



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Park Point Community  
Club Meeting**  
April 19, 2022, 7PM  
at Lafayette!

**Lafayette Edible Garden  
Potluck**  
April 11<sup>th</sup> 6PM at  
St. Andrews by the Lake

**Camp Lafayette  
Summer Youth Program  
Open House May 26<sup>th</sup>,  
6-8PM at Lafayette**

**PARK POINT  
GARDEN CLUB**  
April 28, 2022 at 7 pm  
Contact: Kathy Jacobs  
722-2375

All are Welcome

**Magic Smelt Parade**  
May 8<sup>th</sup>  
in Canal Park

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

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

## **The Park Point Smelt Patrol**



The above photo, received from Dan O'Neill, show the Park Point Smelt Patrol being sworn in at City Hall, sometime in the late 1950's. They were essentially deputized, given 5-pointed star badges, and assigned sections of the beach to patrol, for unruly behavior and other violations. Dan was able to identify a number of these men, including his father, John O'Neill, at the far right. Then there's Wally Medlin, 4<sup>th</sup> from left, Jerome Malone, number 7, Eugene Sabatour, number 9, Manly Grover, 10, and Jerry Royer, 11. Many of these are still well-known Park Point families. I'm hoping someone can identify the rest, maybe even provide some stories of the Beach Patrol and the heyday of smelting on Park Point.

Although it is well past its peak – as is the population of smelt – the tradition of smelting continues. And we can celebrate the little silver delicacies at the **Magic Smelt Parade**, on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Canal Park.

**I blinked –  
Did I miss  
Spring?**

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## **President's Report**

Hi neighbors

Our next regular meeting is set for Tuesday, April 19th at Lafayette! 7pm, come at 645pm to catch up with each other and help set up.

Two Park Point parents and the executive board are working hard to put together another stellar summer youth program at Lafayette. If you would like to help out, in any way, please get in touch asap, [parkpointcc@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointcc@gmail.com). Whether it's to offer a few hours with clean up at Lafayette, paperwork, supplies, or chaperoning on an outing, please get in touch now. As needs arise, we will be asking again, thank you in advance! Here are the dates & details:

- June 13-August 12
- Camp runs Monday - Thursday (all Fridays off, No Camp on Monday July 4th)
- Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm (camp ends at 4:00, giving clear out time )
- Ages: Finished kindergarten to age 12
- All camp participants must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19; MN Dept. of Health protocols re. Covid will be followed.
- Camper slots on a first come basis after Park Point families
- Kevin Chederquist will be the lead counselor again this year.
- Forms and instructions will be available on the website

Thank you for reading the Breeze and keeping up with the information that the PPCC committees are gathering & sharing. If you noticed activity on the bay at about 32nd on a very blustery yet sunny Saturday in late February, you were watching the students of two Wisconsin professors collecting bay sediments for a Geomorphology of St. Louis Harbor Research Project. On Feb. 26, 2022, Dr. Andrew Breckenridge (UWSuperior), Dr. Harry Jol (UW Eau Claire) and five UWS students used the 30th street access to snowmobile out to conduct measurements along Park Point to understand [Geomorphology of the St. Louis Harbor](#). They are testing the hypothesis that there is a ridge and swale strandplain complex buried under the sediments in the St. Louis Harbor. This research builds on ground penetrating radar (GPR) studies done previously by Dr. Jol. Both studies contribute to a more precise understanding of how and when Minnesota and Wisconsin Points were formed. Dr. Breckenridge shared [Geologic History of the Duluth Harbor \(2016\)](#) providing excellent background information to this study. Paul Treuer of PPCC's MP50 and several volunteers hosted the researchers in lower Lafayette and learned more about their studies, and also warmed them up with hot beverages and Park Point hospitality :) MP50 will host a gathering of scientists, maybe this summer, to discuss their findings about erosion and flooding on Minnesota Point, stay tuned for this date. Photos of the day and links to the studies are posted at [www.parkpointcommunityclub.org](http://www.parkpointcommunityclub.org). Staying informed and engaged will be key in solving the complex and complicated problems surrounding all of us. You can check the weekly and daily lake level information from the USACE:

