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Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

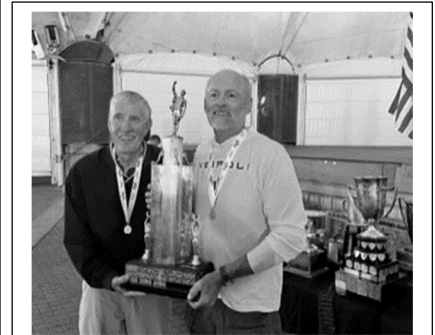
**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden
Potluck, Monday,
September 11th
6-8PM
at Lafayette**

**Park Point
Community Club
Meeting
September 19th, at
Lafayette
social at 6:45,
meeting at 7PM
Mayoral Candidates
scheduled to be with
us!**

**Workshop on Ojibwe
Use of Fire on
Minnesota Point
Friday, September
22nd, 7-9PM at
Lafayette**

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

**Fairwell
Summer...
And Tourists!**



The **Duluth Rowing Club** wrapped up both the sprint racing and junior rowing season, August 18 and 19 at the North West International Rowing Association championship regatta in Kenora, Ontario. This year's NWIRA's had a record 531 athletes in the junior, open, master's divisions. The DRC had 25 juniors and 10 masters compete. While Minneapolis won the total point overall trophy (Lipton Cup), the DRC had some podium finishes in both sculling and sweeping divisions.

Park Pointers Greg Peterson and Tom Rauschenfels won gold in the master men's double and 3rd in the master men's pair, then combined with Randy Newberg and Arvid Brekke for a 2nd place finish in the master men's quad and a 3rd in the master men's four. Unfortunately, the high winds and big waves came up in the afternoon of the last day, so that some of the women's final events were canceled.

Duluth Rowing will host the annual "Death Row" 27 kilometer row up the St. Louis River on Sunday, September 17, starting time 8:00 am. Kayaks and canoes will shove off at 7:00. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Many thanks to Pointers for the hospitality shown to the rowing community. This year saw three Learn To Row sessions and one Refresher session with the teaching, coaching, and experiences passed on to about 40 new rowers. Rowers hope to be able to access either the bay or lake side of the Point through the end of October, weather permitting!

Tom Rauschenfels

The Breeze

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Sept. 19 and Sept. 22 are two dates for your calendar as we bask in the last weeks of our glorious summer.

- Tues. 9/19, PPCC Meeting, 7pm, Mayor Emily Larson and Mayoral Candidate Roger Reinert are scheduled to be with us.

- Friday, 9/22, (this is a new date) 7-9pm Lafayette: Ojibwe Use of Fire on Minnesota Point Workshop

Evan Larson and Melonee Montano will describe a collaborative project that is bringing information from tree rings and oral history together to understand how the Anishinaabeg people used fire to tend the landscape and how the return of fire can contribute to both cultural and ecological restoration.

Please take time to read the updates in the MP50 report in this Breeze for some very exciting news on how our community is taking actions towards a long-term, comprehensive and coordinated management plan for MN/WI Point, Zhaagawamikong-neyaashi. The MP50 event on August 24 at Lafayette brought neighbors, scientists and students from WI and MN together for a great day of updates, learning and sharing. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful gathering at Lafayette. Photos and information will be posted on the website, parkpointcommunityclub.org.

We are getting closer to having the internet at Lafayette, maybe a couple of weeks away? The hardware is installed in the upper office so we are getting much closer. Thank you to Adam Fornear who is our Parks & Rec representative who attends our meetings, takes note of our needs and concerns, and keeps us in the loop. The new boardwalk behind Lafayette is still in the works for this year and I will share the updates on this much needed project. PPCC Summer Kids "Camp Lafayette" celebrated on the last day with a talent show and picnic on August 9th. Thank you to the parents on the PPCC Youth Committee for their leadership and to the dedicated camp staff for providing this unique summer camp opportunity for the kids and families. Many of our neighbors supported this program in one way or another from the garden grandparents to members of the executive board and community volunteers and partners. Thank you to the Parks and Recreation Dept. at the City of Duluth for supporting Camp Lafayette!

My lifelong Park Pointer, ninety-two-year-old grandma, Jean Jacobs Glass Fedo, had a note on her refrigerator when she passed away that said, "Granny Jean is not too old to try new things." I'm not sure who posted that note but I visualize this little note stuck on granny's fridge when learning more & more & more about the systems on the 1980 Morgan Pilothouse Motorsailer we bought this summer. This little yacht sat for years at Harbor Cove marina, entered our lives when we least expected it and is bringing so many opportunities to learn & try new things! We are very grateful for our enthusiastic and supportive mentors and friends in the boating community. So far, the goals of floating, not burning have been met. If you want to learn a lot about neat old sailboats and see some fun crew camaraderie and a bit of silly schtick, check out Captain Q Yacht Hunter on 131 episodes on YouTube and hang out with seasoned and lively local boaters. It's a whole new world and another lifelong Park Pointer, Capt. Tom Mackay, had it right when he would frequently share one of his favorite quotes from *The Wind in the Willows*, "Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

Here's to our extraordinary lives on Park Point; see you on the water!

