



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Park Point Community Club meeting
March 15, 2022, 7PM
Still Zoomin' I think

Lafayette Edible Garden
Maybe Something in April?

PARK POINT GARDEN CLUB
March 24th at 7:00 pm
Contact: Kathy Jacobs
722-2375
All are welcome

Park Point Rummage Sale
June 10 & 11 2022

Park Point Art Fair
June 25 & 26, 2022



Lafayette ice rink users enjoyed a good and full season for skating. Nice weekend days would see 12-20 skaters per day

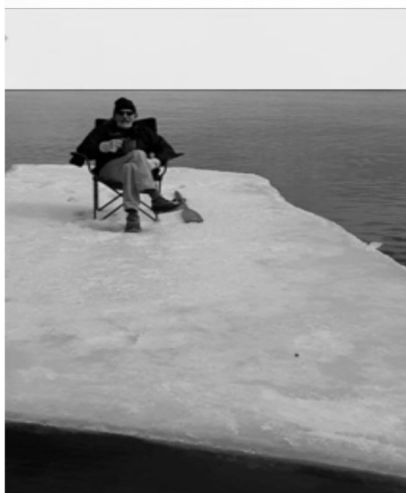
Rinkfest, sponsored by the PPCC on Feb. 6th, was a huge success, with nice Winter weather, food, treats & great social time, 75+ people showed then.

Set-up, maintenance & opening took a team effort, Many thanks to all who helped. First up, City of Duluth Parks & Rec. Director Bob Dunsmore & City employees who helped with plowing and tanker flooding. Our local hose flooders Rick Lyle, John Kantonen, Jim Curtis, Kyle & Leia Heyesen, Joe Medlin, Jake & Will Kapsner. Rink opens Coral McDonnell, Val Kennedy, C.J. Kendal, Dave Poulan, Dawn, Ted, Sally & Ben Buck, Rink plowers Bob Boynton, Steve Sola Rinkfest hosts Nancy Olson, Gary Glass, plus all who donated baked goods and treats for all, especially Hazel and Lloyd Buck.

Thanks to all who used the rink and any volunteers I missed

Mark Elden, Rinkman and Lafayette kid.

I know there's a lot of snow out there, but remember to keep your sidewalks clear. The street's too narrow to walk in now!



While we're "on" ice, here's a picture showing how a true Park pointer relaxes in the Winter. And it is a picture in need of a caption. Got any ideas? Send them to breezeditor@msn.com. We'll sort through them and decide on a winner. You could win a tunnel pass!

The Breeze

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by 3/27/2022

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Bruno and I caught a whiff of spring yesterday on our vigorous expedition to the beach. The icescape, clouds and colors bring the feeling of exploring another planet, hope you have been able to find a path through the drifts to check it out.

Neighbor Jim Gruba recently sent me an interesting note about an item he found in the attic of a house at 2529 MN Ave. The home had belonged to Catherine Berg who died in 2011. Jim found a few old letters in the attic while taking the house down; one was an invitation to a lecture series in an envelope postmarked 1908. The officers of the Park Point Improvement Club were hosting and promoting a Wednesday evening lecture series- "Excellent series of free lectures on all subjects tending to elevate the standards of our community." Hhhmmmmmm. Jim and I pondered the first presentation's content, "The Chloroformed Man" and the name of the person living at 2529 at that time from the envelope, "A. Wasfatt." I consulted Tony Dierckins of the Zenith City Press and we had our answers in just a few hours, thank you Tony! Tony's digging revealed that lecture number one's presenter was Reverend Roderick J. Mooney who was pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in West Duluth. Tony sent us the Nov. 22, 1908 article from the DNT. "A. Wasfatt" was actually Andrew J. Wasgatt who worked as a clerk for the county auditor in 1908. In case you are curious, from the article, "Anything that will poison the mind will effectually chloroform the man- it matters not whether it is the licentious novel or the utterances of the irreligious person." Check the website for the whole article, some good stuff in there on elevating standards plus updates on where neighbors will be summering and wintering for 1908 and plans for a "thimble bee" at 3324. "Mr. and Mrs. Brust and family have taken the Brenton cottage at 2436 Mn Ave., for the winter season." If you have any interesting Park Point historical items to share, would you be willing to send them for sharing? Thank you! Please keep on shoveling those sidewalks, it's the neighborly thing to do. Thanks to all who help keep the walkways clear and the hydrants open.

