



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**National Night Out at  
Lafayette  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-7PM**

**Lafayette Edible Garden  
Potluck  
Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
6-8 PM at Lafayette**

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting  
August 17th 7 PM At the  
Duluth Rowing Club!  
3911 Minnesota Ave.**

**PARK POINT  
GARDEN CLUB  
August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM  
Contact: Joanne  
Ellison 722-5757  
All are Welcome**

**Park Point Rummage  
Sale June 10 & 11 2022**

**Park Point Art Fair  
June 25 & 26, 2022**

**Get out there  
and enjoy the  
warmth – It  
won't last!**

### Where Duluth Gathers



It's been a hot, dry Summer, and for most of us, Lake Superior has been our refuge. As Park Pointers, we tend to think of it as "our" beach, but it's not. And on hot summer days – and nights – we share it not just with "mainland" Duluthians, but tourists, guests, and visitors from all over. They flock to the beach for the same reasons we do, to escape the heat, and enjoy the beauty of this magnificent sandbar.

This has been one of the busiest beach years I can recall, and there has definitely been an increase in the number of boats either anchored offshore or pulled up onto the sand. I can see the appeal of that. The beach can get crowded near the main access points, but this is a long sandbar. In a boat, you can cruise along until you find an unoccupied space to pull in to. Some don't pull in at all – just anchor and jump in. Most boaters have been respectful, keeping speeds low and giving wide berth to people in the water. But there are always a few who go roaring by, putting swimmers at risk and upsetting novice paddleboarders. (Hey, I've gotten better. I don't fall off so often.)

Whether you are on the water, on the beach, or even out on the street, this is all we ask: be respectful. Respectful of other people, of the beach, of the dunes, of the homes of the people who live here. And enjoy.

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## **President's Report**

Hi Neighbors,

Summertime is flying by and it's already time for National Night Out at Lafayette on August 3rd from 5-7pm. Brats and lemonade will be provided; please bring your favorite summer dish to share and a lawn chair. Consider bringing along your new neighbors to this community gathering!

Have you noticed a lot of sawdust on the beach and offshore where you usually swim? I have seen a lot this year and also see a lot of garbage traveling along with this material. I have had two recent reports of algae blooming in the lake and wondering if you are seeing this as well? I have contacted the DNR to see which office or agency is monitoring this situation and will get back to you about who is collecting this data. For now, if you see algae in the lake, would you be willing to take a photo and send it to [parkpointcc@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointcc@gmail.com)? Also, remember to collect shredded metal cans, metal shards, glass, plastic and follow this protocol which is posted here. <http://parkpointcommunityclub.org/?p=3525> Thank you!

Speaking of the beloved beach, thanks to all Park Pointers who are cleaning up every day. The thousands of visitors are much more likely to keep it clean and pack it out if it looks great when they arrive. I am grateful for our community's stewardship and hospitality. Wandering down the beach over the weekend offered Bruno and me the opportunity to observe the joy that playing in the lake and on its shores brings to humans and canines alike! We watched a sneaky, persistent puppy get loose and streak down the beach and attempt to snatch a youngster's sandwich- two times! Bruno was taking notes...what a glorious weekend to be on the beach and in the water!

Thanks to Bob Pokorney and the Park Point Surf Rescue Team at the S Curve beach; I saw Bob watching over enthusiastic body surfers on a yellow flag day last week. The kids were having a great time playing and body surfing while Bob and a few other adult water watchers kept a close eye on the fun. More here: <https://www.facebook.com/Park-Point-Volunteer-Surf-Rescue-360916653983092/>

The Duluth Rowing Club is hosting the August Community Club meeting on Tuesday, August 17th, 630pm social and 7pm meeting. This will be a great time to see how the Club is doing in their wonderful new facilities and to learn about rowing opportunities for all. Thank you to City Councilor At-Large Terese Tomanek for attending last month's meeting, she has been visiting neighborhoods across Duluth getting to know the communities and hearing what the residents are talking about.

Once again, we thank Al Robins, Sheryl Robins and Dave Lavamaki for their years of service on Park Point. Welcome to Gale Kerns, Rory Strange and Deb Strange who were elected at July's meeting. Also thank you to new youth committee volunteer Britta DeSutter who is eager to help launch next summer's youth program.

Thanks to everyone who sends along events, opportunities and articles; I will share and post on the Club's website: [www.parkpointcommunityclub.org](http://www.parkpointcommunityclub.org). Here is the latest from Stephanie Hemphill from The Agate Magazine: [www.agatemag.com](http://www.agatemag.com), <http://www.agatemag.com/2021/07/duluths-beach-struggles/> which brings to light the complexities of the beach nourishment projects approved by the MPCA and The City. The Club's position is this: "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

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discharge, the USACE will take steps to remove or treat them.