<https://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/Weekly-Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/>

**Duluth Coastal Resilience Project: Please take this survey, your voice matters.**

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/02a5dbfe4c494cf599ea2f49cb3eda35>

This Project is part of a \$258,000 FEMA grant to the City of Duluth and St. Louis County to find solutions to shoreline collapse. The study will include evaluation of the bayside of the Park Point Recreation Area. Kate Van Daele from the City describes the survey here on CBS:

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(President's Report, continued)

<https://www.cbs3duluth.com/2022/03/25/duluth-city-officials-seek-publics-input-combatting-shoreline-flooding/>

Ken Timm, manager at Sky Harbor Airport, is interested in listing places to stay on Park Point on the airport's website. If you have a room or place to rent out to visitors landing at Sky Harbor, please send him the information. [ktimm@duluthairport.com](mailto:ktimm@duluthairport.com), Cell (218) 343-7886.

Trees of the optimal size for our annual planting efforts have been very difficult to find. Neighbors at the meeting on March 15 were wondering about the trimming of trees on Park Point; we will contact the City's forester to see if they have been trimming the pines. Questions came up about the white pine blight and if this is affecting Park Point pines, resources : <https://extension.umn.edu/managing-woodlands/managing-eastern-white-pine-forests#blister-rust-and-pine-weevil-1566460>  
<https://extension.umn.edu/plant-diseases/white-pine-blister-rust>

Follow on Lafayette Rink data: Neighbor Coral M. tallied skaters while looking out her kitchen window during non-hosted times - lower level closed but sidewalks, benches & rink cleared: **98** skaters between December 28 and March 5 - this was only when she was home and looking out the kitchen window. Thanks again to everyone who worked to provide this opportunity in our community!

And I am surely forgetting something....Here's to the good life on the baymouth bar!

Dawn & Bruno, comfort schnauzer, size L

### Camp Lafayette

The Park Point Summer Youth Program (affectionately known as "Camp Lafayette") is returning in full-strength! This experiential education summer program is designed to give youth from 5-12 years of age exposure to new friendships, learning, and leadership. Housed in the historic Lafayette building on Park Point, the program has differentiated learning and teaming activities for three grade levels. Three counselors engage the campers as they grow gardens, play on the beach, travel and tour museums in Duluth, read at the library, ride bikes, sail, participate in Park Point Art Fair, 3D print at the MakerSpace, hike on the Superior Hiking Trail, stand-up paddle board, build lego structures, do weekly community service projects, play board games, play court games, visit a farm, write and perform a play, play kickball, and eat grilled food. The camp runs Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 (pickup until 4:30) for nine weeks starting June 13 to August 11 (excluding July 4th). An open house is being planned for April 26 from 6-8 PM at the Lafayette building. Sign up information soon to come at <http://parkpointcommunityclub.org/>  
Kevin Chederquist



**Choose your favorite caption:**

“Coffee on ice” – Tim Sobczak  
(pictured)

“Chillin” – Diane Doty

“What we do when it’s N’ice out”  
-Marie Frank

“4<sup>th</sup> of July on Park Point”  
– Todd Wing

## PPCC Minutes

The March 2022 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club via Zoom was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:02 pm on March 15th, 2022.

Dawn welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed hope that the April meeting would be in person.

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

**Treasurers Report** – Dawn gave a summary

End of January balance \$12,410

End of February balance - \$10,584

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

**Sunshine Committee** - Pam Griggs

5 sympathy cards sent this month.

**Rummage Sale** - Deb Strange

Reviewed that we may be able to save money by eliminating one or two porta potties due to the new restrooms at Lafayette. This will be discussed further next month.

