



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden
Holiday Social Party
December 12, 6-8 PM**

**Park Point Garden
Club
December 15th at 6:00
Christmas Party
Contact: Kathy Jacobs
218-722-2375**

**Park Point
Community Club
No December Meeting
Annual Membership
Meeting and Pizza
Party January 17th
2023**

**Happy
Holidays
to All**

Park Point Flower Garden Club: A Short History

On June 23, 1948 the Park Point Garden Flower Club was founded, as part of the Eighth District Minnesota State Horticultural Society. The mission of this group was to “beautify our Park Point Community” and to assist our neighbors in developing their gardens, if they so desire.

True to their mission, these members spent their time, talents and money through the years. They planted the window boxes at Lafayette Square (1959-1976). They maintained gardens at multiple sites: Franklin Square (Tot Lot), Surf and Sand (now Franciscan Health Center), Duluth Rowing Club, Park Point Fire Hall (closed 2012), Park Point Manor (now Bayshore Residence and Rehabilitation), and the Duluth Naval Reserve (closed in 2007).



In 1980, the club received a letter from John Miller indicating his desire to bequeath money to beautify “the whole of our neighborhood.” He left it to the club’s discretion as to how the club would accomplish this. After his death, a committee was formed to oversee this fund.

Honoring John’s wishes, it was decided to plant flowering crab trees from the bridge to 43rd Street. An article was placed in *The Breeze* to ask Pointers if they would like a tree planted in their yard. The only requirement was that the property owner would need to care for and water the tree. Grussendorf’s Nursery was contacted and the crab trees were ordered. That summer over 300 trees were planted in residents’ yards and in public places from the bridge to the park.

In 1984, Grussendorf’s Nursery planted more trees and flowering shrubs at Franklin Square. Flower bulbs were planted at the Rowing Club, firehall, and members’ yards. That year the club became “tax exempt” to assist with record keeping and to encourage more donations and bequests. By 1985, more residents were requesting trees and shrubs for their yards and the club was kept busy fulfilling these requests.

Since this time, our Park Point Garden Flower Club has continued to beautify our unique neighborhood, but times have changed: our club only maintains the flower garden area at Lafayette Square, some members have passed on and, after 40 years, our John Miller Fund is almost depleted.

If you would like to be a part of our beautification mission, we offer these viable ways:

- 1) Consider becoming a member by calling Sue Solin at (218) 727-2151 to attend one of our meetings, or visit Duluth’s Garden Flower Society webpage at: www.dgfs.org for membership information. All are welcome!
- 2) Consider making a donation to our tax- exempt organization as a memorial to honor a loved-one, for a special occasion, or just to feel good about contributing to the beauty of our community. Any amount will be put to good use. Please call Sue Solin at (218) 727-2151 for more information.

The Breeze

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due by 12/27/2022

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Great to see you at the November meeting and learn more about PP street construction/configuration history and traffic calming strategies from our guest James Gittmeier.

When I have the presentation slides from James, I will add them to the website. Our new parks and recreation specialist, Adam Fornear, also joined the meeting as did Officer Josh Kneeland from the Duluth Police Dept. The links to the new FEMA flood maps mentioned by Paul Treuer of MP50 are also on the website. Our next meeting will be on January 17th and it's the annual membership meeting and pizza party- the Green Mill pizza will be delicious! Watch the postcard sign for pizza time on Jan. 17th,

As mentioned briefly in last month's meeting notes, Jeff Hokkanen who grew up at 1101 Minnesota Ave., found a 1973 Park Point Sketch Plan with a letter from Richard C. Loraas, Director of the City's Dept. of Research and Planning plus the October 1973 Breeze in his parents' stuff and brought them all the way back to Duluth for us late this summer. The October 1973 Breeze contained a short note about finding help for the Breeze production:

“HELP WANTED- - MALE OR FEMALE

Typist to type stencils for Breeze and run them off on mimeo. No pay, but satisfaction of helping your community. Breeze may have to be discontinued unless you volunteer. 722-5028”

Thank you, Jeff, for bringing these treasures to us. I will scan and post this old Breeze on the website; I am grateful that someone came forward and kept the Breeze aloft all those years ago.

