



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Park Point Community  
Club**

**No December meeting  
Next meeting:  
January 18, 2022  
Happy Holidays**

**Lafayette Edible Garden  
December 13<sup>th</sup>  
On Zoom?**

**Park Point Garden  
Club**

**Christmas Dinner  
December 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00**

**315 Harbor Point  
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Calligure for details  
jcalmus@aol.com**

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

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

**Happy Holidays!  
Watch for the  
2022  
membership  
forms in the  
January Breeze**

## **Farewell to Captain Tom**

Here's to our neighbor Capt. Tom Mackay, Park Point ambassador, historian, photographer and friend who died unexpectedly in early November. His last day included working with longtime friends taking out a neighbor's dock. When we first moved to our bayside place, he came "paddling" down to say hi and welcome us to the Superior Bay side. The kids noticed that the kayak's speed was incredible with very minimal paddling. With his special gleam and appropriate amount of flair, Capt. Tom revealed the stealthy electric motor and showed them how he had rigged it up and could run it hands free. He introduced us to the concept of the "Lake Superior Cocktail" which was his preferred beverage when he stopped by- just a cold glass of clean and pure Lake Superior water. Capt. Tom frequently told the kids about one of his favorite quotes from *The Wind in the Willows*, "Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." He and Liz gave each of our kids a copy of *The Sailor Dog* when they were little & now the grandkids enjoy the adventures of Scuppers the sea dog. You may recall Tom's message on their answering machine, goes something like this, "I'm out and about or out in a boat." In 2013 Capt Tom held the very first wedding ceremony at the Solvay house so dear friends could be with the bride and groom on their very special day. Capt Tom at Dan and Trish's wedding (<https://youtu.be/iTQC5JdOKKQ>) The Captain's many acts of love and kindness will be long remembered and are representative of the sense of community valued on Park Point. Until we meet again, Capt. Tom, over.

### **President's Report**

You may have noticed Snow Emergency signs that went up last summer on every block. The spray paint and the little marker flags may still be lingering. I had a few notes from neighbors on why and how the system would work in a snow emergency. Word is: Make a plan now and collaborate with your neighbors for where you will put your cars- your driveway, a neighbor's driveway or onto a side street following even or odd rules. Parking in your yard as a last resort and until the streets are cleared will be "allowed" is what I have heard and we have asked City parking staff to provide guidance on exactly how this will work. Thank you to Councilor Roz Randorf for checking into the details and getting in touch before the white stuff is swirling.

Thank you to our neighbors looking at solutions for erosion and working on a long-term resiliency plan for Minnesota Point. I believe it will be vital for Park (continued next page)

## ***The Breeze***

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Submissions for the January issue are due by 12/27/2021

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Pointers to choose active engagement during the Section 111 process and beyond- especially beyond when decisions will be made and solutions implemented. Our Club has asked to be a primary partner and co-sponsor of the Section 111 study and grants with the City through MP50, the Club's Long Term Planning Committee. Please contact me with any questions on how you might get involved with strategic planning and visioning for the future of Minnesota Point. I will post updates and information on the website.

The PPCC MN Point tree planting fund drive is going well; thank you to everyone who responded to last month's request in The Breeze. Dick Gould will be looking over the trees available and will place the order & let you know when they arrive in the spring. Thank you to treasurer Gale Kerns for processing the donations.

The roster of rink helpers and Lafayette warming house tenders is growing. To add your name to the skating effort, please send a note to [parkpointcc@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointcc@gmail.com).

January is PPCC membership month and we may be celebrating the new year on our small screens again- stay tuned. Thank you for joining the Club where you will have the opportunity to get to know your neighbors and participate in an engaged community of learning.

Wishing for you a loving holiday season filled with gratitude, compassion, happiness and good health.

Dawn & Bruno, Intrepid Giant Schnauzer, pie crust taster

### **Holiday Donations**

It is once again that time of year when we can make the lives of others a little brighter with our generosity. From Nov. 28-Dec.9<sup>th</sup>, outside, in front of St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church, is a giving tree with tags for items to be donated to youth at the Arrowhead Regional Juvenile Center, a treatment and detention center for youth in Northeastern Minnesota and Life House, a center for homeless youth in Duluth.

Items that are being requested are: books, board games, craft supplies, colored pencils, tooth brush, tooth paste, comb, hair brush, socks, gloves, scarves as well as \$20 gift cards to Super One, Target, and Walgreens.

