



# The Breeze

## Of Park Point

**Park Point  
Community Club  
Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 15th  
Social 6:30 p.m.  
meeting 7 p.m.  
Election of Officers

**Park Point Garden  
Club**  
Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
Prepare garden for  
planting  
Contact Liz Mackay  
722-1834

**Lafayette Community  
Edible Garden Club  
Meeting and Potluck**  
May 21, 6p.m.

**Run Smelt Run  
Smelt Parade**  
May 13<sup>th</sup>  
In Canal Park

**Duluth Parks Day**  
May 19th

**Park Point Rummage  
Sale**  
June 8 & 9

**Park Point Art Fair**  
June 23 & 24

**Park Point 5-Miler**  
July 12th

### Are They Running Yet?



I doubt we'll be seeing many smelters here on Park Point this year. The "barrier reef" of ice driven up against the beach by our mid-April wind and snow event will pretty well keep them at bay. But the smelt are out there, and hopefully the commercial fishing boats will bring in enough to satisfy our appetites. So on April 13<sup>th</sup> we will gather in Canal Park to greet the Smelt Queen, and follow her with Brass Bands playing to feast upon this dwindling diminutive delicacy.

## *The Breeze*

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5/27/18

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## **President's Report**

Hi Neighbors,

Big news! The City is hosting a ribbon cutting (using tp?) at Lafayette on Thursday, May 24th at 10:30am to celebrate completion of the fabulous beachside bathrooms. From the City, "Parks and Recreation staff plan on briefly discussing the project and grant funding from Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program. Councilor Anderson to say a few words regarding Council's leadership in making the gender neutral facilities a reality." Everyone is welcome!

More good news! The lower level of Lafayette is undergoing a floor makeover in time for the launch of the 2018 Summer Youth Program. Thanks to Joe Miller and Bryan Thoreson from the Facilities Management for coming down to see the project that the Youth Committee had proposed. The floor had been dug up to install the plumbing lines for the new bathroom and was in need of a new coating of epoxy. Many thanks to the action team of Sally, Missy, Coral, Ted, Dave, Diane, Edward and Isaac who spent a recent Saturday morning doing some flash spring cleaning in preparation for the floor project.

Hoping to see you at the May 15 meeting where nominations from the floor for PPCC elections will be accepted. The current officers are willing to continue at the helm; new volunteers are very welcome. We will be gearing up for a very busy summer schedule of non-stop excitement and endless recreational opportunities. If you would like to join the Community Club and get on the email list to keep up with all of the latest news and lost pets, send your membership form to VP Tom Griggs.

Park Point was well represented (Seven Park Pointers) at the Annual Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 11. Tony Dierckins was the keynote speaker and walked the crowd through the rich and intriguing history of Duluth's parks. The new Parks Manager, Will Roche, spoke on his four guiding principles: Sustainability, Leadership, Innovation, Targeted Objectives. We met Lee and Candy who clean up trash up on Skyline Dr. on their daily three mile walk. Noteworthy encounters include meeting a Tibetan monk and a Japanese family whose kids joined in on the trash picking. Lee commented that, "Anybody can do it and it does make a difference." Public comment included concerns about loose dogs and lack of clean-up of dogs, recognition of Jerry Nowak who built and maintained ski trails for the public to use in Piedmont since 1960, and dismay at the Tallas Island launch site vote by the City Council. Meeting fellow engaged park lovers was the highlight of the evening.

Tony D. had a great quote from the 1911 Duluth Board of Park Commissioners Annual Report, "The park system of a modern city not only aims at beauty, but strives to express the concept of the soul of the city. The parks of a modern city bear witness that its people are members of one great family. They are the concrete expression of civic consciousness in its highest visible form."

How lucky are we to have inherited the vision of many generous park benefactors?

With continued gratitude,  
Dawn & Klaus, canine companion  
PS Bring that extra bag for clean up

**Park Point Community Club Minutes**

The April 17, 2018 PPCC meeting was called to order by Tom Griggs, Vice President at 7:00pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 3/20/2018 community club meeting minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. Remaining membership voted all ayes.

**Treasurer’s Report – Al Robins**

Beginning Balance – 2/1/2018	\$17,940
Ending Balance – 2/28/2018	\$19,878

Tom Griggs noted member numbers increased from 175 to 218. Increase in membership premium went from \$1420 to \$3605. Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer’s report as given by Al Robins. Remaining membership voted all ayes.

