



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden
Potluck, Monday
August 14th, 6-8PM
at Lafayette**

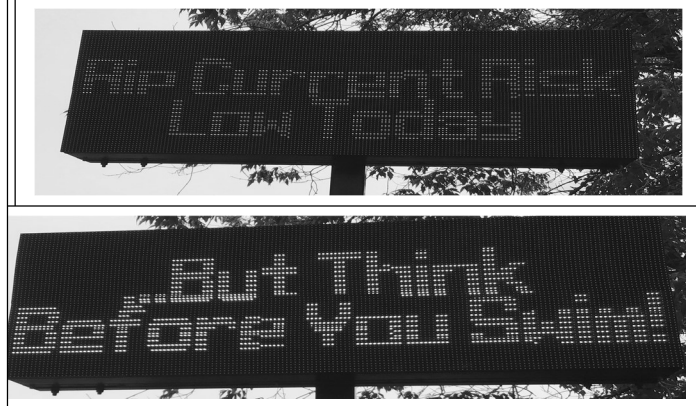
**Park Point
Community Club
Meeting
August 15th, at
Lafayette
social at 6:45,
meeting at 7PM**

**USACE updates on
Section 11 study and
understanding
erosion and flooding
on Minnesota Point.
Thursday, August 24th,
10AM-2PM Burgers
and brats included!**

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

**Workshop on Ojibwe
Use of Fire on
Minnesota Point
Thursday, September
21st, 7-9PM at
Lafayette**

Endless Summer!



President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Happy precious days of deep summer!

Here are two upcoming opportunities at Lafayette; please see Paul Truer's MP50 report in this Breeze for more details. Links for additional materials & resources will be posted on the website, www.parkpointcommunityclub.org

- Thursday, August 24, 10am-2pm at Lafayette, includes burgers and brats! USACE with updates on the Section 111 study & Using NOAA Tools to Understand Erosion and Flooding on Minnesota Point & a lot more!
- Thursday, September 21, 7-9pm, Lafayette, Ojibwe Use of Fire on Minnesota Point Workshop with Evan Larson and Melonee Montano

If you are pondering the mayoral candidates, you might find this helpful: League of Women Voters of Duluth - Mayoral Primary Forum 2023, https://youtu.be/Cze5xF_XAxU

We are tentatively planning to have Mayor Emily Larson and Mayoral Candidate Roger Reinert at the September PPCC meeting on Tues. Sept. 19th; watch the website for details. Thank you to Mayor Larson, Roger Reinert and City Councilor Roz Randorf for attending the MP50 Business Plan Draft review and the regular July PPCC meeting on 7/18. The resolution to proceed was supported by the membership and this is an exciting step in the long-range planning process for MN Point. Approximately thirty neighbors attended the pre-meeting to ask questions and share ideas. How wonderful is it to have engaged neighbors & community members who are willing to participate and contribute?! This is a value that makes Park Point a special place to call home.

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The Breeze

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(President's Report. Continued)

As I tap this out, I am listening to shrieks of joy from the beach where "kids" of all ages are enjoying the warm water and doing a little body surfing. Dogs are happy, too, and there are a lot of them hanging with their families. In contrast to the joy and fun in the waves of today, the sixth anniversary of the tragic father-daughter drowning on Park Point is coming up on August 10.

We remember dad Ryan and his daughter Lily Fuglie, age ten, who went missing while swimming off the Beach House when a rip tide warning was in effect.

Rescuers encountered waves of up to seven feet high near the shore during the search and one firefighter was injured. This was a horrible tragedy; please be mindful of the powers of our beloved lake. Peace to the families of Ryan and Lily and to the rescuers and officers who tended to the family members waiting on shore during the search.

If you are trying to find a vacation rental for your overflow guests, beware of scammers who are using Park Point Airbnb listings to create their own phony ads on platforms like Craigslist. I heard from a neighbor who is working with the police as her legitimate listing was in use by scammers. To be safe, use only legitimate Airbnb or VRBO payment sites and proceed with caution when dealing with other listings and unverified sources and agents.

Thank you to At-Large City Council Candidate Therese Wisocki who attended our June meeting! You might want to check this out for the decision making process: And this for city council seats: League of Women Voters of Duluth - City Council At-Large Primary Forum 2023, https://youtu.be/n5cX_9nkdp0

Thank you to volunteers who helped with the PP 5 Miler at the Lafayette station, Tom Griggs & Sharon Brown, and to everyone who cheered on the participants. Thank you to Sally and Tim Buck for keeping the Camp Lafayette foosball table in good working order with all of the players represented. The PP Neighbors Helping Neighbors roster is up to nine and if you need a bit of assistance, send a note to parkpointcc@gmail.com and we will send out your need to this willing group of neighbors.

