



# The Breeze

## Of Park Point

### Upcoming Events

**Park Point  
Community Club  
Meeting,  
April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM  
on ZOOM**

**Lafayette Edible  
Garden  
Nothing Scheduled**

**Park Point Garden  
Club  
Nothing scheduled,  
Contact:  
JoAnn Ellison  
727-5757**

**Park Point Art Fair  
postponed until 2022**

**Park Point Rummage  
Sale  
No Community Club  
supported sale in 2021**

**But...**

**Got your shot  
yet?**

### **Park Point Traffic Safety Clearinghouse**

**Email: [parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com)**

**If you see an emergency, a crime in progress or suspicious activity, call 911. Thank you.**

Watch your speed- DPD has pledged to help us slow down the traffic and will be enforcing the **30mph speed limit.**

The Park Point Traffic Safety (PPTS) Clearinghouse has been established to gather and compile information about traffic safety concerns that will be communicated in a systematized way to Duluth Police Department Chief of Police Mike Tusken for use and action by his team.

Information sent to the PPTS Clearinghouse should address traffic safety only, including but not limited to:

- Excessive speeding (date/time/location/make-model of vehicle)
- Distracted driving (cell phone use, other)
- Dangerous driving (tailgating, passing over the double yellow line or in the pedestrian lane)
- Drag Racing

When able, please include the license plate number (and state), of speeding vehicle with description of the vehicle, date, time and location noted

Terms and Conditions for submitting information to the PP Traffic Safety Clearinghouse

1. Information provided to the PP Traffic Safety Clearinghouse will not be private; it will be shared with the Duluth Police Department.
2. Messages must be concise with specific information especially when reporting an incident (date, time, location, what happened). Messages longer than 3 paragraphs will not be accepted.
3. Messages with attachments will not be accepted.
4. Messages must contain the sender's name and email address.

Administrator for the PP Traffic Safety Clearinghouse:

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## The Breeze

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## President's Report

Dear Neighbors,

The PP Neighborhood Watch team took its first tour last weekend, collected data and took a look at the reports coming in through [parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com).

Remember to mind your speed- DPD has pledged to help us slow down the traffic and will be enforcing the 30mph speed limit. Check out the website for more information and attend the April meeting to hear from the watch volunteers. Good work in getting this program up and running on the timeline before the masses arrive for summer fun!



The bay waters opened up this week and ships are lining up in the big lake waiting to come in; I counted five yesterday afternoon while at a chilly press conference at the 12th Street Beach. Director Jim Filby-Williams was announcing Mayor Larson's formal request of the USACE to launch a Section 111 Study; Cory Westin of the USACE was providing updates on the warning signs and the plans for removing the metal cans and shards inadvertently placed on the beach and in the lake via the dredge spoil placements in 2019 and 2020. (<https://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Coastal-Program/Section-111-Program/>) The request for an updated Section 111 study is great news for the barrier island of MN Point! "The purpose of the Section 111 program is to determine the effect of Federal navigation structures on the shoreline, and develop plans for the mitigation of shore damages attributable to those structures." Thank you to Mayor Larson and her staff for taking swift action and to City Councilor Roz Randorf who has offered her continued leadership in facilitating the realization of the permanent, clean, solutions sought by Park Pointers for decades. The Club is grateful to Citizen Scientists Brad Gausman, Executive Director of the MN Conservation Federation, and Willis Mattison, who laid the groundwork for several months and set up the very collaborative and positive March 9th meeting led by USACE's Nick Zager, P.E. Chief, Planning Office, USACE Detroit District. The meeting proved to be quite fortuitous and we look forward to learning a lot more in the months to come. Thank you to everyone who is interested in finding the best solutions for the complex challenges we face on Minnesota Point.

Regarding the proposed USACE's 2021 beach nourishment project, Park Point Community Club clarified the language in their recommendations:

*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 demonstrate state water quality standards for Lake Superior will not be exceeded. During the application of new beach materials in 2021, the City of Duluth and PPCC will request MPCA require constant monitoring of the lake and discharged materials for the presence of any harmful components. If harmful components are found in the discharge, the USACE will take steps to remove or treat them.*

The Club is asking the City to accept nothing less from the USACE than full compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act, MPCA statutes, and state water quality standards for Lake Superior- just as these laws apply to any other discharger. As of now, the City reports complete satisfaction with the USACE's past and proposed practices and is planning on moving ahead with 2021 nourishment. I will post the most recent plans for clean up and beach restoration on the website.