**Committee Reports**

**Art Fair – Carla Tamburro**

Diane Gould said the Art Fair Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. Diane said the food vendors had been chosen. Volunteers will be needed for the various positions during the Art Fair. Diane Gould will be calling for volunteers shortly.

**Breeze – Alan Dartanyan**

Alan is working on the set up for the Breeze paper. It seems to be going well for him.

**Environmental Committee – Dick Gould**

Deer & bear tracks seen on the Point. Dick is planning up picking up 240 trees for planting on the Point this summer. Volunteer are needed. Please call Dick if you are able to help. Dick’s phone number is 727-4067. There are large amount of animal feces along the beach. Please use the plastic bags to destroy this mess. Dick noted that water levels are on the average higher during May and June. The water levels are higher at this point than the average.

**Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck**

Thank you Diane for the wonderful treats you bring for us. They are appreciated.

**Neighborhood Committee – all present**

Canal Park revamping was discussed. Traffic congestion, inadequate parking, and expensive parking were the main concerns. The City of Duluth will meet with the DeWitt Seitz merchants for their issues. At this point, it is in the planning stage but we should keep up to date on plans that will affect Park Point and the Canal.

**Program Committee – David Poulin**

Possible speaker for the PPCC monthly meeting includes the subject of erosion on the beach. The July, 2018 monthly meeting will be at the Duluth Rowing Club.

**Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki**

June 8, 2018 and June 9, 2018.

**Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum**

A grant has been made with the City of Duluth. The Park Point Summer Youth Program will be hosting an open house 4/26/2018 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The floor in the lower level is in need of cleaning and painting. This job would be hosted by our volunteers and the City.

**Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs**

No cards sent out last month.

**Old Business –**

A second vote was taken to donate \$250 for the smelt parade. A motion was made and seconded to approve the donation. Remaining membership voted all ayes.

**New Business –**

The May, 2018 meeting will be the time to elect officers for the Park Point Community Club.

Dawn Buck- President	Dick Gould-Environmental
Tom Griggs- Vice President	Dave Poulin-Program
Al Robins – Treasurer	Dave Lavamaki-Rummage Sale
Sheryl Robins - Secretary	Alan Dartanyan-Breeze
Diane Gould - Hospitality	Pam Griggs-Sunshine
Carla Tamburro- Art Fair	

**Edible Gardens –** per Coral says the soil is almost ready to turn over.

**Pam Page from Duluth Parks and Rec Dept.** said the Parks and Rec Dept. will be hosting a “Getting Kids to Park Days.” Event will be on 5/19/2019 from 10:00am to 2:00 pm. The event will be at three different locations: Morgan Park, Park Point, and Lester Park.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. The remaining membership voted all ayes.

## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Unfortunately, our April 15 potluck dinner meeting was canceled due to inclement weather, so we did not get to hear Home Depot's Mike Lowe tell us about what's new in the gardening world. Instead, he will join us on May 21<sup>st</sup>. As head of the Home Depot Gardening Department, he can help with garden problems and make suggestions to make our gardens grow better. Mike has been an active and prolific gardener since age 4. His first full time job at age 15 was as a head gardener on a private estate in central Wisconsin. The lessons learned there have stayed with him his whole life. He moved to Minneapolis in his early 20s to work for wholesale growers and floral wholesalers. He has worked for Home Depot for the last 21 years, sharing garden knowledge the whole time.

All Park Pointers are invited to our events. For more information, or if you are interested in becoming a member, contact Coral 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net.

### Meeting Day/Time Changes:

For the summer months, starting in May, our community garden potluck dinner meetings are held on Monday evenings starting at 6 p.m. instead of Sunday evenings.

### Upcoming Events:

Monday, May 21, 6 p.m., potluck dinner meeting, Lafayette Square.

Saturday, May 26, The Duluth Community Garden Annual Plant sale at Peace Church, 1015 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Check the website for the exact time: [www.duluthcommunitygarden.org](http://www.duluthcommunitygarden.org).

Monday, June 18, 6 p.m., potluck dinner meeting.

### **Dear farmers, growers, and producers,**

We are proud to announce the first annual Dewitt-Seitz Farmers market and would like to invite you to join us!

Every Saturday from 8am-10am in the Dewitt-Seitz parking lot, we will be hosting around 20 vendors catering to the local population as well as the visitors that Duluth's Canal Park brings each Summer. This makes for a unique opportunity to sell your products to a unique and diverse population. Come for a week, a month, or the entire summer!

