



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Park Point Community Club meeting
January 18, 2022
probably be ZOOMin” again

Lafayette Edible Garden
Nothin’ yet!

Park Point Garden Club
January 27th, 7PM
at Mary Grovers
Contact: Kathy Jacobs
722-2375
All are Welcome

Lafayette Rink Party
Sunday Feb. 6th,
Noon – 3pm Watch
the S-curve sign for any
updates due to
conditions

Park Point Rummage Sale June 10 & 11 2022

Park Point Art Fair
June 25 & 26, 2022

Membership form inside!

Get yours in!

Skating Again



So good to see ice on the rink and people skating again

The calendar is [on the website](#) where you can check for open hours of the warming house in lower Lafayette. There are two bins of loaner skates along the back wall. Volunteers are in the process of signing up for shifts so check the calendar while making plans for the day.

Please bring your masks, they are required while in the building. If it's below ten degrees, the lower area will most likely be closed. We are trying to host hours inside on weekends from Noon to 4pm and a couple of weeknights from 4-8ish if possible.

If you would like to host a few hours, please let me know and we will fill you in on the details.

Thanks to everyone for who is putting time and energy into this project: see you at the rink! The City crew has been working with us on getting the ice ready for December break ~ thank you!

Mats and benches are in place for skating during park hours of 6am to 10pm. The bathrooms up behind the building are open from 6am to 9pm.

The Breeze

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President's Report

Hello Neighbors,

I'm watching the white plumes from the snow blowing operations of neighbors and putting another log in the fire while gearing up for the clean up. I see that our neighbor's car is already entombed. It's still exciting to get more snow than planned & I am grateful for feeling like this at the moment. We stocked up on shear pins :)

Two important dates to note for early February, please mark these on your crisp and bright 2022 calendar!

Sunday Feb. 6th Noon to 3pm at the Lafayette Rink; come and skate or just hang out by the fire ring and enjoy the moment. Updates due to conditions will be posted on the Postcard sign and on the website. It's been a joy to see skaters on the rink and sledders on the hills at the park. Thank you to the Rink Crew for making this possible!

Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Public Zoom Meeting on Minnesota Point Resilience Planning with two speakers:

Diane Desotelle, Natural Resources Coordinator, City of Duluth; Nicholas Zager, Chief, Planning Office, USACE Detroit District; meeting link will be posted on www.parkpointcommunityclub.org

All Park Point property owners are stakeholders in the outcome of this vital planning process and it will be imperative to learn as much as possible and engage. More information from PPCC MP-50 is in this Breeze edition.

Back in the 1970's my grandma Jean took me and my brother skating at Lafayette and I remember thinking that she was just the coolest granny ever. We were thrilled that our sixty year old grandma was taking us kids out skating with her! It was a glorious calm day with blue sky and crisp air. We had a great time followed by steaming Russian tea back at her house. Granny Jean was born on Park Point, raised her four kids here and worked in the cafeteria at the Park Point school. Now I have become the skating granny and also spend part of my day with high schoolers at lunchtime. Channeling the calm wisdom of granny Jean is a gift I aspire to each day; some days go much better than others:) Granny would have loved to try my new (continued next page)

(President's report. Continued)

bright pink fat tire bike that arrived next to the Christmas tree. Here's to all the cool and inspirational grannies out there!

We are very grateful for our neighbors who shared their holiday baking and canning talents with us. Our next door neighbor baked and shared about 2700 beautiful & delicious spritz cookies with friends all around the country ~ that's 225 dozen cookies! That's my kind of smoking gun, thank you Rob.

Time for tea before I head back outside to move more snow around. A wild wind has now come up off of the bay, the ducks are floating by on islands where I was bike riding yesterday. It's a dynamic place where we live and recreate, best to pay good attention to the details of the weather conditions.

Here's to a hopeful and joyous 2022 on extraordinary Minnesota Point! January is membership month and it looks like a Zoom meeting might be the way to go at this time. Thank you for connecting and supporting our community. See you out and about, including the small screen!

Dawn & Bruno, intrepid giant schnauzer who just turned four

Breeze Report

When I began my latest stint as Breeze editor in March 2018 it was under a contract by which I was to be paid \$100 a month for my work. And I was, until Spring of 2020, when it became apparent we wouldn't be able to hold the Park Pint Art Fair, the community club's main source of income. I then voluntarily paused those payments, and have no intention of re-starting them unless and until the club has the finances to support them.

