



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Lafayette Edible Garden
Monday, September 13th
6-8 PM at Lafayette
Maybe Outdoors?

Park Point Community
Club Meeting
September 21st
6:30 social,
7 PM meeting
at Lafayette

Park point Garden
Club
September 23rd
at 7PM
Contact
Joanne Ellison
All are Welcome

Park Point Rummage
Sale June 10 & 11 2022

Park Point Art Fair
June 25 & 26, 2022

Breakout your
reading
glasses!
There's so much
good stuff in here I
had to shrink it
down a bit

National Night Out at Lafayette



We said “until we meet again” to dear Madame Secretary Sheryl Robins a very short time after the July PPCC meeting & election. Sheryl served as the Club’s secretary for the past ten years & we learned at Sheryl’s service on 8/12 that her good works in the community extended well past the Aerial Lift Bridge. Sheryl will be sadly missed for her kind & generous authenticity, her reliable & collaborative spirit, her good humor in good times and in stressful times and her love of Lake Superior and its shores. The “Duo Robins”, with PPCC treasurer Al as co-collaborator, could be counted on to show up and step up whenever & wherever needed. Thank you, Sheryl; we will miss you and are grateful for your willingness to share your wisdom and experiences with us and for your positive and inspirational presence in our lives. We are here for you, Al, take care & see you soon. A note of reminder: please don’t wait to reach out to a friend, neighbor, colleague or loved one to share the reasons why you appreciate them and how they have impacted your life and/or our community. If your good intentions of having those heartfelt communications have stalled, I might recommend moving them on to today’s calendar.

National Night Out on 8/3 was a really nice gathering at Lafayette. The weekend before the event, the sewer backed up and thankfully several Parks and Rec. workers stepped up and got the line cleared and a big mess cleaned up on that Tuesday morning. Special thanks to Cheryl Skafte, Jason Dryke and Joe Smithson with the City of Duluth for their quick responses and sense of community spirit & collaboration. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up and provided summer fare to share. John Brostrom was the superb grill master and Rory Strange, Bill Long and Pat Sterner provided interactive activities related to the Traffic Safety Initiative that included a large reticulated street python. Stay tuned for more on a tool drive for neighbors who are in need of fix -it- up supplies.

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The DPD officers read the submitted suggestions for slowing the traffic out loud and chose the winning idea concept. Thanks to all of the safety officers who came to say hello and to City Councilor Arik Forsman for checking in. Photos of the event are shared here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/v8MnXG34urhFHHHo8>. Thanks to the Duluth Rowing Club for hosting the warm August 17th meeting on the DRC plaza and to junior rowers Kofi and Josie for sharing their stories on how they got started with rowing and their reflections on doing activities within their community. Neighbors got to check out the buildings and the rowing shells and learn about the opportunities and programs at the club. Thanks to Tom Rauschenfels and Greg Peterson for welcoming us all to the Duluth Rowing Club! <https://duluthrowing.org/>

Adventuring up the river in the "Dawn Patrol" last weekend took an interesting twist. We came upon a mother-daughter shipwreck seeking team at the Frank Sajec Boat Landing in Oliver. They described themselves as "local history buffs and total nerds." Mom Brandi shared that she has all of local historian Tony Dierckens' books on her shelf and they are well worn. These were our kind of people and we enthusiastically invited them onboard and motored downstream a little ways in search of the sunken wreck of the 130 foot steambarge, the MC Neff. We also learned about the Alice Vivian that can be seen off of the Western Waterfront Trail. After dropping Brandi and Carly back at the landing, we had a nice picnic off of Clough Island and a short hike, watched the swinging bridge swing close then watched a train go across the bridge. Great to meet you Brandi and Carly- happy adventuring!

The watermelon reveal party was held at the Lafayette Community Edible Garden on Monday, 8.23, check out the pictures here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/4Y4BhZQXFiYKT6K76>.

