



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Park Point
Community Club
Meeting**
Nope, still nothing
planned.

**Lafayette Edible
Garden**
No September Meeting
Planned

**Park Point Garden
Club**
No Plan for Meeting at
this time
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All are Welcome

So, are you planning
anything?

**Mask Up-
for all of us!**

Heading for the Beach... Before Summer floats away



Sometimes I regret only printing in black and white, as this picture, in color sent by Gary Glass, shows a bright blue sky and the sun shining on this monster “floaty”. Park Point Summer at its best. But Summer – like untethered floaties – can be gone in the switch of the wind. We can all feel it. A change in the wind, a change in the light. Maybe the leaves haven’t changed yet, but we know they will. But somehow, given how strange this Summer has been, change – any change – seems like something to be embraced.

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President's Report

Hello Neighbors,

A big thank you to Deb Strange and the election day crew for a smooth day of primary voting at Lafayette on August 11 despite the extra challenges of the global pandemic. We are grateful for your willingness to facilitate the democratic process under these extraordinary conditions.

When you walk past Lafayette, take a look at the lush gardens. They are gorgeous and very productive- I am very thrilled with this year's garlic and tomato crop and love the pink dahlias in the garden near the parking lot. The grandkids are used to having some type of greenery in nearly everything we eat & "I picked that cucumber" is proudly announced by the little ones who like to stop by and check on the crop on a regular basis. Who knew that mammoth watermelons would ever grow on Park Point?

This week, Dan Kraker from MPR and photographer Derek Montgomery stopped down to check out the expanding beach near the bridge- the USACE dredge spoil distribution project continues towards 12th Street. Members of the PP Erosion and High Water Committee and a few neighbors talked with Dan about the challenges and costs that the high water brings to Park Point life. I had a super high school teacher named Mrs. Smith who taught anatomy and physiology. She spoke often of disease and water and the problems of "not enough water, too much water and water in the wrong place." We choose to live on Park Point because we love the water and then we fear the water and its power over our lives when it rises and surges.

We will certainly be trying to pack a lot in during the last weeks of summer; it's time to take advantage of every possible hour of being outside and save the chores for after dark or on a rainy day. Don't miss an opportunity to get out and do something summery, this is the final performance, not the dress rehearsal. Sponge out the boat and buckle up your bike helmet; don't forget to say hi to the new neighbors who are moving in.

Hope to see you out and about on our beloved sandspit, mind the gap & stay safe,

Dawn & Bruno, who had one last buzz cut for deep summer

Park Point's "Beer Guy"



A small sample of Pete's collection



Pete Clure has earned his reputation as the Park Point Beer Guy. He works for a local beer distributor - you've probably seen his work vehicle, a beer logo-covered van, parked on Minnesota Avenue. But beer is far more than a way for Pete to make a living – it is his passion. Now don't get me wrong, I don't mean he spends all his time drinking beer, but rather *thinking* beer, and what you might call beer's history and culture.

Pete began collecting beer cans back in 1977, when he was just in 4th grade. Collecting things in general, be it cans, bottles, bottlecaps or sports cards, was quite a popular hobby among kids at the time, much more so than now I believe. But it didn't stop there. Pete recalls going to the Pickwick Restaurant with his father – The Pickwick began as the taphouse for the August Fitzgers Brewery next door – and looking through the windows at all the old signs and posters inside. Eventually he even toured the closed brewery itself. His mother had instilled in him a love of antiques, which she collected, so he was drawn to the old, the unusual, the "historic". Beer signs from extinct breweries, beers and bars, particularly local ones, found their way to his home, and soon filled it. And they keep coming. So each year during the Park Point Rummage Sale, you would find his yard filled with beer signs and memorabilia for sale. This year, with the Rummage Sale cancelled, he held a sale of his own – some of his offerings are shown above. With a job that takes him to many local bars, he's often on the spot when old signs are taken down or replaced. And he developed an eye can be repaired, re-purposed and resold. No doubt many a "man-cave" in the area, as well as a few businesses, have been decorated with Pete's finds.

But it's not just buying and selling. I've been given a tour of Pete's home, and it's a veritable museum of beer. His focus has been on local beers and breweries, and he's become so much of an expert that he co-authored a book on Duluth's old Breweries, with local historian Tony Dierkens: "Naturally Brewed, Naturally Better: The Historic Breweries of Duluth and Superior". (There was once one on Park Point, you know. You can read about it.)

Pete credits a long-time family friend, and long-time Park Pointer Walt Petrowski, with drawing him to Park Point. Walt is an antique collector himself, and such a part of Park Point culture that he's been referred to as "Mr. Park Point". We can thank him for bringing the "beer guy" to us.

