



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community  
Edible Garden Potluck  
January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6PM  
at Lafayette**

**Park Point Garden  
Club  
Contact: Kathy Jacobs  
218-722-2375**

**Park Point  
Community Club  
Annual Membership  
Meeting and Pizza  
Party, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM at Lafayette**

**Rinkfest 2023  
February 5<sup>th</sup> noon to  
3PM at Lafayette  
(stay tuned)**



It  
Takes a  
lot of  
This



**Time to  
renew your  
PPCC  
Membership**

## To Make This!

Rink Masters Mark Eldon and Rick Lyle man the hoses at Lafayette, turning the ball field into another fine skating rink. And let's not forget plowman Bob Boynton, who has already plowed the rink 4 times in our snowy December.

Mark also "hosted" at the Lafayette warming shack on December 27<sup>th</sup>, kicking off what we hope will be a busy skating season.

## ***The Breeze***

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## **President's Report**

Hi Neighbors,

Hoping the holidays have provided a few quiet moments to reflect on the good things happening in your world and the special people in your lives. Head on over to Lafayette and check out the Rink created by PPCC volunteers with support from the City. Thank you to Mark Elden, once again, for leading the effort and to Rick Lyle and Bob Boynton for flooding and plowing starting in early December. Thank you to Steve Sola for tending the Lafayette sidewalks. See you at the Rink!

I spent a little time reviewing the photos on my phone and recalling the spectacular journey of 2022. We surely have a lot going on in our unique and engaged community and I hope you will consider joining and/or rejoining the Club in January~ hoping to see you at the membership pizza party on January 17th at Lafayette. Thank you for reading The Breeze each month and keeping up with events and opportunities for education, engagement and fun. Here are a few upcoming opportunities:

- Friday, January 13th from 10:00 - 11:30 AM CST (2023!). This meeting will have two update topics: US Army Corps of Engineers Section 111 Study (Public Townhall organized by City of Duluth's Kate Kubiak, Natural Resources Coordinator) and FEMA Flood Map Updates for Minnesota Point. The presentations will be open to the MP50 Working Group and the public. A Zoom link will be emailed out as the date approaches. PPCC volunteers have been working for decades on finding long term solutions for protecting and preserving MN Point; this is the third Section 111 Study requested.

- River Talk lecture at the Estuarium the evening of January 11, 2023 – "Nimitanji'idimin Giiwiitashkodeng Project" (using fire to heal the land on Wisconsin Point), 7 p.m., presentation by Evan Larson, University of Wisconsin-Platteville and Melonee Montano, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, in-person at the Lake Superior Estuarium (3 Marina Dr., Superior, Wisconsin) and also by Zoom. The event is free and open to the public. This presentation will include background on what led to the proposal of work studying forest management on the barrier system and will share the tree-ring data. Background information here: The StoriesTreesTell <https://www.seagrant.wisc.edu/news/the-stories-trees-tell/> by Marie Zhuikov, December 12, 2022 Dr. Evan Larson was a participant in PPCC MP50's Summit held in August 2022 at Lafayette.

- St. Louis River Summit , <https://lakesuperiornerr.org/summit/> March 8-10, updates and additional presentations on studies highlighting diversity, resilience, and vitality of the forests on Minnesota Point and Wisconsin Point.

- Rinkfest 2023 at Lafayette, Sunday Feb. 5th, tentatively Noon to ~ 3pm, watch for updates

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### **(President's Report, continued)**

Minnesota Point/Park Point/Neyaashi offers many unique and extraordinary opportunities; its rich history blends science, wonder, beauty, awe and tragedy. More information will be coming soon regarding the grant projects for Lafayette boardwalks and a grant application for Strengthening Coastal Communities Resilience in the Great Lakes Region. Thank you to everyone who is learning more on how to care for, manage and protect our cherished lands and waters. On that note of stewardship, we remember our neighbor Mac Welles who recently passed away. Mac was an enthusiastic and avid collector of trash up and down the Point. He was a low-key neighbor who liked to talk about the history of the flags he had out if you stopped to say hi when he was out moving snow.

Happy New Year; see you out and about living the good life on PP!

Dawn & Bruno, Giant Comfort Schnauzer

### **News from the Erosion and High Water Committee**

I need to start this month's report with an apology. I sent Alan the wrong file last month. In my files it said Dec. Breeze. Only problem it was from Dec. 2021. My mistake. Good news I have this month's report all ready for publication.

Report from the Erosion and High Water Committee

Just a couple of quick observations after the big blow of November 9th and 10th. I believe this is the first significant storm since the completion of the two-year Beach Nourishment project and the completion of the upgraded storm sewer system in the 15 to 18 hundred blocks.

I took a walk with Gale Kerns last month, in the area between the "S" turn and the bridge. What we observe was that the Beach Nourishment was holding up well. There is approximately 80 feet more beach in that area now than there was prior to the project. The only area where you could see obvious deterioration of the placed sand was immediately adjacent to the ship canal. In the rest of the Beach Nourishment area the sand is holding up well. As we all know this is not a permanent solution but seems to have bought a few years until a more resilient plan is fostered.

