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The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Lafayette Community Edible Garden Potluck May 8th, 6-8PM at Lafayette

Park Point Community Club May 16, at Lafayette social at 6:45, meeting at 7PM

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

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

Smelt Parade Sunday May 28th, 3:30 PM Starts by the Bridge in Canal Park

Park Point Rummage Sale June 9&10

Park Point Art Fair June 24 & 25

Can you turn up the heat a little?

A New look for Sky Harbor



Sky Harbor Airport has received a grant to remove the old, rather dilapidated terminal building and replace it with a new, and more welcoming terminal. The picture above is just a proposed concept, not a final design, but the new building would be slightly raised, to meet the 607' elevation requirement, and ADA compliant – which the old building is not. It would also include a publicly accessible vending area and restrooms, as well as a shaded outside seating area, available not only to airport users – and airplane watchers – but passing dog walkers and hikers as well. It was stressed that the new building will be built essentially on the same footprint as the existing building, and will in no way restrict the hiking trail and access to the pine forest, either during construction or after completion.

The project is on a rather quick and strict timeline – final bids must be in by July 1st, or they risk losing the grant. So they hope to have final plans approved by May or June, and will bring them back to the PPCC then. If all goes well, demolition of the old building and foundation work on the new could begin this Fall, with construction and completion next Summer.

Sky Harbor is currently without a full-time airport manager, as former manager Ken Timms has moved on to new adventures. The airport Authority hopes to hire a new manager within the next couple months, so they will be here to oversee the project.

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by 5/27/2023

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

I have a very important event for your May calendar: MN Point Resilience Open House, Thursday May 18 from 5-7pm, upstairs at Lafayette.

Please see Paul Treuer's MP50 report in this Breeze for all of the details. Dr. David Hart, Minnesota Point ASFPM Project Lead, will give an overview of the coastal resilience self-assessment, how it is being used on Minnesota Point and how it has been used to benefit other Great Lakes communities. Topics will include: stewardship of the dunes, shoreland permits, monitoring erosion rates, city policies, and more. Community engagement will be a vital & integral piece of this planning process as emphasized at the April PPCC meeting.

Thank you & see you at Lafayette on May 18th!

The May meeting of the PPCC is on Tues. May 16th. Last month, we learned about the new terminal building grant for Sky Harbor Airport and welcomed Kaci Nowicki and Mark Papko to hear the details. Camp Lafayette's Open House in April on meeting night was a success with campers & their parents excited about summer days on PP and their upcoming adventures. Sharon Brown will be the Camp leader this year; welcome back Sharon! Stop by and see the fun which begins Monday, June 12 and runs through Thursday, August 10, 2023.

Sixteen students from UW Eau Claire studying geomorphology visited the barrier island of WI/MN Point last Friday & Saturday. MP50 hosted Dr. Harry Jol and the students at Lafayette. The Club's signature Civility Cookies (oatmeal choc. chip w pecans), fabulous brownies & warm beverages were enjoyed by everyone. Maps and posters were shared along with a bit of history; the Club's efforts to protect and preserve the unique and complex ecosystems were described along with the challenges ahead. The students had an opportunity to share their ideas and had thoughtful and insightful questions, some of which we could not answer. Meeting and interacting with the curious and enthusiastic young scientists provided a sense of hope. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to this gathering.

Speeding and reckless driving continue to be a big concern and things will get worse with summer celebrations ahead. I dialed 911 last evening with the license plate number of a silver BMW that I watched pass a van at high speed just past Lafayette. Please call 911 and report these incidents and let Pat Sterner know by sending a note to parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com. Neighbors are getting in touch with our state legislators as there are currently bills in the Minnesota House and Senate that would legalize speed and stop light camera use in the State of Minnesota. This technology might really impact the speeding problems on Park Point. The bill, SF2026/HF2098, would allow cities throughout Minnesota to use radar speed cameras to enforce traffic laws. Here are the email addresses for our legislators: Senator McEwen, sen.jennifer.mcewen@senate.mn and Representative Olson,

rep.liz.olson@house.mn.gov. If you need assistance with details for a letter, please send me a note and I will share an example from a neighbor.

Don't forget to add The Smelt Parade to the list of spring fun. Sunday, May 28, 3:30pm, parade starts near the lift bridge by the Marine Museum. The program committee is working on an evening with the mayoral and city council candidates, stay tuned for dates and details in July and maybe September. Call Dave Poulin with questions 218-722-1511

Thank you for taking time to read The Breeze and touching base with your neighbors from time to time. The busy trifecta of June will soon be here and I hope you are getting ready for the Rummage Sale where you will get to see everyone! Hoping to see you out and about soon!

