



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Edible Garden
Potluck**
Monday, July 12th
6-8 PM

Park Point 5-Miler
July 15th, 6:30 PM

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting**
July 20th, 7 PM
at Lafayette!
Election of Officers

**PARK POINT
GARDEN CLUB**
July 22nd 2021
6:00 Dinner at the
Pickwick
Contact: Joanne
Ellison 722-5757

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

**It's so nice to
have actual
EVENTS to
list again!**

Not Quite the Park Point Rummage Sale



The Park Point's Community Club's sponsorship of the Park Point Rummage sale has always been hinged to the Park Point Art Fair. It was originally started to discourage people from having sales on Art Fair weekend. And the costs involved, for advertising and additional porta-potties, were covered by income from the Art Fair. With the Art Fair pushed back yet another year, the Club decided to let the rummage sale slide again as well. However, if individuals wanted to have their own rummage sales, that was deemed safe enough.

So, when one Park Point resident offered to run an advertisement including the addresses of people who planned to have to have a sale, about 20 or so residents joined in. And all the other sales? Well, as the vaccines rolled out, and the pandemic began to recede, I guess people were just feeling safer. (It helped, no doubt, that at 74%, the Park Point neighborhood had the highest vaccination rate in the county). And Park Pointers had two years' worth of accumulated detritus to dispose of. For whatever reason, sales proliferated, and what we had was something that looked pretty much like the Park Point Rummage Sale.

There was plenty of pent-up demand, as people came out even on the first day of not-so-pleasant weather. (We always seem to have one good and one bad day, weather-wise. It helps when the bad day comes first, 'cause the die-hard rummage salers will come out in any weather). And as a mostly outdoor event, it was a way for people to kind of ease back into normal life. Even a couple food trucks got wind of the doings, and found places to set up. Next year, with the return of the Art Fair, the Community Club will no doubt sponsor an "official" rummage sale. But for this year, well, it worked.

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Great to see you again at the June meeting at Lafayette- inside our beloved, historic clubhouse! We will gather again on July 20 and plan for National Night Out and vote for the Club officers, hope to see you there!

Thanks to Greg H. from the [Park Point Five Miler](#) for sharing the important traffic details for race day on Thursday July 15. "50th Annual Park Point 5-Miler & 2-Mile Walk. Holding the crown as northern Minnesota's oldest road race, this event starts and finishes near the Park Point Pavilion in Duluth." The schedule for July 15 is also posted at parkpointcommunityclub.org.

Thanks to everyone who is picking up trash along the beaches and the pedestrian areas. The beach along our daily Bruno walking route is looking really pretty good considering how many warm & busy days we have had this month. Special thanks to AJ and Eddy K. for cleaning up the sidewalk and boulevard from past 40th to Lafayette last evening- good work before some fun at the Lafayette playground! Many thanks to the Harbor City International School Service Club, led by neighbor & science teacher Brian Scott, for the May clean-up of the beach through the Alliance for the Great Lakes' Adopt-a-Beach campaign. The group picked up well over 600 pieces of trash (half of which were cigarette butts) in around an hour despite only covering a few hundred feet of beach. The data collected on the trash has been sent to the Alliance for the Great Lakes, which will use the information and other research to help educate people and advocate for legislation and policies that protect our Great Lakes.

Speaking of Bruno, he has a new spiffy red lifejacket and will be sporting it in our "new" 1970 runabout that the manufacturer calls a "luxuriously practical fishing vehicle." This is our first ever powerboat and we hope to do some exploring and adventuring, maybe even a little fishing. We pulled it home on May 15 & have been puttering with the rejuvenation reminding ourselves that we are never too old to try something new. After a lot of sanding, varnishing, crafting and boat yoga, the "Dawn Patrol" will soon be on the water. Thanks to previous owner Craig A. and to friends and family for support, ideas, wisdom & words of inspiration & encouragement :)

See you on the water surrounding the extraordinary neighborhood of Park Point!

