



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Presidential Primary**  
**March 5th**

**Lafayette Community**  
**Edible Garden Potluck**  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-8PM**

**Park Point**  
**Community Club**  
**Meeting, March**  
**19th**

**Social at 6:45.**  
**Meeting at 7:00PM**  
**at Lafayette.**

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

**Smelt Parade**  
**May 26th**

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

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

**Neighborhood Night**  
**Out, August 6<sup>th</sup> at St.**  
**Andrews**

**And March**  
**comes in**  
**like...**

## **Rinkfest '24**



Firstly thanks to our Great creator for a gorgeous day.... Thanks to everyone for coming for the great time. Thanks to Rick Lyle for the two floods Saturday and for the great teamwork making a great success: the treatmakers of the Garden Club, Dawn and Ted Buck, Gale Kerns and not least Ms. Nancy for greatly being in charge of the food and drink. A great team and bravo!

Mr Elden Rinkman

p.s. If I forgot to thank anyone...Thanks much!

## ***The Breeze***

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by 3/27/2024

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#### **Rummage Sale:**

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## **President's Report**

Hi Neighbors,

We will meet again on Tuesday March 19th and the refreshed upstairs kitchen shall be revealed! Thank you to Adam Fornear with Parks and Rec. for keeping us in the loop on this project and also on the new boardwalk to be installed behind Lafayette in the "real" spring.

The summer youth program is still seeking staff for this summer's program. Thank you to neighbor Britta DeSutter and Club volunteers for networking and looking for a third camp counselor. Please contact Britta asap if you are interested in joining the effort! [ppsypinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ppsypinfo@gmail.com).

Get ready to plant a few trees in May! We were able to order what was available in the ten minutes before the county online sale sold out. We had hoped to buy trees for the city park, Southworth Marsh, at 41st, bayside but the compatible trees/shrubs sold out immediately. Here is what we have coming; please start planning for the site selection and care of these important new members of our community: 75 Norway (Red Pine) seedlings, 1 bundle each of Juneberry, American Linden, Black Cherry, False Indigo

Thank you for taking an active role in Minnesota Point resilience efforts and please read the report from Paul Treuer of MWP50 for the latest exciting updates in getting our 501c3 ready to move to the next step in the business plan. Consider joining the Community of Practice and share and learn along with all of us! We recently met with Mayor Reinert and Councilor Randorf and I am feeling very optimistic about our collaborative efforts moving forward. The work we are doing now is possible because of the engagement and tenacity of the Park Point community over past decades. Thankfully, we still have a number of those active neighbors with us! Today's efforts are rooted in building valuable partnerships; we are excited to work together in studying and solving complicated and complex problems. We will need everyone who cares about Minnesota Point/Wisconsin Point and the surrounding waters to be paying attention and willing to contribute to the long-term care and management of these significant treasures.

Exciting news about the 2024 Smelt Parade which is scheduled for Sunday May 26th! For approximately 2 weeks before the event, the lower level of Lafayette will be the place to be! Everyone will be invited to create costumes, masks, and parade art. These opportunities are free and open to everyone, no experience required. As the date of the parade gets closer, the workshops become lively and fun art parties, reports our neighbor Jim Ouray, 218-370-8980, who has been putting on this fabulous parade for years! Stay tuned for dates for the workshops!

Updates on our old yacht project aka taking on a new challenge is possible at all ages! Good news: Constructed, finished and installed the seven missing drawers in the pilothouse of the 1980 Morgan Motorsailer; love the tools available at the Duluth Maker Space. Bad news: Getting Magneta's documentation with the Coast Guard up to date- met with multiple snafus; a big thank you to Shari Anderson, owner of Harbor Cove, for her willingness to assist with the red tape and help us get certified and back on the water! I think we are up to at least three trips to the Notary. There will be much celebrating when we wrap up this process! See you out and about on our extraordinary island!

Dawn

PS. I saw an intrepid paddleboarder go by on the lake at 730am in the morning earlier this month of February! Unreal "winter."