Dawn &

RIP dear beloved companion Bruno who died on Apr. 13 from cancer. He loved the beach, his family, our community and butter;) Thank you to everyone who gave him a chance, laughed at his goofy ears & his large schnauzer antics. Dr. Matt S. and Dr. Sarah H. provided superb care and guidance for Bruno's life & we are grateful. Thank you to everyone who has connected with us to celebrate a good dog's extraordinary life on PP.

Park Point Art Fair 2023

The 51st Park Point Art Fair is just around the corner, June 24 & 25. Less than two months away, it is the largest gathering of friends and neighbors hosted by The Community Club. If you are in town that weekend it is a must that you attend. Volunteer, shop or just visit with people who love and appreciate this natural wonder we live on, Park Point. However you choose to be a part of this event we hope to see you there. And we want to know about your experience! We will let you know more about how to share your experience in the Breeze, through Facebook and Instagram and with me and other committee members after it happens so keep your eyes posted on Breeze messages from us, the coordinating team.

This year is going to be a great fair with plenty of new artists. The jury has chosen high quality fine art and craft that is diverse and beautiful. You can expect a lot of beautiful new pottery. Some excellent glass artists are returning and a few new artists working in wood that are extraordinary. Please watch on Facebook as we highlight each and every artist starting in May. You can have a sneak preview and plan your visit based on your interests. We ask if possible that you share the posts with all your friends!

There are many ways to volunteer following is a list of tasks in chronological order and the people to contact to sign up if you are interested in helping complete one:

Before the event-

Poster and bookmark delivery (starts in a couple weeks).

Deliver one, two, three or a whole bunch, any amount helps and they can be picked up right on Park Point! Set up Lawn signs (June 1 or sooner)

A lawn sign can go in your front yard, at a property you may own elsewhere or in public spaces we have designated. Set up one, two, three or a handful.

To help with posters, bookmarks or lawn signs call or email Carla

(218-348-7338) coordinator@parkpointartfair.org

The weekend of the event-

Booth sit for an artist. This is a great way to get to know our artists and help them to feel welcome and appreciated. Give them a break and take over things in their booth for a few minutes.

Greet fairgoers and present them with a list of artists. Help them find things like the restrooms, first aid or food. Help set-up for the dinner, serve food to the artists and volunteers and clean up after at the Saturday night dinner. Help needed from 4-9, shifts available.

Help set-up on Friday. If you are strong and able there is plenty of opportunity to help with setting up our Park Point Art Fair tents, and moving picnic tables, garbage cans and sand bags. Whew! This is for the Brawny and is most appreciated.

Help clean-up on Sunday evening. We pride ourselves in leaving the park better than we found it. Help pick up garbage and say goodbye to the artists.

To help with booth sitting, greeting fairgoers, set-up or the dinner call or email Diane (218-340-

4861) rgould@chartermi.net

Want to help set-up on Friday but you are more of a people person, help by serving as "runner" for one of two 3-hr. shifts, welcoming artists, assisting w/ Fair orientation/location of booths, etc. Contact Ellen

@ nellepalnuda@vahoo.com.

Host an artist in your home! Start a relationship with an artist and be of service, offer a room in your home or a property that is empty for them to stay. Contact Jill Cornwell to host an artist. (218-349-7674) cornwald@gmail.com

ROWING CLUB NEWS

Even though most of us on the island we call home have had our fill of snow, ice, and cold, things are looking bright and upbeat for the 2023 Duluth Rowing Club season. With the bayside ice finally gone, Pointers should soon start seeing rowing shell activity both in the early morning and later afternoon/early evening.

Everyone is invited to attend the annual DRC Open House scheduled for Saturday, May 20, from 10:00 am - noon. For those that are not familiar with the club and its mission, it is a chance to meet rowers, club members, facilities, and checkout rowing equipment. For those that are familiar with the DRC, it is always great to see our friends and the community people, young and old, who have given much of their time and support to make the DRC one of the centers of the Park Point experience.

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(Rowing Club, continued)

As for local rowing news, change is inevitable, even at the DRC. Beloved junior coach and rowing mentor to all, Bonnie Fuller Kask, has announced her retirement from coaching. Fortunately, the DRC has two experienced coaches and rowers to step into the junior coaching position

The DRC welcomes both Andrea Peterson Rosenberg and Emily Wells as the new coaches. They will be working with both the junior boy and girl rowers, beginning June 12th, whether the juniors are new to the sport or returning, recreational or competitive. As for adults, competitive and recreational rowing will probably begin before the end of May. At of the end of April, all the Learn to Row sessions have been filled, with waitlists for both sessions. If still interested, please check duluthrowing.org for a message to the club administrator. There is a possibility of another session, should coaching allow. Hope to see you on May 20th! Have a great rest of Spring and a nice, gentle nudge into a Park Point Summer!

