



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

4th Annual Ice Fest
February 10, 1PM On
 the ice near the Duluth
 Sailing Assoc. dock

Lafayette Community
Edible Garden
Potluck Monday
February 11, 6PM
 at Lafayette

PPCC Meeting
February 19th Social
 at 6:30 Meeting at 7

Park Point Garden
Club February
28th contact: Kathy
Jacobs 722-2375 New
Members Welcome

Park Point Rummage
Sale June 14th & 15th
8A.M. to 5P.M.

Park Point Art Fair
June 29th & 30th

Editor's Note: Tom Beery, Minnesota Sea Grant's Resiliency Specialist, spoke on water levels and took questions at the November PPCC meeting. His response to those questions came in a large article with pictures, graphs and e-mail links – far more than I can include here. I'm sampling just a small portion of it, but the whole article should be available on the PPCC website.

Déjà vu: Dealing with High Water on Lake Superior, Again

Precipitation creating higher-than-average water levels across the Great Lakes has stirred more than sediment since 2015. Storms and the water they dropped have cost millions in damage and changed coastal ecosystems. The extra water has coastal residents, communities and industries asking questions of Minnesota Sea Grant staff: "Why is the water rising? What can we do about it?"

This is not the first time Lake Superior gained volume. Odds are it won't be the last. Tom Beery, Minnesota Sea Grant's resiliency specialist, talked with some coastal property owners in autumn 2018. The results of those discussions are spurring a team of regional environmental professionals, including staff from Minnesota Sea Grant, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Lake Superior Coastal Program and the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve, to develop strategies to help coastal communities cope with rising lake levels. In the meantime, for those who live, work and recreate along Minnesota's Lake Superior coastline, here are five facts about Lake Superior's fluctuating waterline and ideas for bracing for high water.

1. The level of Lake Superior fluctuates less than those of the other Laurentian Great Lakes.
2. Lake Superior's water level has hovered around an impressively narrow range for several centuries. Precipitation, evaporation and outflow drive the level of Lake Superior. Annual cycles also influence it as does wind and barometric pressure.
3. Minnesota Sea Grant Director John Downing is working to refine our understanding Lake Superior's water budget. These pie charts(availableon-line) offer a sense of the comings and goings of water in Lake Superior.
4. The International Joint Commission and its associated International Lake Superior Board of Control have little effect on Lake Superior's water level. Fluctuations are natural and should be expected. The Board regulates outflows through Plan 2012. See the IJC's frequently asked questions for more details.
5. Lake Superior reached its highest recorded level in October 1985 at 603.38 feet (183.91 meters) above sea level. Go to NOAA's Great Lakes Level Dashboard to see Superior's current level. (Government shut down? See U.S. Army Corps of Engineers information.
6. Winds produce storm surges and seiches that can visibly change water levels. For example, the NOAA water level gauge in Duluth hit its all-time high on October 10, 2018, when a storm surge pushed water 604.24 feet (184.17 meters) above sea level. The gage has been operating since April 1, 1860.

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Having now plunged into the depths of a polar vortex which require dog booties, the densest of down coats, "stabilicers" on the boots, I look longingly back on strange days of the temperate December. Fear not, spring shall triumph in a few short months. I find that the cold days bring time to contemplate and reflect on new ideas for the year and on lessons learned in the last one. The Marie Kondo philosophy is what my friends are talking about this month- the time for renewal and resolution. Seems last year the "thing" was Swedish death cleaning; Kondo's keeping things about you that "spark joy" seems to be a good concept.

The January membership meeting was well attended with hungry pizza eaters who got right to work, next year we will order a few more pizzas. Thank you to Club Hospitality Extraordinaire Diane Gould and The Green Mill for the delicious 'za. Mike Tusken, the Chief of Police, was our guest and addressed neighbors' concerns given the tragic death of Park Pointer Larry W. during a home invasion in December. The Chief visited with us for over an hour and took the time to answer everyone's questions on a wide range of safety topics and neighborhood observations. He was very interested to hear from us and recognized Park Point as "a very engaged community." City Councilor Arik Forsman also attended the meeting and took note of the concerns and requests. Another opportunity for voicing concerns about the Park Point community is scheduled for next week with City Councilors hosting and Lt. Chad Nagorski attending.

The business portion of the meeting was productive; the 2019 Lafayette Summer Youth Program was approved- this is the earliest that the program has been launched! Thank you to the parents, especially Sally Buck, and the membership for making the kids' program a priority for the year. I would say that the early launch of the youth program is an example of making lemonade from lemons. During the crafting of the Lafayette rental agreement with the City, the Executive Board had the opportunity to take a close look at what is important and how to preserve what the membership and community values. Despite some "cracks in the ice" along the way, a collaborative agreement for the Club's use of Lafayette was forged with the City of Duluth. We look forward to another great year in the historic clubhouse and are grateful for the City's commitment to continue to support the Club's initiatives. Please start spreading the word about the youth program, I will post details on the website soon. If you would like to join the youth committee, please let me know. The Corps of Engineers is seeking a five year permit to add sand from dredging the navigational channels to the park, aka the beach. Neighbors near the Bridge hope that a commitment will be obtained for nourishment down on that end of the Point, maybe in 2020. A meeting on this process and the agencies involved, was held at Lafayette on Jan. 23rd. Climate change is affecting shores everywhere and collecting data will be important to creating long term solutions.