Early this morning I stopped by the "new" restrooms at Lafayette and curiously came across a handwritten note. I managed to decipher the words without my glasses and it was very nice note of gratitude from a neighbor who walks the Point regularly and really appreciates the facility and its good care and condition. How kind to leave a note for the Parks and Rec. maintenance crew. I have a deep appreciation for a heartfelt thank you note; my mom stressed the importance and value of a timely, sincere and specific thank you card and she was right as usual :)

Yes, those bathrooms are wonderful and well used during all seasons. Kudos to neighbor Dennis Hoelscher for initiating the bathroom grant and the PPCC volunteers & City of Duluth staff who kept this project moving forward over the years until it became a reality. The bathrooms are up behind Lafayette and are open from 6am to 9pm daily. They are large enough for several kids, strollers, bikes and a giant canine friend or two.

Speaking of gratitude, the rink at Lafayette brought joy and provided a fun and safe place to "pandemic" together as a community. Thank you to everyone who made it happen and who participated; thank you to the City of Duluth Parks and Rec. crews who flooded, plowed and cleared the sidewalks. We posted a photo album on the website. A local photographer, Michael Anderson who enjoys the rink

(<http://singingcanoe.smugmug.com>) took a lot of awesome pictures at Rink Fest and you can see them in the shared album. (www.parkpointcommunityclub.org)

Thank you for taking the time to read the Breeze and staying up to date and informed on the important projects underway on Minnesota Point. Duluth Police Chief Mike Tusken commented at our last meeting that Park Pointers are an "engaged constituency" and that is a good thing.

Hoping to see you in person soon at Lafayette, stay tuned for updates.

Thinking of Spring,

Dawn & Bruno, Fuzzy Canine Companion

**Traffic Safety Discussion: One Year Debrief with the Duluth Police Department
February 15, 2022**

Attending: Chief Mike Tusken
Deputy Chief Steve Stracek
Lt. Chad Nagorski
Lt. Dave Drozdowski
35 PP Residents

The group spent about 50 minutes reviewing successes and challenges in the past year and discussed both short and long term approaches to managing traffic safety going forward. PPCC President Dawn Buck, Pat Sterner and other PP residents expressed their appreciation for DPD's partnership in addressing traffic safety. Chief Mike Tusken thanked the PPCC for collaborating with DPD and taking an active role in our community to make it safer for everyone.

A special thank you was given to Lt. Chad Nagorski who worked closely with Pat Sterner and the PPCC over the past year; he will be taking on a new role in DPD and Lt. Dave Drozdowski will take over the coordination efforts between DPD and PPCC.

Efforts in 2021:

- Increased traffic safety work and patrols.
- Placed speed signs at 29th Street going south, and 32nd street going north.
- Placed Neighborhood Watch signs in two locations.
- Streamlined communications to DPD via the PP Clearinghouse site.
- Recording and reporting repeat offenders to DPD.
- Neighborhood Watch patrols active from April through October, made a difference calming traffic when out.
- Letters sent to PP and Canal Park Businesses promoting traffic safety efforts.

Ongoing issues:

- Truck traffic (revving engines, etc.): DPD did talk with them and are monitoring, but unless they observe the truckers speeding or passing they cannot cite them for noise.
- Speeding coming off the Aerial Bridge going south. This is still a big issue, along with parking on both sides of the street.
- Motorcycles speeding during summer evenings.
- Speeding and passing especially during the summer.