Tom Rauschenfels

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

In addition to our garden's monthly potluck dinner meetings, there are also monthly meetings of our steering committee, where we plan programs for our events, maintain membership rosters, establish working committees, and review topics essential to running our garden efficiently. Some of the topics included on our current agenda include: an idea by Jo Bittner about bringing some of her students at UDAC to do some work in our garden; suggestions for the purchase of composted manure and a new wheelbarrow; repairing of garden beds; and review the financial report. Members are invited to attend the steering committee with ideas, or join the steering committee if they are interested in being involved in the organizational aspects of the garden.

Our garden welcomes many visitors and outside organizations whose members would like to get their hands dirty from time to time. On May 30, we welcome Harbor City School student volunteers. Weekdays, you will find the children participating in Camp Lafayette (the summer youth program) in the garden enjoying programs given by members of our Children's Garden committee. Be sure to say "hello" to these children and all the other community members who visit the garden seeking knowledge or a respite in our vernal oasis.

At our May 8 potluck dinner meeting, we will be signing up for committees and discussing garden issues. Think about how you might like to participate in this year's 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:

May 8, 6 to 8 p.m., potluck dinner meeting.

At our April meeting, we were visited by Amy Westbrook of Northern Native Gardens. She shared her knowledge of healthy gardening with a focus on the role of pollinators. She asks us all to consider making the following commitment to helping pollinators in our gardens this summer:

- 1) I will plant native flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees in my yard and garden, promote the use of native plants to other gardeners in my area, and collect native seed from my garden to share with neighbors.
- 2) I will provide food for pollinators all year by having spring, summer, and fall blooming plants in my garden and yard.
- 3) I will leave leaf litter, stems, twigs, and logs in my garden for nesting bees and for butterflies to lay their eggs and overwinter.
- 4) I will take steps to reduce or eliminate pesticide use on areas within my control. 5) I will learn about invasive plants and do what I can to manage or eliminate them from my local landscape. 6) I will make environmentally friendly decisions to reduce my carbon footprint in order to help improve pollinator health and habitat quality. 7) I will support pollinator-friendly farmers by buying local organic or low-spray produce. 8) I will support my local beekeepers by buying local bee products like raw honey. 9) I will volunteer to plant a pollinator garden in my community and take part in local citizen science initiatives. 10) I will continue supporting pollinator conservation organizations through my donations.
- -Susan Peters

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Come & See:

A Community Photo Exhibit

The exhibit presents a variety of views and perspectives of life on Park Point.

Open House
Sunday, May 7
1 - 3 pm
St. Andrew's by the Lake
Please join us!



2802 Minnesota Ave | 218-727-1262 info@standrewsbythelakeduluth.org

Park Point Community Club Minutes

The April 2023 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:00 pm on April 18th, 2023.

Special guests were Kaci Nowicki -Principal Sr Airport Planner and Mark Papko – Director of Operations. A detailed presentation was given on the new terminal for Sky Harbor Airport. We were awarded a \$1.2 Million FAA grant. The existing terminal will go away and the new one will be built the same size and footprint but will have a 2-foot raised elevation. Floorplans were reviewed on two versions and all in attendance were encouraged to jot notes on what they liked and disliked about each version. This presentation ran until 7:27pm.

Additionally, an Open House for the Summer Youth Program was held this evening. There are now 30 students registered each day.

A brief Club meeting followed the presentations.

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

Treasurers Report – Gale Kerns

End of February balance \$18,296

End of March balance - \$29,639

Insurance has been paid - \$2600 per year and Taxes paid - \$1100

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

Since the last meeting, 3 sympathy and 2 get well cards have been sent.

Watch Committee – That's us

Mention of a variance at 13th Street bayside. More info to follow.

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Summer Youth Program – Britta DeSutter

No Report – Open House this evening

Art Fair – Diane Gould

150 artists have applied, and food vendors have been picked. The dinner will be catered by Bellisio's.

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

Would like to get 300 more White Pines. Looking into this.

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

Working on upcoming events. Please stay tuned.

