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# The Breeze

Of Park Point

Lake Superior Days July 13 & 14

DRC International Regatta July 14th Lafayette

Community Edible Garden Club Meeting and Potluck Monday July 16th 6p.m.

Park Point
Community Club
Meeting
Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>
at The Duluth
Rowing Club

Sand Modeling
Contest
July 19<sup>th</sup>
at the beach house

Park Point 5-Miler July 19th

Park Point Garden Club Thursday July 26th Contact: Liz Mackay 722-1834

Neighborhood Night
Out and PPCC
Meeting
August 7th

You want more?



Greetings and Happy (Almost) Mid- Summer from your friends at the **Duluth Rowing Club!** Park Pointers are all invited to the 2018 Duluth International Regatta on Saturday, July 14th. Twenty- eight separate race categories start at 8:00 am and continue through the day until 5:00 pm. Rowing clubs from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester, Madison, Thunder Bay, Kenora, Marquette, and other Midwest areas will join the DRC in junior, open, and masters categories.

Last year, racing took place on the Lake side of the Point due to the strong westerly winds. Who knows what this year's weather will bring? Bay side or Lake side, spectators will be treated to athletes giving it their all on either a 2,000- meter course (juniors and open rowers), or 1,000- meter course (for the masters). Stop on down to the new Duluth Rowing Center to see all the action. 2018 event t-shirts will be for sale along with concessions, in addition to the free cost of cheering many of your Park Point and Duluth-area athletes competing on the water!

Don't forget that the July Park Point Community Club's monthly meeting (Tuesday the 17th) will take place at the newly finished Clubhouse portion of the Rowing Center. Here's your chance to check out what many of us have watched being built and finished the last few months. If you haven't seen it or been inside yet, you might be in for a surprise! Last, but not least, many thanks for the help and kindness from Park Pointers, whether interruption delays because of street work or the many visitors on regatta day. Community support for the DRC has been, quite simply, amazing!

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# **President's Report**

Hi Neighbors,

The Park Point June "trifecta" is over and we are moving towards deep summer of warmer lake temps, nice breezes and a bumper crop of poison ivy. How quickly the summer moves along!

July brings the Park Point Five Miler, the 46th running of this race, which raises money for young athletes. Greg Haapala, Race Director for Grandma's and the PP Five Miler, will be at the July PPCC Meeting which will be held at the new Duluth Rowing Club facilities. Greg will explain the logistics for the July 19th Five-Miler & Two-Mile Walk which will start at the Beach House.

Park Point will also be highlighted during Lake Superior Days on July 13 & 14. The *Celebrate and Explore Minnesota Point* plans are to host an informational table at the Canal Park Maritime Museum on both days of the event. The PPCC will provide brochures about various programs on Park Point, as well as a flyer which provides a selfguided tour of a variety of points of interest, programs and historical information for about ten sites on Park Point. Thank you to the Park Pointers and the community partners who are working on this exciting celebration. We certainly have a beautiful, unique community to showcase, share and care for.

Hoping you had a chance to spend some time at the wonderful 48th Annual Park Point Art Fair! I saw a lot of visitors making their way down the vendor trail, stopping to chat with friends, laughing, shopping, gazing and generally enjoying a great weekend. There were a lot of dogs browsing who were grateful for the doggy drinky station. The Summer Youth Program featured laser engraved driftwood pieces with clever, coastalliving sayings and puns. Thanks to Kevin and Karen, program leaders, for leading this initiative which will fund a new ping pong table for Lafayette. A huge thank you to the many volunteers who once again, graciously provided the support and hospitality for the fair. Boomer Brown and Dick Gould were recognized for their years of volunteerism for the Park Point Art Fair, thank you for your enthusiasm and dedication to our community.

The Sand Modeling Contest and Water Expo will be held at the Beach House on Thursday, July 19th, 10am-3pm. The YMCA will be hosting the festivities. Questions? Call 730-4300.

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 7th at Lafayette from 6-8pm. Plans are still unfolding so stay tuned on how you might participate in this annual gathering. NNO: "Together, we are making our communities safer, more caring places to live." A short meeting of the Park Point Community Club will also be happening at 7pm on that evening in place of the Aug. 21 meeting.