Dawn

**When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy,
there is always the garden. ~ Minnie Aumonier**

Our Park Point Flower Garden Club has been busy this summer amending soil, planting, transplanting, weeding, watering, dead-heading and enjoying our gardens at Lafayette. We began work in late May to ready the beds. In early June, we gathered to plant, mulch and enjoy a light dinner at Lafayette. Our members take two-week shifts during the summer to work in the flower beds. During my time, I find it amazing the number of visitors who stop on their way to the beach to compliment us on the beauty of our gardens.



Our regular June meeting was held at the Ellison residence, where we discussed our garden plans, and learned about “beautifying our boulevards” and rain gardens. In July, we toured a private garden on Martin Road and had dinner at the Cast Iron Grill.

On August 24 we will meet at the Tjepkema home to hear Master Gardener, Ellie Alspach, talk about saving seeds.



It's hard to believe that summer is winding down and soon we'll be putting our flower gardens to bed.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

It's harvest time and in August we picked raspberries, summer squash, potatoes, onions, cucumbers, beans, garlic and loads of herbs. As of mid-August, the tomatoes were finally starting to ripen. Our potluck gatherings have been resplendent with the garden's bounty. Highlights of the August potluck dinner included Charlene Shimmin's mashed rutabaga and potato swirl, Deb McLaughlin's curried pumpkin flatbread garnished with garden greens, and Cheryl Dartanyan's sour cherry almond bread.

Melissa King encourages the group to meet each Saturday at 10:00 A.M. on a regular basis for garden work. More helpers make the work quicker and easier. From now on it will be trimming, cleaning beds for winter & general cleanup.

Ellie Alspach reports. "Don't pick winter squash, or pumpkins until notified. They won't be ready until September or October. The same is true for leeks and Brussel sprouts. They are late summer/fall items."

Coral McDonnell says, "I recently read and also heard several years ago that this is the time of year that we should cut the tops off the tall tomato plants so energy can go to ripening tomatoes rather than starting new ones. Also, if we cut back the chive plants, they will regrow and give us fresh chives."

Julie Calligure shares her success with collard greens, "They should be gathered like a bouquet and cut at the stem right below the leaves. I'm experimenting with freezing some after washing and cutting the middle stem away and then the leaves in 1-2 inch pieces. Collards do not decrease like spinach so they should be cut to bite size. The green leaves are vitamin-rich and delicious. The stems are somewhat ok raw but bitter cooked. I just toss them in the compost."

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.

Upcoming Events

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

Cheryl Dartanyan's Sour Cherry Almond Bread

This was served at our August potluck dinner. Cheryl gleaned the recipe from Pinterest. She used sour cherries in the recipe and everyone loved it!

1 Cup slivered almonds
1 ¼ Cup flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
½ Cup unsalted butter softened
¾ Cup sugar
3 large eggs ½ teaspoon almond extract
2 Cups pitted cherries, cut into quarters

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease an 8x5 inch loaf pan. Combine dry ingredients in a small bowl and set aside. Mix butter and sugar together until light and fluffy, add eggs, one at a time. Add almond extract, slowly add the dry mixture. Fold in the cherries. Spoon mixture into prepared pan. Bake for one hour, cover lightly with foil if browning too quickly. Let cool 10 minutes prior to removing from loaf pan.

-Susan Peters

Park Point Bus Service


With the **Better Bus Blueprint** launching on August 27th, Park Point residents are poised to see an increase in transit quality.

Weekday service will see an increase in hours of service with the last trip leaving downtown at 7:45 pm as opposed to 6:10 pm currently. For those traveling on the weekend, Saturday and Sunday will now have 15 trips a day, whereas Saturday only has 5 trips and Sunday has no service today. Connections between popular destinations around the Twin Ports from Park Point will be much more convenient. Direct, one-seat rides from Park Point to UMD, with a short stop at the Duluth Transportation Center (DTC) are among the many benefits. Connections to other routes at the DTC will be more convenient with more buses running to popular destinations.

Along with the new service, new bus stop signage is being installed throughout the Twin Ports. The bus stop changes are happening over the next few months. Each bus stop will now have a unique ID number where you can text that ID number to (218)275-5490 to get a real-time update on where your bus is. It's a great way to know where your bus is, especially if it's running late in a snowstorm or if the bus got bridged.

The DTA is encouraging community members to explore the new bus system by offering **free rides** for the first two weeks of the new service - August 27th to September 9th.