## **News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden**

Do you like freshly harvested produce in the summer? How about fabulous communal meals once a month? Did you like digging in the sand or making mudpies when you were a child? If you said “yes” to one or all of those questions, then you might enjoy a membership in Park Point’s Lafayette Community Edible Garden. The membership fee is \$25 per household and the benefits are many. You will be a working member and learn how to plant, care for and harvest fresh produce all summer long. You will be invited to bring a delicious dish to share at our monthly potluck dinners. (Charlene Shimmin thinks they offer the best food in town!) And, you can participate in our special committees and events. Gardening is a team sport and it’s a great way to meet other Park Pointers in a congenial, cooperative atmosphere.

Coral McDonnell reports, “[It’s a] boring time of year for the garden. Not a drop of snow in the garden and green winter rye looks to be thriving!”

The winter rye Coral refers to is a cover crop that is planted in the garden beds at the end of the growing season, after the beds have been cleared of the harvest and weeds. The purpose for doing this is multifold: the rye adds nutrients to the soil, it aerates the soil, and it keeps weeds at bay. It is a self-sufficient crop and it thrives in below-freezing temperatures. In the spring, it is simply tilled into the soil. Since winter rye is a cereal grain, it could also be harvested and used to make flour or used in beer or vodka production. Stop by the Lafayette Community Garden at Lafayette Square this winter and take a look at the pretty green lawns of winter rye growing in the garden beds.

March is the month planning starts for the 2024 growing season. Our club’s seed expert, Ellie Alspach, has the 2024 garden plan all laid out and some seeds have been ordered. If you are interested in helping her with the seed sorting and ordering tasks, she would be happy for assistance.

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](mailto: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:

Save these dates for upcoming potluck dinner meetings: March 11, April 8, May 13.

-Susan Peters

## **Wanted: Park Point homes to host Artists for Art Fair weekend.**

Do you have a guest room that will be empty June 29-June 30? The PPAF committee is trying to help out of town artists find affordable accommodations for their time in Duluth. Last Summer we had 4 houses hosting artists. I have already received two requests for this year. I have hosted a lovely couple from Mankato the past two years. It was great fun to get to know them, and they were very appreciative of having a homelike space to relax close to the Art Fair.

If you can host please contact me: Jill Cornwell, [cornwald@gmail.com](mailto:cornwald@gmail.com) or 218-349-7674

### **PPCC Meeting Minutes**

The February 2024 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on February 20th, 2024. A 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. Thank you to Ted Buck for stepping up and doing the January minutes last month when Rory was ill.

#### **Treasurers Report – Gale Kerns**

End of December balance - \$25,813

End of January balance - \$27,327

Motion was made and approved to accept the report. Thanks also to Gale for his service as Treasurer. He will be stepping down and Mary Treuer will be taking over the Treasurer role.

#### **Environmental Committee – Dick Gould (not in attendance)**

Dawn Buck reports that trees were purchased and will be available in May. Please look for further info regarding Tree Planting Day on the website.

#### **Art Fair – Carla Tamburro (not in attendance)**

No report

#### **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 (not in attendance)**

2 Get Well cards and 2 Sympathy cards sent.

#### **High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith (not in attendance)**

No report

#### **Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell (not in attendance)**

No report

#### **Summer Youth Program – Britta Desutter (not in attendance)**

Discussion is ongoing regarding the status of the Summer Youth Program and staffing. Again, please go to the website for updates.

#### **Rummage Sale - Deb Strange**

Advertising in place on Visit Duluth, The Reader, the Minnesota Garage Sales website and a Facebook event has been created. Media has also been notified.

There was also discussion about the upcoming Presidential Primary election on March 5th. Reviewed that this will be a busy election year at Lafayette with Super Tuesday in March, the Special Election for the School Board on May 14th, the Primary Election in August and the General Election for President in November.

#### **Program Committee – Dave Poulin**

No report

#### **Traffic Safety – Pat Sterner**

Please report any speeding, reckless driving, or other information on the website

ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com. There was a brief discussion regarding a potential meeting with the City and City Engineering regarding traffic safety issues. For more info on this meeting, please call either Dawn or Pat.