Here's to extraordinary life on Park Point! Hope to see you out and about! Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

#### Our community's 48th art fair a success, thanks to you

As I sit and contemplate the last few days I am filled with gratitude and pride for the community where I live. Park pointers did a great job volunteering and supporting an amazing group of artists at this years' fair. And I am not the only grateful one. I heard comment after comment from artists that this is their favorite show and that they appreciate the people, the place and sales.

There are so many people and so many functions that people completed I dare not begin naming them all as I will forget someone or something. The tasks can be not so glamorous like dumping garbage or just plain difficult like moving picnic tables! Some people are great appreciated for their take charge approach and for some the hours and hours they spent there. Some volunteers were at the fair as long as I was.

It was truly amazing to speak to the sea of faces in the Beach House. My apologies for the acoustics, clearly there are some kinks to work out but in general I was so happy to see this art fair come and go.

A special thanks to our sponsors, Solglimt Bed and Breakfast, South Pier Inn on the Canal, North Shore Credit Union, KUMD, and the Reader. Special thanks to Annie Schweiger for her design of this year's art fair poster and "Seagull". The original painting was donated for auction after it was used in the 2018 poster.

Enjoy your summer. Preparations have begun for next year already and if you care to join our committee we would love to have you.

Carla M. Tamburro, PPAF Coordinator and PPCC member

# **Park Point Community Club Minutes**

The June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:00PM. The regularly scheduled meeting agenda was changed to accommodate two speakers. The first speaker was Lyn Clark Pegg. Lyn recently became involved with 'Build a better block' workshop. The purpose being to celebrate Park Point during Lake Superior Days, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A table will be set up outside the Maritime Museum with information about what Park Point has to offer for everyone. The pamphlets and brochures will offer a 'self-guided' tour of the Point. Information to be handed out will include beach entrances, launching information and places of 'historical interest.'

Second speaker for the evening was Cheryl from the YMCA. Cheryl has worked with the YMCA for 12 years. She teaches water safety, beach safety and aquatics for the YMCA. She reaffirmed the beach house is open daily from 11:00am to 4:00 pm, weather permitting. The beach opens the first Monday after school has been dismissed for the summer and closes the day after Labor Day. After the listed hours, the beach house is not opened for the public to use facilities or buy food. They do not have a license to operate a restaurant but do sell packaged snacks and iced cream. She said the proceeds from the rentals of the beach house go to pay for salaries for the life guards. There are life jacket loaners that are free to use for the day and returned at the end of their business day. The YMCA will be lending a certain amount of life jackets to the Park Point Community Summer Youth Program. On July 19, 2018, the City of Duluth will be sponsoring a sand modeling contest. Vendors will be located in the building to discuss water safety, bacteria information & etc. It was asked of Cheryl what improvements was done on the beach house. She said on the lake side there was significant wood rot. New windows were put in on the lake side plus new walls on that side. The fireplace was sealed off and no longer usable.

#### Approval of Minutes from the 5/15/2018 meeting

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. The remaining membership vote were all ayes.

#### Treasurer's Report - Al Robins

Beginning Balance 5/1/2018 - \$22,962 Ending Balance 5/31/2018 - \$46,258

Motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report as given by Al Robins

#### **Committee Reports**

**Art Fair – Carla Tamburro** Art Fair scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>. Carla said everything is scheduled for this weekend Art Fair. There are 115 artists who will be showing their talents. 100 posters were put around businesses in Duluth. The Park Point Community Summer Youth Program participants are making items to sell during the Art Fair. The profits they make will be used to help purchase a ping pong table for their program this summer.

**Breeze** – **Alan Dartanyan** Transition of editors is going smoothly. Alan has agreed to put the names of all persons who write articles in the Breeze. There will be a new list of Park Point Community Club members in the Breeze.

**Environmental Committee – Dick Gould.** Dick summed up the animal happenings on Park Point. The geese are multiplying quickly. There is a small beaver. There are deer around. The fox is gone. The eagles were previously reported as having nested on the Point. However, something destroyed their eggs. There is a lot of Poison Ivy on the Point. It is the 3 leafed plant that is a problem.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck Thank you Diane for the amazing home baked rhubarb cookies. They were great.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – all present The large garbage can at the end of Park Point was set afire this week. Also, it was noted that there is still toilet paper and human feces in the area of Lafayette Square building. The City needs to be reminded that if we want the wonderful new bathrooms attached to Lafayette Square to be used, clear signage needs to be placed on Minnesota Ave St. side and the beach side.