Thanks to everyone who is working to seek long term solutions to the challenges faced." by our barrier island and the surrounding waters. Give a call if you have any questions. 218-525-1764.

Update on the "Dawn Patrol", first venture into powerboating: after initial white smoke and phoning family members with outboard know-how, our newest yet oldest watercraft has seen about ten adventures and the learning curve continues! Working on installing a swim ladder, depth sounder & dealing with the trailer's wheel bearings and lights. Never too late to take on a project and learn new things! See you at the boat launch! Hoping to connect with you on August 3rd at Lafayette! 5-7pm.

Until then, here's to extraordinary living on Park Point!

Dawn and Bruno, Intrepid Giant Schnauzer, canine companion

## **Park Point Community Club Minutes**

The July, 2021 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President, at 7:00pm on July 20th, 2021. The first order of business was to approve the minutes for the June 15th, 2021 PPCC meeting. A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as they appeared in the Breeze. All remaining membership votes were ayes.

Treasurer's report – Al Robins

Beginning balance 6/1/2021 \$14,491

Ending balance 6/30/2021 \$12,810

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

Terese Tomanek, Councilor at Large, introduced herself. Spoke briefly about her plans to run for City Council. The remaining community club meeting included the following speakers:

Hamilton Smith

Gale Kearns

Paul Treuer

Under Committee Reports, there were no new items for committee except for new business.

New Business – The August, 2021 PPCC meeting will be held at the Duluth Rowing Club.

Neighborhood Night out will be August 3rd, 2021 at Lafayette Square from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Please bring a dish to share with everyone. Grilled meat will be provided.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Remaining membership votes were all ayes.

Submitted by Sheryl Robins

## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

We welcome new garden members Sue Herrington and Thomas Lasley. We say good-bye to Sue and Denny Johnson, who are moving off the Point. Denny contributed so much time and energy to our community garden we say a special “thanks” to him. He served on the steering committee for many years and he is responsible for single-handedly building our raised beds and developing our watering system. We hope to still see the Johnsons at our potluck dinners.

It almost feels like we are back to living normal lives. Community garden members are working in the lush garden without masks and we are hosting potluck dinners again in the Lafayette Square Community Center. Our last one was July 12 and about 35 members of the community participated with delicious dishes and good cheer.

At the meeting, members shared tips on how to harvest the vegetables in our garden. For example, Val Kennedy discussed peas. She said, “They should be harvested when pods are tender and picked early in the morning for best flavor. Peas have a shallow root system. To avoid damaging the roots use scissors, shears or a knife. If you must use your hands, use two hands, one to hold the vine and the other to pull the pods.”

Several of our members attended a harvest workshop put on by the Duluth Community Garden Program (DCGP), where they learned lots of tips for proper harvesting. Here are a few of them you may find helpful from the DCGP’s harvesting handout’s information based on resources from the U of M Extension Agency, UW Extension Agency, and The Old Farmer’s Almanac.

**Carrots:** Harvest when the tops are one inch in diameter using a garden fork to help nudge the vegetable gently upwards.

**Lettuce:** Pick in the morning while the leaves are crisp. Gently remove the outer leaves, allowing the inner leaves to continue to grow.

**Onions:** Pull them out of the ground when the necks are dry and the tops are brown.

**Potatoes:** When the foliage dies back, cut the brown foliage off and leave the potatoes for 10 to 14 more days before you harvest. This allows the potatoes to develop a thick enough skin. Dig them up on a dry day.

**Summer Squash:** Pick the squash when it is four to six inches long by cutting the squash from the vine with a sharp knife rather than breaking them off, as you risk damaging the soft stem of the plant. Leave at least an inch of stem on the fruit.

Speaking of harvesting, on Thursday, July 22, a group of our gardeners harvested this year’s crop of garlic. We were pleased with size and quality of the bulbs. We pulled the bulbs, wiped them clean of dirt and hung them in a neighbor’s garage to dry: It smells like an Italian dinner waiting to happen. Sorry, we can’t disclose the location!

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 membership and potluck dinners. Our potluck dinners are FREE and open to all Park Pointers. Our next potluck dinner will be Monday, September 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. While all Park Pointers are welcome at our dinner events and welcome to visit the garden, harvesting at the garden is a privilege reserved for working garden members.

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, August 3, National Neighbor’s Night Out

Monday, September 13, 6 to 8 p.m., Community Garden potluck dinner and program.



Ann Maxwell hangs the garlic to dry during the July 22 harvest.

### **Environmental Report**

Many Monarch Butterflies are passing through our area on their way to Central America. They are the product of the worm that feeds on the Milkweed plant that grows on the point. Please don't cut them down. I planted them on the point and Harding island many years ago. It worked!