Ideas/Efforts for 2022:

- DPD has more resources and will allocate some for targeted traffic enforcement.
- Placement of flashing speed signs coming off the Bridge and coming out of the Park
- Place a decoy car in various locations on the Point (this was an idea for 2021 but not fulfilled for lack of resources; PP residents to help re: placement and storage).
- Contact all PP businesses via letter and visits. Ask Chief Tusken to co-sign the letter with PP President Dawn Buck. Ask the new Community Police Officer (Josh Newland) to go on visits with Pat Sterner.
- Covert speed study: PPCC provide DPD with several options on locations, dates, and times for a Covert Speed Study to be done on traffic on the Point.
- Contact the Coast Guard Commander to ask for their cooperation in controlling speed and noise. (Dave Drozdowski)
- Put up two more Neighborhood Watch signs on the Point. (Chad Nagorski has these)
- Continue to talk with neighbors and put information in the Breeze to promote traffic safety.
- Send an email notice/appeal to PP residents about traffic safety and increased patrols; include this information in every edition of the Breeze.
- Continue to encourage PP residents to send license plate numbers and other information about traffic offenders to the PP Traffic Safety clearinghouse (parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com) for further reporting to DPD.
- For repeat offenders, ask DPD to consider sending a registered letter informing the offender they have been recorded for chronic speeding/passing on the Point.
- Renew a call for Neighborhood Watch volunteers to help with traffic calming starting in the spring.
- PPCC coordinate with DPD when events are happening on the Point that will have increased traffic, parking, etc. (i.e., PP Art Fair, Rummage Sale, Rowing Club events, etc.).

Long term:

Everyone acknowledged that speed signs, Neighborhood Watch, and increased DPD patrols help from a short term perspective, but unless a patrol car is on scene when an incident happens there is not much we can do other than record information and send on to DPD (which is still important to do).

There was an encouraging discussion about ideas for long-term solutions, which included working with City Engineering to help with more permanent resolutions to speeding on Park Point. Lt. Nagorski had been in discussions with City Engineering over the past year about several ideas; there has been staffing changes so Lt. Drozdowski will take over the discussions with the newly hired staff.

Engineering-based ideas included more stop signs (not popular), roundabouts or 'calming' (traffic) circles, and pedestrian crosswalks at Lafayette and the Duluth Rowing Club.

PPCC will work directly with Lt. Drozdowski and Sgt. Josh Newland going forward this year.

Pat Sterner

PPCC Minutes

The February 2022 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club via Zoom was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:58 pm on February 15th, 2022.

Dawn welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone who had participated in the Traffic Safety meeting which proceeded the Community Club meeting.

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

Treasurers Report - Gale Kerns

End of December balance \$8,774

End of January balance - \$12,410

This reflects additional memberships and donations from the community.

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

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

Art Fair - Carla Tamburro & Diane Gould

There will be additional discussion regarding the Art Fair during the March Executive meeting and the General Membership meeting.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

Brief discussion that with new Lafayette restrooms available to the public, we may need less units for the Rummage Sale. This will be discussed further at the March Executive meeting.

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

Alan has nothing new to report.

Program Committee - Dave Poulin

No report.

Summer Youth Program - Kari Speer

Currently on hold due to uncertainty regarding Covid-19.

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

No report.

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report.

Neighborhood Watch / Traffic Safety - Pat Sterner

The Traffic Safety Committee would like to hear from interested residents who would be willing to volunteer time this Spring and Summer to assist with traffic calming. Complete details on the traffic safety meeting with the DPD will be discussed at the March PPCC meeting.

MP-50: Paul Treuer

If you would like to be more involved with MP-50 and receive the monthly newsletter, please contact Paul directly at

Paul.Treuer@gmail.com

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No report.

Other Business:

Dawn thanked everyone who volunteered to make Rink Fest possible. It was encouraging to have so many people from the community come out for an afternoon of fun!

Dawn encouraged people to help to shovel sidewalks for neighbors in need.

Discussion regarding the cost of new lettering for the S-Curve sign. Motion was made and approved to order new letters from Todd Signs.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary

Seen any names you know on the “postcard”?

In order to raise funds updating the sign at the S-curve, we are offering Park Pointers the opportunity to post personal messages. In return for a suggested donation of \$10, you can tell someone Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary, congratulations, and things of that nature, posted for everyone to see. Here’s how it works: first, contact Rory Strange, PPCC secretary and sign keeper, at rstrange3@icloud.com, or call him at 340-7220, give him the message you want posted and work out the details – when to post it, for how long, and if we’ve got the letters to do it - then send a check made out to the Park Point Community Club to P.O. Box 16326 Duluth, MN 55816-0326. Or just drop it off at the house of our Treasurer, Gale Kerns, 714 Lake Ave. S.