**Program Committee – David Poulin** The July, 2018 Park Point Community Club meeting will be held at the Duluth Rowing Club.

#### Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki

Huge success. Thank you, David Lavamaki for coordinating all the details. You did a good job.

**Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum** There are 22 youth enrolled in the program this summer. There is one intern and two adult leaders. The program has been going for one complete week and it was amazing to see the amount of activities they have already enjoyed. We thank the City of Duluth for the perfect solution for the floors in their area. The City hired someone to come in to clean up the floors and spray paint the floors with epoxy. They look terrific. Thanks again.

#### **Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs**

No cards sent out last month.

#### **Old Business**

Nothing to report

#### **New Business**

July Community Club Meeting at the Rowing Club.

**National Night Out** is coming in August. Would anyone like to volunteer to help coordinate the event? Last year, St. Andrews held the event and we discussed having the event at Lafayette Square this year. Dawn Buck said she would donate lemonade and hot dogs for the event. The other food needed would be potluck style. Any thoughts, please let us know.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The remaining membership votes were all ayes. Submitted by Sheryl Robins, PPCC secretary

## Park Point Community Club Summer Youth Program Update

The 2018 Park Point Summer Youth Program began June 11. We now have 25 children, ages 5 – 12 registered, with the majority from Park Point or grandchildren of Park Pointers. Fifteen are registered full-time for the nine week program, Monday – Thursday and we have openings if anyone wants to join the fun for the last four weeks. Kevin Chederquist and Karen Boynton, our fantastic staff are back again. They have many fun ideas they have implemented for the summer program including some new field trips to the YMCA, Duluth Playhouse and UMD Rock Wall while returning to some favorites like the Great Lakes Aquarium, Railroad Museum, Sky Harbor Airport and the Sand Modeling Contest at the Beach House.

The Program includes gardening at the PP Edible Garden, going to the Beach, field trips, educational sessions, crafts, sports, community service and activities at Lafayette Community Center. Thank you to all the volunteers and the PPCC Executive Committee that work together to make the program a success.

The cost for the nine-week program is \$500.00 for the first child per family, \$425.00 for any child thereafter, same family or \$100 per week and \$30 per day. Field trip costs are additional and the responsibility of the child's family. Forms and the calendar are posted at:

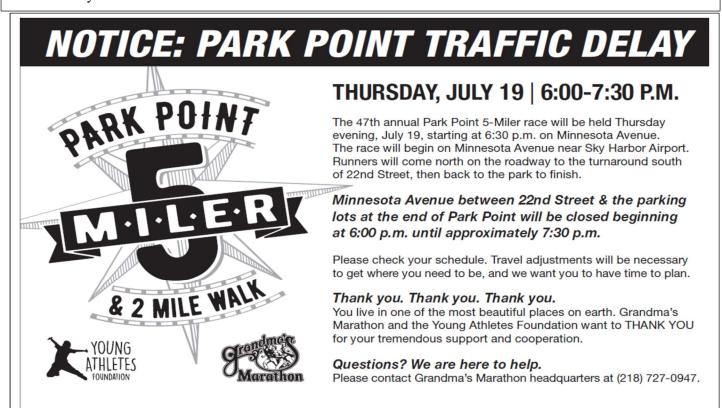
#### http://www.parkpointcommunityclub.org/

Thank you to the Duluth Area Family YMCA for loaning sixteen lifejackets to the Park Point Summer Youth Program. Cheryl Podtburg, Aquatics Safety Coordinator for the YMCA, attended the June PPCC meeting and shared information about the lifeguard program at the Beach House and other amenities available through a collaboration with the City of Duluth and the YMCA. Cheryl also manages the rentals of the Beach House and she shared the hours of lifeguard coverage and bathroom availability. Check http://www.parkpointbeach.org/ for details on lifeguards on duty and email Cheryl at cpodtburg@duluthymca.org re. rentals of the building and pavilion.

