



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Rinkfest!
February 5th
Noon to 3PM at
Lafayette

Park Point
Community Club
February 21st
Social at 6:30,
Meeting at 7PM

Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck
No February dinner.
Next potluck, March
13th, 6PM at Lafayette

Park Point Flower
Garden Club
Contact: Sue Solin
218-727-2151
New members
welcome!

GET TO
THE
RINK!

Park Point Flower Garden Club News

“Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer”
 ~ Anita Krirran



Our Park Point Flower Garden Club celebrated the holidays in December with a dinner and social event at the Lavamaki residence. An evening of food, friendship and fun was enjoyed. This was a special time to remember the past year and begin thinking of the future

In January, our newly-elected officers were installed. We began dreaming about the coming spring. What shall we plant? Are there plants we can add to our gardens that are more drought resistant? What can we do to attract more pollinators? Does our soil need to be supplemented or amended to retain its health?

Perhaps these same questions have been on your mind. Winter is a nice time to regroup and plan for changes. The planning and upkeep of a flower garden can be difficult, especially if you want to try something new and are working solo. I became a member of the Park Point Flower Garden Club because I wanted to learn more about flower gardening, improve my yard and meet my neighbors. In doing so, I have met a group of caring women who are knowledgeable, and willing to help. Our flower garden club meets monthly. Our members plant the flower gardens at Lafayette and take turns watering and weeding during the summer, but mostly we have fun. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please give me a call @ (218) 727-2151. We have open enrollment going on now.

Sue Solin



The Breeze

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by 2/27/2023

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

We had a great turnout at the membership pizza party on 1/17! Special thanks to the Goulds for organizing and getting the food and to Green Mill for their support. The pizza was delicious and quickly devoured.

We have great news on the PP Summer Youth Program at Lafayette! Two of last summer's staff members will return and past leader, Kevin Chederquist, will help plan the action packed summer for the lucky kids! Sharon Brown and Baamlak Haugen are excited to be back and have been working with Youth Program leaders Britta DeSutter and Kari Speer. The membership approved the preliminary budget and registration materials will be ready early this spring! Want to get involved with this awesome summer youth program? Contact Britta at brittadesutter@gmail.com. Summer is just around the corner:) The planning for the 51st Art Fair is going well with new volunteers on the committee bringing enthusiasm and ideas.

I had a few emails on car prowls recently in the 33-35 blocks. Also, I had a report of a woman in a white Ford pulling fully into a driveway near 23rd, knocking on the door, saying she was "looking for a lady jeweler." Please get to know your neighbors and call 911 to report crimes or suspicious activity. In your vehicles, keep valuables out of sight and block the views into garages and sheds with curtains. Lock your cars, sheds, garages, homes and don't feel bad about calling 911. If possible, take photos of suspicious cars and call in suspicious behavior- see something, say something- it might be very helpful information. Install a security camera; there are a few relatively inexpensive and easy to use options, Ring, Blink etc. Pat Sterner is tracking hazardous driving reports and is working with Sgt. Ethan Roe. To report dangerous driving, email parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com.

Neighbors near 37th sent me a video of unstable ice formations and little volcanoes spewing ice. Please mind your step and the wind while on the ice and ice formations; consider what lies beneath your boots while exploring and consider that the ice shelf might collapse. Another neighbor near the bridge sent me photos of what looks like oily grime on the beach and is wondering if it's from beach nourishment. Hamilton Smith from the Erosion and High Water Committee has contacted the City, the DNR and the USACE. Please see the update from MP50 in another section of The Breeze; thank you to the Park Pointers who attended the public meeting on the Section 111 study. Continuing education and engagement on the issues of erosion and flooding on our unique and vulnerable barrier island are essential. Please contact Paul Treuer if you would like to learn more on MP50 and the resources we are gathering.

