**Celebrate and Explore Minnesota Point (*Ne-i-a-shi*, long narrow point)**

1.  **Ship Canal at 7th St., South**, **Lakeside**: National Coastal Warning Flags System, installed in 2018 (warning flags are also at 12, 30, 50 streets,).

Historical: Site of "Little Portage" (*Oney-gay-me-sing*). Native use predates visit by Daniel De Greysolon, Sieur Du Lhut, "A Gentleman of the Royal Guard of Louis XIV on his way to explore the Upper Mississippi" (6/27/1679). His work is memorialized by naming the city, Duluth, after him. Ship canal dug 1870, bridge built 1905. Land re-platted in 1880 and drinking water supplied to Minnesota Point in 1906,

2.  **8th, 10th and 11th St., Bayside**: Kayak and canoe launching beach, Fairfield Inn and Park Point Marina Inn at existing marinas.

Historical: Previous sites of industrial welders, Duluth Boat and Rowing Club, 1906, Seaplane base, 1919-39, and earlier yet, sawmills and lumber yards.

3.  **12th St. Block at "S" Curve**: Franklin Park (Tot Lot), Beach boardwalk access and lake viewing platform, renovated in 2018. US Coast Guard Station Duluth on the bayside with rescue boats.

Historical: Native and first settler cemetery of 200 graves, moved to Forest Hill, ca 1888. First school house, Whittier, at 1140 Minnesota Ave, 1892. Lifeboat rescue station and watch tower, 1897-1940.

4.  **15th St., Bayside**: UMD & City of Duluth boat storage shed for UMD's Outdoor Program, kayak launch dock and ramp. Next door is the US Army Reserve Station.

Historical: US Navy Reserve Station until 1988.

5.  **28th St., Lakeside**: St. Andrew’s by-the-lake Episcopal Church, newly landscaped front area with a Rest Area, a Gathering Space Crossing, and an Entrance Pathway.

Historical: A very active community church since 1908. Building is of stick construction, built ca 1910, prior worship services were held in nearby store.

6.  **30th St Block Lakeside**: Lafayette Square Community Center, Family Changing & Restrooms on lakeshore back-side of building, newly constructed in 2017-18, and now open 7 am to 9 pm every day. Be sure to visit the new Bike Tune-up Station at entrance gate, Lafayette Community Edible Gardens with its recently renovated raised beds, and the Driftwood Creations sale at the Park Point Summer Youth Program.

Historical: Duluth's first designated park, 1854. Originally a one-room school house, Radisson, and became a community center, 1919. WPA project expanded the building with a library addition, 1935. Presently a meeting place for community club, residents, youth and elder programs, recreation, and rental for private parties.

7.  **39th St., Bayside**: Duluth Rowing Club buildings, exercise area, boat storage, docks and launch ramps to bay and lakeside shores, all recently reconstructed and renovated in 2017.

Historical: This is the original site of the Oatka Boat & Rowing Club, 1910-1960. Between 1911 and 1923, Duluth crews won 47 of 58 races, 20 national championships, took nine-second place medals and one third. In recent years. The Duluth Rowing Club, founded in 1886, was located on the 11th St. block and moved to this site in 1955. Over the years, the Duluth Rowing Club has produced excellent rowers who are national gold and silver medalists

8.  **48th – 50th St., Lake and Bayside**:  Park Point Recreation Center - Beach House (renovated in 2017), Sandbox Ship for children, pavilions, soccer fields, volleyball courts. Nearby are the MnDNR boat ramp and the Duluth-Superior Sailing Association classes and boat buoys on the bay.

Historical: Recreation area was created by fill and constructed in 1936 to 1939, then developed further as a WPA project from 1935 to 40.

9.  **55th St.:** SkyHarbor Airport**,** $13 M runway, taxiway, and seaplane ramp.

Historical: Seaplane base moved from 10th St to present site, ca 1939.

10. **Old Growth Forest Trail:** Begins next to the Sky Harbor Airport and leads through forest of 200+ year old pines. MnDNR Scientific and Natural Area established to protect the Old-Growth Forest. Change to the present lake shoreline is underway, due to severe erosion by high lake levels and NE storm action in 2017 and 2018. Restoration of jogging and walking trail on access road is also required to protect historic Forest Trail.

Historical: First lighthouse operated from 1858-78, and is "zero-point" for lake surveys.

**Kayaks and canoes** may be launched on the bayside at 8th, 15th, 19th, 32nd, 40th, and 50th Streets.