



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Park Point Rummage Sale
June 10 & 11

Lafayette Edible Garden Potluck
June 13th, 6PM
Outdoors at Lafayette

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

PARK POINT GARDEN CLUB
June 23rd, 7PM
at Lafayette
Contact: Kathy Jacobs
722-2375

Park Point Art Fair
June 25 & 26,
10AM to 5PM

Duluth International Regatta July 9th

Park Point 5-Miler
July 14th

Neighborhood Night Out August 2nd At St. Andrews by the Lake

Are you ready for some Summer weather?

The 50th Park Point Art Fair



Join an inspiring celebration of arts, community and environment. The 50th PARK POINT ART FAIR returns June 25-26, 2022 in Duluth, Minn. – It's an event that evolved from a neighborhood gathering 50 years ago into the region's premiere outdoor visual arts showcase. And it's coming to a sandbar near you. The 50th Park Point Art Fair returns June 25-26 to the Park Point Recreation Area in Duluth. Admission and parking are free at the nonprofit-coordinated event, which supports local ecological and civic initiatives. Featuring the juried fine art and craft of more than 100 artists from the local area, upper Midwest and beyond, the Park Point Art Fair also offers live performances, music, food,

children's activities and more—all in a stunning natural setting. An estimated 10,000 attend. Artists display and sell work in media such as clay, fiber, glass, painting, photography, jewelry, woodwork and sculpture. And while visual art is the showcase, there's more to experience during the fair, where you can stroll a pine-lined path tucked between Lake Superior and the Superior Bay, listen to music or grab a bite of food from one of seven vendors including Duluth's own Taco Del Norte. The art fair is presented by the Park Point Community Club, a nonprofit volunteer organization. "Each year, the art fair brings people together—as visitors, artists and volunteers—in a unique setting on the shores of Lake Superior. Artists and patrons of the arts praise the consistently high quality of this show, and appreciate that it's a grass-roots effort for a good cause," said Carla Tamburro, Park Point Art Fair coordinator. "Park Point is an inspiring setting. And as a community of volunteers giving back to sustain this environment, we welcome everyone to join us in celebrating this Duluth gem." At a glance: 50th annual PARK POINT ART FAIR When: 10 am to 5 pm, June 25 and 26, 2022 Where: Park Point Recreation Area in Duluth, Minn.

This is our big one, and volunteers are needed. Please see the notice on page 3

The Breeze

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

We had a toasty fire going when we met outside at Lafayette at our last meeting on May 17th; great to catch up with each other and talk about the main events of the summer which are coming very soon! Thank you in advance for volunteering for the Art Fair or for Camp Lafayette and for having rummage sales on the planned & supported days of June 10,11 and not on the weekend of the Art Fair.

A neighbor and I attended the commissioning of the USS Minneapolis-St. Paul, which was an impressive event happening right in our "backyard" complete with a Navy band, cannons, and a military helicopter fly over. The speedy warship was crafted from Iron Range sourced steel and is the second vessel named after the Twin Cities. "Aut viam inveniam aut faciam" is the ship's motto- I Will Find a Way or Make One. We really enjoyed talking with the husband of one of the sailors and learning about their lives in the Navy. He was here from Florida with their two kids; it was their son's 8th birthday. It rained a little, then the appearance and warmth of the sun added to the grandeur of the celebration. It was fun to see the pride, curiosity and feel the sense of community and accomplishment; I am grateful that we had the opportunity to take it all in and learn more about the joys and sacrifices of those who make a commitment to protect and defend aboard the USS Minneapolis-St. Paul. Summer brings the masses to the recreational mecca of Park Point. Please consider joining the PP Traffic Safety Neighborhood Watch, see the article on how to be involved. Getting to know your neighbors and keeping your eyes open will be important this summer. If you see illegal or suspicious activity, call 911 right away. If you see reckless driving, get a vehicle/driver description and license plate and call 911 then email parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com with the details.

Don't forget:

Camp Lafayette-PP Summer Youth Program: June 13-Aug. 12

PP Rummage Sale: June 10,11

Grandma's Marathon: June 18

50th Park Point Art Fair: June 25,26

Duluth International Regatta: July 9

PP 5 Miler: July 14

National Night Out: August 2, St. Andrew's By the Lake, 28th and MN Ave.