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Serious questions and concerns about harmful pollutants and legacy contaminants going into the lake have again arisen; these concerns are consistent with the historical stance of Community Club members going back decades. If you would like to serve on a citizens' monitoring committee for the 2021 project, please send me a note. Data will be available for review on the website and will be presented at the April 20th Community Club meeting, 7pm. Dr. Gary Glass, retired EPA researcher, and member of the PP EHW Committee has taken the data from the USACE's samples and will share what he has learned and offered up for peer review in early March to the HTAC members. (Harbor Technical Advisory Committee) <https://dsmic.org/board-committees/htac/>. Willis Mattison will also be at the meeting to present information on policies, practices and regulations required when discharging into Lake Superior. Willis is a retired scientist, teacher, and MPCA administrator. We will also ask the City and the USACE to attend and describe the can/shard clean up and present the details on the proposed 2021 beach restoration project. That's Tuesday, April 20, 7pm via Zoom as we once again meet on the screen and continue to gain practice with this type of gathering- thanks everyone for patience, grace and willingness to engage.

Other news, Lafayette will be opening soon again with a pandemic plan in place, watch for updates on the website. The Art Fair, Rummage Sale and Youth Program are in the planning stages for the post-pandemic months of 2022. The Lafayette Community Edible Garden and Park Point Garden Club will certainly delight this summer! Time to dust off the bike helmet, air the tires and head off on an explore of our extraordinary neighborhood,

Dawn & Bruno, Canine Companion

**FOR ALL PARK POINTERS SCOURING THE BEACH FOR METAL SHARDS**

Since shortly after the beach nourishment project of 2020 variably sized metallic shards have been identified. We know that wave and wind action has caused some of these shards to migrate south from the initial nourishment site. We want to document how much is continuing to migrate and to what extent migration has occurred. We also wish to document the presence of shards on the entire Minnesota Point because it appears that shards may have been introduced during beach nourishment on the south end of Minnesota Point in 2019 and possibly migrated north.

When can shards are positively identified please do the following:

take a picture, preferably with some sort of measuring device to allow perspective.

send a copy of the picture (in "large" or "actual size" mode) to Gale Kerns ([ggkerns@mac.com](mailto:ggkerns@mac.com)), and include the location of the finding, the date, and name of finder.

Please put the shards into a plastic bag and deliver them to Hamilton Smith's home at 1620 Minnesota Ave, and place in the porch. Please label with date and location where collected.

At least initially I will configure the information and send the results to the High Water and Erosion committee, The Park Point Community Club, the City of Duluth, and the US Army Corps of Engineers weekly

For those regular beach walkers, should you go for a period of time without finding shards, could you please advise Gale Kerns of that as well

Thus we can determine how much, how far, and how often the migration of can shards is taking place.

Thank You

The High Water and Erosion Committee and the PPCC

**Duluth Superior Sailing Association**

The Duluth-Superior Sailing Association is looking for a volunteer bookkeeper. The DSSA is a small 501(c)3 nonprofit that operates the sailing program at the boat launch site at the Park Point Recreation Center. The DSSA's mission is to provide affordable sailing opportunities for persons of all ages. If you are interested please contact Dave Poulin at 218-722-1511.

## PPCC Minutes

The March 16, 2021 Park Point Community Club meeting (5th virtual) was called to order by Dawn Buck, President, at 7:05 pm.

The first order of business was to approve the February, 2021 PPCC minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

### **Treasurer's Report – Al Robins**

1/1/2021 Beginning Balance \$14,763

2/1/2021 \$15,970

3/1/2021 \$16,373

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report as given by Al Robins. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Art Fair – Carla Tamburro**

The 50th annual Art Fair previously scheduled for the summer of 2021 will be postponed until the summer of 2022.

#### **Breeze Committee – Alan Dartanyan**

Publishing the Breeze paper is going well. Alan said to send items to him that you want put in the Breeze. He will try to fit items into the Breeze.

#### **Summer Youth Program – Keri Speer**

The 2021 Summer Youth Program will be postponed until the summer of 2022.

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

One get well card and one sympathy card mailed out last month.

### **Old Business**

Pat Sterner and Rory Strange on Neighborhood Watch and Safety Initiative spoke on program being set up for Park Point to encourage safe driving on the Point. Two speed display signs, more police vehicles and a volunteer group that will be assigned times to be visible in our area are several strategies to improve vehicle safety on the Point. New vests have been purchased for the volunteers to wear. If you would like to participate in the program, please send email to pptrafficsafety@gmail.com. Information will also be on the community club website.