Another great evening with our neighbors at Lafayette! Thanks to all of the gardeners who are responsible for the beautiful bounty of the gardens on Park Point.

I learned about a dune fire that was burning yesterday morning near 28th. I am not sure how it started, but more smoke and fire are not appreciated. Please be careful and mindful of our community's health and safety; thank you to the DFD for taking care of this dangerous situation.

Here's to life extraordinaire and great neighbors on Park Point!

Dawn & Bruno, Canine Companion

Volunteers Needed

There are always needs among the different committees and organizations on Park Point. I'll try to list a few regularly: The traffic Safety Committee and always use people to help monitor traffic. You can contact Pat Sterner at

Patsterner20@gmail.com

Art Fair 2022

Dear Neighbors

It has been almost two years since planning for our community's art fair has been under way. Given current vaccine levels it seems appropriate to begin planning for 2022 and our 50th anniversary. The Park Point Art Fair Committee will begin meeting this month. If you would like to be on the committee and help with planning for the 2022 Art Fair please contact Carla Tamburro at [218-348-7338](tel:218-348-7338), coordinator@parkpointartfair.org. The types of tasks committee members are involved in includes, welcoming artists, volunteer recruitment, spreading the word using social media, posters, brochures and positive public relations in our community. It is a fun creative group of people who come to our community fair and an honor and pleasure to work with them. Come join us for some of the fun.

Carla Tamburro

PARK POINT TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORT AUGUST, 2021

There were a total of 28 NW Shifts completed from July 1 to August 15, with 20 PP Residents participating as NW Volunteers. There were also 20 reports to the Park Point Traffic Safety Clearinghouse reporting dangerous driving and speeding, most with license plate numbers. Some of these were forwarded directly to Lt. Nagorski and DPD Community Officer Ethan Roe to provide to squads patrolling Park Point.

NW Watch Shifts reported varying levels of traffic, with high numbers on weekends and sunny days, often averaging 200 cars passing north and south within a 30 minute period of time during their shifts. Highest numbers reported on the weekends and sunny days were over 300 cars in that time period.

Unfortunately, instances of speeding did increase during this time period, though the majority of cars were going between 35-40 mph. Many of these did slow at the radar signs and/or when they saw NW Volunteers.

Those cars excessively speeding slowed momentarily, then resumed speeding or actually increased their speeds. There were no reported confrontations, with volunteers continuing to weave and hold signs reminding folks to slow down.

Any emails or reports that included pictures and/or specific detail of dangerous driving were forwarded to Lt. Chad Nagorski and Community Officer Ethan Roe. At least 5 PP residents reported calling 911 to report dangerous driving during this time period.

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 was a slight increase in the number of 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 and/or forward to DPD.

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.

Motorcyclists have joined the ranks of those who drive dangerously in the evenings, with some exceeding 50 mph on the straight-away. Videos have been sent to DPD of some motorcyclists speeding and passing, though recording license plate numbers for these vehicles can be difficult which makes it challenging for DPD to track.

Other Activities

Lt. Nagorski and members of his team attended the Neighbors Night Out to speak with PP residents and hear more about our concerns. A small contest was held challenging residents to think of creative ways to slow traffic on the Point, with DPD officers reading the suggestions and ‘voting’ on the best idea. It was a bit of fun on a serious topic!

DPD is continuing their commitment to increased police patrols and presence – coupled with visible traffic stops. And late last month, at our request, Lt. Nagorski had a speed trailer placed in front of Rory and Deb Strange’s home near 37th to record traffic and also help encourage drivers to slow down. DPD’s responsiveness to our request was greatly appreciated!

Doughnuts and fruit were delivered to DPD Headquarters and Michigan Street Station on behalf of the PPCC as a thank you for DPD’s ongoing traffic safety efforts on Park Point.