MP 50 Minnesota Point Long-range Resiliency Planning



MP50 Informational Meeting, Feb. 7, 2022. Speakers were Diane Desotelle (City) and Nick Zager (USACE) talking about long term planning and Section 111 Study. Key takeaways:

- Diane Desotelle shared the City's 50 - year Minnesota Point planning process. This planning process outlines how and when planning activities with the City and stakeholder groups are taking place.
- Diane Desotelle said the City is not requesting USACE beach nourishment this year.
- Section 111 has begun. Nick Zager outlined the USACE core process. The first meetings will be in March. - This MP50 meeting was recorded (www.youtube.com/watch?v=fbuMCZUyeb8)USACE

Section 111 Charrette is scheduled for March 10/11 Duluth, MN. 10 - 3. Hybrid in person/virtual 2 day meeting facilitated by USACE. Paul Treuer will attend and report to PPCC.

Goals:

1. Initiate the first iteration of the planning process for the study.
2. Begin building a coherent and effective project delivery team, including critical roles for both sponsors, stakeholders, and USACE colleagues.
3. Set expectations and establish a fresh, constructive approach to this study.
4. Provide a solid foundation for subsequent iterations of the planning process, scheduling of study milestones, and robust stakeholder engagement and public communication.

Planning Objectives:

1. Establish a planning process.
2. Define existing conditions, problems, opportunities, objectives, and constraints.
3. Generate possible management measures.
4. Develop an initial array of potential alternatives.
5. Introduce risk register.

Duluth Coastal Resilience Project

This Project is part of a \$258,000 FEMA grant the City of Duluth and St. Louis County to find solutions to shoreline collapse. The study will evaluate the bayside of the Park Point Recreation Area and determine mitigation options for storm surge-related flooding and erosion. Funding will pay for the areas of interest to be studied while determining solutions with the help of consultants. It will set the City and its partners up to apply for funding that would assist in implementing the study's outcomes.

The first Public Meeting of the Duluth Coastal Resilience Project was on Feb. 16, 7:00 PM. A recording is posted on the Duluth Coastal Resilience Project Webpage under Meetings: (<https://duluthcoastalinfrasturereilience.com/> Minnesota Izaak Walton League Resolution (Jan. 30, 2022)

The State Chapter of the Izaak Walton League approved 7 resolutions about the disposal of dredge material for beach nourishment on Minnesota Point and its impact on Lake Superior.

First resolution: Oppose the disposal of dredge material from the Duluth-Superior Harbor for beach nourishment on Minnesota Point because it contains fines contaminated with legacy pollutants whose impact on Lake Superior are unknown, and because fine-grained river sediments erode off the beach too quickly.

Second resolution: Support beach nourishment to protect the residents of Minnesota Point if it is done with clean material such as sediment from Lake Superior or washed sediment from the Erie Pier Contained Disposal Facility (CDF); and if it is coarse enough to emulate natural longshore drift sediments that will stabilize and remain longer on the beach.

The full 7 resolutions are at the Minnesota Izaak Walton League Issues/Resolutions website (<https://sites.google.com/view/minnesotaiakes/issues/issues-resolutions>)

Infrastructure Funds for USACE and Erie Pier Fox News reported on Feb. 8, 2022 that \$19 Million in Federal Infrastructure Funding was awarded to the Port Authority of Duluth-Superior. \$13M going to USACE vessel yard on the Duluth Harbor Basin-Superior Bay side of Park Point. \$6 M goes to increasing capacity at the Erie Pier confined disposal facility (owned by Seaway Port Authority of Duluth & City of Duluth and operated by Detroit District USACE) to handle and transport dredging material.

MP50 is a subcommittee of the Park Point Community Club. It is a learning community open and free to all. Diverse points of view are welcome and encouraged. Contact Paul Treuer, MP50 coordinator, (paul.treuer@gmail.com) to get on the mailing list for the monthly newsletter, share your ideas and/or questions, or to join the MP50 Working Group.



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 Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. for five weeks
 starting Wednesday, March 9.

