



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community  
Edible Garden potluck  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 6PM  
at Lafayette**

**Park Point Community  
Club  
meeting  
September 20<sup>th</sup> at the  
Duluth Rowing Club**

**Park Point Garden Club  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm  
Contact: Kathy Jacobs  
218-722-2375  
All are welcome**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>– (after  
Labor Day) -a decrease  
in traffic, hopefully?**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> -  
a return to alternate  
side parking**

### **National Night Out 2022**



Approximately 150 people attend the National Night Out at St. Andrew's on Tuesday, August 2 and it was considered a huge success. People stayed to visit and listen to the wonderful music provided by Len and Lois; some of them even danced.

It was a cold and windy day with potential rain that kept almost everyone inside except for our hardy grillers and a table of guests.

I think we had five police officers stop by for food and conversation. At one point I glanced outside and saw a big Community Outreach Duluth Police Party vehicle parked in front of the church. It contained toys and cookies for children and I know of two, Emily and Ben, who visited it and came away with some of each.

One unexpected thing happened. People from the community kept giving us money which we handed over to our Treasure, Sally. NNO was a free event but obviously people were very appreciative of our gift to the community. We received \$194 from our neighbors and with the \$200 from St. Andrew's members the music was paid for plus a good portion of the groceries we purchased.

Thanks for making this our best NNO yet. We look forward to our next NNO in 2024 and I look forward to seeing many of you on my daily walk down Park Point.

Sandy Carlson

**Breathe-  
We made  
it**

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## **President's Report**

Hi Neighbors,

Hoping to see you at the Duluth Rowing Club at 7pm on Tuesday, Sept. 20th for the presentation of a 1917 Women's Duluth Central Rowing Trophy. This treasure was recovered before the auction of items from the Old Historic Central High School-Public School Museum; read more in the Feb. 2022 Breeze. This beautiful silver trophy is a unique & special piece of Duluth Rowing history. Also to be presented is the 1917 Central Yearbook which details the members of the women's crew and the excitement on regatta day. Fayth and Gary Glass, who grew up on Park Point and graduated from Duluth Central, were organizers and volunteers at the museum for a number of years. Gary came across the stored trophy before the auction. He also facilitated the transfer of the museum's yearbooks to the Duluth Public Library, UMD Martin Library and Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum. If you come across a Duluth Central Yearbook and would like to donate it to the public's collection, drop it off at Marshall Hardware in Lakeside, 4415 E. Superior St.

The 8/2 NNO gathering at St. Andrews was really fun and memorable; a big thank you to everyone who contributed to and participated in the event. Great food, wonderful music complete with dancing, warm and friendly neighbors and safety officers plus a lot of laughing and talking about the good old times, Park Point history, and dear friends made this an extra special evening.

The Duluth Superior Barrier Research Summit was hosted by MP50, Park Point Community Club's Long-Term Resiliency Planning Committee, and held at Lafayette Square on Friday, August 19th. I am very excited about the number of engaged and collaborative participants I met and the number of additional people who have asked to learn more and how they can join the learning community since hearing about the event. A hearty note of gratitude to Club members who supported the summit by providing boats for field trips, giving guided dune tours, providing the snacks and the dinner & hosting the visiting scientists. This level of support is not surprising as Park Pointers have worked to preserve and protect these unique barrier island ecosystems for decades. Please read more in this Breeze's MP50 Report and watch for more on this ongoing effort and also this presentation on Minnesota-Wisconsin Point: Dr. John Swenson will give a public seminar at UMD on Sep. 22 at 4:00 PM describing results of his research of Minnesota-Wisconsin Point. Titled "Sediment sources and sinks in the far western arm of Lake Superior: Bluff retreat begets barrier building?"