If you'd like to help get the rink at Lafayette going again this year, please get in touch with Mark Elden. Neighbors to help with rink flooding and opening and tending the Lafayette lower- level warming area will be needed.

- Stay tuned on dates and times for the upcoming public meetings on the FEMA flood maps and the UCACE Section 111 Study.

Wishing you peace and good health this holiday season!

Warmly,

Dawn and Bruno, canine companion & pie crust aficionado

News from the Erosion and High Water Committee

As stated in the Nov. Issue of the Breeze, the EHWC was asked by, the City of Duluth and the USACE, to reach out to the residents of Park Point whose property was adjacent to the areas where the 2020 Beach Nourishment occurred and the proposed 2021 B N is planned. Three members of our committee distributed letters to the two different area of concern asking for their feedback. That info has been sent back to the City of Duluth and the USACE. Thirteen people from eleven different households responded. While most were positive, there were some that raised a few issues that our committee is planning to address.

Four members of our committee joined resident Jan Karon, and Corey Westin from the USACE, to inspect the beach from the Bridge to about 15th ST, to see for ourselves some of the concerns raised. Paul Treuer wrote a full report explaining what we observed. That report is available on the PPCC website.

Paul and I each took, individually, a walk to the south end of the point. That is an area where B N was done in 2019. We were looking specifically for the same signs of those issue raised by some residents close to the 2020 B N project. Thankfully we saw no evidence of those issue in the 2019 project area.

On my tour of the Point, I was specifically observing those area where last year there were considerable areas of standing water at the curb where the storm sewer drainage occurs. There seems to be much less this year than last year. The City had a crew down on the Point this Summer trying to address this issue. I observed them working on the 16th St. Street end where the Bus shelter is. Filling in some low area and making the drainage work away from the Bus stop. Seems much better this year.

Our committee is investigating some long-term solution to the erosion and high water issues. Those long term solutions are more complicated and expensive but need to be explored.

Respectfully submitted by:
Hamilton Smith Chair
PPCC Erosion and High Water Committee.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone in our community who voted early, voted by mail or voted in person. Once again, Park Point leads most precincts in Duluth with higher than average voter turnout! We had 76% of registered voters in our neighborhood cast their ballots for the General Election! Thanks to our great group of judges who work a 15-hour day keeping the polls open at Lafayette.

Deb Strange
Head Election Judge

**Are there any young people who don't
mind shoveling or others who could use
our snowblower or a plow? In dire need
of keeping our driveway clear.**

**Kay Baker
728 Lake Avenue South
651-249-7211
Thank you!**

Park Point Community Club Minutes

The November 2022 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:00 pm on November 15th, 2022.

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

Guests in attendance were James Gittmeier-City of Duluth Transportation Planner, Adam Fornear-Liaison with Parks and Rec and Officer Kneeland-DPD. Due to the in-depth presentations tonight, regular committee reports were suspended.

Please note there will be no December meeting. January is the membership drive and pizza party.

Treasurers Report – Gale Kerns

End of September balance \$22, 402

End of October balance - \$21, 158

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Art Fair - Carla Tamburro

The 51st annual Art Fair is scheduled for June 24th & 25th, 2023. The budget for 2023 received its first reading and approval. The second reading will be at the January monthly meeting.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

No report

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

No report

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

No report

Program Committee - Dave Poulin

No report

Summer Youth Program - Kari Speer

No report

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

No report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report.

Watch Committee – That's us

No report

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No

report

Of Note:

Rink Volunteers are needed. Please contact Mark Eldon.

Thank you to Gary Glass and Al Robins for their work on snow fencing at the end of Park Point.

MP-50: Paul Treuer Information on MP-50 will be available in The Breeze or contact Paul at paul.treuer@gmail.com

Pat Sterner introduced James Gittmeier with the City of Duluth. James did an hour-long presentation on the traffic concerns on Park Point and possible long-term solutions. This will be an ongoing process and additional information will be available in The Breeze and on the Park Point Community Club website.