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Scoops @ St. Andrew's
Thur, Sept. 14 at 6:30 PM

Join us for ice cream
and a presentation about
The History of Park Point

Longtime Park Point residents, Mary Gaidis and Gary Glass, will talk about the history of Park Point.

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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 August 2023 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President, at 7:00pm on August 15th, 2023.

Dawn welcomed the new Airport manager and consultants to speak about the new terminal building and garage that will be under construction with groundbreaking scheduled in two weeks.

People are welcome to stop by, view progress and ask questions as the project continues.

There was no approval of July minutes due to a technical error submitting them to The Breeze. As a side note, congratulations to Alan and Cheryl on their new grandson!

Treasurers Report – Gale Kerns

End of June balance \$54,348

End of July balance - \$33,886

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

There were no cards sent this month.

Watch Committee – That's us

Please view info on ongoing traffic and safety issues on the PPCC website and in The Breeze. Please be watchful and if you see suspicious activity, please report it to 911.

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No Report

Summer Youth Program – Britta Desutter

Summer Youth Program is done, and it was a very successful summer. Thank you to the coordinators, volunteers, and participants for another great year.

Art Fair – Diane Gould

No Report

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

No Report

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

No Report

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

Program is still looking into scheduling a panel discussion with candidates. Please watch the PPCC website for updates.

Traffic Safety – Pat Sterner

Please note a decoy car has been deployed in the neighborhood. Please continue to report careless driving and speed violations to 911.

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

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

No report

General Discussion

Jim Wood expressed concern regarding fire prevention and safety surrounding water infrastructure throughout the Point. This is an issue that will be addressed by the community Club in the coming months. To stay updated on this issue and get involved, please go the PPCC website.

Bob Pokorney of the Duluth Surfrider Foundation is requesting PPCC support in approaching the City for installation of a cigarette butt container at 12th street near the platform.

Adam from Duluth Parks and Rec gave a brief update on two items. Internet access for Lafayette should be available in a 4-6 week timeframe. Additionally, materials have been purchased for much needed boardwalk repairs. Thanks to Mike Medlin for his speedy patching of several large holes near the access door to Lafayette during the Primary Election.

Brief update on the use of speed cameras. Additional info will be provided at the next meeting.

There was also an update on the current property tax situation on PP. This will be an ongoing discussion among residents.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary

MP50

Minnesota Point Long-Range Resiliency Planning



MP50 Vision: MP50 submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) for a \$1 million NOAA Climate Resilience Challenge Grant on Aug. 27, 2023. The LOI, approved by the MP50 working group, includes the following vision for MP50:

We envision activating a broad coalition of Minnesota-Wisconsin Point stakeholders into a long-term, self-governed organization that sets long-range resiliency goals, identifies solutions, procures funding, oversees actions, monitors progress, and adapts the strategies over time to meet changing needs.

Meeting with the City of Superior and Wisconsin DNR:

Dawn Buck, Paul Treuer, and Julie McDonnell met with Linda Cadotte, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry, City of Superior, and David Grandmaison, Wisconsin DNR Tuesday, Aug. 8th. Agreement was reached to collaborate on resilience efforts for Minnesota-Wisconsin Point.

Minnesota Point Preservation Society (MPPS), will lead fundraising efforts for MP50: MPPS is a non-profit 501c3 for Park Point Community Club. We appreciate the efforts of the founders and current MPPS board members, Gary Glass, Dave Poulin, Rory Strange, and Al Robins who have kept this organization active for many years. New MPPS board members are now being sought who will work together to seek funding for MP50. Please contact Pat Sterner (patsterner20@gmail.com) if you are interested in applying to be on the MPPS board.

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 and NOAA Grant application. Presentations were made 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. Presentation materials will be shared through the MP50 and PPCC email lists.

ASFPM (Association of State Floodplain Managers):

- Results of PIRS (Plan Integration for Resilience Scorecard) will be shared with the Mn. Point ASFPM team Tuesday, August, 29. PIRS addresses policies for hazard mitigation.

- Members of the Minnesota-Point ASFPM Team will take a field trip to multiple areas of Minnesota Point Fri. Sep. 8. Linda Holmstrom (DNR), John Swenson (UMD), and Evan DuFault (Fond du Lac) will be sharing information with the group.

Mark Your Calendars:

- September 22, 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). Note: originally set for Sep. 21, this talk is Friday, Sep. 22 at Lafayette.
- Oct. 25-27, Midwest Climate Resilience Conference, (<https://mcrc.umn.edu>) Duluth, Minnesota (open to the public; registration is required).

Special Thanks to the Park Point community for attending and engaging in the August 24 MP50 Working Group meeting, presentations, posters and BBQ. Special tip of the hat to PPCC for providing food!

Contact: Send requests for information about MP50 to Paul Treuer, MP50 Coordinator, paul.treuer@gmail.com)

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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

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