



# The Breeze of Park Point

**Lafayette Edible Garden**  
No meeting in September

**Duluth Rowing Club**  
Sept. 17th - Death Row  
Sept. 30th - DesMoines Regatta

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 19th,  
6:30 p.m. Coffee Social  
7:00 p.m. PPCC monthly meeting

**Park Point Garden Club**  
Thursday, September 28th  
7:00 p.m.  
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## Duluth Rowing Club News

Even though the early morning 6:00 a.m. rowing practices and workouts have come to an end, the Duluth Rowing Club still has several months of on-the-water training and regattas to attend. Because of the later sunrises, rowing has shifted to 7:00 in the morning, while the evening fun still starts around 5:30. For the most part, the junior program has come to an end because of the beginning of high school fall sports.

The sprint regatta season came to a close for all DRC rowers with the NWIRA Championships on Lake Elmo, August 11th and 12th. The Club was well represented by both juniors and masters, with a few open aged rowers also able to compete. The junior men had podium finishes in the men's 8, with a 3rd place finish; the men's quad, with a 3rd place finish; and the junior B men's quad, again with a 3rd place finish. The junior women's B quad also had a 3rd place finish. One of the neat things the junior men (ages 13 - 18) did was to order "throwback" style rowing uni-suits from "back in the day" that had the big "D" on their singlet tops.

The master men and women also competed at Lake Elmo, and had success in a number of events. The master mixed quad, with Park Pointers Greg Peterson, Jenny Peterson and Tom Rauschenfels, along with DRC coach Bonnie Fuller-Kask, won gold. Jenny and Bonnie teamed up to win gold in the master women's pair, and Tom and Greg were 3rd in the master men's pair. In the master women's straight four, Jenny, Bonnie, Claire Persons and Liz Parks came in 3rd. This year's NWIRA was the third largest, in total competitors, in its 110 year history. The regatta was rowed in perfect conditions both days.

What's next for the fall season? DRC's Death Row is scheduled for Sunday, September 17th, starting at 8:00 a.m. for rowing shells, and 7:00 a.m. for canoes and kayaks. The mass start usually stretches across the Superior Front Channel and begins with the firing of a cannon. The finish is 25+ kilometers up the St. Louis River, near Fond du Lac. Spectators are welcome at the start and there is great viewing once the rowers get past the Oliver Bridge, especially from the Minnesota shore.

Duluth rowers will compete in Minneapolis on October 7th at the 5K Head of the Mississippi, and possibly October 20th at Boston's Head of the Charles and October 27th in Philadelphia at the Head of the Schuylkill.

Work continues on the new Duluth Rowing Center Clubhouse. Interior painting is finished; the locker room walls are being coated with fire retardant paint; and the ceramic floor tile is soon to be started. Shower, locker room and bathroom fixtures will then be installed. The seven racks, each holding four rowing shells, are finished and still need to be installed. All work, except for the original metal building shell, concrete slab, electrical and plumbing, has been done by DRC volunteers. Park Pointers are always welcome to check out the new building interior. Feel free to stop by and check on the progress if you see the north doors open or vehicles nearby. Fund raising continues, with over 86% of the original \$1,000,000 goal already attained. Anyone who contributes \$1,000 or more will be recognized permanently on the donor wall. Thanks to all who have given, whether money, time, or both!

Last, but not least, the shiny paper recycle bin is still in operation. It is a great way to help both the environment and the junior rowing program, with all proceeds going to DRC equipment. Thanks for helping!

Submitted by Tom Rauschenfels



Dear Neighbors,

As most of you have heard, two lives were lost tragically in Lake Superior near the Beach House on Thursday, August 10th. In support of the Fuglie family at this most difficult and saddest of times, the PPCC has established a fund for their family at US Bank. Several news outlets are spreading the word about how to donate to the family via any US Bank location - just walk into any US Bank and ask about accessing the company's donation site. You may also send a check to any US Bank. If you would like to send a donation to the downtown Duluth branch, the address is:  
US Bank  
130 W Superior St  
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Thank you for  
your consideration.  
Dawn

## The Breeze

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## Letter from the PPCC President

Hi, Neighbors,

It's that time of the summer season for my review of fun things done and things left undone. I have been using my computer's photo library to help me remember (I had already forgotten a few things!) and have decided to jettison the "things undone" mindset. Granny's Camp in the Pines was a very busy place, taking full advantage of many Perfect Beach Days with the little kiddies. I received a unique cuckoo clock and renamed our place Camp Cuckoo when I was exhausted after maybe too much fun in the sun. Our summer was enriched by friends and family visiting from three continents, and we enjoyed flying flags in their honor. Sadly, our five-year-old friend from Zurich was very disappointed when the Swiss flag, plus the aluminum pole, was lifted by wretched pirate types, who also made off with the Jolly Roger flag last year. Arrrrrr.