Thank you to everyone who cleans up the beach, picks up trash on the sidewalk and street, and sets a good example for the visitors to extraordinary Park Point.

Please take time to read The Breeze, learn as much as you can on the topics affecting us all and stay engaged. See you at the 50th Park Point Art Fair! I will be the one with the giant bag of kettle corn and the hopeful dog :)

Kind regards,

Dawn & Bruno, comfort schnauzer, xl

We wanted to share this job posting with the Community Club if anyone has an interest. The position is a 67 day position to help with cleaning the beach house after events and supporting some other facilities in our parks. Duties would include wiping down surfaces, emptying trash, using the floor scrubber to clean the floor. Please share with your networks if anyone is looking for a summer job.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/duluthmn/jobs/3573044/custodial-laborer-non-union>

**The 50th Park Point Art Fair
is happening on June 24th, 25th &
26th.**

We will be needing volunteers to make our 50th special. We only ask for a couple hours or as many hours as you want. Some of the tasks are as follows:
Friday, June 24th we set up the fair and tent set-up is especially helpful. Friday afternoon the Artist's start arriving and help is needed to check them in and get them to their space.

Saturday June 25th and **Sunday** June 26th we need people to welcome visitors and relieve Artists who may need a short break. Also needed are people who will work with the children at our Make and Take area. We also can use people who will walk the park and pick up garbage.

Later on Saturday we need help setting up the Beach House for the Artist and Volunteer dinner and Award Presentation.

Sunday the 26th, late afternoon we need help breaking down the Fair and returning things to Lafayette. This is a fun event that helps support all the programs the Park Point Community Club sponsors.

Contact: Diane Gould at 727-4067 to secure the hours that work best for you.

A pre-Covid NNO



Neighborhood Night Out

St. Andrew's will be hosting Neighborhood Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The hours will be from 5 to 7 pm. Free food and lemonade will be available. Look for details in the July Breeze. We hope you'll join us.
Sandy Carlson

Environmental Report

Thanks to everyone who helped with the White Pine planting. We have almost completed the restoration of the pine forest from 12th street to the end of the point. We started in the 80s and are near completion. My only concern is finding them cut down to be used as Xmas trees.

Please don't feed the Crows. Their favorite food for their nestlings are those from smaller bird's nests. Dick Gould

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church on Park Point will have doors open during Park Point Garage sale June 10-11. Offers will be taken on stain glass windows, lighting and pews.

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PPCC Minutes

The May 2022 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:04 pm on May 17th, 2022. The meeting was held in person and outside Lafayette with a small bonfire and temps in the 40s. Those in attendance were dressed for winter! Dawn welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Brett Odegard from the City of Duluth and Cheryl Podtburg from the YMCA.

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

Treasurers Report – Gale Kerns

End of March balance \$13,499

End of April balance - \$30,860

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

1 get well and 2 sympathy cards sent. Membership was encouraged to let the Sunshine committee know if there are those who need a card.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

Rummage Sale is fast approaching on June 10th & 11th – Don't delay preparing your sale items. Just a reminder that there are no sales allowed on public land. Sales must be on private property only. Let's hope the long-range forecast is correct and the skies will remain clear.

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

Alan said things are going well. Please continue to send in submissions. There continues to be a lot of good content.

Program Committee - Dave Poulin

Dave is working on several ideas for upcoming programs.

Summer Youth Program - Kari Speer

Summer Youth Program starts June 13th. There will be a cleaning event prior to the start of the program. Currently the camp is almost full, with only a few openings left. There are several new staff members this year in addition to those from years past. If you would like to volunteer to help chaperone activities, contact the coordinators.

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

Thanks to Minnesota Power's generosity for providing over 250 trees for planting on Park Point. We appreciate Dick's efforts and the volunteers who have done the planting.

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

Planting has started. Please note they are always looking for help with the garden. Please contact Coral if you are interested in volunteering.

Neighborhood Watch / Traffic Safety - Pat Sterner

Please keep in mind if you see speeding, illegal camping, or activity of a suspicious nature please call 911. Please reach out to parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com if you would like to be involved with traffic watch or to report traffic concerns.