We continue to share ideas for possible longer-term solutions and will keep on working together to encourage traffic safety on Park Point.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Sterner Patsterner20@gmail.com 720-839-423

Duluth Parks and Recreation Master Planning

City of Duluth Parks and Recreation is working with Design Workshop from Colorado, on the creation of a city-wide parks and recreation master plan. Design Workshop has extensive experience helping cities around the world shape their park systems. Duluth will pay the firm \$203,275 in consulting fees. Long-range plan will guide the development and prioritization of programs, facilities, parks and natural lands that serve the Duluth community. The project is hosting a series of focus group meetings with select stakeholders in order to understand the broad range of interests and perspectives regarding Duluth’s parks and recreation.

Community Clubs were included in the Events and Activities Support Focus Group. Attendees use community volunteers with help from philanthropic groups and the city. The focus is on reaching out to folks and neighborhoods that are underserved in Duluth’s diverse community. Neighborhoods with older community buildings are being maintained as funds are available. Grants for older buildings are hard to obtain.

A variety of focus groups will be addressed by Parks and Recreation. Master Plan is anticipated to be completed by Summer 2022.

Pam Griggs, Attendee

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

What a difference a month makes. In August we reported that the garden was thriving and garden social activities were getting back to normal. Well, thanks to Mother Nature, our garden struggles to stay robust in the midst of a drought. Our watering angel members strive to keep the thirsty plants hydrated but a few hours after they are watered, they are again thirsty. And, thanks to the dreaded COVID virus, we are canceling the anticipated, full-blown indoor potluck we had planned for September 13. Instead, we are looking at doing an outdoor event.

Speaking of outdoor events, on Monday, August 23, we had an impromptu garden get-together to celebrate the harvest of this year's watermelons. I think we discovered the secret for producing a delicious Park Point watermelon: plant seeds in a sunny spot in the compost bed; let them sprout and ripen in really hot weather; pray for a little rain; and harvest when the melon is heavy for its size, nice and green and has a white spot on the bottom where it has been laying in the soil all season.

Highlights of this year's garden crops include:

Lacinato Kale, an heirloom Italian variety that is dark blue-green with a strap-shaped leaf. It is less bitter than other varieties. When eaten in salads, it's best to bruise the leaves a bit so it will better absorb a dressing. It can also be blanched and sautéed. It is also known as Tuscan kale and dinosaur kale.

Golden Beets, a sweet and mild beet variety that cooks quickly. It can be peeled and eaten raw thinly shaved for salads combined with goat cheese and candied nuts; or roasted, cooled, and served the same way.

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. 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:

Monday, September 13, 6 to 8 p.m., perhaps an outdoor event in the garden. Stay tuned.

Lacinato Kale Salad

A friend served me this salad a few years ago and it was the first time I ever really enjoyed eating kale. Perhaps it will become a favorite recipe in your home.

Yield: 4 servings

½ Cup olive oil

¼ Cup fresh lemon juice

3 cloves garlic, mashed

Salt and Pepper to taste

Pinch of red pepper flakes

4 to 6 Cups Lacinato kale, ribs discarded and leaves torn into bite-size pieces

½ Cup grated Parmesan cheese

2 Tablespoons (or more) whole wheat breadcrumbs

Whisk together the oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper and red pepper flakes.

and toss well. Add 2/3 of the Parmesan and toss again.

Let kale sit for 5 min.

Add the bread crumbs and toss again. Add remaining cheese.

-Susan Peters

Photo: Gardeners enjoying this year's harvest of watermelon.



Environmental Report

There lots of spider webs!, but very few mosquitos. They are the spider's favorite meal!

Trees are doing great! It is so wonderful to see the difference the tree planting has done here on the point. Almost no drifting sand and many nesting birds. There is an area that could use more trees between the last walkway to the beach and the existing pine forest past the airport. I doubt that the PPCC has any tree money after the lack of income from no art fair this past year. Dick Gould

News from The Erosion and High Water Committee

Greetings to all. I must say progress is a wonderful thing. First, the 2021 Beach Nourishment project is moving along nicely. The USACE contractor, Roen Salvage, will be completing their work soon. They will be able to place material south to the 1100 block. They will also be going back to the ship canal area and filling in again. They are doing this to facilitate the ramp that they put in over the wall to the beach. With that ramp in place, they can get equipment over the wall and on to the beach. The USACE will use this ramp to bring their beach rake on to the beach for any possible future needed clean-up.