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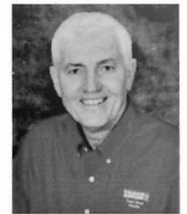


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News from Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Our family recently moved to Park Point with our eyes on the big lake. Little did we know that the community garden would become a part of our love for living here. The gardeners were amongst the first people we met; their warm welcome left a lasting impression. Not only did they allow our four curious children to enter the garden, they led us around and taught us a few things. The concept of a community garden was not new to us (where everyone had a separate plot of land each tended individually) but growing a garden this way, all together, was distinctly new. To think our kids could become gardeners despite our lack of experience!



Our first season of gardening was a rich learning experience. We participated in the planting, watering, weeding and harvesting. Did we ever enjoy biking down to see the latest developments. Charlotte (7) commented about her time planting, "I learned to place only a few seeds in one hole, to space them out a few inches, and to use a sharp knife to cut. I love cutting rhubarb and making it into a sauce." Brooke (14) reflected, "It has been cool to see how all the vegetables and herbs started as seeds in the spring and by summer we could see how much they've grown." Our son Oliver (11) said, "I like the community, it's friendly. We all work together and one person doesn't have to do all the work. We're more grateful for the food because we worked to grow it." Jack (3) exclaimed, "I love the raspberries!" Our family loves so many things about the garden. But most of all, we appreciate being part of this unique community; a place to gather and bring about good. Thanks to all of you who have graciously welcomed us in.

Submitted by Rachel, Mark, Brooke, Oliver, Charlotte, and Jack Odland (The Firehouse Family)

We are hoping to start having potlucks again this spring, we're looking forward to Monday, April 11. Of course, it's still a "wait and see."

If you would like more information about how you can be a part of the community garden, contact Coral at coraljean@charter.net

Environmental Report

Trees!

Where we have gotten White Pine transplants in the past is already sold out. But the DNR will call me when there are more available at no charge to the club! They like our recreating of the forest on the point.

The trees we have planted in the past years are doing a great job of controlling drifting sand and creating habitat for nesting birds.

When trees arrive I will try to get something on the sign to find planters.

Dick Gould

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Park Point Resident

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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

City of Duluth/home 218-730-5000

duluthmn.gov/contact

Park Point Losses

Park Pointers have lost a number of special friends and contributors to the fabric of our community in recent months, among them PPCC Secretary/long-time supporter Sheryl Robbins, Capt. Tom Mackay and gentle giant Bill Ziemski, gardener and sailor extraordinaire. It's with great sadness that we learn of the death on February 11th of yet another master at the helm, Dr. J Clark Laundergan - or simply "J," as most knew him. Pointer Tom Rauschenfels recalls J as "very accomplished...thorough and safety conscious, (someone who) always wanted whomever he was with to enjoy the experience, whether rookie or expert. (He) never raised his voice or lost his cool...what is known as a 'Corinthian Sailor,' one who is always a gentleman when on a sailboat."

In addition to an extraordinary career as professor, mentor, researcher and academic writer, J enjoyed a reputation nationwide in the field of addiction treatment. His life's work toward the understanding of chemical and gambling addictions, in particular, earned him the respect not only of his colleagues here at UMD, but nationwide. In his later years, J added to his interests cutting edge research on the impact and too often tragic results of fraternity/athletic/social group hazing.

Where most Pointers came to appreciate J, however, was through his volunteer activities surrounding his Community Club and Art Fair interests, where he joined his wife and life partner Jean, who in the early 1980's served as PPAF director. I met both more than 20 years ago as a PP "newbie," when they recruited me to replace Maggie McGillis in that function. While I managed with their support to squeak by through two seasons, I quickly concluded that it was past time for us to professionalize that function to a greater degree; J joined me in setting up an 8-member search committee that resulted in the fortuitous selection of Carla Tamburro. Their gracious hospitality in offering their home for an hours-long interview process surely made that daunting experience at least somewhat less intimidating for its finalists. The couple have been longtime members of St. Andrew's Church by the Lake, where J's funeral will quite fittingly be held on the first day of this year's 50th Anniversary PPAF.

"I remember J and Jean as friendly, generous and kind," recalls PPCC President Dawn Buck, "...engaged with their community on multiple fronts." Indeed. Family have requested that any memorials be directed toward Alzheimer's research at <http://act.alz.org/goto/laundergan>

Submitted by Ellen Dunlap