If you would like to be added to the 2019 PPCC email list, please join the Club and/or send me your email address. parkpointcc@gmail.com is the address I use for club business. You will get notes about lost dogs, boats and updates on issues that might be of interest to you. Thanks to everyone who sends me notices, updates and ideas- your engagement makes Park Point a very special place to live.

Hoping you are living to "spark joy" & hope to see you out and about on the extraordinary island of Park Point,

Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

PPCC Minutes

The January, 2019 PPCC meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Dawn Buck, President.

The regular business meeting agenda was suspended to accommodate speaker Mike Tusken, Chief of Police for Duluth, Mn. Mike spoke about safety on Park Point. Calling and being engaged as a community keeps our area safe. It was noted that Park Point is the safest community in Duluth with a .6% crime rate. His talk focused mainly on the recent crime that occurred on the Point. Within 97 hours, an arrest was made. Mike explained about the death of Haas and what it meant, not only emotionally but financially, for the Duluth Police Dept. A question was asked about replacing the cameras on the bridge to make it easier to identify who comes over and leaves Park Point. Three years ago, Mike put in a request for better quality cameras. His request was not approved due to the expense on the cameras. He spoke on the leash law that is effective in the City of Duluth. Brian Madsen of Sky Harbor Airport told about an incident where an unleashed dog got away from owner and ended up on the airport runway. It was requested for the Police Dept. to bring radar detectors back to the Point. Additional signage was requested on the Point to let tourists know where sites are located. Mike felt signs are not always the most helpful that by giving motels & etc. pamphlets about places of interest might be more helpful. Thank you, Mike Tusken, for coming to our community club meeting. It was informative and helped alleviate some of the stress our area has felt.

Business Agenda

Approval of Minutes from December meeting.

Due to there being no meeting in December, approval of the minutes was not required.

Treasurer's Report – Al Robins

January, 2018	Beginning Balance	\$18,807
January, 2018	Beginning Balance	\$19,625

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as given by Al Robins. Remaining membership vote – all ayes.

Committee Reports

Art Fair - Carla Tamburro

Jake Kapsner said the planning for the Art Fair 2019 is underway. The date for the Park Point Community Club is scheduled for 6/29/2019 and 6/30/2019. The Art Fair is always scheduled for the last weekend in June. This year there are five weekends and this the reason for a late Art Fair.

Breeze – Alan Dartanyan

January is membership month for the PPCC. Please return your membership forms as soon as possible. Alan reminded the club that in the March, 2019 Breeze, there will be a one time membership list published in the Breeze. If a membership form comes in after the list is published, your membership will be noted on the list but not printed again.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

The annual tree planting on Park Point requires the purchase of trees. Dick Gould has ordered the trees and will let the club know when and where the trees will be planted.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thank you Diane for making the Pizza Party happen. The pizza was good and we appreciated your time in getting it organized.

Nancy Olson and Gary Glass – Thank you for preparing the sidewalks with grit prior to the meeting. The ice looked intimidating and it was a relief feeling safe walking in to the building that evening.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – all present

No discussion for this committee

Program Committee – David Poulin

Due to the length of the PPCC meeting, there was nothing to report from David Poulin.

Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki

The dates for the 2019 Park Point Rummage Sale is June 13th and 14th, 2019.

Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

Sally Buck presented the club with the budget for the 2019 Summer Youth Program. Sally asked for the community club to support the program up to \$1000. Karen Boyton and Kevin Cheddarquist will be the two directors for the program. The program is underway early so they can attract 30 student attendees. A motion was made and seconded to approve up to \$1000 expense for the program. The remaining membership votes – all ayes.

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

One sympathy card, one happy birthday card, one get- well card and one thinking of you card were mailed last month.

Old Business

Pam Paige said Lafayette Square ice rink will probably not get flooded this year.

Counselor Arik Forsman stopped at the PPCC meeting. Again, due to the length of the meeting, he said he would stay afterwards to answer individual questions. A tentative date of 1/30/2019 was mentioned as a date for a listening session. More to follow if this session comes together.

New Business

Tom Griggs spoke about the contents of a contract with City of Duluth Parks and Rec. This contract has been worked on by Tom and Dawn for several months.

The contract has been agreed up by both the City and the PPCC. It basically spells out usage of Lafayette Square and responsibilities required for both parties.

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(Minutes, continued)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract. Remaining membership votes – all ayes.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Remaining membership votes – all ayes.

Editor's note: I have been asked by our membership vice president, who's basking away in Texas, to delay printing the membership list until April, when he will be back in the north. So, still plenty of time to get your membership form in. I printed it again on the back page

Environmental Report

I ordered 175 White Pine transplants that I will be picking up in May.

If anyone has an area where they would like to see some planted please let me know.

