



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Park Point Community Club Meeting
June 15th, 7 PM
at Lafayette!

Lafayette Edible Garden
Stay Tuned

Park Point Garden Club
June 24th
we will meet.

Keep you informed
contact: Joanne
Ellison 727-5757

Park Point Art Fair
postponed until
June 25 & 26, 2022

Park Point Rummage Sale

No Community Club supported sale in 2021
But... “Approximately twenty neighbors are coordinating yard sales on June 11 & 12, 2021.

Porta-potties are provided by the City of Duluth and are available at the S-Curve beach parking lot, at Lafayette (31st) near the dumpster adjacent to the parking lot, and down in the parking lot near the Beach House.”

Together Again



On May 18th, the Park Point Community Club met in-person at Lafayette, for the first time in over a year. Yes, we met outdoors, and as you can see, people still kept their distance. A year of training in social distancing can't be overcome in just one meeting. But we're getting closer!

The June issue of the Breeze is usually filled with upcoming events, often coming out during the rummage sale, and calling for volunteers for Park Point Art Fair. Both are again cancelled for this year, but I certainly don't want to

ignore the Art Fair, as planning has already begun for next year's event. Scheduled for June 25 & 26, 2022, we will finally be hosting the 50th Annual Park Point Art Fair. While these cancellations have been hard on the Community Club, as the Air Fair provides the majority of our income, they've been even harder on the artists, who really depend on these events. Let's welcome them back with the best Art Fair ever!

We'll be back!



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Submissions for the July issue are due
by 6/27/2021

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors!

Already June! Hard to believe today as I take out the wool & down again for the dog walk and find tarps to cover over the baby plants. Today the lake wind howls after a west bay wind with gusts over 50 that took out our dock panels the other night. Frost decorated the lawn at Lafayette this morning- you have to be ready for just about anything on Park Point!

Next month at the June 15th meeting our guest will be:

Matthew Stewart, C.M., ACE, Airport Planner, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., Ongoing Master Plan project at Sky Harbor, project website is updated with project materials and can be found here:

<https://skyharbor.duluthairport.com/projects>

Notes of gratitude:

Whoever dropped off the beautiful May day bouquet on my porch-thank you, so very kind of you! Thanks to everyone who promotes and facilitates acts of kindness and brings joy to others!

To Joe Miller and Cheryl Skafte at the City of Duluth: Thank you for facilitating the removal of the large tire and rim from 28th beach! This eyesore has been resurfacing for years and is finally gone! We love our beautiful beach!

Note from Bob and Carole Lent: "Thank you to all the volunteers who beautify and take care of our Lafayette Square." See photo of garden near the parking lot at Lafayette. Thanks to John and Nancy Sedgewick and all gardeners at Lafayette & up and down the Point!

To our neighbor Andrea Kuzel: Thanks for checking into the Park Point property tax assessment process and how we can get involved and learn more about what we are paying. Is there a fair and equitable process & system in place? To learn more, contact Andrea, andreakuzel@gmail.com.

Beach cleanup near the S-Curve: Thanks to Mark Elden for the daily beach early morning clean up and to everyone who is keeping our extraordinary island beautified and clean for us and for our guests and visitors!

Traffic Safety & Neighborhood Watch: All Park Pointers- thank you for taking down license plate numbers and calling 911 when you see dangerous and reckless driving! Send the plate numbers to parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com. Pat Sterner will share the database (excel sheet) with DPD on a monthly basis, highlighting the plate numbers that show up multiple times. She will also put a list of 'repeat offenders' in her next report for everyone to see; that way we can be on the look-out for some of these dangerous drivers! Your efforts are making a difference for our entire community- thank you!!

See you out and about!

Dawn & Bruno who has a brand new lifejacket!

See you on the water!



Flowers by Lafayette



Tire from 28th

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Good-bye Cornelia Dacey. We hate to see you retire from our community garden fellowship. We will miss your kind smile, sense of humor and great ideas. We are happy to welcome as a new garden member your niece, Marlene Bartikoski, who is taking over your spot in our roster.

