



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Neighborhood Night
Out**

August 2nd 5-7PM

**At St. Andrews by
the Lake**

**Probably already
happened. Hope I saw
you there**

**So... Park Point
Community Club**

**NO AUGUST
MEETING**

**Next meeting
September 20th at the
Duluth Rowing Club**

**Duluth/Superior Barrier
Research Summit on
Friday, August 19, 2022
at Lafayette**

**PARK POINT
GARDEN CLUB
August 25th at 7PM
Contact: Kathy Jacobs
218-722-2375
All are welcome**

**Primary
Election
Tuesday August
9th, 2022
Polls open 7am -
8pm at
Lafayette**



THE 62nd DULUTH INTERNATIONAL REGATTA on July 9th was a success in many ways: the weather cooperated perfectly (both the day before and the day after were probably too windy and rough to run good races); over 300+ athletes representing rowing clubs from Manitoba, Ontario, Minnesota, and Michigan participated; AND the Duluth Rowing Club finished 2nd, behind Minneapolis, out of 12 teams in final results!

Results for Duluth Crews in the 29 total events were as follows:

1st place finishes: junior men's four, master women's four, master men's four

2nd place finishes: master men's quad, junior men's eight, junior men's four, master men's single 62+, master men's double

3rd place finishes: junior men's eight, junior women's four, mixed-master quad, women's quad, junior women's eight.

The culmination of the mid-day break was the commissioning of the new Walter Hoover 1922 quad/straight four, celebrating the exact day for the 100th anniversary of Duluth's Walter Hoover winning the prestigious 1922 Diamond Sculls event in England. This race is considered as important in rowing as winning a gold medal at the Olympics.

The Duluth Rowing Club would also like to thank all Park Point residents for the kindness showed for the increased traffic and extra activities that were part of the day. That day brought out many more visitors to the Point than a usual, busy, nice summer weekend due to wonderful weather, rowing spectators, and all the equipment and trailers that accompany this July event. Again, a HUGE THANKS!

The Breeze

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Thank you to St. Andrews By The Lake for hosting a NNO event this summer! In past years, it's been a great evening with delicious food and wonderful entertainment and best of all, a chance to say hi to neighbors and our community's safety officers.

BTW, the members voted to count NNO on 8/2 as the August community meeting so the next regular PPCC meeting will be in September and is set to be hosted by the Duluth Rowing Club on Tuesday, 9/20 @ 7pm; watch the S curve sign for details. A women's rowing trophy from 1917 will be presented to the DRC. The 1917 Central Yearbook with the article will also be included with the presentation. Maybe you know someone from your family on this crew from long ago? Trophy reads: BAGLEY EIGHT OARED GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY won by DULUTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL – 1917 DULUTH BOAT CLUB GIRLS ROWING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REGATTA Here is a link to the Feb. 2022 article in The Breeze for more details.

Hoping you were able to catch some of the races at the recent July 9th regatta; a few photos are posted on the website & this article was in the DNT.

Thank you to Officer Josh Kneeland from DPD for attending the July 19th meeting at Lafayette. Neighbor Pat Sterner facilitated the discussion on illegal parking, scooters, speeding, Lafayette rental issues, and safety concerns. Notes on next steps needed were taken. A number of residents shared observations and concerns and talked about possible solutions. Thank you to everyone who participated in the discussion. City Councilor Roz Randorf also attended the meeting to listen and share information from past and recent Council discussions and actions related to the topics of the evening; thank you Roz! Please reach out to Roz via phone or email with concerns or questions.

Other information items from the meeting: Have yellow or brown tap water? Call the City: 218-730-4130 (218-730-4000 after hours) The City of Duluth Utility Operations Supervisor is Chris Kleist, office is 218-730-4063 and cell is 218-355-0598. ckleist@duluthmn.gov.

Upcoming: PPCC MP50 is hosting a barrier island research scientific summit on August 19 at Lafayette. Twenty three participants who are interested in studying the long-term resiliency of Minnesota and Wisconsin Points have registered. Stay tuned to learn a lot more on these topics in the coming months! And yes, we finally found Dawn Patrol's propeller and were thrilled when the motor cranked over on the first attempt at the season's launch. We found the lost item in a labeled box right where we stowed it late last fall...see you on the water!

