



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck**
March 13th, 6PM at
Lafayette

**Park Point
Community Club**
March 21st.
Social at 6:30,
Meeting at 7PM

**Park Point Flower
Garden Club**
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**Park Point Rummage
Sale**
June 9&10

Park Point Art Fair
June 24 & 25

**What will
March
Bring?**

New Art Exhibit at St. Andrew's

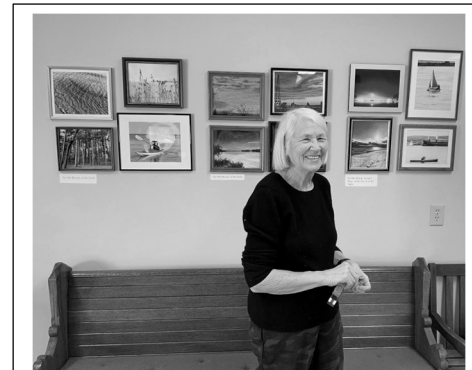


A new exhibit composed of photographs now graces the walls of the St. Andrew's by the Lake Mission Hall and Church entry. Several congregational members volunteered their skills to plan the exhibit, select and frame the photos, prepare the signs and the walls. They include Ellie Alspach, Mary Anderson, Dave Johnson and John Brostrom (who helped paint the South wall.)

The exhibit is part of the St. Andrew's Faithful Innovation Initiative. It involves both the Park Point community and SABTL church members who were asked to consider the beauty of our Park Point environment and record observations as photographs. Almost 50 photos were received and framed.

The well known hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth" was chosen as the theme for the exhibit. Each cluster of photos is identified by a line from the hymn which was written in 1864 by the English poet and hymnodist, Folliott Sandford Pierpoint as a hymn of thanksgiving sung at communion time. The original lyrics have been altered through the years for greater appeal and adaptation to different circumstances. The exhibit reinforces the connection between a visual and spiritual response to our environment. A grand opening of the exhibit for the community and church members will be scheduled for a later time.

Arlene Renken
Photos by Dave Johnson



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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Our next meeting is set for March 21 at 7pm and we have invited the City of Duluth Planning Dept. staff members to bring the new proposed City flood map overlays of Park Point which are based on the updated FEMA maps. We would like to find out what these new maps might mean for private and public lands, for future development plans, and for resiliency planning. Our guest presenters from the City will be Adam Fulton and Kyle Demming. Updated maps for Duluth are here: <https://duluthmn.gov/planning-development/environmental/natural-resources/> Hope to see you at the gathering next month! The 90- day public comment period on the FEMA maps started on Feb. 16th.

RinkFEST 2023 on February 5th was a super fun day at Lafayette with glorious weather, warm fires, tasty hot dogs and a bounty of wonderful delights and buoyant conversations. Skaters of all ages enjoyed the large and well- tended rink. Hats off to Rink & FunMaster Mark Elden and the volunteers who worked on this event.

Have plans to explore the St. Louis Estuary this summer? From the MPCA, thank you Barb Huberty, and the St. Louis River Alliance: "For you paddlers that plan to explore any of the St. Louis River Estuary National Water Trails this year, please take a look at the Paddlers Awareness handout to show where current project efforts could impede your paddling plans. Be sure to reference it before you launch to avoid our activities. If you see yellow turbidity curtains in the water, that is a sure sign to stay out. (The work sites and the handout are posted on the club's website, www.parkpointcommunityclub.org.)

The Clyde Avenue boat launch will again be closed this season as we continue to remedy contaminated sediments at the Munger Landing project site.

This year, the St. Louis River Alliance is gathering information about river use from neighborhood residents that live near the SLRAOC (St. Louis River Area of Concern) project sites. Once they gather their findings, they'll develop river-focused activities for those residents. Perhaps your group would be interested in sharing your passion for the estuary by partnering on a fishing, birding, paddling, boating, swimming, or hiking experience organized by the St. Louis River Alliance. If you have an interest in this or ideas for other river-based experiences and how you might support river engagement, please contact Kris Eilers (kris@stlouisriver.org).

Thanks for your continued interest in the progress of the SLRAOC remediation and restoration work. At this time, our plan is to complete SLRAOC's in-water work by the end of 2026."

Stay tuned for Park Point opportunities in gardening, summer youth program, tree planting, sailing, rowing and more. We just received the DSSA summer flier in the mail! Check out <https://sailingforall.org/our-programs/> to sign up for classes. Before you know it, we'll be on the water!

Here's to the good life on Park Point!