The size of the Breeze, which used to fluctuate up and down according to content, has been set at 8 pages since prior to my term as editor. Of that, I try to have no more than 1 page dedicated to advertising. Any more, and I'm cramped for space to print the minutes and reports and submissions from community club committees and organizations. The same would occur should we cut the size of the Breeze.

Currently, I am running 2 full year $\frac{1}{4}$ page ads, which go for \$350 a year, and 3 "business card" size ads, at \$100 a year. That consumes just over $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page, and gives us a "guaranteed" income of \$1000 a year. With the monthly cost of printing now at \$422.82, advertising doesn't put much of a dent in Breeze expenses. I do also print single month ads - \$30 for a $\frac{1}{4}$ page, \$10 for business card. If my records are correct that brought in an additional \$160. Not a lot, but that can vary greatly from year to year.

Where we go from here with the Breeze is up to the club. Going with a strictly on-line version would of course save a lot of money. We already have a list of people who choose to receive the Breeze electronically. But there are still a lot of people who prefer a physical copy. Reducing our delivery to just club members would put a strain on our volunteer delivery people, determining which houses get copies and which do not. It would also change the purpose of the Breeze, which is to reach the whole community, not just our membership.

Alan Dartanyan
Breeze editor

Really didn't think we'd be here this year, battling another pandemic surge, and still meeting on ZOOM. And cancelling, or at least postponing, our annual membership meeting and pizza party! But we are confident -CONFIDENT! – we will soon be back to meeting in person, holding the Park Point Art Fair, sponsoring the Summer Youth Program, all kinds of “normal” stuff.

In the meantime, I can't stress enough how important your membership is: it is what has kept us perking along, planning ahead for better days, and of course keeping the Breeze coming. So please, get your memberships in, and I promise, sometime in the near future, there will be pizza!

Park Point Community Club Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Check this box for email subscription

Number of Memberships _____ X \$10.00 _____

Please mail checks to:

Park Point Community Club

PO Box 16326

Duluth MN 55816-0326

The Park Point Community Club publishes a list of member names (w/o contact details.)

Check here ___ if you agree to be included on the list.

Check here ___ if you prefer to remain anonymous.

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 the Coalition to Protect Lake Superior. The working group is hosting two speakers at its next Zoom meeting which is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. The public is encouraged to attend because the speakers will provide information about Minnesota Point planning activities taking place now and in the new year. A link to this Zoom meeting will be posted on the PPCC Webpage and will be sent through email to members of MP50 and PPCC. Speakers featured at the Feb. 7th MP50 meeting are: - Diane Desotelle, Natural Resources Coordinator, Duluth, who will describe the City's recently developed Minnesota Point 50-year Resiliency Planning Process. Following her presentation she will answer questions. - Nicholas Zager, Chief, Planning Office, USACE Detroit District, who will describe the process and timeline for the Section 111 study of Minnesota Point that is starting in February, 2022. Following his presentation he will answer questions. 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) to get on the mailing list, share your ideas and/or questions, or to join the MP50 Working Group.

Environmental Report

The PPCC has been funding the cost of trees that we have been planting on the Point since we moved here in 1985 and began planting pine, fruit and hardwood trees.

We are nearing the completion some of the original forest that was here before Park Point came so populated.

My suggestion for future planting is to try to complete the planting from the gated end of the street to the existing old forest by planting mostly white Pine, keeping them closer to the lake to avoid interfering with the area used by the airport.

Anyone interested in donating to the Clubs funds to enable the purchase of the trees next spring can make a tax deductible donation to the club or offer to participate in next Springs planting.

Dick Gould



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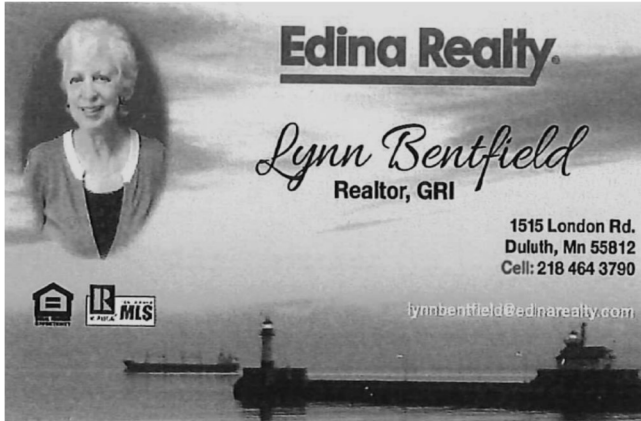
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*We are a people on the Way
 to knowing, loving, and
 serving God and neighbor!*

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Dear Park Point neighbors,
 Thanks to your generous
 donations to our Holiday Giving
 Tree, youth at Arrowhead Juvenile
 Center and Life House had a
 merrier Christmas this year.

