



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck**
April 10th, 6PM
at Lafayette

**Park Point
Community Club**
April 18, at Lafayette
social at 6:45,
meeting at 7PM

**Park Point Flower
Garden Club**
For info
contact
Sue Solin
218-349-0682

**Photo Exhibit Open
House May 7, 1-3 PM**
at St. Andrews by the
Lake

**Park Point Rummage
Sale**
June 9&10

Park Point Art Fair
June 24 & 25

**I Don't
Trust
April!**

**A society grows great when old men plant trees
whose shade they know they shall never sit in.**
~ Greek proverb



Our Park Point Flower Garden Club met on March 23 at the Gould residence. We had our regular business meeting which included a treasurer's report by Diane Gould. In the past few months, it has been noted in the financial report, that anonymous donations have been given to our club. We don't know who you are, but **you** know, and we would like to thank you! Our club exists through donations of time, knowledge, labor and money. These monetary donations are used to purchase annuals, perennials, compost, mulch and soil for our LaFayette flower garden.

Through the years, many beloved Park Point residents have passed on. Friends and family have made donations to our Flower Garden Club in their name. We honor these loved ones by noting their names on plaques hung at LaFayette. The next time you visit the upstairs of LaFayette, please take a moment to view these plaques. They are part of our history.

Sue Solin

Photo Exhibit Open House At St. Andrews by the Lake

The Park Point Community is warmly invited to attend the grand opening of the new photo exhibit at St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 7 from 1-3 pm. You may recall from the March 2023 Breeze that the photo exhibit is a collaboration between the Park Point community and the members of St. Andrew's. The photographers were tasked with capturing the beauty of our wonderful community called Park Point. The results of their work was lovingly curated by Arlene Renken and Ellie Alspach. Enjoy coffee and treats while you feast your eyes on more than fifty beautiful photos of the Park Point Community.

The Breeze

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by 4/27/2023

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Great to visit with engaged neighbors and hear good questions at the presentation on the proposed flood maps last week! Thank you to City Planners Adam Fulton and Kyle Deming for showing us what the new FEMA maps look like and how to interpret them online. If you need help, call city planning for support. PPCC MP50 will collaborate with Planning Staff on the flood maps near the bridge based on the observations in Oct. 2019 which led to the Shelter in Place order- flooding occurred on both sides of the bridge. Areas down in the park on the south end on the bay side are at increased risk for flooding and the roadway will most likely be reconfigured, a study of the area is underway. See more on resiliency studies and initiatives in the MP50 Report in The Breeze.

The PPCC membership unanimously supported the 2023 Magic Smelt Parade which will be held this year on Sunday, May 28, a little later than in previous years. This is the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend and will again feature The Brass Messengers and the party at Zeitgeist Cafe. Meet at 330pm at the Aerial Bridge and wear silver. The parade workshops will start on May 13th at the Duluth Art Institute, Lincoln Park. All of the details are here. <https://magicsmelt.com/> The Program Committee is working on a mayoral candidates' event at Lafayette, stay tuned for information via email, the website and the Postcard sign on the S- Curve. The PP Summer Youth Program will host an Open House on Tuesday, April 18 from 5-7pm. This is just prior to the April PPCC meeting. Thank you to the PP parents who are working with the returning contractors on this year's program.

Birders, dog walkers, kayakers and adventurers who use the public land on 19th, bay side, asked for assistance in finding the City office that would help with missing signage. Neighbors in the area contacted city staff to obtain the easement and the map of the public land inside of the gated and fenced area. There is a city dog waste dispenser back there and a kayak rack, not sure yet if that is one of the city's racks or not, stay tuned. I will post the map and the easement on the property so you can walk over and check it out and soon land or launch your kayak. Thanks to neighbor Pat Sterner of the neighborhood watch and traffic safety committee who is compiling a list of questions and concerns re. signage needs, parking concerns/strategies, dog issues on the beach, smelting, speeding, traffic calming, access points, emergency services when Canal Park is gridlocked and/or during summer events, garbage and recycling needs, porta potty needs at s curve, posting of hours of the bathroom facilities on the Point etc. Yes, that is a long list! Summer will soon be here and we must be prepared to welcome the thousands of guests who love Park Point. We are looking forward to getting together with city agencies/staff and Councilor Randorf to define problems, discuss possible solutions and see what can be done this spring for the upcoming, sure to be busy, and delightful summer! Thank you to everyone who keeps a close watch on what is happening in our community and for picking up the slack with trash and dog waste pick up when needed. Remember to call 911 if you see a crime in progress or even something that just does not seem right. If you see speeding, note the plate number if you can, and send to parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com. If you see reckless and dangerous driving, call 911 and tell the dispatcher what you are seeing then send Pat an email to the traffic safety email; she tracks repeat offenders and works with our community officer Ethan Roe.