Have you seen and/or heard screaming motorcycles and trucks racing down MN Ave. in the evening? Pat Sterner, who leads the PP Traffic Safety Committee, is in communication with the police department on this and we will be meeting with parking officials and Parks and Recreation on a list of concerns and observations & possible solutions shared at previous community club meetings. Stay tuned for the answers we receive and how you might help in these situations. Thank you!  
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(President's Report, continued)

I will post a few photos of beloved Camp Lafayette 2022 on the website. How wonderful that our community pulled together to bring back this magical experience for this summer's campers! The camp would not have happened without the enthusiasm and leadership of the parents on the Youth Committee, Britta DeSutter and Kari Spear. The summer's wonderful staff, Kevin Chederquist, Sharon Brown and Baamlak Haugen, created an educational and fun program that was a joy to see in action whether on the beach or out exploring in the community. Thank you very much for providing this exceptional experience for the young people in our community; we are very grateful.

Also, a big thank you to the City of Duluth Park and Rec. department for facilitating the improvements at Lafayette since last spring which also enriched the summer programming: new lighting upstairs and downstairs, new paint upstairs, wooden flooring refinished upstairs, new flooring in the bathrooms upstairs, plumbing upgrades downstairs. Also kudos to the cleaning crew upstairs and the mowing crew who kept Lafayette in good shape for the summer youth program. Hoping to see you on the waters off of extraordinary Minnesota-Wisconsin Point, Neyaashi, in the Ojibwe language!

Kindly,

Dawn & Bruno, Intrepid FOMO Schnauzer, size XL

### **News from Lafayette Community Edible Garden**

What a month it's been. Garlic was harvested mid-August and hangs to dry. Vegetables are finally ripening. Some of your favorites are at their peak as of August 15—Basil, beets, summer squash, potatoes, chard, yellow and green beans, kale and raspberries are ripe for picking. Tomatoes, eggplant and peppers are not happy with the cool nights we've had but maybe we'll see color by the end of August. Brooks' experiment has melon plants covering the compost pile. It will be fun to find melons in September. We enjoyed several months of lettuce, spinach and peas but these cool weather crops are long gone. Pumpkins and squash need another month to ripen but they look amazing. They should not be picked until then.

Some of our gardeners worked with the kids' program at Lafayette. Every Monday morning they introduced the youngsters to all aspects of the growing process in the garden. The children planted an assortment of flower seedlings in their own bed along with sunflower seeds that at mid-August are 6 feet tall. We should be seeing sunflowers any day now. This bed named "Kid's Garden" is decorated with mobiles of driftwood that were hand-painted by these mini-gardeners. You may have noticed that the wood furniture in the garden has a new coat of paint. These were also decorated by these young artists. It's fun to watch the children working together with the garden grandmas and a grandpa. Hopefully they will remember their first introduction to gardening from this experience.

My Croatian grandmother prepared a delicious side dish using vegetables that are now ready for picking in our garden. It's a family favorite that we prepare at this time of year.

Boil 2-3 potatoes cut into quarters, until tender

In another pan saute a bunch of chopped chard that have veins removed. Add one clove of minced garlic and cook until tender. Add water to continue cooking so chard doesn't dry out. Drain potatoes and add prepared chard. Break up the potatoes into smaller pieces—combine well—add salt & pepper to season.

Don't forget to attend the next potluck that will be held at Lafayette September 12, 2022 at 6 PM. Hope to see you there

Ellie Alspach

## PPCC Traffic Safety Report

August, 2022

**Traffic Speed Study:** The Study will be conducted before the end of this month. The study covers both directions at one time; proposed location between 34th and 37th streets. In terms of results, Sgt. Ethan Roe provided feedback, explaining as follows: the study results in a number of different averages and a long pdf of every vehicle and their speed. The averages are things like the medium speed (average of everything) and the 85th percentile, which is what traffic engineers use to show what the vast majority of drivers feel comfortable driving. Often times, if there aren't any other factors to take in, this is the number they will use to help determine speed limits. We generally only give out the averages to the public. The reason for this is that if we have one car that shows up as 80mph, many people will focus only on that, instead of the fact that the vast majority were going 30 mph. Many people don't understand that we cannot possibly put enough patrols in an area to catch the one car going 80, when everyone else is going 30.

The second week of August DPD directed two officers on overtime to work almost exclusively on the Point during the day. They did beach patrol, bike patrol, and speed enforcement for three days of the week.

**Traffic Speed Trailer:** a trailer was set up in front of Rory Strange's home for about a week earlier in August; we anticipate it will be placed there again within the next month.