Paul Treuer of the High Water and Erosion Committee will head the structuring of the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee. Hamilton Smith spoke about programs the city offers to help install sump pumps, the advantage of rain gardens and etc. Gale Kerns will be responsible for sending photos of metal shards, beach debris, their locations, dates & etc. The instructions on how to process the information can also be found on the community club website.

### **New Business**

Bob Pokorney spoke to the community club about funding a new surf rescue board. This board is on the S turn. Bob talks to beach goers about safety issues, passes out safety pamphlets & etc. The current board is damaged and needs to be replaced. Bob asked the community club for \$700. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$700 for the purchase of a new rescue board. Remaining membership votes were all ayes. A second vote will be taken at the April 20th, 2021 monthly meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

Submitted by Sheryl Robins, Secretary

### **News from The Erosion and High Water Committee**

Three topics to cover this month: The EHWC meeting of 3-9-2021. We had two guests from the City of Duluth attend our meeting. Brian Gronlund from Comfort Systems and Tom Pfeifer from City Engineering. They talked about the I&I (Infiltration and Inflow) project. They gave an overview of the sanitary sewer lining project carried out in 2019 and 2020. There will be further lining of lateral lines this summer. The topic of sump pumps was also discussed. That topic brought us to the storm sewer and standing water issues we have experienced the last few years due to sump pump discharge into the street. There will be a pilot project this summer to try to move some of the standing water to areas that have better drainage. They also gave us an overview of the test Rain Garden on Park Point and possible application in other homes.

The next agenda item was Long Range Planning for Park Point. Paul Treuer has taken the lead on this topic. There is a more complete outline of his activities, and all the topics covered at our meeting, in the minutes of the 3-9-2021 EHWC posted on the PPCC website.

The EHWC has taken the lead on collecting data and material from the Beach monitoring/patrol group. As most of you know, there has been shredded cans etc., left behind from the 2020 Beach Nourishment project. Several volunteers have been patrolling different stretches of the beach. Collecting and documenting what they have found. Gale Kerns is collecting the data along with photos. This data is being passed on to the USACE, the City of Duluth and the PPCC. I have been delivering the labeled debris to the USACE. Any volunteers who would like to become a part of that beach patrol. Let me know.

There will be a meeting, hosted by the City of Duluth and the PPCC. Topics of discussion will be 2020 Beach Nourishment clean up and the proposed 2021 Beach Nourishment. Invited to present or participate will be . The City of Duluth, USACE, MPCA, Duluth Dredging ad hoc Coalition, PPCC, EHWC, Izaak Walton League, and others. This will be your best chance to hear about these projects. You will not get a better opportunity to ask questions and get your concerns addressed. I highly encourage you to attend this meeting. The date and time of this meeting is yet to be announced but it will be in April.

Respectfully submitted by

Hamilton Smith Chair PPCC EHWC hamiltonsmith4857@gmail.com 343 2600

### **Where did my dune go?**

A virtual presentation on erosion hazards on Minnesota Point

Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Join us for a presentation on how erosion has affected Minnesota Point. Melanie Perello, NOAA Coastal Management Fellow at Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program, will share results from an erosion rate study for Minnesota Point. We will talk about modern and historical erosion rates and shoreline change from 1861 to present. We will share how erosion rates have increased in recent years and discuss what drives higher erosion on our shorelines. Please register to join us on Tuesday, May 4. A recording of the presentation will be available through MN Sea Grant.

Minnesota Sea Grant, Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program (DNR), and the Park Point Erosion and High Water Committee are hosting this virtual meeting. These results are part of a larger effort to map erosion hazards on Minnesota's coast. Minnesota Point was a pilot site for the Coastal Erosion Hazard Mapping (CEHM) project. CEHM is a collaboration between local and tribal governments, state agencies, and researchers. For more information on CEHM, please visit [ardc.org/CEHM](http://ardc.org/CEHM). Register to join us on Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 – 7:30 pm: <https://z.umn.edu/MNPointErosion>. A recording will be made available to registered attendees.

Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact Melanie Perello at 218-834-1404 or [melanie.perello@state.mn.us](mailto:melanie.perello@state.mn.us) by April 27 or call using your preferred Telecommunications Relay Provider.