We are hoping that not only St. Andrew's members, but those from the Park Point community, will stop by, take a tag and purchase that item for the youth. Donations may be dropped off at St. Andrew's, Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 or Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-12.

Deacon Mary Anderson,  
St. Andrew's by the Lake

PARK POINT TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORT  
NOVEMBER, 2021

About 12 volunteers have randomly spent time monitoring traffic over October and November and continue to send information (license plate numbers and descriptions) on cars and motorcycles that are speeding and passing. This information is captured in the Database and shared with DPD.

There were a number of nights in October where trucks were ‘parading’ and motorcycles speeding later at night. This was reported to Lt. Nagorski and Community Officer Ethan Roe. They noted the information for evening patrols.

Several of the Neighborhood Watch volunteers have also made calls to companies whose employees tend to speed, including the DTA (buses and Stride), the school district (speeding school buses), and the Franciscan Health Center. PP residents are encouraged to take note of these occurrences and report them on the PP Clearinghouse so we can make calls. This does help reduce speeding by company-owned vehicles and their employees.

Lt. Nagorski reported that Duluth PD has experienced a reduction in force because of the pandemic and other circumstances, and said it can be difficult to provide any increased patrols over the next few months but hope that will change as we move into Spring 2022. They are working on an updated Traffic Report for the PPCC and hope to have that in December. DPD appreciates the Park Point community’s Neighborhood Watch efforts and our collaboration with them.

Next Steps

PPCC will schedule and host a ‘one-year later’ debriefing on Traffic Safety for Park Point residents in January 2022. Lt. Nagorski and the new Community Officer will coordinate times so they can be in attendance. The focus of the meeting will be a debrief on our Neighborhood Watch efforts, specifically what worked, what didn’t, and ideas for what else we can be doing. This will also be an opportunity for additional brainstorming on longer-term solutions working with the City and DPD, as well as understanding how we can make requests to have certain items included in future City budgets (such as dedicated crosswalks).

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](mailto:Patsterner20@gmail.com)  
720-839-4238

Dear Neighbors,

As a regular shore-walker, I’ve noticed a wonderful increase in the number of dog owners who respectfully leash their dogs (unleashing them when they’re past). This is such a considerate act; thank you.

We have had our own share of canine friends over the years and if you think your dog is great, let me tell you about mine.

But especially if I see that your dog is leaping and jumping around you, I’m always afraid that your dog will be doing that with me. I’m short, slightly built, and not as strong as I was before 80, so when you see me and leash your dog, I’m always very grateful that I can continue my meditative walk uninterrupted.

Some folks don’t seem to learn to anticipate their dogs’ behavior; they don’t stop them from charging at people. Dog owners cannot know if that is welcome. An apology is always appropriate, since basically no dog should ever be unleashed in a City Park, let alone charge someone on the shore.

Here’s to considerate neighbors!  
Jan Karan

## Park Point Community Club Minutes

The November 2021 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club via Zoom was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:00 pm on November 16th, 2021.

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

### **Treasurers Report** - Gale Kerns

October balance \$11,959

Current balance \$10,444

Current expenditures are for the Art Fair and The Breeze.

The Club acknowledged Alan's contribution to produce The Breeze with no personal compensation.

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

### **Sunshine Committee** - Pam Griggs

2 Get Well cards and 1 sympathy card sent this month.

### **Art Fair** - Carla Tamburro & Diane Gould

There was a broad discussion regarding the upcoming Art Fair and negotiations with the City of Duluth. Jenny Peterson is our liaison with the Parks and Rec Department and is making inquiries regarding ongoing negotiations concerning rental costs and fees for both the artists and the venue. Please keep in mind The Art Fair will need significant volunteer support.

### **Rummage Sale** - Deb Strange

First meeting will be held in December to review upcoming tasks.

### **The Breeze** - Alan Dartanyan

General discussion regarding The Breeze and potential revenue streams.

### **Program Committee** - Dave Poulin

No report.

### **Summer Youth Program** - Kari Speer

No report

### **Environmental Committee** - Dick Gould

Continuing discussion regarding tree planting in the Spring.

### **Edible Garden** - Coral McDonnell

No report.

### **Neighborhood Watch / Traffic Safety** - Pat Sterner

Report of gun fire at several locations on the Point. Likely targets could be crows (?) Several calls were made to businesses and the DTA/Stride bus regarding speeding. Still looking at having a meeting after the first of the year with the DPD. Please report any traffic concerns to [ParkPointtrafficsafety@gmail.com](mailto:ParkPointtrafficsafety@gmail.com).