Please note additional information will be available on the status on 911 calls and other police community issues in Pat Sterner's report.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary

Volunteers Needed to help with flooding our Skating Rink

Also to open/close/supervise at rink. All help is very appreciated. Any interested volunteers please call Rinkman Mark Eldon 218-340-6453

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Park Point
Residents/ Musicians
You're going to like
what you see and
hear

O HOLY NIGHT

JOIN US CHRISTMAS EVE

FOR

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

4:30 PM

ON THE CROSSING

(THE PATIO IN FRONT OF CHURCH)

FOLLOWED BY

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

5:00 PM

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Welcome new Community Garden Members:

Nancy Olson, Randine Anderson, and Andrea Kuzel

Can you believe it? We were still harvesting arugula and lettuce until November 8. Kale was still hardy past that date because we covered it. A few hardy women and Brooks dug up the horseradish on November 10 and claimed it to be a mediocre crop this year. One of the few benefits of a late spring is that we got to enjoy a later harvest. In addition to harvesting late, we also planted late. This fall we planted 300 garlic cloves and seeded the beds with rye grass. This protects the beds all winter and helps prevent weed growth in spring. It will become a “green manure” when turned under then.

At our November potluck dinner meeting, Jenny Peterson shared her recent adventure in Portugal with us. She joined a group of women hiking the 160-mile Portuguese Camino from Porto to Santiago de Compostela in Spain for 13 days in September. This path that has been traveled for centuries by people all over the world and meanders along the coast, through wooded trails, vineyards, small villages, and large cities. While this topic is not exactly about gardening, we are certain she passed many gardens along her way.

Many thanks to all the neighbors who bagged up their leave and brought the, to the garden for composting.

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.

Upcoming Events:

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

-Susan Peters

Environmental Report

The planting next spring of about 300 white pine seedlings will complete the connection of the pine forest from 12th street to the remaining forest at the end of the point!

Please do not use them as Christmas trees!

The sand is not drifting as it used to and many birds are nesting in those that we planted years past. Thank you to all who have helped with the planting.

Dick Gould

Holiday Giving Tree Donations

It is once again that time of year when we can make the lives of others a little brighter with our generosity. From Nov. 27- Dec.9th, outside, in front of St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church, is a giving tree with tags for items to be donated to youth at the Arrowhead Regional Juvenile Center, a treatment and detention center for youth in Northeastern Minnesota and Life House, a center for homeless youth in Duluth.

Items that are being requested are: tooth brush, toothpaste, deodorant, hair brush, comb, socks, mittens, gloves, Large T-shirts, playing cards as well as \$10 and \$20 gift cards to Walmart, Target, and Walgreens.

We are hoping that not only St. Andrew's members, but those from the Park Point community, will stop by, take a tag and purchase that item for the youth. Please do not wrap. Donations may be dropped off at St. Andrew's, Friday, December 9th from 1-4 or Saturday, December 10th from 9-12.

Deacon Mary Anderson

St. Andrew's by the Lake

Photography Exhibit

A photography exhibit is being put together in the Mission Hall of St. Andrew's by the Lake. We are asking you, our Park Point neighbors, as you walk your neighborhood to take a picture of the beauty and wonder all around you. We would like you to share photos of what you observe to be part of this display. They may be current photos or something that you already have from the past. Email the photo to info@standrewsbythelake.org by the end of December. Thank you for your participation.

Mary Anderson

St. Andrew's by the Lake

The Lass and the Wolf

Little Red Riding Hood was quite aghast
When the handsome hunter wielded his axe
And dispatched the wolf with martial skill.
Then a warmth replaced her initial chill.
"O thank you, kind sir, for succoring me."
"You're most welcome, dear maiden," responded
he,
As his gaze fell upon her new-budding breasts,
Stirring his loins with lascivious zest.
"Your protector I'll always be," he said,
Picturing them twined together in bed.
The big bad wolf is dead, we declare,
Or perhaps been replaced? O, damsel, beware!

Warren Howe

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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

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

City of Duluth/home 218-730-5000

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