Dawn & Bruno, adventure canine & comfort schnauzer

PS The speed limit is 30 mph, thank you for setting a good example for visitors to Park Point



News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Paul Danilewski and Denise Gates-Danilewski

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 12, 6 to 8 p.m.: monthly potluck dinner and program

Did you miss the fun on June 21? We celebrated the summer solstice in the garden with an evening reception. Nancy Taggart MC'd the event that included readings celebrating garden culture, honoring Mother Nature, and caring for one another. We were serenaded by Park Pointer Cory Coffman, who shared his original songs and guitar strums. We witnessed how difficult it is to dance on wood chip mulch when Charlene and Don tried to boogie to the music. Coral McDonnell closed out the event with an Irish blessing.

Starting Monday, July 12, it appears that we will start getting back to normal with our joyous in-person monthly meetings and potluck dinners. There will probably be no program at this event because everyone will be so engaged in catching up with each other. Bring a dish to share on the potluck table and your own plates, cups and utensils and beverages. Don't forget your appetite!

If you are interested in learning more about our community garden or events, contact Coral 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net. Our monthly potluck dinners are FREE and open to all Park Pointers. They take place at the Lafayette Community Club.

Here is an excerpt from the words of wisdom Don Lemmerman shared with us at the Summer Solstice Event:

For the garden of your daily living:

Plant three rows of peas:

1. Peas of mind.
2. Peas of heart.
3. Peas of soul.

Plant four rows of squash:

1. Squash gossip.
2. Squash indifference.
3. Squash grumbling.
4. Squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful.
2. Lettuce be kind.
3. Lettuce be patient.
4. Lettuce really love one another.



Park Point Community Club Minutes

June 15, at Lafayette

In attendance: 28 members signed in plus several guests including: ● Ken Timm, Airport Manager at Sky Harbor, ktimm@duluthairport.com ● Facebook.com/DuluthSkyharborAirport ● Matthew Stewart, C.M., ACE, Airport Planner, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. re. ongoing Master Plan project at Sky Harbor ● Cheryl Podtburg, Risk & Safety Manager, Duluth Area Family YMCA ● At-Large City Councilor Terese Tomanek had a change of plans and will attend next month

Traffic Safety/Neighborhood Watch Update, Pat Sterner, parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com

All Park Pointers are welcome to sign up to work on the traffic safety initiative, contact Pat for information; equipment is on Pat's front porch, you could do vehicle counts for a half hour for useful data, record license plate numbers of speeders for the database of repeat offenders, having the data on the number of cars passing is helpful. Remember to call 911 when you see excessive speeding, passing or reckless driving, suspicious activities, or any crime in progress. Collect the license plate number if you possibly can. (Send the details of what you observed to parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com after calling 911.)

Neighborhood Watch: Campers in Southworth Marsh City Park, Deb Holman at CHUM was contacted and the DPD is aware of the situation. Questions came up about the closing time at the park at the end and about enforcement. City rentals of the Beach House go after 10pm, online guide shows rentals until 12:30am. Camping at the S-Curve Beach has also been noted this summer.

Sky Harbor Airport Updates: Manager Ken Timm told us a little about himself and the journey to his new position. He is looking forward to collaborating with the community and has some exciting ideas about welcoming community members to the public's airport~ stay tuned! Matthew Stewart described the master planning process for the airport and how Park Pointers and community members can be involved. The project website is updated with project materials and can be found here: <https://skyharbor.duluthairport.com/projects/>

Questions came up about the fish cribs that were incorporated into the runway realignment project.

Lifeguards & Safety: Cheryl Podtburg provided an update on lifeguards and safety initiatives. The City is now managing the rentals at that location and has made additional improvements to the building. Tourism tax is partially funding the lifeguard services. Cheryl answered questions on hours, duties of lifeguards, water temperature and sent these resources after the meeting: Great website for information on how rip currents form, how to spot them, etc. <https://www.michiganseagrant.org/topics/coastal-hazards-and-safety/dangerous-currents/> www.parkpointbeach.org is your "one-stop shop" for most things. The National Weather Service (NWS) forecast is pretty accurate for Park Point. The zip code you will want to use is 55802. The NWS also has a surf zone forecast in case the link on the [parkpointbeach.org](http://www.parkpointbeach.org) is broken or down... and you can look at the rest of the Great Lakes as well! Water temperature: go to <https://www.d.umn.edu/buoys/>

Thank you, Cheryl!!