Alan Dartanyan

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

On Thursday August 13, Chef Arlene Coco presented a zoom program to our gardeners. Those that attended tested their veggie IQ and learned about the nutritional benefits of eating more fruits and vegetables. Here are some of the tidbits from Arlene's talk:

The power of plant protein is real: USDA's Agricultural Research Service's Nutrient Data Laboratory says that 100 calories of broiled sirloin steak has exactly 11.08 grams of protein and 100 calories of sliced, raw broccoli has precisely 8.29. And, the protein in spinach is about equal to that in chicken and fish.

75% Of people say that want to eat more plant-based meals yet only 14% of restaurants offer those options. Arlene predicts we will see a trend of new restaurants opening that promote vegetarian and vegan options.

Eat more G-BOMBS, an acronym representing the best anti-cancer and health-promoting foods: Greens, Beans, Onions, Mushrooms, Berries and Seeds. Having a large percentage of foods in your diet promotes health and longevity.

Our planned September 14th meeting is canceled because we still can't use the community center for our meetings. We look forward to the days when we can enjoy our potluck dinner meeting again at the Lafayette Community Center. We hope to celebrate a squash and pumpkin fest in October. More details to follow. Watch your emails for updates.

For future reference, The Lafayette Community Garden is located at Lafayette Park, 3016 Minnesota Ave. on Park Point. Coral McDonnell is the contact person for folks interested in our community garden and potluck dinners. She can be contacted at 218- 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net. Our monthly potluck dinners are FREE and open to all Park Pointers. They usually take place at the Lafayette Community Club. Please bring your own plates, silverware, beverage and a dish to share.

Status of Compost Bins:

We welcome the community to contribute to the compost bins inside the community garden at Lafayette Square. Here are the guidelines: we accept kitchen food scraps that are produce - no meat or dairy; we accept leaves – no brush, weeds or big plants. Please bag your donations and set them inside the garden gate. We will take care of the rest.

-Susan Peters

Environmental Report

Don't have an environmental report per se, but last month's article from the DNR's Julie McDonnell touched on a number of environmental issues affecting Park Point. If you're looking for more information, here are the resources she recommended:

For guidance regarding potential disruption of plants: DNR Regional Plant Ecologist, Brooke Haworth, brooke.haworth@state.mn.us.

Duluth Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) CISMA Coordinator, Lori Seele, lori@stewardshipnetwork.org <https://www.facebook.com/DuluthCISMA/>

Questions regarding public property and shoreland alterations: City of Duluth Planning Department, Kyle Deming, kdeming@duluthmn.gov

For inquiries related to public waters permitting and construction adjacent to Lake Superior: DNR Area Hydrologist, Patricia Fowler, patricia.fowler@state.mn.us

To All Park Point Residents

Please note that on September 15th we would like you (residents of Park Point) to access the Park Point Community Website to read and sign a letter addressed to Mayor Emily Larson and Director of Police Mike Tusken.

One resident stated it quite clearly that Lake and Minnesota Avenue have become a speedway that is proving to be quite chaotic and definitely risky for bike riders, pedestrians and others accessing our beaches not to mention our homes.

Previously many individual attempts have been made to try and find solutions to better enforcement and safety for all concerned. Maybe through frustration or lack of progress this issue tends to get lost, not for lack of trying though!

Join us in requesting a community conversation with the Mayor and Director of Police starting September 15th.

The letter will be available for review and signing on September 15th through the Park Point Community Club website.

Hopefully, our community voice and effort will encourage solutions for the safety and well- being of visitors and residents.

Thank you
Rory Strange

Park Point Community Club Executive Board Meeting

Didn't happen. I guess there really wasn't much for us to discuss, until we're in a position to hold a general membership meeting. And that's on hold until at least October, per Parks and Rec's guidelines. (printed below) I'm sure we'll meet, somehow, in September, to at least discuss the possibility of an October meeting. But for now, it's just watching the numbers, and "wait and see".

From Duluth Parks and Rec:

As of 7/17/20, all Park and Recreation indoor facilities will remain closed until October 1, 2020. Between now and then, the pandemic situation will be monitored and the building status could again change. Access to all buildings is not allowed.

