



# The Breeze

## Of Park Point

### Upcoming Events

**Midterm Elections  
November 8th**

**Lafayette Community  
Edible Garden potluck  
Monday November  
14<sup>th</sup> 6-8Pm at  
Lafayette**

**Park Point  
Community Club  
Meeting Tuesday,  
November 15<sup>th</sup>  
6:30PM Social,  
7PM meeting at  
Lafayette.**

**PARK POINT  
GARDEN CLUB  
November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00  
Contact: Kathy Jacob  
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All are Welcome**

**Ready or  
not, here  
comes  
Winter**



I'm told the above photo is of the winning crew from this year's Death Row, but I'm not sure about that. And while the poem below is unrelated, it seemed to fit.

### **Ode to my skeleton**

Legs-up-the-wall yoga posture  
Needs your full participation.  
Standing, squatting, racing, strolling,  
Swimming, dancing, golfing, bowling,  
Every movement of my body  
Depends upon your infrastructure.  
Your rigid skull protects my cortex,  
Let's me wield my pen, compose these verses.  
Should you rudely up and vanish  
That which remained would much astonish:  
An amorphous, quivering pudding,  
All my organs mashed together.

My death will bring decomposition,  
Earth absorbing flesh and fluids.  
But you will faithfully remain  
For bones don't crumble readily.  
Generations on will find you still,  
Firm evidence that once I was.

Warren Howe

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## President's Report

PPCC

Hi Neighbors,

MP50 hosted forty geography students from UW Eau Claire on Oct. 27th at Lafayette. The field trip was led by Dr. Harry Jol and included local scientists and community members. The students visited Wisconsin Point, Canal Park, Aerial Bridge, Marine Museum, Franklin Square and Sky Harbor. The course is called Environmental Hazards. The students were here for a first hand, in person look at the importance of coastal barriers & foredune systems, to hear the First Nation story of WI-MN Pt from a storyteller, learn about endangered species, jetty systems, coastal erosion, beach nourishment, foredune development and protection. This excursion was the first time for a number of the students to visit Minnesota and experience Lake Superior. Paul Treuer led the students through a short history of WI-MN Point from maps and erosion rate data. Local residents' perspectives/experiences and the challenges and problems faced from erosion and flooding were shared with the group. The students were excited to engage and share their questions and ideas on problem solving and developing a plan for resilience of the barrier island. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the MP50 learning community.



UW Eau  
Claire  
students at  
Lafayette

Hope to see you at Lafayette on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at our next meeting when the City's senior transportation planner, [James Gittemeier](#) from the City will join us to talk about traffic, parking and safety. You might remember James when we were counting pedestrians and bikes on Park Point while he was with Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council.

If you value Duluth's beautiful and vast park system, including the park right here in our backyard. Read up on the [Park Levy here](#). *There is a "steadily growing gap between the actual cost to operate and maintain Duluth parks and the funds available to pay for that work. The proposed change to the Park Fund levy would solve this problem by changing the basis of the levy from a fixed dollar amount to a fixed percentage of property value. The change would make it possible for the proceeds of the Park Fund levy to grow over time with new development and increasing property values so as to keep pace with inflationary increases in the cost of operating and maintaining Duluth parks."*

Thank you to Jenny Peterson who represents Park Point on the Parks Commission for describing the proposal at the Oct. meeting. Park's assistant manager Alicia Watts met with the Executive Board on Oct. 24th and described possible improvements and projects via the changes to the levy. That is good because we presented a robust list of needs & concerns in the spirit of continuous improvement:) Park Point concerns range from improved signage, more bathrooms, to a long-term resilience plan for Minnesota Point and securing local matching funds to implement projects to address erosion and flooding. Fill out and submit your ballot at the 11/8 election at Lafayette! The City is willing to help us get the rink flooded. A successful rink will be dependent on a dedicated volunteer crew similar to last year's. Please send a note to me if you are willing to help this season: [parkpointcc@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointcc@gmail.com). Here's to the good life on Park Point! Dawn & Bruno, giant comfort schnauzer

## PPCC Traffic Safety Report

### Traffic Safety

1. Stealth Stat Speed Study: Conducted August 22 – 29.

Placement: around 3540 Minnesota Avenue and covered both ways.

#### Results:

a. 14,420 vehicles total during the week.

b. The average speed was 30.05 mph and the 85th percentile (what 85% of the vehicles were under, what people feel comfortable driving, and what engineers use to gage speed limits) was 34mph.

c. There are outliers that go much faster, but that is what makes enforcement so hard.

2. Traffic Speed Trailer: Placed in front of Rory and Deb's home in August.

3. Calling 911: Contacted St. Louis County to understand more about the service and relay our concerns is an important next step. Response: Understand our concerns. They record all calls but often not enough time to get responders to the site especially regarding speeding. Cannot provide a report to us but DPD can request and they will consider feasibility. Have asked Sgt. Ethan Roe to request if possible to provide.