After the tragic drowning of Ryan and Lillian Fuglie last August 10th, members of the Park Point Community Club and the Minnesota Point Preservation Society were interested in finding out how the community of Park Point might spread the word about dangerous conditions in the lake during the Red Flag alerts and how to educate water lovers on how to stay safe when swimming and recreating in Lake Superior. They spoke to City officials, YMCA staff, Surf Rescue Volunteers and other agencies for ideas on how to keep swimmers safe. These conversations and meetings led to collaborative efforts such as the life jackets on loan to the summer youth program at Lafayette.

Many thanks to all community members who work to educate and promote safety on our superb bodies of water.

Tim and Sally Buck



#### "The New Landscaping Is So Welcoming."

That was the sentiment expressed by many visitors at the recent Brat Sale. That is exactly the vision we had hoped to create when we began this landscaping project two years ago. There is a seating wall for the bus stop or just a rest stop for those walking Park Point, the side walk and entrance way to church is now more accessible for the handicap, the circle patio allows events, services and congregants to gather out front, there are new plantings to enhance the appearance and the church sign is more visible. The project is nearly complete. The only remaining detail is for our St. Andrew's sign to be painted and updated. The idea for this project began with a generous gift from Ardice Hanson and her wish that the money be used to help St. Andrew's continue to be a welcoming place to all. The project is a memorial to the many congregants who have gone before us. Their support and those who donated in their memory helped expand this fund and make the landscaping a reality.



The project would not have happened without the continuous support of everyone who has offered time and money. We are very grateful to the many who donated plants or money, and who helped plant and water to keep it all thriving. We are thankful to SAS Architects for the design, Saline Landscaping for the actual construction, Billie Curnow, the electrician and Harry Madsen, the painter. St. Andrew's has taken one more beautiful step in their long tradition of being open to all on Park Point and the surrounding community. Look for upcoming details for a special service to bless this sacred place. In the meantime, we invite you to come and sit a spell.

Submitted by Mary Anderson & Dave Johnson, St. Andrew's Landscape committee

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Living on one of the longest fresh water sand bars on one of the largest fresh water lakes in the world, it is only fitting that Park Pointers have embraced one of the biggest rummage sales around! Traffic came to a standstill, garages were emptied, a few impulse buys were made and at St. Andrew's hundreds of brats were sold to hungry shoppers.

Thanks to the support of the Park Point community and the many shoppers you attracted to the Point. Together we were able to raise \$2400 to be used for helping youth in our community and for bus passes for the Steve O'Neil House and Life House.

> The Rev. Marta Maddy Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m. Saturday Eucharist Service: 5 p.m. standrewsbythelake.org 2802 Minnesota Ave 218-727-1262 standrewsbythelakeduluth@gmail.com We are on Facebook



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# Are cats smarter than dogs?

I am sure all of you reading this will have your own opinion and countless stories to prove your point, but unfortunately there is very little scientific evidence to back up either side of the argument. A cat's brain accounts for about 0.9 percent of their body mass, whereas a dogs' brain makes up 1.2 percent of their body mass. But, most scientists will tell you that brain size is only one part of intelligence. The number of neurons is another and cats have 300 million neurons transmitting and processing information whereas a dog only has 160 million neurons to work with. Recently there have been several studies that show that canines can sort objects into categories (abstract thought) and work through what people are thinking. However, there are no studies on cat's cognitive abilities because they just do not want to do the studies!

For those of us that have had both species will not be surprised at that while both species can solve simple puzzles to get food, but when the puzzle is too hard the dogs will look to their humans for help, the cats will not and just keep trying. (We call that stubborn.)

Part of this may be humans domesticated dogs 20 thousand years earlier than cats so they have the advantage of increased social skills and interaction with humans....but the cat people will tell you another 20 thousand years will not make any difference. A cat is a cat and will still ignore you, doesn't come when called unless it wants to and they have the ability to listen and do what you ask, again, they just choose not to until they are ready. No amount of time or years domesticated will change this. SO my answer to the eternal question of which is smarter cats or dogs? Is YES.

