



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Park Point  
Community Club  
Meeting,  
May 18th, 7 PM  
on ZOOM**

**Lafayette Edible  
Garden  
Nothing Scheduled**

**Park Point  
Garden Club  
May 20, 2021 at  
4:00**

**Preparing the  
garden for  
planting. Contact:  
Joanne Ellison  
727-5757  
All are welcome to  
help Beautify  
Lafayette**

**Park Point Art Fair  
postponed until 2022**

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

**But...**

**Bring on  
Summer!**

### **President's Report**

Hi Neighbors,

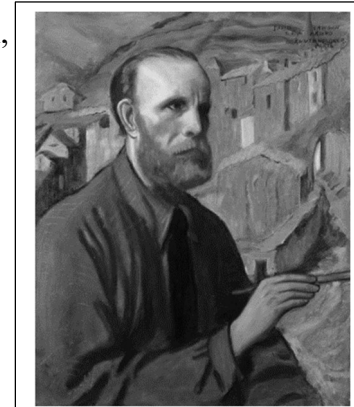
Thanks to everyone who has joined the Club this year & a special shout out to neighbors who donated a bit extra for 2021. The 50th Park Point Art Fair is set for June 25,26 2022; mark your calendars for this signature event and the club's major source of financial resources.

I have seen the efforts of the Neighborhood Watch and Traffic Safety Initiative working to calm the traffic- good work as the weather improves and the recreational mecca is alive with activities of all types. Thanks again to the DPD for support and guidance.

A few months back, Park Pointer, now Californian, LeAne Rutherford, sent a link to a story about the famous Duluth painter David Ericson who lived an impoverished life as a boy on Minnesota Point in the 1870's. Allegedly, his amputated leg was buried in the dunes by an early benefactor when he was eleven. The question came up of where on Park Point did David spend his early years? I had a call from a Park Pointer who reported that there is a cottage, 35th block, on the beach where the young painter lived. Recently I was on a walk with the grandkids and met the owner of the cottage. The painter who had been renting the cottage around the time his grandparents bought the place was Knute Heldner. It is possible that the Ericson family rented there in earlier years. David Ericson left Duluth in 1887. Ericson and Heldner painted each other's portraits in 1931 in France; see both at the Tweed Museum of Art. Ericson moved back to Duluth in 1941 after his wife died. He stopped painting for a bit in his grief then was inspired to continue on and teach art classes, "Michelangelo and Titian both painted until they were about ninety. Death is the only retirement." Ericson was hit by a car in December of 1946, 12th Ave. E. and Superior St. near his home, and died ten days later at age 77. <http://zenithcity.com/archive/people-biography/david-ericson/> I am still looking for information about the Park Point Ericson family in the 1870's, give a call if you might have something to share. Never dull on Park Point!

Thanks to guests Willis Mattison, Brad Gausman and Gary Glass from the April PPCC Zoom meeting. The presentations are posted on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/AzffzGvhwaMQ> The types, quantities and impacts of legacy contaminants and pollutants that travel into Lake Superior with dredge spoils during beach restoration have the attention and concern of two past MPCA administrators and this list of organizations and parties:

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David Ericson's 1931 painting of Knute Heldner. (Image: Tweed Museum of Art, University of Minnesota Duluth)

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(President's Report, continued)

The Minnesota Conservation Federation, Brad Gausman, Executive Director

The Save Lake Superior Association, Lori Andresen, President  
Clean Water Action, Deanna White, Minnesota State Director

The National Wildlife Federation, Great Lakes Office, Jason Dinsmore,  
Director of Conservation Partnerships

The North Shore Surfrider Foundation, Bob Pokorney, President  
Grant Merritt, Former Executive Director, Minnesota Pollution Control  
Agency

Willis Mattison, Former Regional Director, Minnesota Pollution Control  
Agency

There was a lot of information to take in and process in a short period of time in the Zoom presentations. I thank the guests for sharing their knowledge, data, experience and time with our community, and neighbors who listened and participated in the dialogue. If you have any questions for the scientists: Gary Glass, 218-391-4242; Willis Mattison, 218-841-2733. Gary will be presenting his findings to the HTAC (Harbor Technical Advisory Committee) group in early June. Thanks to everyone who is interested in learning and sharing information and facilitating the very best possible solutions for our Great Lake. I am waiting to hear back from the City on the questions posed at the public meeting on 4/14, and will share the information as I hear back. The public meeting link is posted on the website, linked from the City's facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/197321860309981/videos/472010507335351>

While along the learning journey on this complex topic, I came across these words of wisdom within my email dialogue back and forth: "We ask questions and listen to understand. This helps us embrace skepticism by searching for others' points of view. We come in the spirit of collaboration, which means we might have to compromise to find mutual benefits. Compromise may not look like 50/50. We will look for options that benefit everyone. Strength is turning fear into courage. When others become combative, we understand that might be fear and we will respond with grace."