Hope to see you at the next PPCC meeting on Tuesday, August 15, meeting at 7pm; come a bit early to say hi, 645pm. We will have an update on the new terminal at Sky Harbor Airport from Kaci Nowicki, airport planner

Until then, see you on the water or on the beach basking in the glorious days of MN Point summer!

Kindly,
Dawn

PS Have taken on a cast-off yacht in need of love and repair, details maybe next month if she floats!

TRAFFIC SAFETY/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT
JULY 27, 2023

TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATES

Decoy Car deployed on Park Point: perhaps you've seen it? DPD is placing and moving the vehicle a couple times a week throughout the rest of the summer. An assessment will be made after that about the effectiveness of this strategy. (I've seen cars slow down when they see it!).

Increase Awareness through the Press: DPD is posting Slow Down messages on their Facebook page and these messages will be on rotation throughout the summer.

Diamonds/Painted Symbols Designating Rec Lane: Still Pending!

Additional Speed Signage: Park Point Residents are able to purchase and place additional speed signage in hotspots. A big thanks to Roz for clarifying this one!

Speed Cameras: Have been approved by the state legislature. Stay tuned for updates about getting them on Park Point! Thanks to everyone who wrote letters.

REPORTING NON-EMERGENCY ISSUES

To report a missing sign or other issues related to streets, sidewalks, etc., please report online via the Resident Reporter <https://rpr-duluthmn.hub.arcgis.com/>. I reported a missing sign near 37th and it was replaced within 3 days.

PARKING AND STREET ENDS

Kyle Leia convened a meeting of interested residents, Councilors Roz Randorf and Noah Hobbs, and PPCC (Tom Griggs, Pat Sterner) to voice concerns about Street Ends and Side Street Parking. Meeting results:

Street-Ends

- a. There was agreement that all street-ends are open to public access to the beach and that residents should not impede other residents or the general public should they want to reach the beach via a street-end. The common understanding here is that there are many street-end access points that are 'under the radar' (used only by those who know about them), and that this should continue to be how street-end access points are used.
- b. There was agreement that, aside from the current Tier One access points (12th Street, Lafayette, Beachhouse) and potentially 22nd Street (Old Firehouse venue), there should not be additional signage indicating access via other street-ends, as there would be no services (trash, toilets, etc.).
- c. There was agreement that the current Tier One access points need significant work and upkeep, including being ADA compliant, so these access points should be a main focus for the City's time and resources.

Side Street Parking

- a. Councilor Roz Randorf was clear about the municipal code governing side-street parking throughout the City including Park Point.
- b. Issues/concerns about side-street parking appear to be individualized to the residents on each street, as there is a City-wide code about side-street parking (as noted in 2a). The suggestion is for residents concerned about how the Code is impacting them to ask for a meeting with Mark Bauer (parking services) to seek individualized solutions based on their street and related concerns.

For further questions, contact the Parking Services office at (218) 730-5470.

Thanks to everyone who helps calm traffic to make sure we all stay safe!!
Respectfully submitted,

Pat Sterner

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

The East High School freshman soccer team saved the day over Fourth of July weekend when Dave Johnson delivered a load of WLSSD compost to the garden. Ellie spotted the team at Lafayette and coaxed them into unloading the compost out of Dave's truck. We sure appreciate these community-minded youngsters.

Here are some updates on what's happening in the garden.

In July, we harvested all kinds of lettuce, peas, garlic scapes, beets and herbs. By the time you read this, the tomatoes should be ripe. Many of these plants are spaced very close together and harvesting may be tricky. Potatoes should also be ready to harvest soon, along with raspberries. Keep in mind that the garden is a respite for everyone to visit, but only working members have the privilege of harvesting the produce.

Voles are very happy with the produce we are growing and they are proliferating. They are munching away on kids' garden plants and veggies. Ellie got a few repellent devices which emit a sound to try to keep them away from our plants. They are located by the bean beds, melon patch, and the kids' garden bed. Let's see how well they work.

If you want information about membership or our future meetings, Missy King is the new contact person for folks interested in our community garden and potluck dinners. She can be contacted at 515-991-7280, mjking@siu.edu. 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.

Since no Community Club-sponsored Neighbors Night Out event is planned for the first week in August this year, we will be hosting an August potluck on Monday, August 14. We hope to see many of our Park Point neighbors there.

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 14, 6p.m., potluck dinner meeting. Bring a dish to share, your own beverages and your own eating utensils.

