



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Meeting with Police Chief Mike Tusken on Park Point Concerns January 19th, 5:30 PM on ZOOM followed by:

Park Point Community Club Meeting 7:00 PM also on ZOOM

Lafayette Edible Garden Nothing Scheduled

Park Point Garden Club

Nothing Yet Contact:

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Sky Harbor stakeholders meeting January 21, 10AM on ZOOM or use your phone to call in +1 312-626-6799

**HAPPY,
HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

A Taste of Black Ice



Doesn't happen often, and rarely lasts long, but mid-December gave us a taste of open, uncovered ice. And people took advantage, ice boating, skating, playing hockey -I even saw a "kite-skater" out there. The window has closed now, I'm afraid, as we've received two significant dumps of snow in the last week.

That won't deter the ice fishermen, though. Black ice, white ice, snow covered ice. They'll be out there, all in pursuit of a taste of what's **under** the ice!



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President's Report

Happy New Year!

I am feeling a great sense of gratitude as I reflect on 2020 and appreciate and admire the strength and conviction of people everywhere who have stepped up and leaned in every day to help care for our fellow human beings. How has 2020 changed you and how will you be affected moving into 2021? These are questions I have been pondering over the holidays. The pandemic life has afforded me a bit more time to percolate on the bigger questions in navigating the human condition.

Thank you to the neighbors who have already joined or rejoined the Club for 2021. A special thanks to those who were able to make an additional contribution to keep the Club well afloat and on course for good works in our community. An anonymous donor made a significant contribution to keep the Art Fair website infrastructure in place. Thank you for supporting the Art Fair; plans for the 50th Art Fair in 2022 are underway.

Gathering via Zoom is what it is and is the best we can do for now. Here are the dates planned for January and are opportunities to connect and find out what has been happening up and down the Point.

Meetings in January:

Tuesday, January 12 at 6pm,

PPCC Erosion & High Water Committee (EHWC) register for the meeting link at parkpointcommunityclub.org

Thanks to everyone who responded to the recent survey on the recommendations re. future beach restoration and for willingness to assist the USACE and the City clean up the sharp metal cans and shards that are the unfortunate & unintended artifacts from the 2020 USACE project near the bridge. To find out more about what the committee is learning and working on, attend the PP EHWC meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12 or contact Hamilton Smith, chairperson, hamiltonsmith4857@gmail.com or call Dawn Buck, 218-525-1764

Tuesday, January 19 Two Meetings

Park Point Safety Meeting: Traffic Concerns, Speeding, Passing & Needs on Park Point

5:30pm Zoom meeting with Mike Tusken of the Duluth Police Dept.: Moving forward with a plan improving safety and the perception of safety on Park Point.

7:00pm Park Point Community Club Meeting, pour a beverage and share your best story of 2020 and your ideas on 2021

Register for the meeting links at parkpointcommunityclub.org

A Park Pointer who now lives in Sacramento recently sent me a Swedish immigrant story about a famous painter whose journey was also one of strength and resilience with a Park Point twist. December 15th marked the anniversary of the death of internationally known painter, Duluthian and Park Pointer David Ericson. As a boy he lived on Park Point, developed an infection in his knee and after two years of crutches and suffering, a friend's mom buried his amputated leg on the beach in 1880. Does anyone have an idea about the Minnesota Ave. or S. Lake Ave. address for the Ericson family? Thanks for sharing any information you might have on this Park Point connection. The very interesting article by Peter Spooner, former Tweed Museum Curator Peter Spooner, is here: <http://zenithcity.com/archive/people-biography/david-ericson/> Thanks to LeAne Rutherford for sending this Park Point history mystery.

Wishing you health, strength, 2020 wisdom & hope.

See you out and about our extraordinary island,

Dawn & Bruno, fuzzy canine companion aka holiday butter snatcher

News from the Erosion and High Water Committee

There has been a lot going on since the last issue of the Breeze.

The Erosion and High Water Committee met and proposed a set of recommendations to be sent to the USACE and the City of Duluth, regarding the proposed 2021 Beach Nourishment project between 9th ST. And the "S" turn. We sent those recommendations first to Dawn Buck who presented to her executive board for their approval. Dawn also sent the recommendations out, via email, to members of the PPCC. After approval from both groups, the EHWC sent those recommendations to the City of Duluth and the USACE. A copy of those recommendations can be viewed on the PPCC web site.

As I'm sure most of you know, there has been an ongoing issue with debris on the beach in and around the 2020 Beach Nourishment area. Most of that debris has been crushed or shredded aluminum and metal cans. The USACE, the EHWC and concerned citizens have been patrolling the beach on a regular basis, picking up the debris. At times there has been a large amount of these shredded cans collected. Reports on this issue are also available on the PPCC web site. This Committee's recommendation to the City of Duluth is that signage be installed at the public access points to the Beach between the bridge and 16th ST. These signs should warn beach goes to be aware of the shredded metal on the beach and the danger to them and their pets.