Traffic Safety – Pat Sterner

Working on short-term, mid-term and long-term goals. Please continue to report on driving issues. See Pat's report for full details

MP-50:- Paul Treuer

Please see Paul's detailed report. Contact Paul directly at paul.treuer@gmail.com

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

No report

Old Business:

Second reading for support of the Smelt Parade May 28th, 2023. The request is for \$250. A motion was made to approve the request and seconded.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Strange,

Secretary pro tem

MP50.

Minnesota Point Long-range Resiliency Planning



MP50 zoom meeting April 6, 2023. Three topics: Section 111, ASFPM, and Summit Section 111 Study Capt. Sam Briscoe gave an update at the April 6, 2023 MP50 Meeting.

- He reported the USACE Detroit Office has been allotted \$1.662 million for the Feasibility study of Minnesota Point. This represents an increase of \$662K because, he said, a more detailed look at Mn. Point is needed.
- The USACE plan to meet with MP50 throughout the process (public will be invited)
- Timeline: Data & Hydrology Report and draft Feasibility Report August 2025; Project Partnership Agreement 2026; Contract Award 2027.

Strengthening Coastal Communities Resilience in the Great Lakes Region Challenge: Minnesota Point - Minnesota 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, MP50 and Fond du Lac

- Dr. David Hart, Lead for the Mn. Point ASFPM Project will be in Duluth to meet with the public on May 18th and with the Duluth team on May 19th.

** The Public is Invited **

PPCC is hosting an Open House, with support from Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the City of Duluth Planning and Development, on Thursday, May 18th, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Lafayette Park Community Center, upstairs.

- Dr. David Hart, Minnesota Point ASFPM Project Lead, will give an overview of the coastal resilience self-assessment, how it is being used on Minnesota Point and how it has been used to benefit other Great Lakes communities. He will describe the next two phases of the ASFPM Project.
- Meet with members of the ASFPM Team to discuss topics about coastal resilience of Minnesota Point such as stewardship of the dunes, shoreland permits, monitoring erosion rates, city policies, and more.
- We hope you will join us for this Open House to learn more about the planning process to make Minnesota Point resilient. Paul Treuer

Neighborhood Watch/PP Safety Report

Representatives from the PPCC, Parks and Rec, City Engineering, Duluth PD and our City Councilor (Roz Randorf) met early April to continue discussion about Traffic Safety, issues around Parks & Rec and Parking, Beach Safety, Signage and Emergency Services.

Traffic Safety

Speeding and unsafe driving continue to be primary issues with little resolution as yet. We asked that the City put pavement markings (such as Diamonds) in the Restricted Lane for the May 1-October 31 time period as a short-term solution. We continue to discuss mid- and long-term solutions (such as pylons along the middle strip and traffic circles) will have to be put into the City's budget and/or find grants. We will also provide DPD with specific dates/times for patrols to come to Park Point (and sit to watch traffic) as we head into spring and summer in hopes of catching/slowing speeders.

Parks & Recreation/Parking

PPCC identified 'hot spots' for parking and beach signage for action by Parks & Rec, and will set a meeting with Mark Bauer (Parking Services) to discuss specific parking issues identified for Park Point throughout the year. 'Hot Spots' for additional parking and beach signage: 8thStreet, S-Curve, 16th Street, 22nd Street, 24thStreet, Lafayette, 32nd Street, 38th Street.

It was also agreed that there needs to be larger, more frequent signage about parking rules. Current signs are too far apart and lettering very small. The recommendation was to place large signage with specific parking information AND public beach information at the 'hot spots'. It was emphasized that 22nd Street is a priority because of the concerns that emergency vehicles will be blocked because of parked cars.

Beach Safety: Dogs, Litter, Glass

Unsafe dog encounters on the beach, trash and the amount of dog feces are growing. Recommendations included signage when crossing the Aerial Bridge about a leash law fine of \$200; patrolling the beach at targeted times as a presence and reminder about leash laws, cleaning up after a pet, not bringing glass to the beach; organizing Volunteer Mornings/Afternoons to patrol the beach, picking up trash, feces and monitoring off-leash dogs.

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 asked for the City's support in planning for emergency services for our locally planned events, specifically the Art Fair, the Rummage Sale and larger events like the Parade of Ships and Tall Ship Fest activities when Canal Park is surely clogged.

Next steps will include setting meetings with the appropriate City departments and our City Councilor to discuss possible solutions to all issues. Pat Sterner

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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

PP water Quality issues: Chris Kleist, ckleist@duluthmn.gov, office 218-730-4063 and 218-355-0598

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 duluthmn.gov/contact

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