction noted. The membership voted all ayes.

Treasurer's Report – Al Robins

Beginning Balance	7/1/2017	\$30,990
Ending Balance	7/31/2017	\$24,785

Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as given. The membership voted all ayes.

Committee Reports

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

2018 Art Fair planning is underway. Carla will be bringing the budget request for its first vote in October; in November, a second vote will be requested for final approval. Final financial tallies from the 2017 Art Fair will be available at the October meeting.

Breeze – Natalija Walbridge

Nothing reported.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

Beavers are active, as evidenced by trees being gnawed down. Poison Ivy is still a problem on the Point. Geese are still here. Dick recommended placing bird feeders high to keep deer from eating the seed. He also commented that bird migration is progressing as it normally does.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thank you for the brownie treats. They were great and appreciated.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – Everyone

As mentioned above, Officer Gayle Holton spoke to the group. A PPCC member said she apparently had an Amazon package stolen from her porch; we need to be aware of this activity.

Program Committee – David Poulin

David is working with Wendy Grethen about doing a presentation on Park Point's history. Dave attended the Canal Park Picnic and "vision session" promoted by the City of Duluth Planning Department. He brought up the matter of Park Point residents being able to get home through heavy Canal Park traffic, as well as the fact that Park Point was not mentioned in the planning process. A survey for redesigning Canal Park is available online. Concerns can be added to the survey form, should you have any that are not covered in the direct questions. The October PPCC meeting will have a speaker from the City Engineer's office in regard to what we can expect when the Aerial Lift Bridge decking is replaced.

Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki

Nothing new reported.

Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

The original expense the Park Point Community Club voted to authorize was \$2500. When the final expenses were tallied, the program went over budget by \$1994. A motion was made and seconded to pay the additional expenses. The membership voted all ayes.

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

One get well card sent.

Old Business

Gary Glass said he looked at the budget for the **City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Department**, and there was no listing for any Park Point grants. He felt Park Point concerns should be a part of their budget.

A check was sent to the family of the two recent drowning victims on Park Point in the amount of \$1600. If anyone still would like to donate, **US Bank** is still taking donations for the family.

Tom Berry from the **Outdoor Recreation Program** will be holding seminars about upcoming planning. See the Park Point Community Club website for details.

Tom Griggs made a **replacement motion** for the one that was adopted inappropriately at the August, 2017 meeting, then deleted. The motion read as follows:

"The Park Point Community Club will craft a letter that respectfully requests that the City of Duluth Planning Department, Parking Engineering and/or City of Duluth Parks and Rec staff please provide evidence of parking regulations for all streets leading to the bay and beach on Park Point as soon as possible, and facilitate the removal of all unauthorized "no parking" and "no trespassing" signs on Park Point before May 1st, 2018. We feel the lack of clarity regarding parking regulations on the streets, and the unauthorized placement or posting of signs causes conflict and decreases the quality of life in our community."

A motion was made and seconded to accept the new motion. Membership votes were all ayes.

New Business

The Executive Board voted that **membership dues** be increased from \$5 to \$10 next January, when membership fees are due. Currently, the **Park Point Community Club website** is down; Dawn asked that we please be patient as we work to get it up and running.

After the drowning incident that recently took place on the beach, Gary Glass and Dennis Hoelscher are proposing a new project to find ways to improve notification to beach goers about **rip current warnings**. If you have any suggestions or questions, please call Dennis at 218-727-3441.

After the last election, all the garbage was left inside the Lafayette Community Center. It was over a week before anyone went inside, and the building smelled of garbage. Election judges are reminded to remove all trash before they leave.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. The membership voted all ayes.

Submitted by Sheryl Robins

Looking for **Smelt Patrol Badge**

Please call: Mark

218-340-6453

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Much has happened since we last had a potluck dinner and meeting: Rain drenched us all, so our garden flourished; we gathered for National Night Out in August and the Family Fall Fest in September; and we watched summer turn to fall with the changing of the leaves. Now, it is time to get back into our garden's social routine and rendezvous with a harvest dinner.