YES, whatever pet you have at home is probably the smartest! My only hope for you is that you can stay smarter than your animal! Most of the time I have managed this but every now and then my dog will trick me into feeding him twice or convince me he is going to absolutely going to explode unless she goes out immediately when she just came in. SO I guess I have to admit...my dog is sometimes smarter than me and over the years has trained me pretty well not the other way around. Both cats and dogs offer you unconditional love, add joy and meaning to your life and in my opinion are worth the frustration, trouble and expense they cause us. For me, pets enrich our lives and the animal – human bond is very special. Whatever your preference...dogs, cats, rabbits or rats! I encourage all of you to save a life and adopt a pet from your local shelter. The life you may be saving may just be your own!

Joe Montisano, Executive Director

Great Lakes Aquarium

#### **Environmental Report**

The trees we have planted over the past 30 plus years are doing a great job! They are full of bird nests and are controlling the sand drifting a lot.

I have heard complaints about the Geese and Beaver. If you have a problem with them, give me a call. I might be able to help you with them.

The beach is becoming a deposit area for all the trees and driftwood that was washed down the Wisconsin rivers by the large amount of rain they got. Lots of firewood!

Please don't feed the Ring Billed Gulls! They are becoming a predator of many other species such as the duck eggs and young. The Ring Bills migrated up the Mississippi river over many years and now have become a problem in this area.

The milkweed plants are doing well and the Monarch butter flies are using the to lay their eggs.

Dick Gould

# Lake Superior Days July 13th &14th Celebrate and Explore Minnesota Point on July 14th

On Saturday, July 14th, Park Point neighbors, Twin Ports residents, and visitors are invited to celebrate an impressive number of renovations, expansions and rebuilds completed this past year by City of Duluth Parks & Rec, and to explore what this amazing Park in the midst of our neighborhood has to offer. In June the new family restrooms behind the Lafayette Square Community Center officially opened, then the new Franklin Park boardwalk and viewing platform were completed. So we decided the Lake Superior Days gave us a perfect time to show and tell – and at the same time celebrate all the other recreational programs and activities that are happening on Park Point this summer. Water safety and beach protection guidelines will also be provided. This self-guided tour will include stops all along Minnesota Avenue, and beyond: starting at the new Warning Flag system on South Pier, then on to Franklin Park, the Labyrinth at St Andrews Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square Community Center (and the edible garden and kids club), the Duluth Rowing Club, the Park Point Recreation Center and Beach House, the Duluth Superior Sailing Association, Sky Harbor airport, and finally the walking trail through the Old Growth forest. There also will be guided tours for adults and children on free bikes, provided by the YMCA and the Bus/Bike/Walk project and starting at Lafayette Square. There are many organizations who have joined in celebrating Lake Superior: Park Point Community Club, Department of Parks and Recreation, Canal Park Marine Museum, Lake Superior Magazine, Lafayette Community Edible Garden, Park Point Summer Youth Program, YMCA, U.S. Coast Guard, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Duluth Rowing Club, Duluth Superior Sailing Association, and more! For more information contact the planning committee: Lyn Clark Pegg, Judy Dwyer, Gary Glass, Coral McDonnell and Nancy Olson.

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# Park Point Resident

# 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

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

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

#### News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Submitted by Susan Peters

Good News: Our June garage sale was a big success: we raised over \$1,000. That will keep our garden in the green for quite a while. Many thanks to those folks who donated great sale items, helped during the sale, and made purchases. And, a special thanks to LeAne and Bruce Rutherford for hosting the sale.

On Monday, June 18, a St Louis County Master Gardener, was with us to continue our ask-the-expert question and answer sessions. Her focus was on importance of bees as pollinators and how we can attract them and give them places to live. We continue to expand our pollinator plant bed to attract bees to our garden. We are always looking for contributions of plants such as borage and milkweed.

At our next potluck dinner meeting on July 16, Ellie Alspach will fill us in on the special seeds we used in our garden this season. Many came from Seed Savers in Iowa and they have interesting histories.

Our committee for Gardening with the Park Point kids summer program has great plans for seven weeks of Monday morning activities. Feel free to join us in the garden at 10 a.m. on Mondays if you would like to participate in the fun.

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

#### It's a Party in the Compost

Our compost bins would love host your coffee grounds, kitchen scraps, and leaves at the ongoing compost party. Just think, your waste will be joining your neighbors' waste to create a nutrient-rich dressing for our raised beds. Just dig a little hole in the compost bins, dump your stuff in, and cover with leaves.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Monday, July 16, 6 p.m., potluck dinner meeting.