This being our first year, it is important to get applications in early. We will operate from June 2nd until the end of September.

Below is a link to our website, contact information, and a vendor contract that includes map and other information.

Email or call Ron at 928-583-8389 if you have any questions.

Ron and Elena

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### **Duluth Rowing Club**

Many thanks to all that came to the 2nd Annual Duluth Rowing Club Icebreaker Fundraiser on March 16th at Greysolon Plaza. It was great to see lots of fellow Park Pointers join in DRC festivals, all benefiting the new Duluth Rowing Center.

Here are a few updates on what is happening at the DRC:

- Those that want to commemorate someone or something, whether a rower, high school/college graduate, parent, grandparent, loved one or event to remember, the DRC is selling commemorative bricks to be inlaid in the upcoming landscaping project. The bricks can be 20 caricatures (letters & spaces) per row, and 1, 2, or 3 rows. Bricks are \$125 (tax deductible) and can be ordered from Greg or Jenny Peterson. They can be contacted at [duluthrowingclub@gmail.com](mailto:duluthrowingclub@gmail.com), or 218-722-0668.
- **The DRC annual Open House is Saturday, May 19th, from 10:00 a.m. - noon.** All are welcome to check out the new facilities and see if a Learn-to-Row session might be in your summer plans, or maybe a great activity for your 13 - 18 year-old youngster in the Junior Program, or maybe time to get yourself back into shape by joining fellow rowers and pull on an oar.
- Feel free to check the [duluthrowing.org](http://duluthrowing.org) website for updates on regattas, photos, and all things relating to what's happening at 3911 Minnesota Avenue, home of the Duluth Rowing Club and Duluth Rowing Center.

### **2018 Park Point Rummage Sale**

#### **Friday & Saturday June 8 & 9 2018**

1. Here it comes once again. Our annual kickoff to the busy tourist season. Although you have a couple of months, it is not too early to start looking around the house and see what you may want price and put on display during the rummage sale.
2. Porta Pots will be located at the eighth street pumping station, s-curve parking area, 17th St, 20th St, 23rd St, and 30th St.

**IMPORTANT:** All sales must be located on PRIVATE PROPERTY only. This includes any and all food vendors. There will "not" be any public property for use during the sale. Please remember that that the rummage sale is held separately form the Art Fair. Please support our "very important" art fair by not having any rummage out for sale. Everybody knows what to do, if you have new neighbors please speak with them so they will know when and when not to have a sale and why.

Dave Lavamki, Chairman 729-8925

### **Environmental Report**

Spring is here! The birds are back, everything from Eagles to Chickadees. The beaches are busy, the doggie bags are being used, we should have people bags as well! Pick up garbage if you can!

The trees are coming soon, White pine. If you have an area you would like to have planted let me know and I will put it on the list. Planters are needed! If you can plant a few please call me at 727-4067 to help. They should be here about the middle of May.

The trees we have planted here since 1986 are having a wonderful environmental effect on the area.

Thanks, Dick Gould

**In regard to Lake Superior's high water levels and the resulting water in basements on Park Point, residents are urged to voice their concerns to city councilors, county commissioners, state senators and congressmen, and ask them to pass those concerns on to the Corps of Engineers.**

**For those with flooded basements, perhaps there could be some help available in the form of grants or loans**



Need music? Call: (218) 606-1670



*Len & Lois*

Park Point Residents

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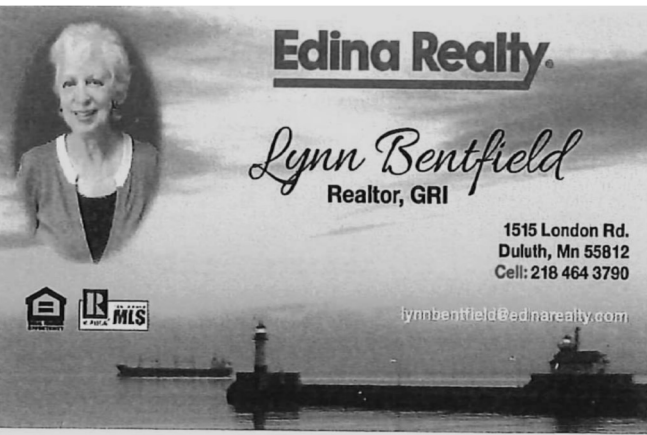
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### **Flea's and Tick's...the real vampires we should fear:**