Christmas blessings &
 Happy New Year to all.

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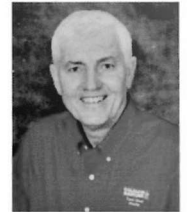


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Has lots of references on Park Point

Ethan

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Leave Message

News from the Lafayette Edible Garden

Winter squash has been one of the favorite things to grow in the Lafayette garden. If you include the pumpkin patch, we had 5 types growing in our raised beds. All but one were heirloom varieties. It means we can save their seeds for planting another time. Generally squash takes almost 100 days to ripen so we generally start a few plants indoors in spring. We have also had great success starting from seed directly in the garden. One of the best heirloom varieties is the Red Kuri (Hokkaido) squash that originally came from northern Japan in 1933. It's sweet, ripens early and keeps well. Another we like is the Waltham Butternut which was developed in 1970 in Massachusetts. It's also delicious and a good keeper. Our Fairytale pumpkin patch provided around 25 edible pumpkins—the best for pumpkin pie or soup. It probably came from France as far back as 1883. As an early variety it can be started from seed directly in the garden. We experimented with BonBon squash and a Chinese /butternut cross. Both were well received.

Now in the depth of winter some of us still have a squash left to bake. Perhaps there are packages of frozen squash in freezers ready to be made into soup or pumpkin bars. We have included a simple but delicious soup made from the squash family.

Squash Soup

14 oz. Squash or pumpkin

1 small onion

1 can chicken or veg.broth

1 8 oz can tomato sauce

Saute chopped onion in olive oil until soft. Add squash (raw or cooked)

Along with broth. Cook until vegetables tender. Add tomato sauce. Season with salt and pepper. Use an immersible blender to puree the vegetables.

Opt. Celery and carrots could be added with onion.

While we won't be gathering in January, we are eagerly awaiting the time we can once again gather for indoor potlucks.

Ellie Alspach

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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

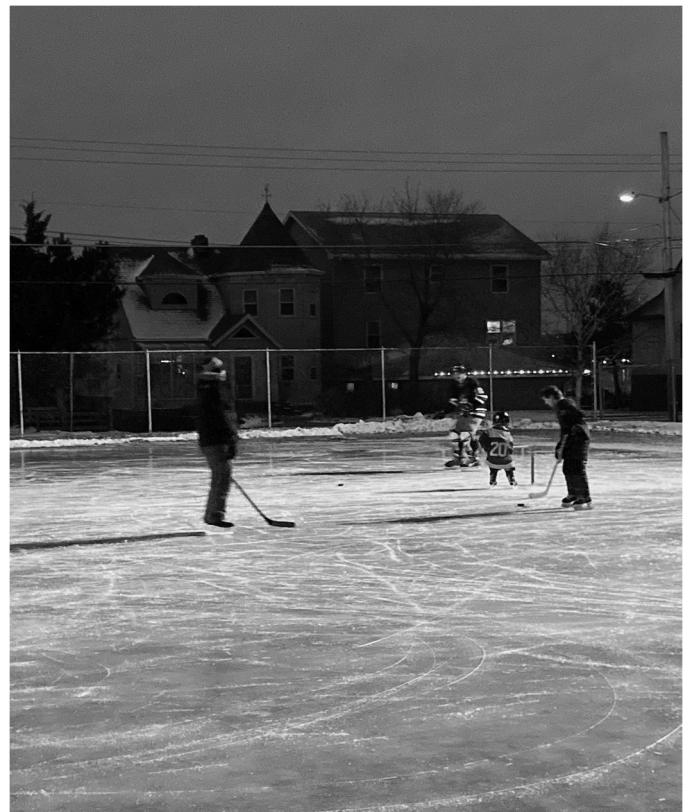
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City Councilor Roz Randorf rrandorf@duluthmn.gov 218-443-8364

City of Duluth/home 218-730-5000

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Had room, so I thought I'd add more pictures: Making ice, and putting it to good use!