Melissa Bosman USACE, the project manager for the Duluth/Superior Harbor dredge project, will be sending updates on the cleanup of the 2020 Beach Nourishment project area in the Spring once the snow and ice retreats. She will also be sending updates on the proposed 2021 B N project. I will send those to Dawn to be posted on the PPCC web site.

Our committee is planning a Zoom meeting for 1-12-2021 @ 6:00PM. Dawn will be sending out a registration invite so that any Park Pointers can join the meeting.

Hope you all are healthy and safe
Respectfully submitted by
Hamilton Smith Chair PPCC EHWC

Recommendations for Future Beach Nourishment

Because the erosion situation on Park Point, especially in the area between 9th and 13th streets, poses an emergency level of risk of storm damage, we strongly encourage the City of Duluth and USACE to complete the beach nourishment project in 2021. The following recommendations aim to mitigate issues experienced this year:

1. The USACE deposits up to 100,000 cubic yards of MPCA-approved dredge materials on the beach from 9th to 13th streets in 2021.
2. Prior to the beach nourishment application in 2021, the USACE will study and report back to the City of Duluth, Park Point Community Club and the PPCC EHWC their findings on the cause of the crushed aluminum and what will be done to avoid a repeat of that problem.
3. Prior to the beach nourishment application in 2021 a concerted education effort will be undertaken by the USACE, the City of Duluth, and the Park Point Community Club on the nature of the beach nourishment project, what is to be expected, and what residents can do to mitigate temporary effects during the application of new beach materials.
4. Dredged materials considered for continued beach nourishment will undergo detailed analysis for suitability before they are placed on the beach. The USACE's sediment sampling plan must meet MPCA requirements. During the application of new beach materials in 2021, the City of Duluth, the USACE, and PPCC will work together to monitor the materials for the presence of unwanted components. If unwanted components are found on the beach, the USACE will take steps to remove them.
5. If there are remaining dredge materials, they are placed on the south end of Minnesota Point (Lake Superior side) to protect the old growth pine forest including the scientific and natural areas.

With gratitude, Dawn Buck, President, PPCC Executive Board: Tom Griggs, Sheryl Robins, Al Robins, Alan Dartanyan, Diane Gould, Dave Poulin

Park Point Community Club

Addition/correction to PPCC November minutes:

Under watch committee- Report from neighbor Jan Karon re. observations/concerns on the beach after the beach restoration by the USACE.

I understand that a lot of emergency meetings went into trying to save the Point between the bridge and the S-Curve this year, and I appreciate the time, effort and persistence that that took.

As you know, I also am very concerned about what the USACE and the EHWC are calling “debris”. Debris can be natural material; driftwood is “debris”, as are the woody deposits, plastic, glass, anything else that is found on the beach. To me it is misleading, to put it mildly, to call what you see in the following photo that I took anything but shredded metal cans:



What’s dumped in the forefront was found by a neighbor in one day, on the shore immediately behind her house. The large central bag I collected in the month she was out of town, mid-Oct to end-Nov, from the pier to 19th Street. As you can see, these are in fact, nothing other than shredded metal cans. There was not other unusual “debris” on the shore; this kind of “debris” has not been seen by me, in 20 years, nor my neighbor, in her 40 years here.

I am sorry to read the claims of what is going to be done to mitigate this situation. Surveying the shore by the contractor weekly is not going to do it; a citizen patrol is not going to help unless these activities are geared to storms, winds, and water action. “Weekly” does not speak to that. Sadly there is no predicting how much more of this is going to appear on the shore of our beautiful lake.

Jan Karon

We really appreciate the support that the Park Point Community Committee and the residents have and continue to provide on this project. The USACE Duluth Area Office project engineer was on site last Tuesday and Thursday picking up debris and will continue to monitor and collect any debris found in the project area twice a week until the weather conditions make the inspection and debris collection ineffective. The need for additional monitoring and cleanup will continue to be evaluated through the winter and spring and will continue as needed based on the amount of debris that is observed and as weather conditions allow.

Sincerely,

Melissa Bosman

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

A new year brings new challenges. As we all struggle living with the Covid 19 challenges, we have yet to know what the 2021 challenges will be in the community garden. In the midst of the pandemic this past summer, we managed to tend our garden in a safe manner, socialize safely and reap nature's bounty. This shows that challenges do not have to immobilize us, we just need to adapt. Let's see how adaptable we can all be in the Covid 19 era and see if we can find solace in the activities we can still do, like gardening.