Things to keep in mind on our extraordinary island: Control your pets- not everyone likes dogs- use a leash, pick up your dog's waste- everywhere. Remind your guests to park on the bay side all summer long- the lakeside lane is a recreation lane. Be mindful of blocking driveways when parking on the street. Set a good example by driving the speed limit of 30mph. Follow boating rules and regulations near the beach and around other watercraft. These are just a few things I am hearing about this summer.

Here are a few good bits I can recall this moment: Thanks to Ken Timm from Sky Harbor airport for offering to host DSSA sailors inside the pilot planning area when the weather turns stormy, to Sally and Tim Buck for ordering parts for and repairing foosball for Camp Lafayette, to Lafayette election judge Deb Strange working on the Aug. primaries and to Tom Griggs for helping with the tables and water at Lafayette for the PP Five Miler; thanks to the large number of cheering fans for race; for the miles driven by the volunteers for the PP Art Fair for set up, deliveries and covering all needs art fair.

Here's to the good life on Park Point! Live it up & wear it out!

See you soon,

Dawn & Bruno, big fuzzy schnauzer getting a big haircut on 7/29

News from Lafayette Community Edible Garden

The garden is looking good now after a long struggle to get going in a cold June. Veggies are being harvested and enjoyed by member gardeners and several bags of greens have been delivered to Chum programs. We expect to have an abundance of several varieties of tomatoes soon. We like getting your kitchen scraps added to the compost piles. Please be careful not to put it on the watermelon plants along the dune side of the bin. In the past couple years, we have harvested some beautiful watermelons from the compost piles.

Gardening with the kid's program is going strong and has been lots of fun! They created a beautiful flower bed near the center of the garden and are now preparing to repaint the well-used old furniture that has been looking quite shabby. They also planted beans and flowers around the center garden structure. I was recently reminded of the following recipe shared with us back in 2012 by then gardener Pam Gustaveson. Now that beets are in season, I thought you might want to try this delicious way to enjoy them.

Tangy Beet Casserole

2 T. horseradish (do not use horseradish sauce and I usually use more than 2 T)

1 small onion chopped fine

½ t. salt

pinch white pepper

½ cup mayonnaise

¼ cup water

1 lb. cook beets, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces

¼ cup bread crumbs

2 T. butter

Mix horseradish, onion, salt, pepper, mayo, and water. Arrange beets in 8 x 8 casserole. Pour horseradish mixture over beets. Mix bread crumbs with butter and sprinkle over top. Bake at 375 for 20 minutes or until crumbs are browned.

Serves 4.



There won't be a garden potluck in August due to primary elections being held the day after the usual second Monday potluck and also because we will join with neighbors at Neighbors Night Out at St. Andrews on Tuesday, August 2. The next garden potluck will be September 12.

I want to thank gardeners and Park Point friends and neighbors for the outpouring of love and support given to me after the loss of my son, Michael McDonnell, from cancer. I have been so blessed by your kindness.

Coral McDonnell

Whether it's the snowing season or the or the growing season, please remember to keep your sidewalks clear. This includes trimming back overhanging trees and shrubs, as well as keeping it free of "debris", white or otherwise.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to give a shout out to the City and their contractors. I'm lucky enough to live on a stretch of Minnesota Avenue that got storm sewer upgrades this Summer. Not only should we no longer have standing water in the street and gutters, but by putting drains in the yards of houses with sump pumps, we no longer have to hop over hoses on the sidewalks!

Well done!

PPCC Minutes

The July 19th 2022 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club had Officer Josh Kneeland from the Duluth Police Dept as a guest to discuss many of the residents concerns that revolve around traffic and the July 4th incident at Lafayette. Pat Sterner moderated a question-and-answer session and residents had the opportunity to understand what the long term goals will be regarding traffic safety on Park Point. Counselor Roz Randorf was also in attendance and was able to shed light on some of the issues facing the staffing shortage with the DPD.

Due to the extend Q&A, there was just a brief agenda for the PPCC meeting.