### **MP-50**: Paul Treuer

City of Duluth will be working on a long-term planning project regarding erosion concerns on the Point. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Paul at [Paul.Treuer@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.Treuer@gmail.com).

### **High Water & Erosion** – Hamilton Smith

Beach grass planting efforts will be ongoing. Please contact Hamilton regarding the process. Additional information provided on the Boreal Natives Company. The City of Duluth will assess the Eighth Street access point to the beach. Dawn sent a letter of support from the PPCC in support of the City's grant for funding on the beach boardwalk.

### **Other Business:**

Volunteers are in place to assist with the rink at Lafayette this winter. Still waiting on City commitment for initial flooding and snow plowing.

Roz Randorf our City Councilor responded to questions and current concerns from some Park Point community members regarding snow emergency parking.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.

Reminder that the next meeting will be in January 2022.

Respectfully,

Rory Strange, Secretary

## MP 50 Minnesota Point Long-range Resiliency Planning



The MP50 Working Group consists of representatives from PPCC, City of Duluth, Minnesota DNR Lake Superior Coastal Program, Minnesota SeaGrant, Duluth Port Authority, and Coalition to Protect Lake Superior. The next MP50 Working Group Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 6, 10:00 - 11:30 AM. MP50 participated in a virtual meeting hosted by the City of Duluth on November 18, 2021 to develop the Minnesota Point Long-Term Planning Process. A draft document prepared on Nov. 4, 2021 was discussed. Written and verbal input was submitted by Paul Treuer that incorporated input from PPCC members who had expressed interest in long-term planning. The draft document includes Section 111 and long-term funding plans. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to discuss this draft document Section 111 Application. Nick Zager, USACE, Detroit Office, announced the Section 111 study of Park Point has been approved by US Congress. His office is waiting for funds to arrive before beginning the study. A schedule of phases will be shared once funding is in place. FEMA is developing updated flood maps for St. Louis County; this includes all of Minnesota Point. A draft version of the flood maps has been developed. This document is scheduled to be shared with the public for review in March 2022. DNR Lake Superior Coastal Program has a grant to construct a demonstration of the use of nature-based shoreline protection on Minnesota's Lake Superior coast. Adapting Living Shorelines to the Great Lakes includes a demonstration site on the lakeside of Minnesota Point at the Scientific and Natural Area. Designs for this site have been made through an engineering and design contract. The next phase includes an environmental review. Site preparation and construction is planned for Summer 2022. MP50 is a learning community of individuals and stakeholder groups collaborating to develop a strategic plan of action for Minnesota Point. Diverse points of view are welcome. Contact Paul Treuer, MP50 coordinator, ([paul.treuer@gmail.com](mailto:paul.treuer@gmail.com)) to get on the mailing list, share your ideas and/or questions, or to join the MP50 Working Group.

Paul Treuer

### Report from the Erosion and High Water Committee

Greetings to all. I hope you are better prepared for Winter than I.

I have three topics to cover this time. The first is our committee's research into Beach Grass planting and dune restoration. There is a greenhouse in the Cloquet area that is authorized to collect, propagate and plant native MN beach Grass. Their permit allows them to plant MN native Beach Grass on private property without the property owner having to secure a separate permit from the MN. DNR. If you are planning to plant MN. Beach Grass this next Spring or Summer, you should contact them soon. As you would expect there is a considerable lead time to get the plants you might need.

Please contact with your needs and questions. Jen Stenerson Boreal Natives 218 729 9044

There has been some concern from the residents in the 2021 Beach Nourishment area, about drifting and blowing sand. One obvious and workable solution is to erect snow fencing in areas where drifting and blowing sand is a issue. I reached out to the City of Duluth for some help and direction on this matter. The City's position is that residents can erect fencing on their private property but not on City property. I also asked about a specific area of concern, which is the street end at 8th St. During a recent blow there was a small amount of sand that blew on to the sidewalk and into the street. The PPCC offered to supply the fencing, post and the labor to erect the fencing at the 8th St. end. In a conversation with Jim Filby Williams. Director of Libraries and City Properties, he said he would rather have a City crew erect the fence on what is City property. We will look for future developments on this issue. Lastly, there has still been some concerns raised about the metal shards/debris washing onto the beach in the 2020 Beach Nourishment area and beyond. Please, if you find any of this material, take a picture of it, with date and location and send it to Gale Kerns and cc Dawn Buck. Also please, bag up the material with a note as to date and location and bring it to my front porch at 1620 Minnesota Ave. I will deliver it to the USACE for their records.