**The Breeze** - Alan Dartanyan

Alan asks for people to continue submitting ideas of interest for the community.

**Program Committee** - Dave Poulin

No report.

**Summer Youth Program** - Kari Speer

A decision was made to move forward with the Summer Youth Program and additional details on registration and activities will be forthcoming in next month's Breeze. Many thanks for all involved with their hard work to bring back the program to Lafayette after a two-year hiatus.

**Environmental Committee** - Dick Gould

There will be no trees this year from the DNR. A different provider will supply trees for this Spring's planting. More info to come. Contact will be made with the city regarding trimming of white pines which has been occurring on the Point.

**Edible Garden** - Coral McDonnell

Coral is hopeful that the potluck in April could be held at Lafayette. She will keep us advised

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

Discussion was held regarding the impact of cruise ships docking in Duluth. It's too early to determine what the impact would be as the visits would only be one day in duration.

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. The meeting with the DPD focused on long-term solutions and will require community input to look at a variety of options that City Engineering and the DPD would like to implement.

**MP-50: Paul Treuer**

Paul gave an update on the recent Charette that was held with interested parties. For additional info please read the Breeze or contact Paul to receive his newsletter at [Paul.Treuer@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.Treuer@gmail.com)

**High Water & Erosion** – Hamilton Smith

No report.

**Art Fair** - Carla Tamburro

Excitement is building for the 50th annual Art Fair. Negotiations with the City regarding services and space are ongoing. There are 70 new artists this year! Overall the number of artists has increased and several new sponsors have been brought on board. Please keep in mind that the Art Fair will be needing volunteers from the community. Please contact Carla if you are able to assist [coordinator@parkpointartfair.org](mailto:coordinator@parkpointartfair.org)

**Other Business:**

The board agreed that \$200 should be made available to support the Smelt Parade this year. This year's parade and smelt fry will be held May 8th at 3:30pm. The parade starts at the Aerial Lift Bridge.

Ken from Sky Harbor Airport wanted to receive a list of air B&B and VRBO's that could provide lodging to visitors flying into our airport. Ken also wanted to acknowledge the efforts of the city of Superior and Cloquet in keeping the access road open this past winter.

The board wanted to thank all the volunteers with the Art Fair and the Summer Youth Program. We're all looking forward to an exciting summer for residents and visitors.

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

Respectfully submitted

Rory Strange, Secretary

## MP 50 Minnesota Point Long-range Resiliency Planning



USACE Section 111 Charrette, March 10/11, 2022 Duluth, MN. 9:00 - 4:00 PM

Approximately 30 people participated in a 2-day, in-person meeting at the MPCA Paulucci Building Conference Room. Participants included representatives from USACE, City of Duluth (Parks), MPCA, DNR Coastal Program, UMD, UWS, Duluth Port Authority, Izaak Walton League, Coalition to Protect Lake Superior and PPCC (Paul Treuer MP50).

Goals: Initiate planning process for the Section 111 Study, Build project delivery team, Set expectations for a constructive approach to this study, Provide a foundation for subsequent iterations of the planning process.

Meeting Observations: Everyone had opportunity to speak and contribute; Agenda moved quickly; Agenda was at times highly technical; Scope of the Study is limited to the Lake Superior side of Minnesota Point; Key people from City, MPCA, Port Authority attended only part of the time; scientific evidence presented for revised theories on sediment flow and impact of breakwaters; Full erosion rate data (lake and bay sides) sent from DNR to USACE; Section 111 Study will take approximately 18-24 months to complete before actions can be taken. Diane Desotelle, our primary City representative announced she is leaving her position with the City on April 1, 2022.

Outcomes: USACE planning team will review meeting input and write a report that will be shared and critiqued by stakeholders. It is expected this will be available within a month.