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 knowing, loving, and serving God  
 and neighbor!*

**Who will roll away the stone for us?**

We do not have the strength to roll away evil and death.

It has been done *for* us, by the power of God.

He is not here, he is risen. **ALLELUIA!**

Easter is God's loud **NO** to the evil of this world,

Easter is God's resounding **YES** to life, to love.

**ALLELUIA!**

No tomb can hold the living Christ - **ALLELUIA!**

May we know the power of Christ's love in our midst this day.

Amen

The Rev. Marta Maddy  
 Sunday Eucharist Service: 9:45 a.m.  
 Sunday Service Zoom link: [standrewsbythelake.org](https://standrewsbythelake.org)  
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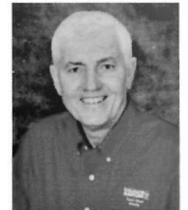


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**Thinking of Sale-ing?**

As you know, the Park Point Community club is not sponsoring the community Garage Sales this year, which means they will not be advertising, and there will be no porta-potties. However, many of us still plan to have garage sales. If you would like to have a sale on the original dates – June 11-12 please send us your address, and we will add it to a list, and take care of advertising. Please email us at [peterjopauley@gmail.com](mailto:peterjopauley@gmail.com) by the end of May.



## News from the Lafayette Community Edible

YAY! It appears that the City of Duluth will be re-opening some of the community centers mid-May, including Lafayette Community Club. You know what that means...we will be able to join together again for potluck dinners and meetings. This will make our summer so much better than last year!

That being said, it's time to get serious about preparing the garden for planting this season's crops. This includes preparing the beds when the time comes, starting seeds indoors (if you have a windowsill you could offer to start some plants, please let Ellie know - elourine@yahoo.com ), and helping Dave Poulin set up and mark the garden hoses for irrigation. In May we will start actually planting seeds and starter plants in the garden. Plus, it's time to start harvesting rhubarb now!

If you are interested in participating in our garden, 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 take place at the Lafayette Community Club.

Below is a little recipe to whet your appetite for fresh things to come. It is a unique approach to potato salad that I learned while visiting friends in Germany. It's a great way to use up apples from last year's harvest.

### Apple Potato Salad Yield: 10 servings

#### Ingredients:

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 6 medium russet potatoes    | 1 teaspoon salt                         |
| 2/3 cup mayonnaise          | ½ teaspoon ground black pepper          |
| 1/2 cup sour cream          | 1 medium onion, grated                  |
| 2 tablespoons cider vinegar | 2 medium Golden Delicious apples, cubed |
| 1 garlic clove, minced      | 3 scallions, minced                     |

#### Directions:

Place potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook for 15-20 minutes or until tender. Drain. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, sour cream, vinegar, garlic, salt and pepper.

Peel warm potatoes and slice into a large bowl; add the onion. Pour dressing over potato mixture; gently toss to coat. Fold in apples. Cover and refrigerate for several hours before serving. Garnish with minced scallions.

-Susan Peters

## Park Point Art Fair 2022

During a typical April, the Park Point Art Fair committee would be busy preparing for the big weekend. But this is not a typical April. This April, we're setting our sites into the more distant future, as we look ahead to the 50th Park Point Art Fair...in 2022. This probably will not come as a surprise to anyone, but in case you're wondering, here are two of the most important factors that contributed to our difficult decision:

Events on city property must adhere to strict guidelines that include, among other restrictions, securing the perimeter of an event (fencing and admissions) and limiting the number of participants.

In a larger sense, our community remains concerned for the health and safety of our artists, our many volunteers and the general public, and we chose to err on the side of caution and patience. At the time decision was made the vaccine was not readily available and St Louis county numbers of rates of infection were high.

We join you in recognizing that this has been a year of considerable hardship for the everyone. We thank you for understanding that this was not an easy decision to make. Please know that the Park Point Art Fair committee members are patiently and excitedly looking forward to our 50th Park Point Art Fair, June 25 & 26, 2022

Or best wishes for Health and Peace to you all until then.

Carla Tamburro

Art Fair Coordinator

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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

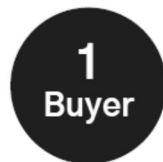
Community Police Officer Ethan Roe 218-730- 5747 [eroe@duluthmn.gov](mailto:eroe@duluthmn.gov)

Dog issues: [clane@duluthmn.gov](mailto:clane@duluthmn.gov)

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