Short business meeting:

May Minutes approved as printed in the June Breeze. D. Gould/R. Gould

Treasurer's Report by Al Robins, balance is \$14,491. Thanks to members who provided an extra boost in their 2021 memberships! Report approved as presented. C. McDonnell/ P. Griggs

Standing & Adhoc Committees of the Park Point Community Club:

Nominating Committee: Coral McDonnell presented report on behalf of the Committee Members (Coral, Nancy Olson, Scott Wolff)

Members who will seek these open positions at next month's election:

Secretary: Rory Strange

Treasurer: Gale Kerns

The elections for Club officers will take place next month and those elected will serve until May 2024. Nominations for any PPCC office will be taken from the floor (per the bylaws) at July's meeting so if you are interested, please attend and vote!

Erosion & High Water Committee: No report given.

MP 50, Paul Treuer, Chairperson, no updates at this time. (Minnesota Point long term planning)

Watch Committee: Question and short dialogue on stretches of road that remain rough long after the digging and the non-repairs. Neighbors expressed and shared frustrations and experiences.

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Taxes-Andrea Kuzel will bring us an update next month after gathering more information.

Hospitality: Thanks to Diane Gould for the wonderful ice cream bars! Ted B. will sub next month.

Sunshine: Pam Griggs; please let Pam know of neighbors who might need a little light from all of us.

Breeze: Alan Dartanyan; Thanks to all contributors- keep the material coming! And to all of the volunteers who keep all Park Pointers connected though The Breeze!

Environmental: Dick Gould- Beavers and otters are active. Deer swim to PP from Hearing Island. Trees planted on Hearing Island are doing well.

Rummage Sale: Dave Lavamaki is retiring after years of working on Park Point Rummage Sales and helping out with ice making and rink support at Lafayette. We are grateful to Dave for his commitment to our community and for his willingness to lend a hand whenever needed. (I had a recent note from Deb Strange that she is willing to move into this position- great news indeed; thank you Deb!)

New Business:● Reminder about Lafayette Community Garden Solstice Gathering on Monday night 6/21 with music by Cory Coffman ● National Night Out, Tues. August 3rd. Link to City of Duluth NNO Watch for details on Park Point gatherings!● Questions about the status of sewer repairs on private property mandated by the City & is the funding to offset costs still available? Up to \$4000 has been available to help with the expenses of sewer updates. Would pandemic funding be available to use if the contributions from user fees have run dry? We will check with the City. ● See a lot of positive activities happening on Park Point? Or concerns and needs? Let our city councilors and city leaders know what we see, what we value and how our community is involved. Short discussion on the rental business at Lafayette taken over by the City almost three years ago. The use of the Lafayette field for parking is a problem, ruins the field and limits use of public. City has been asked for clarity. When PPCC rented out the space, parking on the field was limited for loading and unloading cars, only two or three at the most at one time. The Parks and Rec. Board representative from Park Point is Jenny Peterson.

Motion to adjourn: ~ 815pm, D. Gould/P. Griggs

Notes by Ted Buck subbing for Madame Secretary Sheryl Robins

News from The Erosion and High Water Committee

Our committee meet on 6-8-2021 at 1620 Minnesota Ave. We had five individuals from the greater Park Point community join us. The topic of discussion was planting of beach grass and dune restoration. It was decided that this was an appropriate undertaking for the EHWC to address. Our goal was to streamline the process of getting permits and permission to do a beach grass project and to educate any Park Point residents on the process and procedures for doing such projects. If you are interested, please come to our next meeting. We will not be meeting in July so look for our next meeting date in the Aug. Breeze.

An update on the Beach clean-up and the 2021 Beach Nourishment projects. Raking and digging in the 2020 Beach Nourishment area on land, has been completed. The debris sifted from those areas is being sorted and analyzed. We will get a report on those finding at a later date.