Seeing the beach buzzing with fun and watching neighbors with their guests out playing with toys and boats brought me great joy. I loved walking down the beach in the evening to see the creations of the day. Thanks to everyone who helped pick up after those who forgot to follow the "pack it in, pack it out" plan. During the daily dog walks, I incorporated a workout involving an advanced plastic picking routine which was good for the old quads. Call it Beach Cross Fit ~ I surely did become cross at times, especially when I found doggie doo doo left behind. What is up with those foul owners of nice dogs who think it's ok to keep on walking?

The PPCC website is up and running again, thanks to VP Tom Griggs and outgoing webmaster Ryan Novitzki. I will post a few of my favorite pictures from the season. I'd love to share your pics, too; please send them to me at [parkpointcc@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointcc@gmail.com).

The Summer Youth Program wrapped up with a rainy, but fun talent show and picnic. The program was a success due to the dedication of community volunteers. Kevin & Karen put together a fabulous calendar of fun and educational opportunities for the kids which were highlighted by the video shown at the picnic and the August PPCC meeting. I will post a link on the website. A hearty thanks to members of the Lafayette Community Edible Garden, who provided activities one day per week. The kids looked like they were having a blast!

The toilets at Lafayette are well underway; thanks for keeping an eye on the project and calling 911 if you see inappropriate or unsafe activity in the construction zone. The expected finish date is approximately the first week of November. If you are worried about interruption or having to use a porta pottie at the Lafayette polls, don't fret. I have heard from our City Clerk who relays,

"The contractor is fully aware that for the primary or general elections dates:

1) There is to be no work done on Election Day, 2) There is to be unobstructed access, and 3) There is to be a fully-functional restroom on site." Phheeww.

Thank you to Benita Crow, Kaci Nowicki and Brandon Twedt, from the engineering firm SEH, for presenting at our August meeting on the Sky Harbor runway realignment. If you have questions about the project or the timeline, please contact: Benita L. Crow at [www.sehinc.com](http://www.sehinc.com).

Hoping your summer was spectacular; looking forward to hearing all about it! Here's to extraordinary living on Park Point, Dawn & Klaus, canine companion



*Summer Memories*



*Lafayette Public Restroom Construction*



## PPCC Meeting Notes August 2017

The Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order by President Dawn Buck on August 15th, 2017 at 7:03 p.m.

The regular business meeting agenda was suspended to allow for guest speakers from the Sky Harbor Airport Runway Relocation project. Benita Crowe, from SEH Engineering, spoke on the different phases that need to be completed from the beginning of the project to the actual start of construction. She explained about what conditions demanded that the job take place, mitigation of environmental impact, salvaging of vegetation to use at a later date at this project site, and cribs to be placed into the bay to help promote more fish population in the area. The group from SEH plans on keeping the PPCC informed about progress each month. The Sky Harbor Runway Relocation Project is due to start on August 28th, 2017 and should continue for three years. Barges will be used to transport materials to the area, saving wear and tear on Park Point streets.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the **July 18th PPCC minutes** as they appeared in the August Breeze. Attending membership voted all ayes.

### **Treasurer's Report** – Al Robins

Beginning Balance as of 7/1/2017	\$39,116
Ending Balance as of 7/31/2017	\$30,990

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Art Fair** – Carla Tamburro

Nothing new reported.

#### **Breeze** – Natalija Walbridge

Nothing new reported.

#### **Environmental Committee** – Dick Gould

The number of foxes is down on the Point; no beavers remaining. Mice and voles are plentiful, however. There is an increase in snakes on the Point. This is good, as the snakes eat both mice and voles. There are also at least four deer present at the moment. Dick noted that poison ivy is at its peak this time of year. He has checked on the survival rate of the trees planted this May, and said that about 50% have survived. Dave Johnson confirmed that the Pontlana Woods site will be designated as a Wetlands Preserve. St. Louis County will no longer be trying to sell the land. The DNR will be in charge of the area when all is finally approved.