Speaking of learning more, I stopped by the Duluth Maker Space in December to watch students of Dr. Evan Larson working on the red pine samples from WI & MN Points. From WDIO: "Students from both Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and the University of Minnesota Duluth worked with their mentor Evan Larson, a professor from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, to sand a collection of cross sections gathered from the stumps of long dead-red pine trees that grew on both points. The trees carry stories of passing fires that burned across the points, leaving distinct marks within their rings that can be interpreted to identify the exact year, and oftentimes the season, during which these fires burned." <https://www.wdio.com/front-page/top-stories/students-work-together-for-red-pine-slab-preservation/> also <https://www.fox21online.com/2022/12/03/students-uncover-the-past-through-pine-trees/> (continued next page)

(President's Report, continued)

The woodshop looked awesome and then a couple weeks ago I learned of an opportunity to take a woodworking class from Jessica at the Makerspace where I could learn to use the tools and make a lovely cedar bench. Like I said, summer is just around the corner and the cedar bench will be perfect as a plant stand or extra seat for guests on the deck or a place to set my margarita :) Check out other classes at the Makerspace here. <https://duluthmakerspace.com/> There are courses on lapidary arts and stained glass coming up.

Hoping that the weather will be agreeable for Rinkfest 2023 on February 5th! The Rink has seen a lot of action this January; thank you to the Lafayette volunteer hosts and to the City for support!

Take care and see you out and about!

Dawn and Bruno, beach loving explorer schnauzer and butter snatcher

**Still plenty of time to join the Park Point Community Club.
In fact, you can join anytime!**

Park Point Community Club Membership Form

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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.

PPCC Minutes

Neighbors gathered at 6:30pm for social time, pizza from Green Mill and to support the PPCC Membership drive.

The January 2023 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:01 pm on January 17th, 2023

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

Treasurers Report – Gale Kerns

End of November balance \$20, 053

End of December balance - \$18,345

Of interest, end of December 2021 our balance was \$8,800, so we are doing well this year. We're receiving lots of memberships and donations. Also, the Art Fair and Summer Youth program were very successful in 2022.

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Summer Youth Program – Britta DeSutter

There were 41 kids enrolled last year and people are excited for Summer 2023. Kevin will be return, and staffing was reviewed. There's money left over from last year so scholarships will be available. Budget has been approved. Please support SYP. More details to come.

Art Fair - Carla Tamburro

The 51st annual Art Fair is scheduled for June 24th & 25th, 2023. Planning is underway and new people are joining the committee. Volunteers are needed! Things are going well, artists are applying so please spread the word. Projected income for 2023 is \$8000.

MP-50: Paul Treuer

Paul reviewed four important presentations from last week. These were from FDL college, the Army Corp, FEMA flood maps and DNR grants. Please see Paul's report for details on each presentation or contact him directly at paul.treuer@gmail.com

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs .

No report

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

Planning has begun for the 2023 Park Point Rummage Sale. Mark your calendars for Friday June 9th and Saturday June 10th.

Watch Committee – That's us

Dennis reminded us about the importance of keeping a 2-foot area around fire hydrants clear of snow. Please consider adopting a fire hydrant near your home! Also, please continue to report speeding, passing and unsafe driving incidents to Pat Sterner.

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

Dick reported that the trees planted in the mid 1980's are really helping to control snow drifting. The plan is to continue planting trees in 2023.

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

February potluck has been cancelled. Think Spring - Seeds have been ordered for March!

Program Committee - Dave Poulin

Please submit ideas for presentations you'd like to see in 2023.

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

No report

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No report

Rink Fest- Mark Eldon

February 5th – Noon to 3pm. Wood is needed for the fire pit. Please contact Mark if you can contribute. Mark requested \$300 to fund the event. A motion was made and all in attendance voted aye.

Of note: Adam Fornear from Parks & Rec stopped into the meeting. He's been on the job 3 months now. Our ice rink looks great so many thanks to P&R for plowing it. Also, thanks to supporters of Lafayette's lower level for open skating times, skating aids and etc...

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm

Respectfully submitted, Deb Strange, Interim Secretary

Rinkfest 2023!

February 5th

Noon to 3PM

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Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 22 @ 7 pm

All are welcome.

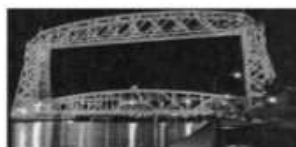


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LYNN BENTFIELD



News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

At our Monday, January 9 monthly potluck dinner and program, Pat Farrell was our speaker. Recently retired, Pat was a geography professor at UMD. Pat is an area soil expert and this is the second time she has given us talks on the subject. This month, her talk was titled "All the Dirt on Soil".