Here's to our extraordinary lives on Minnesota Point! Thank you for your vigilant and active stewardship in our community!

Kind regards,

Dawn & Bruno, canine companion

(signs of the traffic Safety committee's work)





### Flowers at Lafayette

Have you ever wondered who takes care of the flowers at Lafayette? The members of the Park Point Garden Club plant and maintain the gardens. If you would like to join this group of volunteers, all are welcome. Call Joanne Ellison 722-5757. We will clean up and plant the end of May and we meet for fun and conversation throughout the year.

Other ways you could support the gardens and maybe create more gardens in the community would be to donate towards the purchase of flowers and shrubs. Checks should be sent to Diane Gould at 3003 Minnesota Ave made out to Park Point Garden Club. We can always use perennials if you are dividing your plants.

Spring is in the air, hope you will enjoy this year's garden  
Joanne Ellison



Plans for the 2021 summer season at the Duluth Rowing Club are underway after last summer's Covid issues. The DRC is planning for 6:00 am morning masters' rowing, 8:00 am juniors' rowing, evening open boathouse rowing 5:30 - 8:00 pm, three sessions of Learn To Row, weekend morning open boathouse 7:00 am - 10:00 am, and a rowing refresher for those that have rowed before, but maybe want to brush up on their technique. All up-to-date MN Covid restrictions and preventions will be in place at the Park Point Rowing Center.

It is time to get back on the water and enjoy the silent sport of rowing along the shoreline in singles, doubles, quads, fours, and eights! All registration, fees, and announcements will be via the newly re-done DRC website, [duluthrowing.org](http://duluthrowing.org), which will be rolled out around the 1st or 2nd week of May. After a one year hiatus, there will also be a Rowing Club Open House, Saturday, May 22, 10:00 am - noon. Please feel free to stop by. Masks will be required while on the Rowing Club property. Think Spring!

Tom Rauschenfels

## **Park Point Community Club Minutes**

The 6<sup>th</sup> virtual Park Point Community club monthly meeting was called to order by Dawn Buck, President, at 7:00 PM on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The first order of business was to approve the March 2021 club monthly meeting minutes. A correction was noted for the email address for the Park Point Traffic Safety Clearinghouse. The correct email address is [parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com). A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the March 2021 monthly community club meeting with the above mentioned correction made. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

### Treasure's Report – Al Robins

March 1 2021 beginning balance	\$16,373
March 31, 2021 ending balance	\$15,935

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

Under the committee reports, there were no new items for committees except for old business,

### Old Business:

During the March 2021 meeting, an initial motion was made to spend \$700 for a surf rescue board. This dollar amount required a second approval. A second motion was made and seconded to fund \$700 for a surf rescue board. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

The remaining community club meeting included the following speakers:

- Hamilton Smith, High Water and Erosion Committee
- Willis Mattison, retired ecologist from MPCA
- Brad Gausman, executive director coalition organizations
- Dr. Gary Glass, retired scientist from the EPA

More detailed information on the above speaker's topics can be found on the Park Point Community Club webpage.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Remaining membership votes were all ayes

Submitted by Sheryl Robins, Secretary

## **PPCC Executive Board**

The club officers and other members of the PPCC executive board continue to cling to "power", as we decided to once more postpone elections until we are able to meet in person again. Hopefully, that will be soon, as COVID restrictions and occupancy limits are being eased. As has been mentioned before, our long-time Secretary and Treasurers, Al and Sheryl Robins, are anxious to retire, as soon replacements can be found. The Treasurer, in particular, can be a difficult position to fill. So, if you have any bookkeeping or accounting experience whatsoever, and would be willing to help the Community Club out, please contact President Dawn Buck

## News from The Erosion and High Water Committee

It has been a busy month for the EHWC even though we didn't have an official committee meeting. The City of Duluth had two press conferences concerning the Park Point beach. The first one was to announce the placement of warning signs at beach access points in and around the 2020 Beach Nourishment area. These signs gave warning to people walking the beach of the potential hazard of metal shards on the beach. These signs were first recommended by the EHWC with the approval of the PPCC.