The in-water clean-up will take place in the beginning of Aug. The same contractor who will be doing the Beach Nourishment project will also be doing the in water clean -up in last year's Beach Nourishment area. This coordination of project will lessen the time the beach is being disrupted or closed.

The USACE has obtained a beach rake for their own use. They will be raking the beach from the pier to 10th St. once a month and after any large wind events. They will also be doing a one-time raking from 10th to 36th ST. This is planned to be completed before the 4th of July weekend. Future beach raking will be dependent on the amount and kind of debris collected.

Respectfully Submitted By
Hamilton Smith Chair
PPCC Erosion and High Water Committee



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

**Celebrating God's Creation:
 an outdoor service at the
 beach on July 11th.**

St. Andrew's will hold a special service celebrating
 Lake Superior
 as a part of God's creation.

We will meet on the beach
 behind the church, weather permitting.

Join us at 9:45 on July 11th or any Sunday.
All are welcome.

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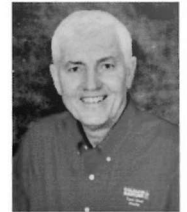


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POOP COMPLAINT
 If nobody is watching
 do you still have to pick
 it up?
YES!

PARK POINT TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORT

JUNE 23, 2021

Synopsis

There were a total of 32 NW Shifts completed from April 28 to June 23, with 20 PP Residents participating as NW Volunteers.

NW Watch Shifts reported an average of 200 and 250 cars passing north and south within a 50 minute period of time during their shifts, with increased volume on the weekends and sunny days.

The majority of cars were NOT speeding or were going between 35-40 mph. Those who appeared to exceed the 30 MPH speed limit slowed down when they saw NW Volunteers.

There were no confrontations reported during these shifts, as volunteers are focused on waving and holding signs reminding folks to slow down. Volunteers noted a decrease in the number of cars exceeding 30-35 MPH. Volunteers and PP residents have also noted an increased police presence, with several traffic stops being made in the last two weeks in particular.

Repeat Offenders (recorded by NW Volunteers/Residents):

Volunteers continue to record license plate numbers of those vehicles observed speeding, passing or engaged in other dangerous driving (such as using cell phones to text or call). License plate numbers are recorded in the Traffic Safety Database and shared with the DPD. There have been fewer repeat offenders recorded during the NW shifts; volunteers will continue to record and PP residents have been asked to note license plate numbers and send those to the Clearinghouse to include in the Database.

Any emails or reports that include pictures and/or specific detail of dangerous driving are forwarded to Lt. Chad Nagorski.

High Volume Times Correlated with Dangerous Driving

Volunteers and Residents continue to report that the most egregious driving occurs on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights between 9 and 10 pm, typically coming out of the Park towards the Bridge. This is when excessive speeding, drag racing, passing, and revved engines happens most frequently.

With that said, the increased police patrols and presence – coupled with visible traffic stops – will continue to get the word out to not speed on Park Point.

Additional Activities

The Park Point Community Club and the Duluth Police Department held a joint press conference on June 11 at City Hall to officially launch “Operation Slow Motion”. Local TV stations and the Duluth News Tribune provided coverage and promoted the message about traffic safety on Park Point. This type of coverage will serve as a reminder to residents and visitors about the importance of traffic safety on the Point; hopefully we will be able to do a follow up later in the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

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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

NOTICE: PARK POINT TRAFFIC DELAY

50th Annual Park Point 5-Miler



**THURSDAY, JULY 15
6:00 - 7:45 P.M.**

The race starts and finishes at the Park Point Recreation Area traveling out and back on Minnesota Ave.

Minnesota Ave., south of 22nd St., will be closed to traffic from 6:00-7:45 p.m. Please plan ahead.

THANK YOU for your tremendous support and cooperation.

Spectating is once again welcome! Cheer on the runners as they pass by, or consider volunteering.

Contact Grandma's Marathon at (218)727-0947 if you have any questions.