4. City Engineering: Follow up with James Gittemeier about the 'snap in pylons' and delineation of the rec lane via painting diamonds in that lane; no response as yet.

### Parking

Contact Parking Services: to be done.

### Parks and Recreation

Meeting scheduled for October 24 with PPCC Executive Committee. Agenda items to include recommendations for managing events at the Lafayette Community Center.

- 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.

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

- 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.

- No rentals for the July 4th holiday.

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.

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,

Pat Sterner [parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com)

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## **Park Point Community Club Minutes**

The October 2022 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:00 pm on October 18th, 2022.

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

Guest Jenny Peterson – Discussion about the upcoming ballot on funding for parks. Updated residents on this issue.

Pat Sterner – There was a speed study done Aug 22 – Aug 29 in the 35th street area. City engineering will be at our November meeting to discuss long-term solutions.

Regular meeting started at 7:17pm

**Treasurers Report** – Gale Kerns

End of August balance \$24,374

End of Sept balance - \$22,402

There will be no new income until membership drive in January.

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

**Sunshine Committee** - Pam Griggs

1 get well card was sent out.

**Rummage Sale** - Deb Strange

No report

**The Breeze** - Alan Dartanyan

Thanks to Jeff Hokannen. A 49-year-old copy of the breeze was returned to the club. Overall, the Breeze is doing well.

**Program Committee** - Dave Poulin

Representative from the City engineering department will be at the Nov meeting to discuss long-term solutions for traffic safety on Minnesota Avenue.

**Summer Youth Program** - Kari Speer

No report

**Environmental Committee** - Dick Gould

No report

**Edible Garden** - Coral McDonnell

Eight new members joined this year and the garden was a success! Please feel free to attend an Edible Garden potluck.

**Watch Committee** – That's us

There have been some break ins in the past few months. Please call 911 to report suspicious activity.

**MP-50:** Paul Treuer No report. If you would like more information, please contact Paul at

[paul.treuer@gmail.com](mailto:paul.treuer@gmail.com)

**High Water & Erosion** – Hamilton Smith

No report

**Art Fair** - Carla Tamburro

Asking for volunteers to be on the Art Fair Committee. Please let Carla know if you're interested.

**Other Business:**

The Executive board will be meeting with the City on Oct 24th to discuss the Lafayette contract and other concerns expressed by neighbors.

There was a brief discussion regarding support for making ice at Lafayette this winter. Plans are still in the works. More info will be available after the October meeting with the city

Reminder that the General Election will be on Tuesday November 8th at Lafayette with polls open 7am to 8pm.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary

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 hear**



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 knowing, loving, and serving  
 God and neighbor!*

**JOIN US  
 CELEBRATE  
 ST. ANDREW'S DAY!**

**Sunday, November 20  
 9:45 a.m.**

**Bagpipe music  
 Scones with tea  
 Prayers for all**

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## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Welcome New Garden Members: Vanessa Sodd, Mary DuBois, Carmine Bambenek, Mary McGrath, Randine Anderson, Iris Hinchcliff, Joyce Severson, Bridget Reistad, Debra Kellner, Julianna McDonnell and Nick Mammone.

It's wonderful to have our garden activities back in full swing. This includes normal garden work and feasting. We had a full house of convivial potluckers at our October 10 dinner meeting. We enjoyed a presentation from garden members on how to put your garden to bed in the fall. Here are some of the tips we learned:

**Asparagus:** Don't cut the pretty fronds back until they have been browned by frost and then cut them back to the base. Cover the plants with 4" to 6" of straw or other organic materials.

**Rhubarb:** Don't cut plants back until after a frost and cover the crowns with mulch to protect them.

**Tomatoes:** After stripping the fruit from the plants, pull the plants out of the garden and send them to WLSSD to be properly composted in a hot (130 degree F.) compost. Remember NOT to plant tomatoes in the same beds the next year.

**Raspberries:** Thin the plants by cutting out the old brown stems, remove vegetation under the plants and add a few inches of compost in November.

**Squash:** Squash plants with powdery mildew need to be bagged up and taken to WLSSD for composting, like the tomato plants. Don't fertilize the plants too heavily in the fall.

**Horseradish:** Don't harvest the roots until after a hard frost. Leave a few plants in the ground to propagate next year's plants.

**Potatoes:** Harvest only after the plants turn brown and the vines dry up. Save some of the crop in a cool spot and use them for seed potatoes in the following year by putting them in a sunny window for 3 weeks before planting.

**Beans & Peas:** Don't dig out the plants in the fall; just cut them down. The roots will create nitrogen and nutrients in the garden bed. The trimmings can go in the compost.

**Eggplant:** Add a layer of compost to the bed and do not till the soil. Do not plant new plants where tomatoes or peppers were grown in the previous season.