We went to the Edible Garden potluck and the food was fabulous as it always is. The speaker for the meeting canceled and instead we went around the room and talked about who we were and our role/relationship with the garden and maybe what the garden means for each of us. We listened, we laughed, we remembered the history of the garden and how it came about in 2009, learned from one member how the concept of community gardens in Duluth was launched way back etc. A couple of themes emerged: how the garden and its rituals/needs have a "grounding" effect on members, how special and unique the garden is because it truly is a community garden~ all aspects are shared, the crop belongs to all and is shared with as many as possible.

How lucky are we to have these opportunities on this extraordinary island?

See you out and about! Time to dust off and freshen the summer gear!

Dawn and Bruno, intrepid adventure schnauzer, size XL

Neighborhood Watch/Traffic Safety Report

Traffic Safety:

No updates as yet from City Engineering about possible ways to mitigate traffic issues. We will continue to engage with the City to work on these issues, including:

- Crosswalks
- Diamonds painted in the 'Recreation Lane' during the summer
- Additional signage
- Increased patrols during high traffic times
- Letters and visits to Canal Park and Park Point businesses

Neighborhood Watch

We will be setting meetings within the next month with the appropriate City departments and our City Councilor to discuss possible solutions to the following issues:

Beach Safety: Dogs, Litter, Glass

Unsafe dog encounters on the beach are growing. Some residents report off-leash dogs acting aggressively to runners and creating concern for parents with young children. Requests for owners to leash dogs go unheeded; there are also increasing amounts of dog feces indicating that owners are not cleaning up after their pets.

May-October Parking

Parking on the Lake Side of the road during May – October impedes those using the rec lane and creates additional hazards. Current parking signage is not sufficient to inform non-Park Point visitors about the rules. Some suggestions made include putting up 'hand-made' signs at main beach access points to help inform the public, and asking the City to place a large sign about parking rules on the street-side fencing at the Lafayette Community Center to help visitors understand the rules.

Smelting Season

Many visitors during smelting season are respectful and we understand that the rules about fires and parking are somewhat suspended. However, residents have noted that it will be helpful to have additional signage for parking and also increased beach patrols to help manage the number of people who come to the Point to smelt.

Additional Signage

Two years running residents have placed requests to the City for signage replacement regarding bay access at 19th Street, as both signs showing public land have vanished. There used to be a water launch icon brown and white sign on the stop sign at 19th bayside and a Parks sign visible in/on the fence. Now the public land is blocked by a fence and gate. We will request again that the City replace the signs and ensure access.

Emergency Services

There are ongoing concerns about access to Fire, Police and EMT services when the Aerial Bridge is up, and what remedies might be put into place. The PPCC has and will continue to ask for the City's support in planning for emergency services for our locally planned events and local activities when Canal Park is surely clogged, as well as a Health/Safety Plan on Park Point when the beaches are packed and Canal Park is in a state of gridlock.

We are asking PP residents for ideas about how to address these particular issues. Please send your concerns and remedies to parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com.

We will provide a full list of issues and suggested remedies for discussion at the April PPCC meeting.

Pat Sterner

Boat Slip available
protected by Hearing Island,
\$1,200/season –
218-393-4332

Park Point Community Club Minutes

The March 2023 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:02 pm on March 21st, 2023.

Special guests Adam Fulton and Kyle Demming were introduced. They were from the City Planning Dept and spoke to the community regarding the new FEMA mapping project. For additional information, please go to the PPCC website to view links to resources that will further explain tonight's presentation.

A brief community club meeting was held starting at 7:57pm after the presentation by City officials.

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

Treasurers Report – Gale Kerns

End of January balance \$18, 909

End of February balance - \$18,296

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

Since the last meeting, 3 sympathy and 5 get well cards have been sent.

Watch Committee – That's us

Please look for additional details in the Breeze.

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No Report

MP-50: Paul Treuer

Please look for additional info in the Breeze or contact Paul directly at paul.treuer@gmail.com

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Summer Youth Program – Britta

Accepting enrollments and additional info can be found on the PPCC website.

Art Fair - Carla Tamburro

Interest in this year's Art Fair is high and the jury process will be starting soon. For additional info please contact Carla or Diane Gould.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

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

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

No report

Program Committee - Dave Poulin

No report

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

No report

New Business:

First reading for support of the Smelt Parade May 28th, 2023. The request is for \$250. A motion was made to approve and a second reading will occur at the April monthly meeting.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary

Hanten/Owens Windows Reflect Beauty of Park Point

At St. Andrews by the Lake

Sharp-eyed Park Pointers might have noticed the new stained glass windows recently installed at St. Andrew's by the Lake. Located above and to the sides of the red front entry doors, the new windows celebrate the lives and ministries of Paul and Helen Hanten and Bob and Mary Ellen Owens. The windows were paid for by Bob and Mary Ellen Owens, and by gifts given in memory of Helen and Paul Hanten. The windows, which were designed and created by Jim and Barb Collette, capture the beauty of a sunrise, a day, and a sunset on the beach at Park Point. You can enjoy the beauty of the new windows from the outside at night or better yet, by attending the photo exhibit open house on Sunday, May 7 from 1-3 pm.