The second press conference was to outline the USACE's plan to survey the 2020 Beach Nourishment area and the plan to clean-up the debris deposited during that project. By the time you read this article the survey should be started or completed with to clean-up soon to follow.

The City of Duluth hosted a public meeting with the USACE , the MPCA and DR. Gary Glass giving presentation. Information was brought forth about the clean-up, the proposed 2021 Beach Nourishment project and other issues pertaining to Beach Nourishment. The meeting was well attended. Between the two platforms, Facebook and Webex, there were about 70 people in attendance. A link to that meeting video, along with other relevant links, can be found on the PPCC website.

The City of Duluth and the USACE are moving forward with plans for the 2021 Beach Nourishment project starting late July or Early August. The material being dredged this year contains considerably less fine organic material than the material place last year. It is this organic material that, when exposed to the oxygen in the air, gives off the temporary smell and surface shine we witnessed last year. With the lower content these two irritants should be less prevalent this year.

Thanks to all who have collected, documented and delivered the metal debris from the beach. Hopefully the USACE's clean-up efforts will soon make that unnecessary. We will discontinue our recording during the survey and clean-up period. The amount of debris collected has decreased since the ice disappeared.

The EHWC will have a meeting on 5-11-2021. If you want to attend, please send me an email a day or two before the meeting and I will send you the link.

Respectfully submitted by

Hamilton Smith Chair

PPCC Erosion and High Water Committee

Hamiltonsmith4857@gmail.com

## Safe Rummage 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.



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 that my soul may be free  
 and my spirit strong.  
 Release in me the freedom of your Spirit  
 that I may be bridled by nothing but love  
 that I may be bridled only by love.  
 J. Philip Newell*

The Rev. Marta Maddy  
 Sunday at 9:45 am  
 Wednesday Compline at 8 pm  
 We are still on ZOOM! Moving outdoors soon.  
 For links, email [info@standrewsbythelake.org](mailto:info@standrewsbythelake.org)  
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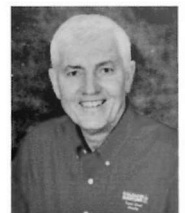


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## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Welcome new community garden member Rich Peterson. Rich, along with the other community gardeners, will be back to work in the garden in May. There's lots to do starting with turning over the rye grass planted as a cover crop in beds to serve as green manure, weeding, moving compost around, setting up trellises and harvesting rhubarb. After all that, we will start planting seeds and transplants.

Tips from our local seasoned "Pros:"

-Don Lemmerman says, "Before working with your bare hands in the dirt, rub soap under your fingernails. It will be easier to get your hands clean when you wash them. Alternately, just wear garden gloves."

-Ted Buck reminds us, "Carefully read the seed packets to plant for success. Make sure the seeds you choose are for the right climate and make sure they fit the parameters you seek for length of time it takes for the plants to mature. Seeds that take a long time to mature are best started indoors and then moved to the garden when the soil warms up."

-Ellie Alspach suggests, "Try new things. For the 2021 garden, we will be adding award-winning heirloom Salvaterra roma tomatoes; black-eye peas, which are actually beans; and red-core Chantenay carrots. Of course, these will all be organic varieties."

Bring on the Compost:

We need to replenish our compost bins again, and that's where everyone can help. The compost bins are 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, needles or big plants. Please bag your donations and set them inside the garden gate. We will take care of the rest.

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....when it is finally open for use again.

-Susan Peters

## New PPCC Members

It's been a couple months since I printed the PPCC membership list, and memberships continue to come in. No doubt there are others I am still missing, but I wanted to add these names to the list:

Quackenbush, Marry Anne

Sobczak, Tim & Elizabeth

Hill, Carol,

Hopp, Gary & DeNoble, Michele

Pajunen, Brigid

Sola, Dale

Sola, Steven/Mullins, Mia

Sylvester, Mike & Amy

Roberts, Hunter Wing, Todd & Amy

Johanson, Ellen & Stevens, Richard

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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

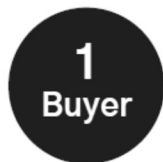
Community Police Officer Ethan Roe 218-730- 5747 [eroe@duluthmn.gov](mailto:eroe@duluthmn.gov)

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

City Councilor Roz Randorf [rrandorf@duluthmn.gov](mailto:rrandorf@duluthmn.gov)

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