On Sunday, October 15th, we will gather at the Lafayette Community Center to share an evening together and hear about the Park Point summer children's program from Karen Boynton. She will show a video of some of the program's activities, which include the garden programs our members presented to the children. Remember to bring a dish for the potluck dinner that (hopefully) includes a delicious treat you harvested from the community garden or your home garden. All Park Pointers are invited. For more information, contact Coral @727-6455.

WANTED: Your Leaves

It is time to fill our compost bins with leaves to make next year's compost. As you rake up your yard this autumn, please fill bags with your chemical-free leaves and deposit them inside the community garden fence at Lafayette Square.

Upcoming Events:

Note: we move the time of our monthly potluck meetings on Sunday nights from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m. starting in October.

Sunday, October 15th, 5 p.m. - monthly potluck dinner and meeting featuring Karen Boynton recapping the Park Point summer children's program.

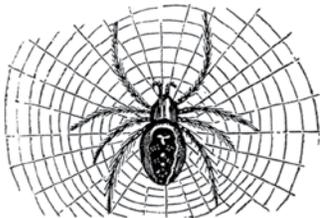
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Submitted by Susan Peters

Letter to the Park Point Garden Club from a visitor. Nice recognition!



Happy Halloween!



My wife Amber and I rode our bikes down Minnesota Ave. today. Came across your garden next to some activity center. Absolutely beautiful! Sent pics to our moms in Texas and Arkansas who also enjoy gardening. Thank you for creating such an awesome garden to look at and enjoy!

Mike & Amber

Camped in our coach at the Marina.



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Park Point Summer Youth Program, 2017 Year End Summary

The Summer Youth Program held at Lafayette Square and sponsored by the Park Point Community Club ended on August 10th after nine weeks of activities. The new Program Director, Kevin and Assistant, Karen brought creative energy and many new ideas for field trips, adventures on Park Point, education and technology. This year, twenty-seven children (twenty-one from Park Point and two from France) attended the Program. Many attended for a limited number of weeks, while fifteen attended full-time. There were fourteen boys and thirteen girls registered, and the average age was eight.

The Program featured a variety of field trips including bowling, a movie, the Aquarium, Maker Space, a visit to KBJR studios, a tour of two organic farms in Wrenshall (with raspberry picking!), the Zoo, the library, and UMD's 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 Lafayette Community Edible Garden Club on Mondays. On the Point, they toured Sky Harbor Airport and the Rowing Club, and had a day of tubing, sailing and paddle-boarding. They also played 'water works' at the playground, played tennis, soccer, and Foolsball. They built Lego structures and made crafts. On rainy days, they enjoyed some movies and created skits. On the last day, there was a talent show. We distributed Elite Camper Awards, and enjoyed a camp video and visit by the Duluth Fire Department Engine 1, who came with a safety message.

A survey of grandparents and parents indicated that the 2017 Program was received positively, 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 Club's officers, for their support and assistance for a successful program. Thank you also to the parents and grandparents, and to the children themselves for participating. Thanks, as well, to all the supporters who provided exciting field trips and activities.

Submitted by Sally Buck on behalf of the Youth Committee

Environmental Report

It's fall again and the beaver and deer are back. Chicken wire around your trees will keep the beavers away. Wolf urine works, too. The deer are bothered and can be kept away by white plastic ribbon tied 3 to 4 feet high so it will flutter in the breeze; it spooks them. Keep your bird feeders high enough so they can't reach them. Remember: "Mother Nature is in control."

Submitted by Dick Gould



October

October is the sweetest month
When gardens yield their harvest
When sunlight casts its special slant
Enchantment comes, like stardust

At recess are the winds of spring
The sky in pastel hues
The earth enriched in fallen leaves
That crunch beneath our shoes

Some trees retain their gorgeous leaves
Before surrendering to Time
Maple, basswood, oak and birch
Amidst the fir and pine

O would I have the power to hold
This month against the coming cold!