Hearding island needs about fifty more and then that project will be done. It is really great to see how much the trees we started planting there in 1985 have changed the environment of the island. Some of them are seeding down. We also need to plant at least 25 where Gary Glass has fenced the blow out area near the Art Fair area. Dick Gould



PARK POINT ART FAIR

Inviting visual artists working in the following media: printmaking, painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, wood, photography, jewelry and fiber to apply for the 2019 Park Point Art Fair. Each year the Park Point Art Fair draws more than 10,000 visitors to the Park Point Recreation Area, a beautiful park tucked between the Superior Bay and the dunes of Lake Superior. In this natural setting, visitors can browse and select purchases from among 120 of our region's finest artists.

The application deadline is March 1, 2019.

Apply on Zapplication.org

The direct link to apply is: <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=6943>

Park Point Art Fair
June 29 & 30, 2019
10am - 5pm

Hello Neighbors,

Now is the time of year when planning for the art fair is in full swing. Currently our focus includes selecting the best mix of quality artists.

Please join us in calling out to artists. Invite anyone you know or meet that fits our profile to submit an application.

Send prospective artists to our website parkpointartfair.org where they will find a direct link to the online application. The deadline to submit is March 1. And don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Thank you for your support.

Carla Tamburro
PPAF Coordinator

PARK POINT GARDEN

CLUB elected new officers for 2019

- President Kathy Jacobs
- Vice President Joann Ellison
- Secretary Julie Calligure
- Treasurer Diane Gould

THANK YOU GREEN MILL RESTAURANT

For providing the tasty Pizza for our 2019 Membership meeting. It was one of our largest meetings and the Pizza disappeared quickly. Thanks again. Diane Gould



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

St. Andrew's is excited to announce **Nourishment and Knowledge**, a five event series focused on what makes Park Point a unique place to live, work and play. Beginning on the evening of **Wednesday, March 13** we will feature guest speakers who will take us through the geological forces that shaped Park Point to a greater understanding of folks who work, play and live on Park Point. Each evening will begin with a simple soup supper, a talk and then an optional evening service called **Compline**. More information about this exciting series and a lineup of speakers will be featured in next month's Park Point Breeze Newsletter.

The Rev. Marta Maddy
 Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.
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 We are on Facebook

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Duluth Police Department 2019 Citizen Police Academy

In order to foster a better understanding of police operations and how we serve your community, each spring the Duluth Police Department offers its citizens an opportunity to attend the Citizen Police Academy.

Included is both classroom & field instruction regarding:

- Use of Force
- Narcotics enforcement
- Patrol operations
- Criminal investigations
- Death investigations
- K-9 demonstrations



When: Wednesday, March 13 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and each Wednesday for the following 12 weeks; ending May 29, 2019

Where: DPD Public Safety Building Training Room

Please contact Investigator Mike Peterson at 730-5664 or mpeterson@duluthmn.gov to register.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

On January 14, we gathered for our first potluck dinner meeting of the new year. We were joined by gardener extraordinaire, Cindy Hale, of Clover Valley Farms. She shared her expertise on worms, pest management, and we sampled her delightful homemade vinegars that were available for purchase.

Wow, did we learn a lot – especially about earthworms. Cindy reported that all of the terrestrial earthworms in Minnesota are non-native, invasive species from Europe and Asia. They cause damage to our ecosystem by eating the fallen leaves from trees that would otherwise create the organic "duff" layer of the forest floor where seedlings and woodland wildflowers thrive. The duff also provides habitat for ground-dwelling animals and helps prevent soil erosion. Using worms in our gardens contributes nutrients to the soil helps aerate it, but their use can also have harmful effects to our environment: their castings (worm excrement) can increase erosion along irrigation ditches.

The take-away is to keep earthworms out of our environment by disposing bait worms in the trash – not in soil or water, by freezing compost with worms to kill the worms and their egg cases for a least a week before using it, and by not transporting soil, compost and mulch from one area to another unless you are certain it contains no earthworms.

Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme will be the theme of our February 11 potluck dinner when Angel Dobrow, a trained herbalist, will be our speaker. Angel will share her stories of wild-crafted bulk herbs, essential oils, flower essences, herbal walks, and their herb patch and wildcrafting programs at Zenith Bookstore and Anahata Herbal, which she co-owns.

Looking ahead to our March 11 potluck dinner, we will welcome Steven Hedman, a retired UMD Biology professor and Master Gardener, as our speaker. He will present information on till-less gardening, soil testing and use of fertilizers and soil amendments.

We are starting a rotating library for garden members to use. If you have any gardening books or magazine you'd like to share with others, please bring them along to the next potluck dinner.

All Park Pointers are invited to join us at our monthly dinner meetings at the Lafayette Square Community Club. For more information, contact Coral 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net.

Upcoming Events:

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-Susan Peters

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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 Kelly Greenwalt 218-730-5617 | kgreenwalt@duluthmn.gov

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

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

Park Point Community Club Membership Form

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e-mail address: _____

Check this box for email subscription

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Check here if you agree to be included on the list.

Check here if you prefer to remain anonymous.