MP-50: Paul Treuer

No report

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

Gale spoke briefly regarding a beach walk that produced minimal evidence of metal debris. However, it's early in the season so we are asking if you find evidence of metal shards to collect it, note the location found, and drop it off at either Hamilton Smith's or Gale Kern's house.

Art Fair - Carla Tamburro

Excitement is building for the 50th annual Art Fair. There is always a need for volunteers so please contact Dianne at 727-4067. This is an expanded Art Fair with many new artists. Posters are available for distribution if you would like to help spread the word. Please contact Carla at coordinator@parkpointartfair.org.

Cheryl from the YMCA wanted to update the club that lifeguards have been secured for the season. Currently they are being trained and the projected start date is Memorial Day weekend for Park Point beach. Please go to the PPCC website to view all the hours lifeguards will be present.

Brett Odegard from Parks and Recreation will report in the next meeting on the availability of wood chips.

Other Business:

St Andrews had graciously offered to host the Neighborhood Night Out on Aug 2nd from 5 – 7pm. More details to come.

The annual Smelt Parade was a success and the PPCC contributed to the event as a sponsor.

There was another brief discussion regarding the timeliness of emergency services on Park Point. Recommendations are that we contact the DPD and DFD for a presence during our events on Park Point this summer.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange, Secretary

Minnesota Point Long-Range Resiliency Planning

US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 111 Study

Nick Zager, USACE, will present the Project Management Plan for the Section 111 Study at the next MP50 Working Group Meeting scheduled July 7, 2022 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM (zoom meeting open to the public).

Fema Flood Map Changes for St. Louis County

St. Louis County flood maps are in the process of being updated by FEMA. Homeowners, including those of us living on Park Point, may be affected by regulatory changes regarding flood insurance once the new flood maps are approved. Our community members will have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes before they go into effect.

James Sink, Regional Flood Insurance Liaison, FEMA Region 5, reported to MP50 the St. Louis County maps are delayed from their original projected date. “We now expect preliminary maps to be available in June or July of this year.” Mr. Sink explained the process for community input: “After the preliminary maps are complete, FEMA and Minnesota DNR will meet with local officials in St. Louis County to discuss the map and regulatory change. Following the meeting with local officials, residents will be invited to attend a public Open House. I don’t know if that Open House will be in person or virtually, but there will be an opportunity to review the maps and what they mean for local property owners. “This Open House will also start a 90-day appeal period where residents can provide comments and additional technical information to their community if they feel the maps are inaccurate. From there, the community will submit those comments to FEMA for us to adjudicate. “So, we are getting really close to being able to see what the new maps will look like. However, when they become the final regulatory product is still some time off (maybe as long as two years - I hope this isn’t the case). It really does depend on how many comments we get and if there is significant additional technical information submitted as part of the appeal process.”

MP50 is an Open Learning Community

Special thank you to Diane Desotelle, City of Duluth Natural Resources Coordinator and member of the MP50 Working Group who recently retired. Diane’s help has been instrumental in developing the City’s long-range strategy for resiliency of Mn. Point to erosion and flooding. The City’s new Natural Resources Coordinator, Kate Kubiak, is actively working with MP50.

Contact Paul Treuer, MP50 Coordinator (paul.treuer@gmail.com) to participate in the MP50 Working Group or to receive the MP50 Newsletter.



Report from the Erosion and High Water Committee

As you can see the City of Duluth has begun its work to address the standing water issues on the Lakeside of Minnesota Ave between 14th and 19th ST. There will be work done on the storm sewers and there will be some catch basins installed so that homeowners in those areas can pump their basement water into the basins instead of the street. In the past this has been a huge issue, hopefully this will help to alleviate some of that standing water. On May 11th Corey Westin took a walk with Gale Kerns and me on the Beach between the Bridge and the S turn. We were doing a visual sweep of the beach looking for any metal shards like those that plagued the beach last spring and summer. I am happy to report that we found no shards on our walk that day. Last year we made sweep of the same area about the same time of year. We found an abundance of shards at that time. So far this year I have only gotten two reports of shards found, a total of four so far this year. As I am sure there will be some reports of this material showing up, it looks as if the issue is fading away as predicted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Hamilton Smith Chair

PPCC Erosion and High Water Committee



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 Park Point Rummage Sale



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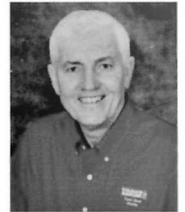
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News From The Lafayette Edible Garden

Welcome to new gardeners Julianna McDonnell, Nicholas Mammone, Terri Duffy and Ann Price. We look forward to seeing you in the garden!