Impressions: \$12.5 M is not enough to deal with all of the damage caused to Mn. Point; Section 111 Study does not address immediate danger of damage to homes and roads in the next storm; scope is too narrow to deal with flooding and damage to homes on the bayside in the event of another high lake water level storm. Other funding sources should be found for these problems.

Conclusion: The Section 111 Study is important because it addresses new evidence of the impact of shipping structures on Minnesota Point erosion on the lake side. Paul Treuer will share the USACE Section 111 Charrette report with MP50 and PPCC once it is available. MP50 will continue its activities as a learning community (multiple scientists offered to participate in an information event on their research this summer). MP50 will host a gathering of scientists to discuss their findings about erosion and flooding on Minnesota Point.

Paul Treuer



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 Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m.

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

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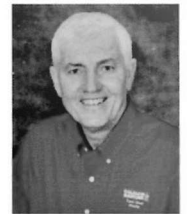


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## News from Lafayette Community Edible Garden

On the first day of Spring, I shoveled a path across the tennis court and went to take a look around the garden. Most of the beds were still snow covered including the chive and walking onion bed in the corner near the garden sign. Chives are the earliest herb to poke through the ground in the spring and they are my favorite so I was hoping to see something other than snow. In addition to the corner location, there are some that continue to pop up in other areas and paths between some of the beds. Chives contain both choline and folate, which are linked to improving memory functions and studies show that adults who eat more foods with choline do better in cognitive tests. Chives are also capable of improving and enhancing sleep quality. I can't wait till I can cut some to top my scrambled eggs, cottage cheese, salads and more. Chive butter is an easy to make favorite. Just add several spoonfuls of freshly chopped chives into a stick of room temperature butter and mix well. Place the mixture on a piece of wax paper and form into a roll and chill until firm. When harvesting chives, use a clean sharp scissors and cut from the plant deep at the base. They continue to grow back throughout the season.

Ellie Alspach and Ted Buck and perhaps other gardeners will soon be preparing starter plants for the community garden. Ted tells me he got into doing starter plants when he and Dawn moved into her grandma's house on the lake side in 2018 where he found a 20-year-old pack of Italian bean seeds so he planted them as a houseplant! Enjoying the results, he started planting a large variety of seeds and grew them in sunny windows and with grow lights at night and sometimes in the sunny windows at Harbor City School where he teaches. We give a shoutout to Harbor City School students who often come to the garden in late May to volunteer doing various heavy lifting garden tasks such as moving woodchips to pathways, or soil to beds, or turn compost. We are grateful for their service and are happy that they have a good time doing it.

In case you haven't heard, the Duluth Community Garden Program has announced that tomatoes are the vegetable of the year and we will be planting at least 9 varieties.

Thank you for dropping of your kitchen scraps to the compost piles in the garden. Soon more leaves will be brought over as well as coffee grounds from Great Harvest to cover the food scraps. Please smash up your eggshells before putting them in the compost as they are slow to decompose. If you see Brooks Anderson tending the compost, wish him a happy birthday as he turned 89 on April 2.

We have missed the monthly gatherings so much. We planned to have a potluck supper on Monday, April 11 at Lafayette but the city is working on the building and the work may not be completed by April 11. But we lucked out and are able to have the April 11 potluck at St. Andrews by the Lake. 6 p.m. We are grateful. Hope to see you there.

If you have a tree service working on your property this spring and they make wood chips that you don't need, think about donating them to the garden to use in the paths between the beds.

If you would like to be part of Lafayette Community Edible Garden, contact me at call 727-6455 or [coraljean@charter.net](mailto:coraljean@charter.net)

Submitted by Coral McDonnell

### Smelt Parade Returns!

I am pleased to announce that all systems are GO to revive our Smelt Parade on May 8th, after a 2- year shut down!

It's looking like we will return to full form, with workshops beginning in late April, and a second line parade as in years past, from the Lift Bridge to Zeitgeist Cafe, with the Brass Messengers Brass Band, the Smelt Queen and the whole nine yards.

Jim Ouray

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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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