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

Treasurers Report – Gale Kerns

End of May balance \$48,053

End of June balance - \$44,979

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

2 cards were sent this month- 1 get well, 1 sympathy.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

No report

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

No report

Program Committee - Dave Poulin

Still looking at the possibility of the September meeting being held at Duluth Rowing Club.

Summer Youth Program - Kari Speer

No report

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

No report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Neighborhood Watch / Traffic Safety - Pat Sterner

Additional details will be in the next Breeze regarding the Q&A with the DPD.

MP-50: Paul Treuer

There will be a research summit on Friday August 19th. If you would like more information please contact Paul at paul.treuer@gmail.com

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No report

Art Fair - Carla Tamburro

No report

Other Business:


No August meeting as this will be the same evening as Neighborhood Night Out. St Andrews Church will be hosting the event this year on August 2nd 5pm-7pm.

Thanks to Diane for providing treats for the meeting!

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm



Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary




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Minnesota Point Long-Range Resiliency Planning

MP50 Research Summit

PPCC MP50 is hosting the Duluth/Superior Barrier Research Summit on Friday, August 19, 2022 at Lafayette Community Center. The purpose of the summit is for natural and social scientists and community members to exchange ideas and knowledge about the Duluth Superior baymouth barrier system to address the question: Are Minnesota and Wisconsin Points Stable over the Long Term? This is a free event for registered participants.

Twenty-five individuals from multiple organizations have made plans to attend this educational event.

MP50 Working Group Meeting

The MP50 Working Group will meet over Zoom on Thursday, Sep. 8, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. The agenda will include a report on the Research Summit, updates on the Section 111 Study of Minnesota Point, and grant applications for Minnesota Point resiliency planning.

Contact Paul Treuer (paul.treuer@gmail.com) for information about either of these events.



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Notes from PPCC Meeting
Traffic Safety Discussion
Recommendations and Next Steps

Pat Sterner introduced Officer Josh Kneeland from DPD, then read the following email from Sgt. Ethan Roe:

Pat,

Good to hear from you. The 4th of July is always a hard day/night to work. We had 148 calls between 1pm and 1am, which is a lot more than a normal shift. While the Lafayette fireworks were going on, a female Clean & Safe Team member was assaulted and a few minutes later, the same suspect assaulted an officer and took 4-5 officers (as well as help from a citizen) to get into custody. That's just an example of what those 148 calls entailed.

Unfortunately, this means that it's oftentimes hard to get as many officers to calls as might be necessary to deal with things the way we would like. The sergeant that responded (mentioned in the emails below) noted that there were 20-25 people at Lafayette, some of which were "drunk males causing a disturbance" according to his notes. This makes it a very tenuous call for us when we can only get one officer down there. The person he talked to said he would keep everyone under control and would stop with the fireworks. He was advised instead of cited, I'm guessing because a lot of times when we start issuing citations, people go from cooperative to uncooperative and/or there just wasn't the ability then to take the time. The call also noted that there were several area residents out that had talked about moving their cars, but it doesn't note that any of them reported any damage at the time. It also mentioned that they were sending out some children out to pick up the mess from the fireworks, but I'm guessing they didn't do a great job. The parking problems are going to fall under the same problems. We have to prioritize calls during busy days.

As they had mentioned below, the neighbors had complained to Parks about it. Parks was on it on it already this week, requesting the call notes from the issues. As the sergeant mentioned to the residents at the time, Parks would be the one that would best handle it since Lafayette was rented out by them. Addressing the parking issues directly with Parking Services or calling 911 when they are in progress is the best way to deal with those issues.

I appreciate you letting us know about the complaints. We can certainly talk with the Community Club about it. Days like the 4th always run the risk of being overly busy like this, so I can't guarantee a different response on a similar day, but we are open to discussion. As for other days, calling 911 about disturbances or parking are good ways to take care of the issue at the time.

Thanks, Sergeant Ethan Roe, CORE & East Area Community Policing Units

Pat emphasized the importance of our ongoing relationship with DPD, noting many successes in working together to find solutions to traffic safety on the Point. She also asked for understanding and patience in finding these solutions, many of which will be longer-term.

She then asked for discussion, comments, ideas and potential solutions to the issues raised about traffic safety, parking, and use of the Lafayette community center.