Some of the highlights include this quote from Charles E. Kellogg, USDA Yearbook of Agriculture, 1938, "All life depends on soil. There can be no life without soil and no soil without life. They have evolved together."

We are reminded that half of soil's volume is space: space for air, water, roots, large and small organisms. Soil is quite alive. In 1 cubic meter of soil, you will find 50,000 earthworms, 50,000 insects and mites, and 12 million roundworms. Thinking on a smaller scale, in 1 pea-size bit of soil, you will find 30,000 protozoa, 50,000 algae, 400,000 fungi, and billions of bacteria.

For further reading, she recommends the book Finding the Mother Tree (Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest), by Suzanne Simard.

Note: our scheduled potluck for February 13 has been canceled. We hope to see everyone on the afternoon of February 5th at the ice-skating party at Lafayette Square. For future reference, Coral McDonnell is the contact person for folks interested in our community garden and potluck dinners. She can be contacted at 218-727-6455, 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:

No potluck dinner in February.

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

For your enjoyment, Pat Farrell shared this poem at our January meeting:

Patriotism by Ellie Schoenfeld,
The Dark Honey, 2009 Clover Valley Press

My country is this dirt
that gathers under my fingernails
when I am in the garden.
The quiet bacteria and fungi,
all the little insects and bugs
are my compatriots. They are
Idealistic, always working together
for the common good.
I kneel on the earth
and pledge my allegiance
to all the dirt of the world,
to all of that soil which grows
flowers and food
for the just and unjust alike.
The soil does not care
what we think about or who we love.
It knows our true substance,
of what we are really made.
I stand my ground on this ground,
this ground which will
ultimately
recruit us all
to its side.

-Susan Peters



MP50. Minnesota Point Long-range Resiliency Planning



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

- Julie McDonnell, Coastal Program Specialist, Mn. Lake Superior Coastal Program, Mn DNR, Strengthening Coastal Communities Resilience in the Great Lakes Region Challenge.
- The Association of State Floodplain Manager project will provide one year of technical assistance and training workshops to develop planning scenarios for Minnesota Point. The Duluth team was selected for 2023. The team includes Julie McDonnell, DNR, Kate Kubiak, City of Duluth Natural Resources, Paul Treuer, PPCC & MP50, Sam Lobby, Western Lake Superior Sanitary District, Adam Fulton, City of Duluth Planning & Economic Development, Tom Johnson, City of Duluth Engineer, John Swenson, UMD Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences.
- Section 111 Study Update, Capt. Sam Briscoe, USACE Project Manager, Dr. James Selegan, Hydraulic Engineer, USACE, and John Love, Planning , USACE reported:
- USACE Team is in the process of contracting with a firm to develop a coastal model to inform the study. A draft feasibility report should be completed by early to mid- 2024.
- Jim Selegan presented on the previous Sect. 111 study conducted in 2001 and its shortcomings. He shared proposed study scope including conceptual sediment budget. The scope of the study is for the lake side of Minnesota and Wisconsin Points. The study will include: literature review, bluff recession and characterization, growth of accretion fillets, sediment yield and characterization, tributary inputs, sediment transport modeling, model validation, and dredging history. - Presentation recording is available for anyone to view.
- FEMA Flood Map Update for Minnesota Point, Ceil Straus, State Floodplain Manager
- We are getting new St. Louis County flood maps which will include new coastal zone mapping. Public open house to review the new maps is 2/16/23 from 5-7 PM at Public Works Pike Lake Conference Room, 4787 Midway Road, Duluth. - Presentation recording is available for anyone to view.

Thank you! MP50 appreciates the expertise of the presenters and willingness to share with the community. Links to the recordings are available through PPCC website or contact Paul Treuer (paul.treuer@gmail.com) to request materials mentioned in this report.

Wanted: Park Point homes to host Artists for Art Fair weekend.

Do you have a guest room that will be empty June 23 - June 25? The PPAF committee is trying to help out of town artists find affordable accommodations for their time in Duluth. Last Summer I hosted a lovely couple from Mankato. It was great fun to get to know them, and they were very appreciative of having a homelike space to relax close to the Art Fair.

If you can host please contact me: Jill Cornwell, cornwald@gmail.com or 218-349-7674

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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

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