The trees we planted on the island are seeding down and doing the planting by themselves!

Dick Gould

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

By the time you read this report the USACE will have begun its in water clean-up of the 2020 Beach Nourishment area and begun its 2021 Beach Nourishment They will pick-up where they stopped last year just behind the Condos at 9th ST. The original plan was to place 100,00 cu. Yds of material on the beach this year. That amount should have gotten them to the S turn. A lesser amount of material will be placed this year. Three factors have necessitated the decrease in material being placed. Delays in the contracting process. Using the same contractor for the in-water clean-up, coinciding with the Beach Nourishment. Lastly, the use of a much smaller screen on the pipe going into the pump. This will decrease the amount of material that can be move per hour. The contract was awarded to the same company as last year. Roan salvage.

The USACE has put up an interactive Story Map relating to the Duluth/Superior Harbor dredging and material placement. Their email with a short explanation of the site and a link to it are included in the article.

The EHWC is still pursuing Beach Grass placement and Dune Restoration. The process is long and complicated. Many government agencies involved. Our goal is to streamline that process.

We will be having a meeting of our committee on Aug. 10th 6:00 P M in my side yard at 1620 Minnesota Ave. If you are inclined, bring and chair and join in.

Respectfully submitted by:

Hamilton Smith Chair  
PPCC Erosion and High Water Committee

### **Duluth-Superior Harbor Communication Tool**

The USACE Detroit District Operations Office published a new interactive GIS StoryMap on our public website. This communication tool aims at informing local stakeholders and citizens about our dredging mission, along with historic and on-going activities related to dredge material placement within the Duluth-Superior Harbor area. The StoryMap lays out our annual dredging and placement operations, addresses common concerns about sediment testing, water quality, and turbidity. This tool also includes updates on the Minnesota Point debris cleanup from the 2020 beach nourishment placement site, which is located under the Material Placement Debris Concern section at the following link: <https://celre-gis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=294f4ba1dc854c6188a685bd9dac043b>

Please feel free to share this link with the community and local stakeholders who are interested in learning more about the USACE mission and the MN Point beach nourishment activities.

Thank You,

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The Rev. Marta Maddy  
 Sunday Eucharist Service – 9<sup>45</sup> a.m.

Sunday Service Zoom link:  
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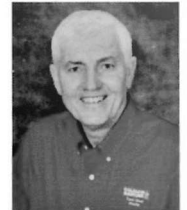


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**Primary elections**

August 10th Primary Election at Lafayette  
 This is a Municipal and School Board  
 election

Polls are open 7am to 8pm

\*We will no longer be observing COVID  
 protocols as we did last year, so masks are  
 not required at the polling place\*

Hand sanitizer will be provided for public  
 use


## Property Taxes on PP

Andy and Molly Goldfine & Andrea met with Brad Bergeron and talked about the next steps to changing the property tax laws/procedures. Brad had started the process with others on London Road but the 'team' disbanded when they got what they wanted from their property taxes. To address the issue, we have to look at it as a community, not an individual. We are in the process (which is unfortunately slow due to everyone's busy schedules) of looking for a leader who DOES have the time to put into this at the moment and both Andrea and Molly volunteered to be co-leaders. If you know anyone that has a strong interest in this issue and plenty of time and energy on their hands, please reach out to Andrea directly. Otherwise, we will keep you updated as we continue the search. Once we have a leader, we will form a citizen's awareness group and start the next steps, which Mr. Bergeron has agreed to help guide us.

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Remember to Vote in the Primary Election on August 10!

“Tomanek helped pass a mask mandate in Duluth that soon was followed by the state. She has also been a budget hawk, an effective advocate for creating child-care options and fully funding law enforcement, and a driving force for using TIF, tax abatement, and other tools to spur housing development.”

“There’s a clear final four for City Council At Large.”  
*The Duluth News Tribune, Jul. 22, 2021. Editorial.*

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## Backyard Fire Etiquette

Portable fire pits and rings have become increasingly popular in recent years. And there are few things more enjoyable than sitting by a fire on a summer evening, making s'mores or simply watching the flames. But we all know what it's like when the smoke keeps blowing in our faces. And though we can move out of the way, we still need to be aware of where that smoke is going. While we're avoiding it, it may be blowing in your neighbors open windows.

Being aware of which way the wind is blowing is always important on Park Point. And beyond that, keeping your fire small, and making sure the wood you burn is dry and clean, are all parts of being a good neighbor

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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) 218-443-8364



**Park Point Volunteer Surf Rescue**

June 9 · 🌐

First day on the sand for 2021! Huge thanks to the Park Point Community Club and P2P Rescue. Our new 10-footer is terrific.

The water is already warm, so everyone be safe out there!





