



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**No December
Community Club
Meeting!**

**Annual Membership
Meeting and Pizza
Party January 16th**

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck
Dinner and Holiday
Party**

**Monday, December
11th 6-8PM
at Lafayette**

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

**Park Point
Rummage Sale June
14&15 2024**

**Park Point Art Fair
June 29&30 2024**

**Haven't had to
deal with it yet,
but please
remember to keep
your sidewalks
clear of snow and
ice, for everyone
who uses them!
Thank you!**

Ice Time!



Another Winter is upon us, and time for the Lafayette ice rink. We can always use volunteer help with flooding, light labor, party planning, etc. This is the first call as we get rolling in December. It's all about the weather.

The good folks at the City of Duluth Parks and Rec. and our volunteers make a great team and we are all together again for a great season.

Call Mark Elden at 218-340-6453 if you are willing and able to help. Also, we could use a back-up pick-up with a plow for light snow cleanup.

Lafayette updates

In January we're going to do a little light housekeeping and minor updates in the kitchen upstairs at Lafayette. We've started making these updates in other community centers and are excited about it. It will freshen them up but also make them safer to use.

And if you have any reports on parks property damage, overflowing garbage or other parks related questions – please feel free to send them to my e-mail: afornear@duluthmn.g

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The Breeze

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due by 12/27/2023

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Our next PPCC meeting is the January 2024 Pizza Party Membership meeting on Tuesday, January 16th, hope to see you there!

Thank you to our neighbors who facilitated the democratic process at Lafayette on Nov. 7th. Warm enthusiasm and a fun, welcoming atmosphere is one of the things I look forward to on election day! We are in Precinct 18 and you can see the results here.

<https://electionresults.sos.mn.gov/results/Index?ErsElectionId=157&CountyId=69&DistrictId=&Scenario=Precincts&selectprecincts=1970001&show=Show+Selected+Precincts>

Thank you to Mayor Larson for her years of service to our beautiful city! Best wishes to Roger Reinert as he gets started in his new role.

Also, a big thank you to County Commissioner Annie Harala for helping set up the meeting with the County Assessors on Nov. 9th at Lafayette. Residents who were interested in consolidating their parcels could have that done plus there was time for a review of how property taxes are calculated. The review led to more questions and concerns which may lead to another informational meeting in future months. Returning to share with us again on this stressful subject were assessors Cory Leinwander and Anne Sims plus Ryan Sauve who will be on Park Point next year for reevaluations and administrator Kevin Gray. Thank you for taking the time to spend the evening on Park Point listening to the concerns and offering the consolidation process. If you missed this meeting and would like to know more or consolidate your parcels, please call 218.726.2304.

If you'd like to learn more about the processes that created MN and WI Points and the impact that the piers have on the sediment travel, check out this Nov. 13th presentation by Dr. John Swenson. John is a University Minnesota Duluth professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Science and a member of MWP-50. "Sediment Transport, Shipping, and the Seemingly Intractable Situation on Minnesota Point". Here's a link to a recording. He proposes a solution at the end of the presentation that you might find surprising.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzaOc2c3ukc>

I came across the beer naming entries from the Club's contest held way back in 2012 and had a good chuckle at the great number of stellar submissions. You may recall that Nancy Olson's entry won with "One Long, Two Short." Here are a few of the possible labels as suggested by our neighbors: g'Ale of November, S-Curve Slosh, Lafayette Lager, Park Point Pilsner, Aerial Ale, White Cap Ale, Beyond the Pier Beer, Park Point Gale Ale. Neighbor Dennis Hoelscher holds the title of most entries submitted. It is fun to find these little blasts from the past.

Thank you for reading The Breeze, staying in touch with your neighbors and engaging on the issues that affect all of us on this extraordinary and dynamic barrier complex. We will have upcoming opportunities to study challenges and weigh in on solutions; your presence and willingness to participate will continue to make a difference.

See you out and about,
Dawn

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

It's time we bid adieu to our lovely, verdant 2023 garden located at Lafayette Square. In November, a load of mulch donated by Rick's Tree Service was delivered and distributed along the paths throughout the garden. Straw was also delivered and placed on the garlic and asparagus beds. Now the garden is nice and tidy for its long winter's sleep.