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” is an adage that is especially true when you are protecting your pets from fleas and ticks in Minnesota. As the temperatures start to break (which they eventually will) and we get a string of sunny days, like most of us, fleas and ticks will be out in full force. Especially on Park Point where we enjoy the tall grasses of the sand dunes, the forest protecting the beach and the many sections of heavily wooded parks. Ticks spend the winter in a leaflet tucked under a pile of leaves but come out of dormancy when temperatures hit 45 degrees. Ticks usually emerge in April but have been spotted in previous years as early as February so it is never too early to be on high alert for these blood sucking pests.

**Ticks** are small arachnids (spiders) that live by feasting on the blood of an unsuspecting donor. Tick bites can be painful and irritating, but the real concern is the number of serious diseases such as Lyme disease, babesiosis, anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. These diseases can cause significant illness and even death in pets and people alike. Ticks can transmit over 14 different diseases and there are over well over 30,000 reported cases of Lyme's disease in humans EACH YEAR. Minnesota provides suitable habitat for several tick species, but of particular interest is the blacklegged tick (also known as the deer tick), *Ixodes scapularis*, which can be involved in the transmission of several diseases to humans. Lyme disease is the most recognized of these diseases. The disease is now the most commonly reported vector-borne disease in the United States.

Fleas are wingless insects (1/16 to 1/8-inch long) that are agile, usually dark colored, with tube-like mouths adapted to pierce the skin and feed on blood of their hosts. Fleas also play a role in transmitting disease and parasites to humans such as tapeworms and cat scratch fever. (a different disease from the Ted Nugent song that is now stuck in your head all day!)

Make a habit of performing “tick checks” on your pets (**and your significant others**) at least daily if they have access to wooded or grassy areas where ticks may lurk. If you find a tick, grab it with a pair of tweezers as close to the mouthparts, pushing down into the skin a bit. Exert steady but gentle pressure until the tick lets go. Avoid using your bare fingers, lighter fluid, matches or other products as these can irritate the skin and cause other injuries to your pet or your friend! The pet stores sell a “tick key” which is very inexpensive and makes tick removal from humans or pets much easier.

**The risk of fleas and ticks attacking your pet can be greatly reduced by the use of a safe, easy to use monthly flea and tick preventative product.**

These preventative products are typically administered on the skin between the shoulder blades or the back of your pet's neck. They come in different sizes depending on your animal's weight and it is important to note that products intended for dogs should never be used on cats and vice versa.

Whatever brand you select, I highly recommend using a topical flea and tick preventative product on all your pets, beginning now and until we have a hard freeze next fall. Some people choose to medicate their pets all year.

If you have any additional questions on which product to choose please ask your veterinarian or pet store professional.

Joe Montisano

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Joe Montisano is the new Executive Director at Great Lakes Aquarium and new resident of Park Point! He recently relocated to Duluth from Maine and has been running Zoo's, Aquariums and Animal Shelters for over 30 years.

Able-bodied teenager available  
for chores – raking, yardwork,  
grass cutting. Call Ethan,  
218-340-6453

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### **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 Sargent Gayle Holton 730-5625 (cell 390-2266) or email [gholton@duluthmn.gov](mailto:gholton@duluthmn.gov)

Dog issues: [clane@duluthmn.gov](mailto:clane@duluthmn.gov)

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

Editor;

I noticed in the most recent newsletter that there were wolf reports at 17th and 32nd streets. Are there any photos or recordings, or otherwise credible/detailed documentation?

I live at 19th and have heard a coyote pack howling nearby. It's common for folks to sometimes confuse coyotes with wolves, and coyotes are much more adaptable to suburban areas than wolves. Given that, it doesn't seem like there's enough suitable habitat for wolves on the Point. In the most recent annual report, the smallest territory size on record for a wolf pack in Northern Minnesota was 53 sq. km.

In part, it matters to clear this up because wolf de-listing is being called for by certain parties in the state, and public opinion can play a part in hearings. The first part in decision making is on us to distribute the right information. So, let me know if there's any reliable documentation; otherwise it may be likely that it's instead another species of Canid.

Let me know if I can provide any additional information/assistance, and I'll continue to keep an eye and ear out for wildlife in the neighborhood!

-- Jessica Gorzo, Ph.D.

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