If you are interested in joining our little band of nature lovers and home cooks, contact Coral. She can be reached at 218- 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net. 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. When we have them, our monthly potluck dinners are FREE and open to all Park Pointers. They usually take place at the Lafayette Community Club.

To warm you on cold winter nights, Coral McDonnell passed along this delicious recipe:

Amazon Bean soup with winter squash and greens

Yield: 8 servings

1 tablespoon butter 4 cloves garlic, minced 2 carrots, chopped 1 medium onion, chopped 6 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth 3 pounds buttercup squash, peeled and diced (about 6 cups) 1 plum tomato, chopped 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper 2 15-ounce cans pinto or other brown beans, rinsed 10 ounces spinach, stemmed and coarsely chopped (or chopped kale or chard) 1 lime, cut into wedges

1. Melt butter in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add garlic, carrots and onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are tender and lightly browned, 5 to 7 minutes. Add broth and scrape up any browned bits with a wooden spoon. Add squash, tomato, crushed red pepper, salt and pepper and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until the squash is very soft and almost breaking apart, about 20 minutes.
2. Transfer 3 cups of the soup to a blender and puree until smooth. (Use caution when pureeing hot liquids.) Return the pureed soup to the pot. Stir in beans and spinach and cook over medium heat until the beans are heated through and the spinach is wilted, about 5 minutes. Serve with lime wedges.

-Susan Peters



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 knowing, loving, and serving God
 and neighbor!*

Your prayer requests are welcome.

Stop by the prayer box near the sidewalk in front of St. Andrew's. The prayer box has cards to write your prayer requests, and also masks and hand sanitizer for anyone who needs them.

Happy New Year!
 We wish you a happy and healthy 2021.

The Rev. Marta Maddy
 Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Service Zoom link: standrewsbythelake.org
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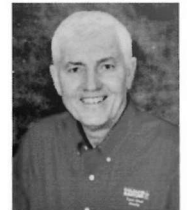


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Thanks to the St Andrews Park Service, (Kinnan and Ellie) the path behind St. Andrews by the Lake Episcopal Church is now a thing of beauty. You may have noticed the mulch pile behind the church. It has been well used as of November 7th. The old orange fence has been removed, trees that were damaged by last year's ice storm had limbs trimmed, garbage was disposed of, and the mulch spread along the path made it into a neat walkway. We noticed that people use this beautiful area as a brush heap and garden refuse dump. The piles are neatened as of today and the only thing needed are leaves. Please keep this as a sanctuary; an outdoor church, rather than a dump. As we worked this afternoon there were at least 4-5 people using the path to the beach. Each one commented on the improvement and hoped it could stay this way.
Ellie Alspach

Ok, so we survived 2020. But we are still in the depths of a dark COVID Winter. Through it all, and without in-person meetings, the Park Point Community Club and it's committees continue to work on the interests and concerns of Park Point residents. And more than ever, it needs your support. We are likely to again go without our main source of income, the Park Point Art Fair, in 2021. So every \$10 membership helps keep the Club functioning – and THE BREEZE publishing! So please, get those memberships in.

Park Point Community Club Membership Form

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Check this box for email subscription

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

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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



Cory Coffman is a singer-songwriter, arranger, and multi-instrumentalist who recently recorded and released his debut album *Canvas and Color* from his little place right here on Park Point. Tucked back in the dunes on 16th is where the magic happens, where he and his girlfriend Alyssa Johnson share a duplex with some incredibly supportive neighbors, who encourage having music in the air.

Over the past decade Cory has established himself as a prominent figure in the Duluth music scene as a freelance drummer and percussionist. But when COVID-19 put a stop to live performances, 2020 became a time for him to focus on his own music; something he has long awaited.

Having returned to Park Point almost two years ago, he couldn't imagine a more inspiring place to start a new creative venture.

In his debut album, Coffman paints his place as an artist worth listening to. *Canvas and Color* is as much about hopeful new beginnings as it is the nostalgic past. With an inviting voice, he presents poetic depth and musical thoughtfulness; along with a subtle satire that brings a care-free attitude to an age of confusion. He is witty enough to laugh with, yet endearing enough to cry to.

The album is dedicated to his grandpa Richard Shaw (1935-2020), who was a lifelong Park Point resident, who shared many stories about how life was back in the day (perhaps worthy of another article). The song 'Marigolds on Monday' is a direct tribute, and mentions Cory playing behind his grandparents house on 35th as a child. Cory remembers living in this house at an early age and attending the Lafayette summer program. His grandma Nancy is still in the house on 35th. You can purchase Cory's album on his website www.corycoffmanmusic.com, or by sending him an email at corycoffmanmusic@gmail.com