**Swiss Chard:** The plants withstand the cold longer than most, so don't be in a rush to harvest. Once harvested, plant cover crops in the bed to add nitrogen to the soil

Note:

Coral McDonnell is the contact person for folks interested in our community garden and potluck dinners. She can be contacted at 727-6455, coraljean@charter.net. Our monthly potluck dinners are FREE and open to all Park Pointers. They take place at the Lafayette Community Club. Please bring your own plates, silverware, beverage and a dish to share. We will continue to have out monthly potluck dinner meetings on the second Monday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m.

We Need Your Leaves and Compost:

Our compost bins are accepting new materials for composting. Things WE LOVE to add to the compost: Leaves and Kitchen Scraps that are fruits and vegetables. Things WE HATE to add to the compost: Yard Debris, Pet Litter, Meat and Protein Products. Bring your bags to the garden and pop them inside the fence and the gardeners will do the rest.

Thanks:

We are ever grateful to garden and community members who contribute above and beyond. From simple things like hauling our non-compostable debris to WLSSD to bigger contributions such as the generous donations we received at our fundraiser that totaled \$1,000. We now have extra funds to buy a new wheelbarrow and manure. It is community participation like this that makes our garden endeavors successful, life-enhancing, and keeps people connected.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, November 14, 6-8 P.M. Monthly potluck dinner meeting.

Monday, December 12, 6-8 P.M., Holiday Social Party.

-Susan Peters

### **MP50 Working Group Meeting**

The MP50 Working Group met over Zoom on Thursday, October. 13, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. Representatives from PPCC, Mn. Sea Grant, Mn DNR, USACE, City of Duluth, Duluth Port Authority, Friends of Mn. Scientific & Natural Areas, Coalition for Lake Superior and guest Nick Zager, USACE Planning Attended. A Summary of reports included:

- David Bengston, Park Point Resident and Futurist with US Forest Service shared an article, *Blindsided by Change*, on strategies for effectively dealing with slow change, such as shoreline changes we are experiencing on Park Point.
- Sam Briscoe, USACE, Section 111 Project Manager, said the USACE and City of Duluth are planning a public Town Hall meeting in December in which updates will be provided on the Sect. 111 Study. The USACE will contract out with an Architect & Engineering firm to do the study. MP50 has requested a copy of the A&E Report.
- Nick Zager, USACE Planning reported the USACE has received a \$11M grant to develop a Great Lakes resilience plan to assess a range of future conditions and evaluate measures to address vulnerabilities on US shorelines for all Great Lakes.
- Willis Mattson and Jeff Stollenwerk reported on the annual conference of the Great Lakes Dredging Team in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Willis shared an article on a framework for decision-making on the use of dredge materials for beach nourishment.
- Kate Kubiak reported the City of Duluth will not apply for scoping grants for long term resiliency planning on Minnesota Point until after the Section 111 study is completed.
- Gary Glass shared a report on Lake Superior Outfalls in which lake gravel is filling freeway drains below the lakewalk.
- Paul shared presentation slides from John Swenson's research of sediment pathways.

#### **Please Vote**

- MP50 is grateful for the continuous participation of the City of Duluth in MP50. We wholeheartedly approve of the conversion of the Park Fund Levy to a fixed percentage of property value dedicated to parks funding. This provides a level of funding necessary to maintain and improve our city parks. This includes long term resiliency planning for Park Point!

### **City of Duluth invites residents to protect Lake Superior by adopting a storm drain with new Adopt-A-Drain initiative**

[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth is announcing a new way for residents to do their part to protect Lake Superior and all its rivers, streams, creeks, and waterways from pollution. As a part of its Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program, the City joins other Minnesota cities and regions across the nation in the Adopt-a-Drain program. Adopt-a-Drain encourages residents to sign up to adopt a stormwater drain of their choosing and provide periodic care for the drain, ensuring that none of the matter and material that routinely muck up the stormwater sewer system contributes to pollution of our water sources.

Residents can log on to <https://adopt-a-drain.org> to select a drain near their home or workplace and adopt it. From there, they can name the drain whatever they like, learn about what kind of activities will best benefit their anti-pollution efforts, and log the maintenance they provide. The data collected by the program will be reported back to the City so that Public Works and Utilities can track the engagement and impact the program has on protecting our region's bodies of water from pollution.

"The impact Duluthians can have on preventing water pollution through the Adopt-a-Drain program is absolutely measurable," says Ryan Granlund, Utility Programs Coordinator. "If every resident regularly did their part to remove the dead leaves, dirt, trash, and pet waste from the immediate vicinity of the storm drains near their homes, it can't get into the storm drain the next time it rains or snows, and therefore won't wash through the stormwater utility system and into the Lake and River. We can continue to have high quality water resources in our area if we all continue to do our part, and this program is a fun and engaging way to make certain we're all doing so."

Residents who participate in the Adopt-a-Drain program will receive an informational packet along with a small yard sign that reads, "We protect Lake Superior," so they can boast to their neighbors about the great work they're doing for the water sources in the Northland.

## ***The Breeze***

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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)

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](mailto:rrandorf@duluthmn.gov) 218-443-8364

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