The material being placed this year has more sand and less of an organic component that last year's material. Several advantages to this. The material will hold better, less temporary anaerobic smell and less turbidity during placement. Second. The City of Duluth is doing a test project in the 1500 and 1600 blocks on the Lakeside. This project is in response to the large amount of standing water in the street caused by basement sump pumps putting water past the curb. In years past, especially 2019, this has been a huge issue. A public safety hazard as the water was out past the white bike lane line.

The city will be installing catch basins on the Lake side of the sidewalk for homeowners to pump their basement water into, keeping the water out of the street. The work on this project will be done late this Summer or early Fall. We are still working on the Beach Grass planting issue. Many different agencies and levels of government involved so it is a complicated task, but Progress is being made.

Respectfully submitted by:

Hamilton Smith. Chair

PPCC Erosion and High Water Committee

News from MP50 (Minnesota Point Long-Range Planning Committee)

The MP50 Working Group meets monthly over Zoom to identify and discuss long-term (50 year) actions to make Minnesota Point resilient to erosion and flooding.

Deb DeLuca, Director of the Duluth Seaway Port Authority, expressed support for long-term planning efforts being done by MP50. Jeff Stollenwerk, Director of Duluth Seaway Port Authority Government and Environmental Affairs, will participate in the MP50 Working Group.

Jim Filby Williams, Duluth City Director of Properties and Parks, is working with MP50 to develop research-based grants that will fund comprehensive resiliency planning efforts for Minnesota Point. A small group, including MP50, the City of Duluth, SeaGrant, DNR Coastal Program, and UMD is meeting in September 2021 to begin working on grants.

MP50 is a project partner of the DNR Coastal Program Living Shorelines Project. The project goals are to design and install pilot living shorelines along Lake Superior, monitor the effectiveness of living shorelines on Lake Superior and demonstrate the benefits. Living shorelines are nature-based alternatives to traditional shoreline armoring. Research has shown numerous benefits, including increased resilience to changing water levels and coastal storms. One of the four pilot projects will be installed at the Minnesota Point Pine Forest Scientific and Natural Area.

A subcommittee of MP50 participated in a Zoom meeting Aug. 16, 2021 with Krystle Walker, Chief Emergency Management, USACE to discuss the availability of emergency funding for flooding on Minnesota Point. A report will be written and distributed after follow-up meetings.

A big note of thanks goes to Dr. Melanie Perello, who finishes up her two-year NOAA Fellowship with the DNR Lake Superior Coastal Program on August 31st. She has completed invaluable work on behalf of the long term coastal management of Minnesota Point. Foremost among her many contributions, Melanie included Minnesota Point in her study of annual erosion rates on Minnesota Point dating back to 1871. This work provides data for all planning efforts.

MP50 is open to anyone. Contact Paul Treuer (paul.treuer@gmail.com) if you would like to get on the mailing list of MP50 updates, discuss your suggestions for long-term planning, ask questions or get involved in the working group on specific projects.

Paul Treuer



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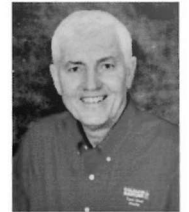


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Park Point Community Club Minutes

The August 2021 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:00 pm on August 17th, 2021 at the Duluth Rowing Club.

Dawn acknowledged the sudden passing of long time PPCC secretary Sheryl Robins. She recognized Sheryl's many contributions to the Park Point community. Sheryl will be greatly missed.