Traffic Safety:

1. Can the SLC Sheriff's Department make traffic stops on Park Point? Should we contact them? Officer Kneeland's response: this would not be in their jurisdiction.
2. Traffic Speed Study: these were discussed earlier in the year, and PPCC has provided input about times and locations. When will these studies be done, what type of data is being collected, what level of analysis is being done with the data, and how is this data being used to manage traffic on Park Point? The next step is to contact Lt. Drozdowski and Sgt. Ethan Roe to set dates and locations before the end of the summer.
3. Traffic Speed Trailer: it was requested that one of these trailers be placed at 37th Street for up to two weeks. This will be included in the request to Lt. Drozdowski and St. Ethan Roe for the speed studies.
4. Calling 911: much frustration was expressed about being advised to call 911 and not seeing any response from those calls. SLC manages the 911 service, and it was agreed that contacting the County to understand more about the service and relay our concerns is an important next step.
5. Signage: there were some recommendations to find out which entity manages the 'beach fire' signs on the Point, and ask that these signs display information about traffic safety. Pat noted that this was on the agenda when she and Dawn met with James Gittemeier (City Engineering) and she would follow up as a next step.

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6. City Engineering: in addition to the signage, Pat reported that City Engineering is considering the feasibility of ‘snap in pylons’ located at several places along the Point to narrow the road and help with speed control. Also discussed was painting diamonds along the ‘rec lane’ to delineate it more effectively. Next step is to follow up with James Gittemeier about these longer term solutions.

Parking:

1. There was a great deal of frustration expressed about cars parking on the lake side of the road, impeding those using the rec lane and creating hazards. Next step is for the PPCC to contact Parking Services directly for a conversation about the many parking issues, and begin working with them to resolve both short- and long-term.

2. Signage: it was agreed that current signage about parking on the lake side is not sufficient to inform non-Park Point visitors about the rules. It was suggested that ‘hand-made’ signs could be put up by PP residents to help inform the public. It was also suggested that a large sign about parking rules placed on the street-side fencing at the Lafayette Community Center would help visitors understand the rules.

Parks and Recreation:

Fourth of July: DPD and Parks/Rec were notified by several residents (who had also called 911) about fireworks and excessive alcohol consumption at a party on July 4 at the Lafayette Community Center. Response time was slow and while the party eventually shut down, there was damage done to several cars and ‘hot’ fireworks on a few roofs. In talking solutions, the next steps were identified:

1. Contact Parks and Recreation directly for a meeting as follow-up to the July 4th incident (as well as others more recent) with the goal of identifying and agreeing on some ways to handle these types of issues going forward. This includes:

a. Requiring a substantial non-refundable deposit if alcohol is present without a permit, there is damage done to the Center, fireworks are present and used, and/or any 911 calls to complain about noise, fireworks, etc.

b. Requiring a permit to allow alcohol that also requires payment for an off-duty police officer to be present throughout the entire rental.

c. Requiring payment for a Parks and Recreation employee to be on-site throughout the rental to trouble-shoot issues and ensure the Community Center is appropriately cleaned and locked up.

d. No rentals for the July 4th holiday.

Synopsis of Next Steps:

Traffic Safety

1. Traffic Speed Study: Contact Lt. Dave Drozdowski and Sgt. Ethan Roe to set dates and locations before the end of the summer.

2. Traffic Speed Trailer: To be included in the request to Lt. Drozdowski and St. Ethan Roe for the speed studies.

3. Calling 911: Contact St. Louis County to understand more about the service and relay our concerns is an important next step.

4. Signage: Follow up with James Gittemeier (City Engineering) about having the ‘beach fire’ signs on the Point display information about traffic safety.

5. City Engineering: Follow up with James Gittemeier about the ‘snap in pylons’ and delineation of the rec lane via painting diamonds in that lane.

Parking:

1. Contact Parking Services directly for a conversation about the many parking issues, and begin working with them to resolve both short- and long-term, including better signage about summer parking.

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Numbers you can use

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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

Parking Services 218-730-4000

Dog issues: Shelter: 218-723-3259

On-Duty Cell Phone: 218-390-2256

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

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