Dawn & Bruno, intrepid schnauzer, super sized

SLINGS AND ARROWS

(The Perils of Park Point)

At 84, I have escaped most of the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune and consider myself actually lucky. After several days of bone chilling cold, during which I kept a faucet water drip going to avoid frozen pipes, on Saturday morning I discovered that the toilet did not refill after flushing. I wanted to put my head in the sand, but instead googled toilet water pipe freeze and was told to cover the water pipe with a heating pad, use a hair dryer to blast with hot air and or to use space heater. I had neither hair dryer nor space heater, but I did have an old heating pad. I took the pad and roll of duct tape and proceeded down the steep and narrow steps to the nether regions of my house. In the laundry room I noticed a note suspended from a pipe high on the front exterior wall. I then remembered that my nephew had put up the note over 30 years ago telling what to do in the event of a toilet filler pipe freeze up. The pipe was over the wash tubs and totally out of my reach. I tried a small plastic stool. No help. I looked around and spotted an old step stool leaning against the wall. I pulled the step stool over and opened it up. It was a little rickety, but I risked it, knowing that if I fell, even if I broke nothing, I would have great difficulty in getting up off the floor. How daring I was! Even with the step stool, I was too far away to reach the feed pipe. I gently tossed the heating pad to the pipe and it landed just right, on top of the pipe with the sides of the pad on either side of the pipe. I set the temperature on low and carefully backed down off the step stool. I plugged the heating pad into the wall and felt triumphant.

I had an appointment in the Mall area and decided while there I would try to find a hair dryer at Savers. There were several to choose from. I plugged in a couple to be sure they worked and chose the one with the hottest air.

When I got home I checked the toilet, hoping that the heating pad had succeeded, but, alas, no progress. I searched my closets for a wire hanger (a useful tool in many situations) with no luck , but did grab a multiple skirt hanger.

Armed with new equipment, I descended the steep stairs.

In the laundry room, I searched for the elusive wire hanger and ,ta da, I find an old bent one, I lay my implements down and try using the hair dryer. I am way too far away from the pipe. I climb the shaky step stool and with arm stretched out I am close enough to blow air near the pipe, but I can't stand on this dang stool all day. I get down off the stool and gather the skirt rack and wire hanger. Up again on the stool. I hang the skirt hanger as close to the pipe as I can. I then twist the hanger around the hair dryer. Slip the hanger hook over a pipe, slip the hair dryer through the top space of the skirt hanger. The nose of the hair dryer is not pointing high enough for the air to hit the pipe.

I glance around to see what I can use and find a plastic bottle of some cleaner that I wedge into the bottom of the wire hanger holding the hair dryer. This weight causes the hair dryer to aim the perfect angle for thawing the pipe. I leave my Rube Goldberg contraption blasting away with, again, a sense of triumph. Within the hour, I hear my toilet filling. Success, blessed success .I go again to the basement to turn off and disassemble my Goldberg creation. Lovingly looking at my brilliant Jerry Rigged solution., I realize I need neither the heating pad, nor the hair dryer, I unplug them, but leave them positioned and ready to serve should I ever have need again. I'm no fool!

Cornelia Dacey

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow” ~Audrey Hepburn

Over twenty hale and hearty women braved the most recent storm to attend our February Park Point Flower Garden Club meeting. We gathered at the Lavamaki residence and were treated to an inspiring presentation by Chelsea Helmer. Chelsea is the new owner of Grey Rabbit Gardens (formerly Suzie's Country Greenhouse) on Normanna Road. She delivered information about attracting pollinators, ideas for drought resistant plantings and recommendations for native plants that will do well in our “hardiness zone”.

It is refreshing to think that soon we will trade in our snow shovels and replace them with spades and trowels. March is upon us and the first day of spring is not far off.

Our garden club planning committee has begun dreaming and designing. They will be considering bloom times, flower colors and plant textures to best provide year-round interest in our Lafayette Garden. **We can use your help.** We will be planning for specific native plants and perennials that you may already have in your garden. Perhaps you would be willing to share some of these as you thin your gardens? We can also use monetary donations. We need to amend our soil, add compost and mulch, besides the purchasing of annuals and perennials.

If you would like to help, please contact me at susan.r.solin@gmail.com or (218) 349-0682.

Rinkfest '23 February 5th



Perfect weather, great ice a nice turnout, estimated at at least 100 skaters all during the noon-3:00 event

The annual get together, since at least the 50's couldn't have been better. Sunny skies, and a busy volunteer group brought it all together without a hitch.

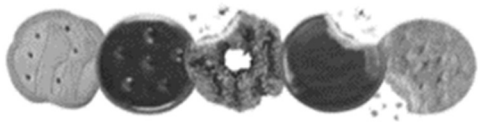
Thanks to all who showed up and especially Ms. Nancy Olson, food specialist, Mr. Gale Kerns, utility man, Coral McDonnel and the ladies of the Community Garden, cookie bakers, Roger Reinert in the heavy lifting dept., and others doing shifts on the grill and hot dogs. We had water and juice keeping it all on low sugar.

A good time was had by all.

Donated firewood and 2 fires added to the ambiance.....all in all a fantastic community event and we'll have to continue it in the future. Thanks again to everyone who came and all our great helper bees.