Community Clubs and other Regular Facility Users:

· **If you'd like to resume meetings/gatherings for your respective affiliation in an outdoor park setting, please reach out to me to make a reservation. In doing so you will need to adhere to current City of Duluth guidelines:**

- o A gathering size of 25 or less
- o Social distance of 6ft
- o While face masks are not required in outdoor spaces, they are strongly encouraged and required if social distancing cannot occur

· **If you'd like to hold an event/activity on behalf of your affiliation, the above guidelines still stand and a pandemic operations plan is required to be submitted and approved before the event/activity. That information can be found here... <https://duluthmn.gov/media/9992/pandemic-operations-plan-updated-62220.pdf>**

Thank you all for your patience and understanding and on behalf of everyone at the Parks and Recreation Department we miss you and can't wait to engage with you in the future when it is safe to do so. Please reach out to me if you have further questions.

Chris Severson

Parks Permit Coordinator

<https://duluthmn.gov/parks/>



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 knowing, loving, and serving God
 and neighbor!*

A Morning Resolve

I will try this day to live a simple, sincere life, repelling promptly thoughts of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness and kindness; exercising economy in spending, generosity in giving, diligence in service, fidelity to every trust and childlike faith in God. As I cannot on my own accomplish this, I look to you, Holy One of Blessing, for hope, strength and courage. Amen

The Rev. Marta Maddy
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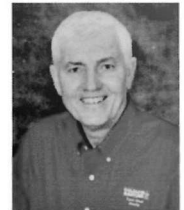


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**“Do what you can, with what you have,
 where you are”**

Theodore Roosevelt

At a time when it's easy to feel overwhelmed by everything going on in the world, this is the quote I turn to. No, we can't all change the whole world, but we can all make things a little better, right now, right here.

News from the Erosion and High Water Committee

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In the issue of the Breeze you will find the notice for the Flooding and Flood Insurance Webinar on 9-24-2020. We urge all interested parties to attend.

As I'm sure all of you have noticed, the USACE has begun its Beach Nourishment project on the North End of Park Point near the Lift Bridge. I was able to get up close to the project on one of the properties adjacent to the beach. It looks like they are adding about 25 to 30 yds. of sand out into the lake. This should give property owners in that area some temporary relief from the potential storm damage that occurs each fall. Our committee plans to request, to the USACE, that further Beach Nourishment happens on a regular or yearly schedule.

Respectfully submitted by
Hamilton Smith, Chair
PPCC Erosion and High Water Committee



The pipeline snaking along the lake side of Park Point will continue to lengthen as more sand is pumped over and distributed by this bulldozer. The project is slated to continue until November.



Flooding and Flood Insurance Webinar

Thursday, September 24 from 6 – 7 pm online Do you have concerns about flooding on your property? Are you uncertain if flood insurance is right for you? If so, you won't want to miss an upcoming flooding webinar for Minnesota Point residents. Join us on Thursday, September 24 from 6 – 7 pm to get answers to your questions and learn about your options. This webinar features:

- Ceil Strauss, State Floodplain Manager at the Department of Natural Resources and
- James Sink, Regional Flood Insurance Specialist at the Federal Emergency Management Administration There will be information about the relative risk of flooding to properties in the area. You'll hear about options for reducing damages from flooding, including flood insurance. And you'll learn how these options can protect you under high water conditions. See the flood insurance article in the July Breeze for more information.

This webinar is open to anyone - homeowners, renters, businesses or anyone else. Don't miss this chance! Register today at: bit.ly/MinnesotaPointwebinar

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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 Ethan Roe 218-730- 5747 eroe@duluthmn.gov

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

City Councilor Roz Randorf rrandorf@duluthmn.gov

Quotations from *The Farmer's Mother's Almanac, 2020* by Janne Goldbeck and Paula Jull

September:

Skies this month will be gold and azure, cloudless by day. Swatches and folds of light will drape the hills at evening. At night, a few clouds will whisper rain to the dry land, but only starlight will fall. Toward the end of the month, expect light dawn frosts, to make you catch your breath at sunrise.

Editor's Corner

With kind of a slow news month I decided to grab a little space for myself to ramble. It's been a strange but not altogether bad Summer. We had quite a stretch of warm water and good beach weather. I was out on my paddleboard more than I have been I years. We've been able to take advantage out outdoor dining options in Canal Park and beyond. Even enjoyed some live music at outdoor, socially distanced venues.

We managed to continue a long tradition of 16th St. block parties, though it was reduced to a "Happy Hour" this year. Sitting at a distance, with our own beverages and snacks, and speaking in slightly raised voices, we were still able to enjoy the company of neighbors.

As August drew toward it's close we watched the sand begin to be pumped over onto the lake side of Park Point and spread along the beach, to hopefully, at least temporarily, protect some of our neighbors property from storm erosion. And, when forced to leave the Point, we can once more drive across the Lake Avenue bridge, cross Superior Street and go straight up the hill. Small pleasures, hope for the future. It's all we can ask for.