Submitted by Warren Howe

Are You Pumping? (Water, that is, not iron)

If you walk, bike or even drive, you'll notice that
People are Pumping

Whether there is water in your basement or you're having a hard time docking your kayak in the Bay, there is little doubt that Park Point residents have been affected by elevated Lake Superior water levels.

Are Pointers justified in crying "foul" regarding high lake levels? Or are we simply "whiners" who can't accept Mother Nature's vicissitudes, having little regard for our Great Lakes neighbors who live among the hundreds of cities and towns along the shores of Lakes Michigan and Huron? What are the City of Duluth rules regarding pumping into storm drains?

The Breeze is looking for a reporter who will look into some of the many issues surrounding high water levels on the Point. Someone who is willing to talk with the Corps. of Engineers, City Engineer and others, to follow the story where it leads you, and learn what challenges and actions are involved in maintaining Great Lakes water levels. Contact breezeditor@gmail.com



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

This month we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of the Animals. One thing that my dog has taught me is joy. As in, "Pip, want to go for a WALK?" His whole body wiggles with delight and anticipation. We have an invitation to walk in love, as Christ loves us. May we experience that joy of walking with Christ in love.

Join us November 5th at 3:30 for dessert and Bill and Lauri Bastien. The SHARE THE LOVE concert is a free-will event to support CHUM.

*As long as I am alive,
there is good work for me to do.*

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A Look Back on Park Point's History

Early schools, a lighthouse, a nascent town...even Duluth's first "porta-potties!" Park Point establishes its roots. Excerpted, once again, from *The Minnesota Point Time Line* (1999) - Jan Olson, Editor

1740 - Anishinaabe frontier stretches roughly from the Rainy River to Fond du Lac, then down the St. Croix River (probably to St. Croix Falls), then eastward to the lower falls of the Chippewa River.

1823 - Original lake survey made by Lt. Henry Bayfield, of the British Royal Navy, results in the establishment of Navigational Point Zero, near the end of Minnesota Point. (Point zero still has a marker posted close to the ruins of the lighthouse built thirty-five years later at that location.)

1849 - Minnesota Territory is established, with Minnesota Point becoming a part of Itasca County.

1855 - The first school in the settlement of Duluth is located in the J.B. Culver home on the Point. With a \$15,000 federal appropriation, construction begins on the Minnesota Point Lighthouse, a.k.a. "The Old Standby." It is the first lighthouse at the head of the Lakes, and has the first high-powered light beacon on Lake Superior. Completed in 1858, it displays a kerosene powered light and stands fifty feet high.

1862- The school located in the J.B. Culver home is moved to the village of Portland [centered around 14th Ave. East & Superior St. (ead)] In 1865, a small, one-story school is erected on the Point.

1875 - Residents elect to maintain separate corporate status from Duluth, and begin to call Middleton "Park Point." [Middleton was that portion of the Point extending roughly from the canal to Oatka Beach, at 39th Street (ead)]

1878 - Minnesota Point lighthouse is decommissioned; lightkeeper's house is removed.

1881 - The village of Park Point is established. Following numerous financial problems and conflicts with State of Minnesota government, the City of Duluth regains its charter in 1887, but the Point refuses to join the City until a bridge is constructed to traverse the now decade-old canal.

1889 - The old Franklin School is moved to Buchanan Street on the Point and is renamed Cleveland School. [Present-day Canal Park is still considered part of Minnesota Point at the time, and is known as "Lower Duluth"(ead)], Twenty saloons are located nearby, catering to groups of workers who live or work in the area. The Village of Park Point reconnects with the City. The City's first sidewalk - a wooden affair - runs along Minnesota Ave. to Superior Street. In 1891, the first meeting of the Park Point Village Board of Trustees is held at the shop of R.E. Jefferson.