At our November 13 potluck dinner, the focus was on learning about the history of Park Point. Mary Gaidas told us about her childhood growing up on Park Point. She shared information about neighbors, schools, and the 4 stores that used to be here. Then, Gary Glass shared a bit about the hypotheses of how Minnesota Point was created. We also had a small fundraiser for the garden to help purchase supplies.

Get in the holiday spirit by attending our December social potluck dinner meeting on December 11. We will be celebrating the season with a party, so whip up your favorite holiday dish to share on the potluck table.

If you want information about membership or our future meetings, Missy King is the 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.

Future meetings:

Monday, December 11, 6 to 8 p.m. Potluck dinner meeting and holiday party.

Recipe du Jour: Super Easy No-Churn Vanilla Ice Cream

Just in time for the holidays, here's a recipe that has recently been flying around the food media that your family and friends will LOVE. You will love it, too, because it is easy to make and makes you a hero at the table when you announce that it is HOMEMADE ice cream. Top it with preserved or frozen fruit you harvested during the summer.

Yield 6 to 10 portions, depending on how much you love ice cream.

Ingredients:

2 ½ cups heavy whipping cream

14 ounces sweetened condensed milk

1 Tablespoon real vanilla extract

Using a stand mixer, whip the cream until stiff peaks occur, being careful not to overwhip the cream. The cream is done when you pull out the beaters and the cream stands at attention.

Add the sweetened condensed milk and the vanilla, gently folding into the whipped cream with a spatula. Slowly incorporate the two mixtures so it stays light and aerated.

Transfer the mixture to a container and freeze 4 to 6 hours. I like to use a metal loaf pan lined with plastic wrap overhanging the sides. I put the ice cream mixture into this to freeze. When I am ready to serve, I unmold the ice cream upside down onto a cutting board, strip off the plastic wrap, and slice the ice cream into 8 to 10 portions. Add your toppings and wow your guests.

-Susan Peters

Park Point community Club Minutes

The November 2023 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Tom Griggs, Vice-President at 7:00 pm on November 21st, 2023.

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

Treasurers Report – Gale Kerns (presented by former Treasurer Al Robins)

End of September balance \$29,231

End of October balance - \$28,616

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Environmental Committee - Dick Gould

Concern was raised regarding dog waste bags and the disappearance on one of the bag dispensers. Adam from Parks and Rec will look into this issue. Adam also mentioned that the boardwalk adjacent to Lafayette will be reconstructed this Spring.

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Carla presented the budget to the Executive Committee and the Board and the final vote was to accept the budget for the 2024 Art Fair.

Watch Committee – That's us

Please continue to monitor activity that seems suspicious as well as traffic concerns and report to 911.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

2 Get Well cards and 1 Sympathy card.

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Summer Youth Program – Britta Desutter

No report. Kari Speer presented an end of year report to the executive board prior to the meeting.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

No report

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

January 16th will be the Membership meeting and pizza party.

Traffic Safety – Pat Sterner

See PPCC website for updates.

MP-50: Paul Treuer

No report. Please see the PPCC website or contact Paul directly at paul.treuer@gmail.com

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

Please continue to submit items of interest. Delivery assistance is needed for The Breeze. Please contact Diane Gould at 727-4067 if you can assist. Continue to read The Breeze for other volunteer opportunities in our community, such as the skating rink, Art Fair, etc.

The internet is finally available at Lafayette! You need to have a current Duluth Public Library card number to log in.

The land consolidation meeting was successful with approx. 40 to 50 in attendance. Please read the breeze for information on the process if you missed the meeting.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary

Park Point Art Fair



The Park Point Art Fair Committee is swinging into action and we need you. The committee plans the artist and volunteer dinner, helps get the word out, recruits interested parties and coordinates community volunteers beginning in January and continuing until the annual 2024 Art Fair the last full weekend in June. Contact Carla at 218-348-7338

or cooriantor@parkpointartfair.org, if you are interested.