Monday, September 11, 6p.m., potluck dinner meeting. Bring a dish to share, your own beverages and your own eating utensils.

-Susan Peters


Neighbors Helping Neighbors

An email group list of helpful neighbors has been created and if a neighbor needs assistance, they can email parkpointcc@gmail.com with their need and the details (what, when, where) and their contact information and I will then send out the request for assistance to this email group.

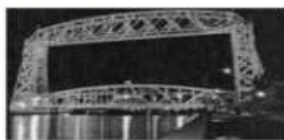
Anyone available and willing would get in touch with the neighbor in need and maybe collaborate with others in the email chain to get the job done :)



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Scoops @ St. Andrew's

Thur, August 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for ice cream
and a presentation by
Paul Truer

Paul will talk about about the
environmental issues impacting
Park Point and the Minnesota Point
50 year action plan to address them.

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We are a people on the Way to knowing,
loving, and serving God and neighbor!

Park Point Community Club Minutes

The July 2023 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President at 7:03 pm on June 20th, 2023.

Dawn welcomed residents, Councilor Roz Randorf and Shawn Krizaj, representing the Duluth Fire Department.

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

Treasurers Report – Gale Kerns

End of April balance \$39,301

End of May balance - \$69,306

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

Since the last meeting, 3 get well cards were sent.

Watch Committee – That’s us

Please view info on ongoing traffic and safety issues on the PPCC website and in The Breeze.

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Summer Youth Program – Britta Desutter

SYP going well. There are approximately 60 kids enrolled and things are going well.

Art Fair – Diane Gould

Carla thanked the community for their help and things are going well. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Diane at 727-4067.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

Another successful year! The weather was great, and the turnout was strong. Thanks to all who hosted a yard sale.

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

No report

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

No report

Traffic Safety – Pat Sterner

See PPCC website for updates.

MP-50: Paul Treuer Please see Paul’s detailed report. Contact Paul directly at paul.treuer@gmail.com

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

No report

Special Presentation

There was a 40-minute Q&A with the DFD to answer questions regarding beach and dune fires, their overall presence at large community events and other issues brought forward by PP residents. We appreciate his willingness to come down and speak to the Community Club.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary

MP50 Minnesota Point Long-Range Resiliency Planning



Strengthening Coastal Communities Resilience in the Great Lakes Region Challenge

- ASFPM Workshop, June 27-29, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Mn Point ASFPM Team attended. Paul Treuer represents PPCC on this team. Presentations by experts on how to reduce flood risk and build coastal resilience. Resources, tools, and examples. Resource people identified funding opportunities. Presentations were recorded and are available for viewing.
- ASFPM Phase Two: Plan Integration for Resiliency Scorecard. Analyze policies that address hazard mitigation of erosion/flooding on Minnesota Point.

Mayor Larson Tours Park Point. At a resident's request Mayor Larson visited the north end of Park Point June 7, 2023 to view beach sand blown by the wind into private yards. She acknowledged the severity and responded by sending community relations officer, Breanna Ellison, to meet with the resident and Paul Treuer on July 6. Actions were discussed; Breanna will meet with the mayor's team and report back on the City's response.

MP50 Working Group Meeting: August 24, 2023, Lafayette Community Center from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Agenda: MP50 Working Group Discussion of Business Plan, NOAA Grant application, Drifting sand on the north end of the Point. Public presentations will be made from 10:00 - 12:00 on the Section 111 Study of Minnesota Point by the USACE and The Use of NOAA Tools to Understand Erosion and Flooding on Minnesota Point by Brandon Krumweide. Informal discussions, poster presentations, and lunch will be provided from 12 - 2:00 PM.

MP50 Business Plan is Approved

MP50 developed a Business Plan intended to speed up actions that contribute to making the Point resilient to coastal erosion and flooding. The MP50 Business Plan was shared with the PPCC Executive Committee and received formal approval from the PPCC on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. Integral to the MP50 Business Plan is the role of MPPS (Minnesota Point Preservation Society) which will oversee and fund MP50 actions as they are identified.

Mark Your Calendars

- August 24, 2023, 10- 2, Lafayette, Section 111 Report, NOAA Tools, BBQ Lunch, Research Posters (public is invited).
- September 21, 7-9 PM Ojibwe use of fire on Mn. Point, Lafayette, Research on the Ojibwe use of fire to manage health of the Pine forest on Minnesota Point, Evan Larson and Melonee Montano (public is invited).
- Oct. 25-27, Midwest Climate Resilience Conference, (<https://mcr.umn.edu>) Duluth, Minnesota (open to the public; registration is required).

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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

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