Come visit the garden at Lafayette Square and you will find that the beds are planted now. With the recent rain and warm weather, our veggie plants are bursting with foliage and this year's crops are on their way. Here are some planting techniques we are using in the garden that you might try at home:

Tomatoes: Dig hole large enough & deep, planting up to the bottom leaves. Stir in fertilizer. Place cardboard cutworm collar around stem above and below the soil. Add tomato cages. Always water at the base of plant to keep soil from getting on leaves this helps prevent powdery mildew, it also helps to remove the bottom leaves when plants are 3 ft. tall. Remove yellow leaves as they form. Identify the varieties in the beds.

Cucumbers: Plant with trellises. Plant seed in pairs 2 inches apart along the sides of trellis. They should be 6 inches apart and 1/2 inch deep. Always water below foliage since cucumber leaves are susceptible to disease if wet. Soak soil thoroughly each watering.

Beans: Make furrows 3 inches wide, 2 feet apart, and 4 inches deep. Place seeds in the furrows 3 inches apart. Fill in the furrows as beans emerge. They like having a light covering as they emerge.

Yellow Summer Squash: Plant 4 or 5 seeds in hills 1 inch deep and 4 feet apart. Mix in extra manure or fertilizer.

Chard: Direct seed 1/2-1 inch deep and 2 to 6 inches apart with 18 to 24" between rows.

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.

Compost Bins Update:

Coral says, "Thanks to those of you who bring kitchen scraps and leaves to the compost piles. But please, no more sticks, pinecones, and needles. We are experimenting with growing melons in the compost so please be aware of that when dropping stuff in the bins."

This month's recipe is from Coral McDonnell and it is just in time for our spring crop of rhubarb:

Rhubarb Dream Bars

Crust:

2 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 cup powdered sugar

1 cup butter

Topping:

4 eggs

2 cups sugar

1/2 cup flour

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

4 cups rhubarb, finely chopped

Combine 2 cups flour, powdered sugar and butter. Mix well and press into a greased 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, 10 to 15 minutes.

Beat eggs, sugar, 1/2 cup flour and salt until well blended. Add rhubarb, mix. Spoon mixture onto baked crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 more. Cool and cut into bars.

-Susan Peters

Park Point Community Club Minutes

The May 18th, 2021 Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Dawn Buck.

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

Secondly, the Treasurer's report was given by Al Robins.

The beginning balance April 1, 2021 \$15,935

The ending balance April 30, 2021 \$16,007

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Art Fair - Carla Tamburro

Art Fair for summer of 2021 has been cancelled. The 50th anniversary Art Fair will be scheduled for summer of 2021.

Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

Nothing new to report

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

Nothing to report

Hospitality Committee - Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thank you Diane for providing the great cookies. They were enjoyed.

Neighborhood Watch Committee - All present

Pat Sterner updated everyone about the PPCC Traffic Safety program. Volunteers have been visible on the Point. Pat reminded everyone that if someone were interested in participating to call. Website address is parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com.

Program Committee - David Poulin

The July, 2021 Park Point Community Club will be held at Sky Harbor Airport.

Rummage Sale - David Lavamaki. No sale this year

Summer Youth Program - Postponed for the summer of 2021.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

3 sympathy cards sent last month.

Old Business

Other speakers included Paul Treuer, Long Range Planning and Hamilton Smith, High Water Erosion Committee. Both updated the PPCC on their committee results.

New Business

Due to Pandemic, the community club is 6 months behind in the election of officers. A motion was made and seconded to approve a nominating committee to come up with candidates for officers. There will be more discussion on the June, 2021 meeting with elections to take place on the July, 21012 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

The EHWC had a Zoom meeting on 5-11-2021. Main topic of discussion was Dune Restoration and planting of Beach Grass. We had Julie McDonald and Bridget Randa from the DNR present to talk and answer question about Beach Restoration and the planting of Beach Grass on Park Point. The City of Duluth is looking at the planting of Beach Grass as a way to slow down the dune erosion. Diane Desotelle, from the City, is heading up the effort. We hope to have her at our next meeting on 6-8-2021.