We are following up with City Engineering about the status of potentially placing 'snap in pylons' at several locations along the Point to help with speed control; the feasibility of having diamonds painted along the 'rec lane' to delineate it for bike/walking traffic; and with whom to talk about using electronic 'beach fire' signage for traffic calming.

We are working to get a meeting set up with Parking Services to discuss ideas for managing parking in the rec lane, overnight parking, and ways to provide better signage about parking rules during the summer months.

We are working to get a meeting set up with Parks/Rec to review what happened at Lafayette Community Center over July 4th with the goal of exploring ideas of how to better manage groups that rent the Center.

I continue to receive reports of speeding, passing and other illegal driving on the Point, most with license plate numbers and auto descriptions. Please keep these coming, as I add everything to the database. Additionally, while calling 911 can be frustrating as you may not see any immediate action, please remember that the calls are recorded and we can ask Ethan or Josh to review those records especially when there is highly dangerous driving.

Managing traffic safety on Park Point is an ongoing effort, and it's important that we recognize and appreciate our growing relationships with the Duluth Police Department, City Engineering, Parks/Rec, and Parking Services. We make our community stronger through our involvement with these critical city services – so a huge thank you to everyone who volunteers, reports, and overall contributes to making our Park Point community safe for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

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 hear**



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**A Prayer for the New School Year**

**Almighty God,**  
**As teachers and students begin another  
 school year,**  
**Send your Holy Spirit to teach us all**  
**To respect and honor one another;**  
**To open our hearts to learning new  
 ideas**  
**And new ways of being in the world;**  
**And to walk without fear,**  
**Knowing you watch over us always.**  
**In Jesus' name we pray.**

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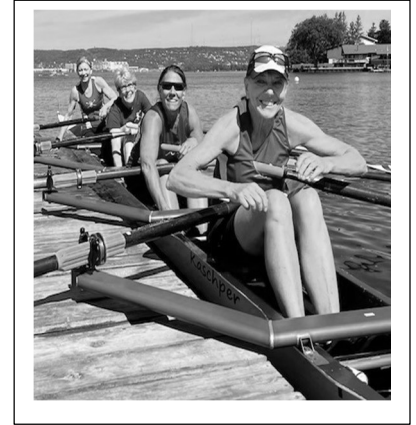
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## Summer 2022



I won't say we were back to normal – the pandemic is still with us – but we were back together again. Rummage sale-ing, Art Fair-ing, gardening, rowing, sailing, gathering and feasting. A Park Point Summer. I'll take it.

## Minnesota Point Long-Range Resiliency Planning MP50 Research Summit



A Research Summit of 30 participants met for half a day at Lafayette Square on August 19th to discuss long-term strategies for strengthening the Point from erosion and flooding. Participants included individuals from the City of Duluth and Superior, US Forest Service, Duluth Seaway Port Authority, US Army Corps of Engineers, Minnesota DNR's Lake Superior Coastal Program, University of Minnesota Duluth, University of Wisconsin (Superior, Eau Claire and Platteville campuses), Minnesota Senate, Coalition to Protect Lake Superior, Izaak Walton League, as well as members of the Park Point Community Club.

A significant outcome of the Summit was the enthusiastic willingness of the participants to collaborate across disciplines to address important issues of what is known about the formation of the Duluth Superior barrier system and how that ecosystem can be made more stable over the next 50 years. Minnesota-Wisconsin Point serves to protect a large estuary that includes the Duluth and Superior ports. Many participants expressed interest in meeting again as a group to collaborate on research and to broaden the discussions to include the public.

Minnesota State Senator Jennifer McEwen, a Summit participant, summarized the event well. "The Summit was a great opportunity to meet together and to hear from a variety of people, interests, and perspectives. These discussions and collaborative work are needed to address the challenges faced on the Point."

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### **MP50 is a PPCC Open Learning Community**

Contact Paul Treuer ([paul.treuer@gmail.com](mailto:paul.treuer@gmail.com)) to receive email updates and/or participate in planning for upcoming events.



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#### **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)

Parking Services 218-730-4000

Dog issues: Shelter: 218-723-3259

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