Mark Elden, Rinkman

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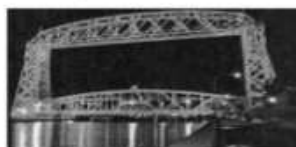
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6:00 Program
6:50 Compline



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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Welcome new gardeners Jo and Jon Bittner! We look forward to having you with us in the garden. If you are currently a garden member and want to continue as a member, or are interested in joining, please let Coral know 218-727-6455, coraljean@charter.net. We are in the process of updating our roster.

The Duluth Community Garden Program has chosen collard greens as the Duluth vegetable of the year for 2023. We typically plant the veggie of the year in the stone framed bed near the entrance gate to the garden. However, we may plant this year's veggie of the year in a smaller bed...unless we hear from gardeners that they would LOVE to have a bumper crop of this vegetable. Please weigh in. It will be discussed at the March potluck dinner meeting. 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 out monthly potluck dinner meetings on the second Monday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m.

Upcoming events:

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

Monday, April 10, 6 p.m., Monthly potluck dinner and meeting. Amy Westbrook (ACW Consulting) will be speaking on Pollinator Resolutions for Our Gardens.

Here's a delicious recipe to brighten up your mid-winter dining options. Sumac is a Middle Eastern spice with an earthy flavor and citrus overtones. -SP

Lamb Meatballs with Sumac and Feta

From staff writer G. Daniela Galarza, Washington Post, 2022

Storage Notes: Refrigerated for up to 4 days.

Tested size: 4 servings; makes 15-20 meatballs and about 1 cup sauce

5 scallions, roughly chopped

1 small bunch fresh dill (1 ounce) or parsley, or a combination, roughly chopped, plus a few sprigs reserved for garnish

1 pound ground lamb

3/4 cup cooked rice or plain breadcrumbs

2 cloves garlic, minced or grated

2 tablespoons ground sumac

1 teaspoon fine salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper

4 ounces feta, roughly crumbled

3 tablespoons Greek yogurt, plus more as needed

Flatbreads, cooked rice and/or salad, for serving (optional)

Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees. Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with foil, if desired.

In the bowl of a food processor, combine the scallions and dill and/or parsley and process or pulse until finely chopped, stopping to scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.

In a large bowl, combine the lamb, rice or breadcrumbs, garlic, sumac, salt, black pepper and about half of the chopped herbs (leave the remaining herbs in the food processor). Using your hands, gently mix everything together and form the mixture into 15 to 20 approximately 1-ounce meatballs. Place them, evenly spaced, on the rimmed baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes, or until browned and cooked through.

Meanwhile, add the feta and yogurt to the remaining herbs in the food processor and process until a bright green sauce forms, about 3 minutes, stopping to scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed. If the sauce seems too thick, add 1 more tablespoon of yogurt.

To serve, spoon the sauce onto a large plate and top with the cooked meatballs. Garnish with sprigs of dill and serve with flatbreads, a salad or extra rice.

-Susan Peters

MP50. Minnesota Point Long-range Resiliency Planning



Strengthening Coastal Communities Resilience in the Great Lakes Region Challenge: Minnesota Point

- The Duluth Team met with the ASFPM (Association of State Floodplain Managers) team via zoom on Feb. 17, 2023. The goal of the meeting was to meet each other and for the ASFPM team to learn about Minnesota Point and what the community has done to date around planning so they can tailor the technical assistance process around our needs.
- The Duluth Team and three other national communities chosen to participate in ASFPM coastal planning this year made presentations on Feb. 23, 2023, to the ASFPM team.
- The Duluth Team will now begin the one-year technical assistance to support the development of local vulnerability assessments & scenario-based plans:
 - Phase 1: Self- Assessment (based on Wisc. Coastal Resilience Self-Assessment)
 - Phase 2: Plan Integration Assessment (based on Plan Integration for Resilience Scorecard)
 - Phase 3: Vulnerability & Risk Assessment (based on data needs and acquisition, scenario planning, hazard identification & land use mapping, exposure analysis, sensitivity analysis, fiscal impacts analysis, vulnerability and risk assessments, and communicating vulnerability and risk).
- The AFSMP team plans a site visit to Mn. Point in Summer/Fall 2023.

FEMA Flood Map Update for Minnesota Point

- The new St. Louis County flood maps were presented 2/16/23. This begins a 90-day public input period. Duluth city maps have been updated with the proposed flood maps and are publicly available for viewing at: <https://duluthmn.gov/planning-development/environmental/natural-resources/>.
 - Duluth City planners, Adam Fulton and Kyle Demming will be presenting information about the updated FEMA flood maps at the PPCC March 21 meeting. Adam Fulton is Deputy Director of City of Duluth Planning & Economic Development and is a member of the Mn. Point ASFPM Team.
- Thank you! MP50 appreciates the leadership provided by Julie McDonnell coordinating the Mn. Point ASFPM Team. 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

Park Pointer seeks
exercise buddy to swim at
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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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