Beach Grass planting and Dune Restoration seems to be natural topics for our committee. Seems as if several residents are interested in this type of project.

The USACE has had its contractor finish up the survey of the beach from the Bridge to 34th ST. They were looking for debris deposits from the 2020 Beach Nourishment project. The cleanup will be determined by what that survey shows. That cleanup should start soon.

Also, the USACE has put out a Request for Bids for the 2201 Beach Nourishment project. That project will continue the last years Beach Nourishment from 9th St. to the S turn. This years' placement, considerate of the PPCC recommendations, will take place in Aug. and Sept. We will know more facts about this project soon.

The 6-8-2021 meeting of the EHWC will be in my side yard @6:30 @ 1620 Minnesota Ave. Bring a chair and join in

Respectfully Submitted by.
Hamilton Smith Chair
PPCC Erosion and High Water Committee

So where did my dune go?

A recap of the virtual webinar on May 4, 2021 hosted by Minnesota Sea Grant, Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program, and the Park Point Community Club. If you missed the webinar, you can now watch the recording on Minnesota Sea Grant's YouTube channel (z.umn.edu/MNPointErosion).

Coastal erosion is a natural process influenced by natural and human drivers. In recent years, Minnesota Point has experienced increasing erosion. Residents and visitors alike have seen eroding dunes, vegetation loss and property damages. Erosion has affected residents and businesses, damaging property and infrastructure. The Coastal Erosion Hazard Mapping or CEHM project is working to identify the extent of recent erosion (ardc.org/cehm). CEHM is a collaboration of researchers, local, tribal, state and federal governments. This webinar focused on how CEHM is using Minnesota Point (Park Point) as a pilot site.

Erosion rates are one way to measure the distance that the shoreline has moved over time. Measuring erosion rates depends on having information about the shoreline, past and present. This study uses historical shorelines identified from aerial imagery and harbor charts. The presentation focused on study results from 1861 - 2019, showing both historical and modern erosion rates. Minnesota Point's shoreline has changed with extensive beach nourishment and erosion. Modern erosion rates showed high erosion rates along the entire lakefront. Erosion rates from 1990 - 2020 averaged almost 3 ft per year. Erosion rates have also remained higher along the Duluth and Superior entries. Future projections based on this study suggest continuing erosion that may affect structures.

These results show that Minnesota Point has its ongoing and future challenges. Erosion will continue regardless of changes in water levels. There is a pressing need for long-term planning for this community. The CEHM study on Minnesota Point provides foundational data for making long-term decisions. Resiliency efforts can strategically target areas where erosion hazards exist. These data provide metrics to measure the success of interventions to reduce erosion. The comprehensive nature of this study serves long-term planning into the future.

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

St. Andrew's is meeting
 for Sunday service in-person again!

You are welcome to join us.

Service starts at 9:45 a.m.
 on the crossing in front of the church.

Please wear a mask in consideration
 of those who are not yet vaccinated.

If it's raining, join us on Zoom by
 emailing standrewsbythelake.org

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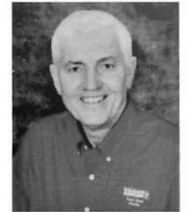


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Leave Message

Dear Park Pointers,

Like most of you, I love and respect Lake Superior. I grew up on its shores and spent my career studying and caring for it while at the EPA lab in Duluth. I have also volunteered with the PPCC since the 1990's seeking long term solutions for erosion challenges on Minnesota Point.

My recent involvement allowed me the opportunity to take a close look at what was placed onto the beach and into the lake in 2020. In direct terms, the comparison is simply "clean vs. dirty!" For some unknown reasons, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is not enforcing the rules and laws protecting the environment and has approved the polluting of Lake Superior in 2019 & 2020, and yet again for 2021. My concern stems from the irreversible, damaging impacts from millions of pounds of persistent pollutants going into Lake Superior.