The garden is in full swing already. Garden members met on May 7th to get the beds ready for planting and on May 14th more members gathered to plant potatoes, beets, peas & greens.

It's been a while since we have shared the history of the Lafayette Community Edible Garden. The garden was started in 2009 in what used to be a hockey rink that hadn't been used in years. Old hockey boards were torn down and used to build the garden beds. In 2017, the old garden beds were replaced with new ones constructed with corrugated metal that was donated to the Edible Garden from the old Duluth Rowing Club boathouse. The center piece of the garden is the Children's Garden which was built with salvaged wood pieces from the old Playfront Park

The Lafayette Community Edible Garden includes both working memberships and supporting memberships. We ask that garden members work in the garden a few hours each month when able. Extra produce is shared with local food shelf and soup kitchens.

If you have toyed with the idea of joining the Edible Garden, now is the time to do it. You do not need previous garden skills! This is a wonderful group of likeminded souls who enjoy the comradery of working together to grow, harvest and enjoy eating the fruit & vegetables of your labor. In addition to providing nutritious veggies and fruit, studies have consistently shown that gardening offers a variety of health benefits such as fostering human connections, combating loneliness, decreasing the risk of dementia, fighting disease and infections, increasing vitamin D levels, building strength, relieving stress, promoting sleep and many, many more health benefits. You will eat the most delicious food at our monthly potlucks. The potlucks, usually held at the Lafayette Community Club and are free and open to all Park Pointers. Have I talked you into joining yet? If so, contact Coral McDonnell at 218-727-6455 or email her at coraljean@charter.net.

Our next potluck will be held outdoors June 13th at 6 p.m. at the Lafayette Community Center. Please bring a dish to share along with your plate, utensils and beverage. An informal Garden Sale Benefit will be held during this potluck. Please bring your unwanted garden related items such as books, tools, aprons, pots for planting, jams, baked goods, etc. Add a suggested donation price to your item and we will display and sell the items during the potluck. Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Val Kennedy

Traffic Safety Report

We are gearing up for the summer, with a Call for Volunteers sent out the week of May 23 in advance of the Memorial Day Weekend.

Increased speeding and, more problematic, increased passing along the Point has been reported by several residents over the past few weeks. The PPCC has asked our representatives at Duluth PD if there possible can be some increased presence over this upcoming holiday weekend, especially mid-morning and early evenings when there is the most traffic on and off the Point. While it is virtually impossible to 'guess' when these dangerous driving issues occur, our hope is that some level of police presence coupled with noticeable volunteer presence over the weekend will help slow those folks who DO care about obeying the traffic laws and will slow down. As always, it's that 20% who DON'T care and either ignore volunteers or actually increase their speed to show they don't care. Even a few of these folks being stopped would be a win.

The other issue we've reported to DPS is the increased number of motorcycles zooming down the Point, almost like a speedway for motorcyclists. We have asked DPD for some ideas of how to address this.

Despite these current issues, the good news is that the past two years have seen some significant results. We're seeing less speeding overall, and mostly good reactions from drivers when volunteers are out asking folks to slow down. We have built a great partnership with DPD, especially in working on long term solutions with DPD and City Engineering. There will be at least two speed studies done this summer as well as a trial run with 'curb extensions' to slow traffic. If that works, these curb extensions will become permanent. We have also been in contact with businesses on the Point to work with them and their employees about our traffic safety efforts, with good results. The daily incidents we see are very frustrating, but the reality is those are the FEW bad actors. Our activities over the past two years have increased our awareness and thus control over what is happening here on the Point. Good cause for celebration! Please contact Pat Sterner through parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for the Traffic Safety Neighborhood Watch, or have driving incidents to report.

Respectfully submitted

,Pat Sterner

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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

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