Prior to the City of Duluth reconfiguring the storm sewers and redirecting resident's sump pump water, there was always a significant amount of water at the curb out into the street in the areas of 15th to 19th streets. The corner at 16th street where the bus shelter is, was always flooded. This year there was no standing water in these areas.

A big thanks to the City of Duluth, USACE and all those Park Point Residents who worked together to see these projects to completion.

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

I promised last year that we would see have pizza parties again, and here we are. I'm not going to declare the pandemic over, but for most of us, it has become manageable. We are able to meet -and eat – together again. So fill out the membership form below, and bring it, and yourselves, to our once-again Annual Membership meeting and Pizza Party, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at Lafayette

Park Point Community Club Membership Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box for email subscription

Number of Memberships \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail checks to:

Park Point Community Club

PO Box 16326

Duluth MN 55816-0326

The Park Point Community Club publishes a list of member names (w/o contact details.)

Check here \_\_\_ if you agree to be included on the list.

Check here \_\_\_ if you prefer to remain anonymous.

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**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH SERVICE**  
**AT 9:45 AM**

*God bless us all this new year  
with generous hearts and minds,  
and with strength and courage  
to reach out and help each other.*

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

What a way to start the new year – cleaning up mistakes made in 2022.

In the December Breeze, I welcomed these new members to our fold: Nancy Olson, Randine Anderson, and Andrea Kuzel. These great folks are NOT new members of the community garden, they are new members of our steering committee. We welcome their guidance and help.

A good time was had by all on December 12 when we dressed in holiday finery and reclaimed our seasonal tradition that COVID had taken away from us. We joined together for a festive holiday social party. We munched and mingled, collected donations for CHUM and AICHO, exchanged wrapped white elephant gifts, and enjoyed music and song coordinated by Ted Buck. The American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO) and Central Hillside United Ministry (CHUM) each have several programs. AICHO has 29 units of apartments at the old YWCA, an arts & cultural center, transitional Housing apartments, a domestic violence shelter which is in the process of expanding, legal advocacy, children's programs, an Indigenous gift shop, rooftop gardens, and more. CHUM includes a drop-in center, food shelf, Steve O'Neil apartments, St. Francis apartments, winter warming center, and street outreach for the homeless. We are fortunate to have these wonderful organizations in our community to help those in need.

At our Monday, January 9 monthly potluck dinner and program, Pat Farrell will be our speaker. Many of us will remember her as she joined us several years ago for a wonderful informative talk on soil. Her talk this month is titled "All the Dirt on Soil". Recently retired, Pat was a geography professor at UMD.

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 our monthly potluck dinner meetings on the second Monday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m.

Upcoming events:

Monday, January 9, 6 p.m., Monthly potluck dinner and meeting.

Monday, February 13, 6 p.m., Monthly potluck dinner and meeting.

-Susan Peters

## MP50. Minnesota Point Long-range Resiliency Planning



MP50 Working Group: Public Webinar. A public zoom meeting will be held Friday, January 13, 2023 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM CST with speakers making the following presentations:

- Section 111 Study Update, Capt. Sam Briscoe, USACE Project Manager
- FEMA Flood Map Update for Minnesota Point, Ceil Straus, State Floodplain Manager

These presentations are open to anyone interested in attending (zoom meeting address will be sent to PPCC and MP50 mailing lists).

### Research

- Dr. Harry Jol, UW Eau Claire was joined by Dr. John Swenson and Dr. Andrew Breckenridge on Nov. 29/30 conducting research at 8th and 27th streets to determine sediment composition. They were joined by students and members of MP50.
- Dr. Evan Larson, UW Platteville, is doing research with students from Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College on the Ojibwe use of fire on Minnesota and Wisconsin Points.

### Outreach

- Dr. Harry Jol brought 40 students enrolled in his Environmental Hazards class to Park Point on Thursday, Nov. 27th for a field trip. They met with Park Pointers (Gary Glass, Dawn Buck, and Paul Treuer) for a history of erosion and flooding on the Point.
- Mallory Woodle, a UW Eau Claire, graduate published research on Park Point, "A GPR investigation of the Internal Stratigraphy of foredunes along the Duluth Barrier System" at the 19th International Conference on Ground Penetrating Radar. June 2022. - River Talk lecture at the Estuarium the evening of January 11, 2023 – "Nimitanji'idimin Giiwiitashkodeng Project" (using fire to heal the land on Wisconsin Point), 7 p.m., presentation by Evan Larson, University of Wisconsin-Platteville and Melonee Montano, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, in-person at the Lake Superior Estuarium (3 Marina Dr., Superior, Wisconsin) and also by Zoom. The event is free and open to the public. Dr. Evan Larson was a participant in PPCC MP50's Summit held in August 2022 at Lafayette.

Grants. Julie McDonnell (MnDNR), with input from MP50, applied for funding to participate in "Strengthening Coastal Communities Resilience in the Great Lakes Region." A core interdisciplinary team focusing on Minnesota Point includes PPCC, City of Duluth, Duluth Planning Commission, UMD Geography, and MnDNR Lake Superior Coastal Program.

Thank you! MP50 appreciates the input of many individuals from diverse stakeholder groups and organizations to deepen our understanding about erosion and flooding on Minnesota Point.

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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

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