Dawn introduced new officers and members of the Board:

Gale Kerns – Treasurer

Rory Strange – Secretary

Deb Strange - Rummage Sale

Additionally, guests were introduced -Brett Odegard, City of Duluth Parks/Rec

Tom R introduced Junior rowers Kofi and Josie from the Rowing Club.

Motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 20th meeting. Motion was approved to accept the minutes as written in The Breeze. All in attendance voted aye.

Committee Reports:

Treasurers Report - Gale Kerns

Current balance \$12,344.00 - Gale thanked Al Robins for his assistance with the transition of this role. Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

3 Sympathy cards

1 Thinking of You

Art Fair - Carla Tamburro

No current report. Contract will be an upcoming discussion.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

Sale dates have been identified -June 10th and 11th, 2022.

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

Will be creating a space in The Breeze for volunteer opportunities and an "In Memoriam" section.

Program Committee - Dave Poulin

Future program with members of CHUM regarding homelessness.

Summer Youth Program - Kari Speer

Kari spoke about looking forward to next summer and there was some discussion regarding needs at Lafayette, such as a refrigerator, microwave and plumbing/toilet repair, etc.

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

Seeing an increased number of crows. Trees that have been planted are doing well.

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

Garden is in great shape! Thanked all for helping.

Neighborhood Watch -

Continue to support efforts of Pat Sterner and crew recording and reporting traffic issues.

Additional Speakers:

High Water and Erosion - Hamilton Smith

Things seem to be progressing with a cleaner beach nourishment. Possible future training for planting beach grass.

MP50 - Paul Treuer

Contact with City and positive movement regarding Comprehensive Plan. DNR also requesting information for demonstration project.

Traffic Safety - Pat Sterner

Continue to volunteer and email reports. Pat shared figures for past several months regarding incidents.

Tom R, Kofi and Josie - DRC

Spoke regarding Junior Rowing Program and overall excitement regarding new facilities.

New Business:

Next meeting Lafayette Sept 21st 6:30pm Social and 7:00pm meeting.

Please look for volunteer opportunities in The Breeze.

Dawn thanked Al and Sheryl Robins for their many years of service. Meeting acknowledged the passing of several community members this past month.

Neighborhood Night Out was a great success and pictures will be sent out on email.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting a 7:55pm.

Respectfully, Rory Strange, Secretary

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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

Calling all photographers! The Seasons of the St. Louis River, an [Area of Concern](#) Photo Contest, has begun accepting submissions. The photo contest runs until October 4, 2021 and is an opportunity for members of the public to use their talents to show the diversity of the St. Louis River Estuary and the importance of the remediation and restoration efforts being undertaken there.

Cash prizes for top winner in each category

Categories include:

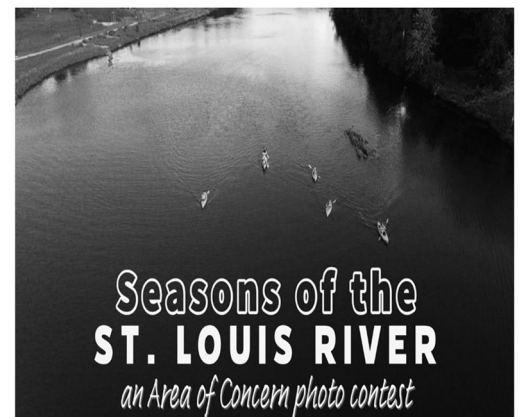
1. Fish, Wildlife and Birds in their natural habitat
2. Plants and Flowers
3. People, Recreation and Harbor Activities

All eligible photos will be taken within the St. Louis River Area of Concern, especially the St. Louis River Estuary and the Duluth/Superior harbor.

Please review the official rules and regulations prior to submission:

<https://www.stlouisriver.org/aoc-photo-contest>

Submissions can be made at: <https://woobox.com/kj8n9y>



In Memoriam: Just a small recognition of Park Pointers we've lost in recent weeks

Sheryl Robins

Kathy Sahlberg

Bette Swanson