.Have a wonderful Holiday Season

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



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 to knowing, loving, and  
 serving God and neighbor!*

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Wednesday, December 15 at 7 pm

Join with your neighbors for  
 Christmas caroling on the Crossing  
 (our front patio).

We will have a fire and song books.

Please bring a gift\* for the babies at  
 the Steve O'Neill Apartments.

\*Diapers, formula, baby food, etc.

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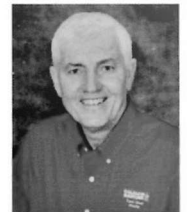


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Has lots of references on Park Point

Ethan

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Leave Message

## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Mid-November was the big horseradish dig – the last crop to be harvested from the garden. And, thanks to a great group of diggers, all the horseradish got harvested before snow blanketed the garden.

Don Lemmerman asks: “What are some good uses for horseradish, or recipes?”

Here are a few ideas: Grate it fresh or mix with sour cream and use on roast beef; mix it with ketchup and lemon juice for seafood cocktail sauce; or grate it onto raw salmon fillets and bake them (the taste of horseradish will be less intense when baked).

Monday, December 13 is the scheduled date for our next social potluck. With Covid 19 cases on the rise, we decided not to meet in person, but rather we hope to come together in a zoom meeting. That way, we can put on our Santa hats, stoke up the computer and party virtually. Carol Kondrath says, “I wish we could [meet up in person] but today it just doesn’t seem wise. I would think a zoom meet up and wishing each other well for a great year of gardening opportunity is a good way to see each other.”

The idea is that we would share the dishes we would have brought to a live potluck. Watch your emails to see if this comes together.

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. Just in time for the holiday’s recipe:

Here’s a fabulous recipe I recently tested. It’s easy and delicious. Make sure you use Dutch processed cocoa (processed with alkali), which can be hard to find. Look for Hershey’s Special Dark Cocoa, which is Dutched. Hershey’s regular baking coco is a natural cocoa powder and is not Dutched.

### Easy Flourless Chocolate Cake

From Carole Kotkin, Syndicated Food Columnist, Miami, FL

Yield: one 8” cake that serves one to eight guests, depending on their appetite!

#### Cake:

1 cup semisweet or bittersweet chocolate chips  
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt 1 to 2 teaspoons espresso powder, optional 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
3 large eggs 1/2 cup Dutch-process cocoa

#### Glaze:

1 cup semisweet or bittersweet chocolate chips  
1/2 cup heavy cream

#### Cake:

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Lightly grease a metal 8" round cake pan; cut a piece of parchment to fit, grease it, and lay it in the bottom of the pan.

Put the chocolate chips and butter in a microwave-safe bowl, and heat until the butter is melted and the chips are soft. Stir until the chips melt, reheating briefly if necessary. You can also do this over a burner set at very low heat. Transfer the melted chocolate/butter to a mixing bowl.

Using an electric mixer, or mixing by hand, stir in the sugar, salt, espresso powder, and vanilla. Add the eggs, beating briefly until smooth. Add the cocoa powder, and mix just to combine. Spoon the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake the cake for 25 minutes; the top will have formed a thin crust, and it should register at least 200°F on an instant-read thermometer inserted into its center.

Remove it from the oven, and cool it in the pan for 5 minutes.

Loosen the edges of the pan with a table knife or nylon spreader, and turn it out onto a cake rack placed over a rimmed baking sheet. The top will now be on the bottom; that’s fine. Also, the edges will crumble a bit, which is also fine. Allow the cake to cool completely before glazing.

#### Glaze:

Place the chocolate chips in a heatproof bowl. Heat the cream until it's not quite at a simmer, but showing fine bubbles around the edge. Pour the cream over the chocolate, stir very briefly to combine, and let rest for 5 minutes. Stir again — at first slowly, then more vigorously — until the chocolate is completely melted and the glaze is smooth. If any bits of chocolate remain, reheat briefly in the microwave or over a burner, then stir until smooth. Spoon the glaze over the cake, spreading it to drip over the sides a bit. Allow the glaze to set for several hours before placing on a cake plate to serve.

Susan Peters



## *The Breeze*

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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

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