In Memorandum

Audrey Monicken, a long-time Park Point resident and active community member, passed away February 20th, 2023, at the age of 93

A memorial Service will be held April 22nd, 1 PM, at the Benedictine Living Community Chapel

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PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 2 AT 9:45 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 6 AT 7:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 7 AT 12:00 NOON

EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9 AT 9:45 A.M.

All are Invited



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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

What a winter! As much as we might dislike the barrage of record-setting snow, we know we should be grateful for its benefits: it offers great insulation that protects plants' roots from being damaged from freeze and thaw cycles; it helps conserve soil moisture over the winter (as of mid-March there was 9" of water in Duluth's 34" snowpack); and it provides a boost of nitrogen to gently fertilize the garden. However, it inconveniences our lives by forcing us to shovel the stuff when we have better things to do, and it makes us rearrange our schedules. That's what happened in March, when our planned potluck dinner on the 13th had to get pushed back a week because of the snow accumulation.

We moved forward on March 20 with our potluck dinner meeting without our planned Tom Kasper. Instead, participants shared their own stories so everyone got to know each other better. The general consensus was that our community garden is a special place and everyone liked being part of its community. We also discussed the Duluth Community Garden Program's Vegetable of the Year: collards. We decided that we wanted our own vegetable of the year and voted to plant unusual potatoes in the oval bed usually designated for the vegetable of the year. We will honor the DCGP's choice of collards by planting a small bed of them in another area of the garden.

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

At the March potluck dinner, Erin O'Hearn brought a delicious vegan chili that everyone raved about. Erin reports that she got the recipe from Park Pointer Erin L'Allier, who was happy to share it with us.

Chipotle Chili with Sweet Potatoes

2 Tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, diced
1 poblano or Anaheim pepper, diced (or jalapeno pepper, if you like more heat)
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 Tablespoon chili powder
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon chipotle chili powder, or more to taste
Pinch ground cloves
2 teaspoons sea salt.
Ground black pepper, to taste
1 (14-15oz) can diced tomatoes in juice
1 (14-15oz) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 (14-15oz) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 (14-15oz) can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and shredded (about 4 cups)

Garnishes: diced avocado, tortilla chips, fresh cilantro

Sauté onion, pepper and garlic in the olive oil about 6 minutes to soften. Add spices, salt and pepper to taste and stir until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Add tomatoes and their juice and cook for another minute or two.

Add beans, sweet potatoes and 2 1/2 cups water. Bring to a boil, lower heat to a simmer and cover. Cook until sweet potatoes are tender and the chili is thick, at least 1 hour.

Adjust seasons and serve with desired toppings.-

Susan Peters

MP50.

Minnesota Point Long-range Resiliency Planning



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

- Mn Point has been selected as one of four coastal communities by the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) to receive a year of training and technical assistance to assess flood vulnerability and develop plans and policies that emphasize natural and nature-based solutions. Our team is led by Julie McDonnell, Mn DNR and consists of other members including City of Duluth, Duluth Planning Commission, UMD, and MP50. It has recently been by Fond du Lac members and the DNR hydrologist.

- The Minnesota Point Duluth Team met with the ASFPM team via GoogleMeet on March 21, 2023 to kick off the year-long Technical Assistance Process. In preparation for this meeting the Duluth Team has assembled community planning documents that govern land use and development on Minnesota Point.

- Today we started the first (of three) phases of the technical assistance program: Self-Assessment

- Reviewed the process for selecting 4-5 community planning documents to analyze and determine how well they are integrated to address disaster vulnerability.

- Began the process of doing a Coastal Resilience Self-Assessment. Led through the process by David Hart, Wisc. SeaGrant. He used the Coastal Resilience Self-Assessment tool to lead our team to identify coastal hazard risks of Mn. Point. We will proceed to identify and assess practices in place to mitigate impacts of coastal hazards and then proceed to identify possible practices. These results will help us get a pulse on coastal hazards on Mn. Point and opening up conversations with Mn. Point stakeholder groups on the severity of those hazards and what can be done about them.

- Personally: program staff are knowledgeable and experienced; the Mn Point participants have experience with planning and are well working together.

- Materials are lengthy and will be shared with PPCC through email and MP50 meetings.

MP50 Meeting

- The next MP50 Zoom meeting will be Thursday, April 6 from 9:30 - 11:00 AM CDT. There will be presentations from USACE on Section 111 Updates and from the Duluth ASFPM Group on Mn Point Coastal Communities Resilience Planning.

Outreach

- MP50 will make a presentation on Erosion and Flooding of Minnesota Point to students from UWisc Eau Claire Geomorphology class on April 21/22 at Lafayette.

FEMA Flood Map Update for Minnesota Point

- Duluth City planners, Adam Fulton and Kyle Demming presented 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. 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/>.

Special thanks to City Councillor Roz Randorf who has helped engage the City in our MP50 projects. Contact Paul Treuer (paul.treuer@gmail.com) to request materials mentioned in this report.

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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

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