Park Point Art Fair- June 29 & 30, 2024

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Holiday Giving Tree Donations

It is once again that time of year when we can make the lives of others a little brighter with our generosity. From Nov. 27- Dec.9th, outside, in front of St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church, is a giving tree with tags for items to be donated to youth at the Arrowhead Regional Juvenile Center, a treatment and detention center for youth in Northeastern Minnesota and Life House, a center for homeless youth in Duluth. Items that are being requested are: tooth brush, toothpaste, deodorant, hair brush, comb, socks, mittens, gloves, Large T-shirts, playing cards as well as \$10 and \$20 gift cards to Walmart, Target, or Walgreens. We are hoping that not only St. Andrew's members, but those from the Park Point community, will stop by, take a tag and purchase that item for the youth. Please do not wrap. Donations may be dropped off at St. Andrew's, Saturday, December 9th from 9-12 or Sunday, December 10th from 9-12. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity.

Deacon Mary Anderson
St. Andrew's by the Lake

Park Point Summer Youth Program (Camp Lafayette)



Kari Speer gave a report to the Park Point Community Cub's executive board on this past Summer's youth program, and it can best be described as an unqualified success.

The program served a total of 62 children ranging in ages from 5 to 14

Of those, 20 were children of Park Point residents (or grandchildren of residents)

26 children registered for all 9 weeks Registration cost was \$8875 for all 9 weeks (\$825 for siblings) or \$135/week

A total of 7 scholarships were awarded (upon request) at a 50% tuition discount

At season's end, the program turned a profit of \$5692.34. And as the program, and the Park Point Community Club, are non-profits, a discussion was started on how to re-invest those profits into the program and the community,

MP50

Minnesota Point Long-Range Resiliency Planning



The MWP50 Working Group met on November 17. The focus of the meeting was to define what Coastal Resilience means for Minnesota-Wisconsin Point. This was an action item from the MWP50 Working Group meeting in August; members came prepared to share their definitions and perspectives. A full report is being prepared on the results of this discussion.

Jim Filby Williams from the City attended and provided an update about the City's efforts. He said the City intends to intensify its engagement in the Section 111 Study as well as the MWP50 efforts. He will be more directly involved, and the City is considering engaging John Swenson from UMD to be the City's advisor through the Section 111 Study, specifically to support the City's commitment. He shared three intended action items:

1. With John Swenson, to convene a small high level meeting with the USACE to address concerns about the Section 111 Study. This would include representatives from MWP50.
2. A City-led, City-funded effort to address the North End of Park Point, in discussion with the USACE. The intent is to be proactive instead of waiting passively over the next year for the report. The plan is to look at specific alternative remedies to the North End, then to 'merge' with the USACE process a year from now.
3. The City is seeking to secure federal funding to reconstruct Park Point public park areas, to commence Summer 2024.

The issue of blowing sand was brought up as a major nuisance and concern. Jim said the City is willing to work with PPCC and MWP50 to identify ways to mitigate; this will be a separate conversation with PPCC and MWP50 representatives.

In concluding his remarks, Jim said the City, for the long term, is definitely interested in a holistic, inclusive view of resilience on the Points in their entirety. At the same time, they are cognizant that the most severe and imminent threat to all the interests on Park Point is the chronic severe erosion at the north end of the lake side. This will take a momentous effort by the government and other entities to solve, and the window to access federal funding for this is closing. So the City is triaging resources to get the remedy for the north end/lake side before the window of opportunity closes for those federal resources.

The next meeting of the MWP50 Working Group will be sometime in late January – we will seek to come to a common understanding of what Coastal Resilience means for Minnesota-Wisconsin Point. Achieving this will provide the platform necessary for fundraising and research.

The results of the November meeting and the proposed engagement and action by the City of Duluth are very encouraging. The decision by the PPCC to take on the MWP50 leadership is truly bearing fruit, so kudos to our community for driving these important efforts forward.

Contact: Paul Treuer, MP50 Coordinator, paul.treuer@gmail.com

Traffic Safety

Direct efforts are on hold until the new Mayor gets into office. We have heard nothing back from Engineering about solutions; DPD still citing lack of resources to come at specific times. The issue of using speed cameras is still out there; the Minnesota Legislature authorized a study and were considering providing them in construction zones. We will continue to pursue traffic safety options with the DPD and the City in 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
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

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