If you believe that this is wrong, would you be willing to do something about it? Please contact your state legislators and the governor today.

Thank you, Gary E. Glass,
Duluthian & PPCC member 218-391-4242

Clean versus Dirty: Lake Sediments Before and After Dredge Spoil Loadings into an Outstanding International Resource Water. Concerns for Lake Superior's Degradation.

"Clean" -Lake Superior Sediments: 2018 Near Shore before 2020 placement (1, 2) Bold: indicates probable exceedances of WQC.	"Dirty" -Harbor Dredged Sediments 2020 Beach-water Placement USACE data (2)	2020 Total Beach-water Loading Per 48,000 cy Covering 1-2 sq miles of L. Superior Sediments project area.
Surface 0.5ft, 7.2% course-medium 92.7% fine; 0% silt, 0% clay	Sed. Depth 2ft 18% course, 62% fine, 10% silt, 0.1% clay	184 million lb, wet wt 115 million lbs, dry wt
Organic Carbon, Total: < 2,000 ppm	18,000 ppm	2,100,000 lbs
Oil & Grease: <150 ppm	210 ppm	24,000 lb
PolyAromaticHydrocarbon: <40 ppb	3,100 ppb	353 lb
Benzo(a)Pyrene: < 40 ppb	270 ppb	31 lb
TCDD (dioxin): <0.45 ppt	5.4 ppt	0.0007 lb
Nitrogen (Kjdl): < 30 ppm	695 ppm	79,000 lb
Phosphorus: 97 ppm	185 ppm	22,000 lb
As, arsenic: 2.3 ppm	3.1 ppm	353 lb
Cr, chromium: 3.3 ppm	20.3 ppm	2,400 lb
Cu, copper: 1.7 ppm	19.3 ppm	2,200 lb
Fe, iron: 2,800 ppm	17,700 ppm	2,000,000 lb
Hg, mercury: < 7ppb	91ppb	10.6 lb
Mn, manganese: 44 ppm	380 ppm	44,000 lb
Ni, nickel: 2.3 ppm	16.3 ppm	2,000 lb
Pb, lead: 0.9 ppm	17 ppm	2,000 lb
Zn, zinc: 8.0 ppm	67.3 ppm	7,700 lbs

(1) WQC: USEPA Quality Criteria for Water 1986, Gold Book, 477 pp. EPA 440/5-86-001; ppm = parts per million; ppb = parts per billion; ppt = parts per trillion.

(2) USACE FY2019 Minn. Point Monitor. Plan Final Report to MPCA, Oct. 28, 2020, 5,924 pp.

The full report and letter to the Mayor will be posted on the PPCC.org web site.

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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 218-443-8364

Nomination and Election of Officers

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Al and Sheryl Robins who have faithfully served the PPCC for many years as Treasurer and Secretary. We sincerely appreciate their excellent service to our Club. They are retiring this year and the nominating committee is on a hunt to replace their positions. All offices are up for election this year, but these two are the most crucial at this time. Nominations to be submitted at the June meeting and voting will take place at the July meeting.

Also, a huge thank you to Dave Lavamaki for coordinating the PP rummage sale for so many years. He is now also retiring so we need a volunteer or two to organize the sale for 2022.

Please consider submitting your name to the nominating committee. Al and Sheryl will be able to mentor you in these positions. Call or email to Nancy Olson at 218-260-7602 or njolson@me.com

At Wade Again

The outfield grass has greened at Wade again.

I have a front-row seat behind the plate,
my battered glove from boyhood in my lap
ready to catch whatever comes my way
despite the screen between the field and me.

Today's the day I came to Wade to play.

I take the toss at second, throw it true
to first to make the double play. I race,
pull down the sharp line drive in center field
and fire it all the way to home to catch
the runner out. I'm at the plate, bases
loaded, two outs, full count: my bat connects,
and smack! The ball soars o'er the left field
fence.

I'm on my front-row seat behind the plate,
my glove still in my lap. A voice belts out
the Star Spangled Banner. And then, "Play
Ball!"

Warren Howe