#### **Hospitality Committee** – Diane Gould

Thank you Diane for refreshments at our meeting. They are appreciated.

#### **Neighborhood Watch Committee** – All of us

There was a discussion about the rip current incident that took the lives of a father and daughter from Hudson, Wisconsin. Reminding people to stay out of the water during the turbulence is just about all we can do as a community. Red flags are posted to warn people to stay out of the water when conditions indicate that the risk for rip currents is high. There was a discussion concerning the parking problems on 31st St. Bruce Klevens, property owner on the corner of 31st and Minnesota Ave, made a motion for the Park Point Community Club to send a letter to the City of Duluth requesting alternate parking on 31st Street, or no parking at all on the south side of 31st. His motion was seconded. Membership votes were all ayes. Bruce Klevens will write the

letter and it will be sent on PPCC letterhead, showing support for this parking change request.

#### **Program Committee** – David Poulin

David has spoken with Wendy Grethen about speaking at the Park Point Community Club. She previously made an excellent presentation on the history of Park Point. David will let us know when a date is scheduled.

#### **Rummage Sale Committee** – David Lavamaki

Nothing new reported.

#### **Summer Youth Program** - Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

The program was a success, and got good reviews from both participants and parents. Karen Boynton showed a video highlighting the various program activities. Thank you, Kevin and Karen, for your good work in making the season a success. A final expenditure statement will be presented at the September PPCC meeting.

#### **Sunshine Committee** - Pam Griggs

One Get Well card was sent last month.

#### **Old Business**

The construction of **two restrooms** at Lafayette Community Center is slated to begin on August 16th.

Judy Dwyer and Charlene Shimmin spoke about the **community fall festival**, planned for September 24th. A motion was made and seconded to approve up to \$250 for expenses for the occasion. Membership votes were all ayes.

#### **New Business**

**A fund has been set up** by the PPCC for the father and daughter who drowned recently on the Point. Donations should be made at US Bank. [See page 1 for contact information.]

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn; membership votes were all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m .

Submitted by Sheryl Robins



## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Tourists visit Park Point to party on the beach and in the recreational areas, but we Park Pointers know the best parties are the ones we enjoy together as neighbors. In August, our Park Point neighborhoods hosted several National Night Out dinners, including a great one sponsored by St. Andrew's By The Lake. On Sunday, September 24th our Community Club is planning a family event for us at Lafayette Square.

With these planned community events, the Lafayette Community Edible Garden group decided not to have its potluck dinners in August and September. We will start up again with our monthly dinner meetings on Sunday, October 15th, when we will celebrate this year's harvest. Until then, we are happy to show off the bounty growing in the Garden this summer.

Submitted by Susan Peters



## Lafayette Rentals

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## Environmental Report

Lately, I have been getting a lot of questions about the growing goose population here on the Point. They appear to be doubling every year. That is normal!

The giant Canada Goose had almost gone extinct in the 1950's. They grazed behind the buffalo on the Great Plains, and when they went away so did the geese. In the years since, as lawns, golf courses, playgrounds and other sources of their favorite food, grass, were further developed, they have made quite a comeback. There are many ways to keep them off your property, however. White swan, fox, owl and hawk decoys work well. Swan decoys should always be in pairs. I have seen hawk and owl flags or kites be very effective. A 10-inch high band of string or wire around your garden or lawn will stop them, as well.

In June and July, both adults and juveniles are unable to fly, and can be rounded up in a fenced cage and transported away. Contact the DNR for more information and help. Wherever a young Goose learns to fly it will imprint for life; it will not return to your property if it does not learn to fly nearby. I have heard that Superior is opening a special hunting season on them this fall. That might be a solution here on the Point, as well.

Dick Gould, former President of Geese International

### Batter Up..... and PLAY BALL! Community Fall Festival

Did you know there used to be community ballgames on Park Point? Lakeside vs. Bayside?

We are going to revive that tradition on Sunday, September 24th at Lafayette Community Center! Bring a chair and come cheer for your side. The Park Point Community Club will provide a soup supper for all. We hope this can be a zero waste "Green" event, so please bring your own bowl, silverware and cup from home - and of course your baseball mitt!