1889 - The Park Point Community Club is established.

1892 - Whittier School, located on the corner of 11th (Astor) Street and Minnesota, opens in January.

1905 - Navy Machinist's Mate First Class Oscar Nelson, a Park Pointer, saves six fellow sailors following an explosion aboard the USS Bennington in the San Diego harbor. He is subsequently awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for peacetime bravery. [In 1910, Mr. Nelson built a two-bedroom cabin at 828 Lake Ave. That cabin still stands and forms the core of a home Pointers now recognize as Solglint Bed & Breakfast. (ead)]

1912 - Residents Walter K. Smith and Ernest Cafferty, both age 13, begin a summer outhouse moving business; they dig a new hole, shove the outhouse over to the new location, then fill in the old.

1919 - The Whittier School Mothers' Club votes to support a Radisson School Mothers' Club petition supporting the building of a playground behind the new Park Point School, which occupies most of the 2400 block. [The Radisson School building we all know today as the Lafayette Community Center. (ead)]

1931 - The Mothers' Chorus is formed at Park Point School.

1946 - Miss Sigrid Georgesen becomes the new Park Point School principal.

1952 - Community Club membership fees are raised from fifty cents to \$1, in October.

1960 - Population of the Point is listed at 1496 (1376 in 1970; 1483 in 1990; 1456 in 2000).

1975 - Pointer Rod Olson generates enough power from a windmill he constructs to light his garage and yard.

1985 - Park Point realtor Lynn Beechler advertises three homes for sale on the Point: a 2-bedroom on the lake side for \$38,200; a lake side duplex for \$52,900; and a 3-bedroom facing the lake for \$54,900.

1986 - Mark Elden, Kevin O'Neill and Pat Pharis head up Family Fun Day. [Mark is highlighted in the Time Line for the same organizing talents in 1988, and again in 1990, when the Breeze writer refers to the gathering as "another fine event."]

1993 - Rower Dan O'Neill represents the Duluth Rowing Club at an international competition in Europe; he places (a very close) second.

1995 - A new beach sweeper is acquired by the City to use on Park Point beaches; the machine is to be utilized at 12th Street, Lafayette and the Recreation Area.

Notes respectfully selected and edited by Ellen Dunlap

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

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Lift Bridge Supervisor: Dave Campbell 723-3387

Community Police Officers: Sargent Gayle Holton 730-5628 (cell 390-2266),
or email gholton@duluthmn.gov.

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

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

Trim a Hedge, Clean a Gutter

The Breeze Editor was contacted recently by a resident who suggested we remind Pointers once again about the need to keep hedges, trees and other brush cut back well away from the sidewalk in front of our homes. Two feet back, in fact, according to City Ordinance. Plant-free sidewalks also make it much easier to clear snow and ice in winter. Sec. 35-30 (b) of the City Code further requires that tree limbs and shrubs must be "so trimmed by the owner...that there is a clear height of 14 feet over...the easement that is used for vehicular traffic, and a clear height of ten feet over that portion of such easement used for pedestrian travel." Are you in compliance? Scratched-up leather coats and bare arms, as well as the high number of footpaths that extend into the boulevard section (sometimes forcing young bicyclists and walkers into the street) indicate that many of us are not. Please cut back your shrubs for the safety and convenience of your neighbors!

And while we're nitpicking...City Ordinance #45-98 states that "Every person, whether owner, tenant, occupant or agent (living) wherein is located a culvert, drain, pipe, or main... shall keep and maintain the same continually in a state of good repair." This means that keeping your curb gutters and storm drains clear of debris is not only good environmental policy, it's the law! Live on a side-street, so think you're exempt? Think again! Consider how much gravel and other waste your tires drag into the street each time you leave home, then help out your neighbors by occasionally taking a rake or gloves to a storm drain nearby. Here's to safe sidewalks and a clean Lake Superior!