Ball game starts at 4:00 p.m. and Soup is on at 5:00 p.m. Now we just need to put together teams. People with any skill level are encouraged to join the fun and sign up for a team. To join a team please email: [parkpointer@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointer@gmail.com)

We also need a couple of referees. Games for children will also be organized.

In case it rains (really??) the fun will move into the community center for a lively game of bingo. So rain or shine come to connect with your neighborhood and get acquainted with your neighbors!



#### With the Boys of Summer

The grass is always green at Wrigley Field,  
The green of youth and summer, where I sit  
No longer nine years old with awestruck eyes,  
No longer even twelve or twenty-five;  
Today I'm sixty-four but still green-eyed.

Caps and jerseys move onto the field,  
Basemen throw across the diamond, as  
I trot on to that grassy green expanse  
That ends just at the ivy wall. Down comes  
My cap shielding from sun, my leather glove  
Held firmly in my mind; at crack of bat  
I move with swift sure steps, with grace,  
Pull down that soaring ball, then turn and fire  
It true and straight to second base. The crowd  
Booms accolades, I tip my cap, return  
To my position in that verdant yard,  
Ready again to play ball, evergreen.

Submitted by Warren Howe

#### The Park Point Community Club welcomes new members!

Judy Anne Dwyer  
Mark and Sue Erickson  
Robert and Gwen Erickson  
Bob, Maria, Max, and Ben Fierek  
Gary Hopp  
Bob Mehling  
Karen Dale and Jane Miller

Contact **Tom Griggs** at [Thomg0313@gmail.com](mailto:Thomg0313@gmail.com) to sign up  
anytime!



*A people on the Way  
to knowing, loving and serving God.*

**“Look to the Rock from which you were hewn.”** Is 51

It is easy to forget, or perhaps to be distracted, so we need remembering. Once again each of us, God’s children, are back to school and on the Way to knowing, loving and serving the One who loved us into being.

Worship Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 9:45 am  
Sept 17: Church school begins, Bishop’s visit,  
Fall Picnic

Bible Study: Mondays, 9:30, begins Sept 18  
Oct 1: Blessing of the Animals - Feast of St. Francis

It was good to see so many neighbors at  
National Night Out!

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## A Look Back on Park Point's History

As mentioned in our August issue, the the Park Point Breeze will be highlighting over the next several months miscellaneous items of interest pulled from the *Minnesota Point Time Line* (1999), one component of the *Minnesota Point Environmental Management Plan*. This expansive, nearly 350-page document was compiled and published in the same year through the efforts of the PPCC's Long Range Planning Committee and a very impressive team of contributors. The project was made possible in part through funds provided by the State of Minnesota's Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources.

1763 - England's King George proclaims all negotiations with Indian people concerning land are to be carried out in open council, and only with representation of the Crown; a fixed boundary is established that settlers are not to go beyond.

1853 - George Stuntz, deputy U.S. surveyor, establishes a trading post, warehouse, dock and transfer company on the bay side, close to the St. Louis River's natural entry point to the lake (now known as the Superior Entry.) He ferries people and goods between Wisconsin and the Point via a service he owns, and is granted exclusive rights of usage by the Territorial Legislature for a period of fifteen years. The site later becomes known as Peabody's Ferry. The Point is still a seasonal home for the Anishinaabe people, and many wigwams cover the area.

1869 - *The Daily Minnesotan* is published on the Point.

1880 - A group that becomes known as the Park Point Pirates establishes a hideout, raiding businesses at night and making getaways by boat. It continues its mischief throughout the 1880's.

1886 - The Duluth Boat Club is founded by Frederick W. Smith and Charles H. Eldridge; its first clubhouse is dedicated the following year. In 1890, the group builds its second clubhouse at Tenth Street on the bay, making it the social center of Duluth. The facility includes an Olympic-sized pool. By 1910, it lists 1400 members on its roster but is later dissolved, in 1926.

1890 - Duluth hosts its first rowing regatta. The Owls Roost Club, a private organization, occupies the Oa-at-ka building on the Point. A pavilion is constructed at Oatka Beach by the Interstate Traction Company (which later donates a building for the 19th St. fire house.) Sand dunes near Oatka are developed as residential lots..

1900 - Superior Mayor Charles O'Heir builds Pine Knot cabin near the end of the Point. [Recently razed, it was the last remaining cabin in the Minnesota Point Pine forest (ead).] It is sold in 1927 to the Pollock family.

1906 - The Oatka Boat Club branch opens at 39th Street, and the Oatka Beach Club is established. Named for the pavilions constructed for the 1893 Chicago Exhibition, "White City" (Duluth's first amusement park) opens in Oatka Park. The double-decker passenger steamer *Fremont* is purchased to ferry passengers to and from White City.

1919 - The Mothers' Club of Whittier School votes to abandon support of the French Orphan Program and use those funds to help the needy in the community; a separate vote supports the federal government in censorship of films. Over 5000 people travel on Peabody's Ferry to reach the Point for a July 4th celebration.

1938 - A specialty ride called The Flying Scooter is added to the concessions at the Minnesota Point Amusement Center, located beyond 43rd Street (now part of the Park Pt. Recreation Area.) The Center loses money, and a boardwalk is proposed along the waterfront. The present-day beach house is constructed by President Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration (WPA). A bill sponsored by Senator Henrik Shipstead and signed by the President transfers fifty acres from the City of Duluth to the federal government. [This area is expanded substantially the following year; more to be covered in the October issue.]

1954 - A stop sign is installed at 13th and Minnesota.

1964 - The Community Club endorses a proposal to remove amusement rides from the Recreation Area and focus on its natural assets, instead. Merry-go-round is moved to the zoo.

1973-1981 - High water levels of Lake Superior are a hot issue. In '73, the Corps of Engineers decides to allow the lake to rise an additional foot before it "tops out" in the fall, when it could reach its all-time high of slightly above 602 ft., in 1876. Level later reaches 601.6 feet above sea level (Dec. '74).

1980 - Duluth's City Engineer determines the Ordinary High Water Mark (a.k.a. Highest Known Water Level) to be 603.9 ft.; the Regional Flood Level (up river from the bay) at 604.5 ft. Marks are to be used in the new Water Management Ordinance.

1987 - UMD to erect an Aquatics Center at 15th Street, on the bay side.

1992 - Benzene spills from an overturned train near the Nemadji River result in evacuation of the Point in June.

1997 - An abandoned beach fire is the source for a nearly four-acre fire in the Pine Forest. Fire rigs get bogged down in the sand access road, and a DNR helicopter is called in to drop water to extinguish the blaze.

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Park Point Resident

### **Numbers you can use**

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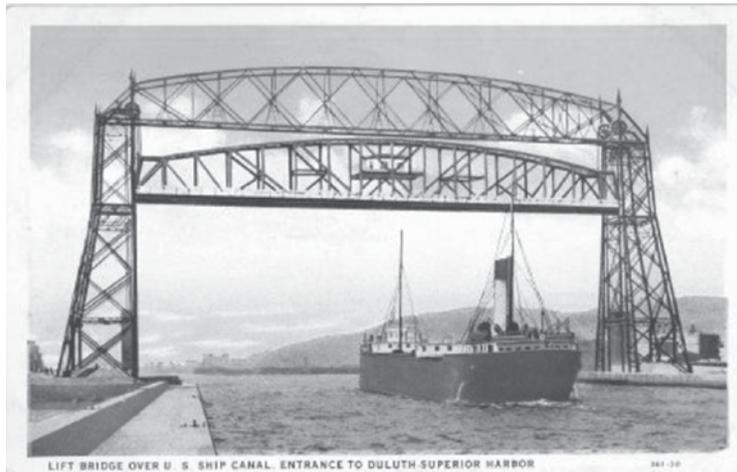
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Lift Bridge Supervisor: Dave Campbell 723-3387

Community Police Officers: 218-730-5656 or email at [cnagorski@duluthmn.gov](mailto:cnagorski@duluthmn.gov)

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



### **Aerial Lift Bridge Transitions to Regular Operating Schedule Through End of Shipping Season**

The Aerial Lift Bridge will be transitioning out of its summer lift schedule starting Tuesday, September 5th, 2017. Bridge Operators will no longer be lifting on the half hour and full hour and will instead be lifting the Aerial Lift Bridge based on requests from water vessel operators for the rest of the shipping season. The summer schedule usually runs from the Friday before Memorial Day until the day after Labor Day.

Motorists should be aware that bridge inspection is scheduled for September 11th -12th, which will close one lane and the adjacent pedestrian lane during the inspection. Traffic will be reduced to one lane and passage of vehicles will be managed by the Bridge signal lights. This work will occur during the day working around heavy commute times. During the evening hours, both lanes will reopen.