#### **MWP-50: Paul Treuer**

Progress is being made on defining the working group's goals and additional information on the working group document and other developments is available. Please contact Paul directly at [paul.treuer@gmail.com](mailto:paul.treuer@gmail.com)

#### **The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan**

Please continue to submit items of interest. Due to fewer homes on Park Point in recent months, we are delivering fewer papers. We're looking into our numbers and hoping to reducing costs.

Adam from Parks & Rec – kitchen remodel is underway, kitchen floor is done and the boardwalk repair will be done this spring.

The date for the 2024 Smelt Parade is May 26th.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary

### **Pet Sitter Available on Park Point**

- Cats, dogs & other household pets
- Housesitting for homes without pets also welcome
  - Flexible schedule
  - Experience with medically complex pets
  - Extended time to keep your pets company
- Competitive rates · Watering plants & bringing in mail included
- Park Point preferred but will consider other Duluth neighborhoods.

Reach out & let's set it up!

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### **ST. ANDREW'S BY THE LAKE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**MARCH 24 AT 9:45 A.M.**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**MARCH 28 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**MARCH 29 AT NOON**

**EASTER VIGIL**

**MARCH 30 AT 5:30 P.M.**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**MARCH 31 AT 9:45 A.M.**



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## Minnesota-Wisconsin Point Long-range Resiliency Planning



MWP-50 Working Group.

The MWP-50 Working Group met Friday, Feb. 23 to discuss and approve the following definition of resilience of Minnesota/Wisconsin Point:

“A resilient Great Lakes is one in which communities, infrastructure, ecosystems, and the economy can withstand, adapt to, and recover from climate-related stressors and changing conditions to ensure equitable and inclusive social, economic, and environmental well-being across the basin.” (Great Lakes Commission, 2022) As part of the resilient Great Lakes, Minnesota/Wisconsin Point is a cohesive community of partners who collaborate to study, monitor, plan for, and implement best practice solutions to ensure the preservation of the entirety of the Point and its assets. This community will facilitate collaborative efforts to preserve these assets through the following actions:

1. **Organization.** A non-profit organization of Minnesota/Wisconsin Point partners is in place starting in 2024 to ensure efforts to continue to protect the Point from damaging conditions is guided by the community it serves. By-laws and a Business Plan define and describe the organizational structure and business plan. The basis for the composition of the stakeholder/partner group is inclusive of individuals and groups who have social, economic, cultural, spiritual, and intellectual ties to the Point.
2. **Monitoring and Modeling.** Key physical metrics such as erosion, flooding, wind, water levels and social metrics, such as policies, development, use, etc. are measured following a prescribed Minnesota/Wisconsin Point Data Plan. Results will be modeled to show current and projected impacts of climate on the Point. This data plan will include a schedule of planned updates. Research needs will be identified and attempts will be made to support research efforts.
3. **Asset Valuation.** Recognizing choices may need to be made with limited resources on which assets to save, establish prioritized determinations of assets to preserve in the land mass and adjoining waters. This determination will be made by an inclusive group of partners in 2024; it will be updated annually.
4. **Action Plan.** A roadmap describing a timeline of short term (1-10 year), mid- term (11-30 year) and long term (31-50 year) actions will be identified for different areas of the Point and nearby waters. Consultations with subject area experts, city planners, scientists, coastal engineers, and others will be used to identify and incorporate best practices into the planning process. Partner input is essential to the process of developing and updating the Action Plan.
5. **Projects are Implemented.** Past and present projects designed to address resilience of the Point will be documented. It is recognized some projects will be undertaken by partners, others by the organization itself. Regardless of who does each project, all attempts will be made to provide full support for projects included in the Action Plan, to track their progress, and to measure their impact.
6. **Outreach.** The Community of Practice will engage partners and the public in a learning community that deepens knowledge of the Point in relation to stewardship practices.

Paul Treuer

## Presidential Primary FAQ

**When will the next presidential primary take place?** March 5, 2024.

**Will all parties participate in the presidential primary?** No, only major parties will participate.

**Will all parties be on the same ballot?** No, each participating major party will have a separate ballot

**Who decides which candidates will appear on a party's ballot?** The chair of each party will submit a list of candidates for the party's ballot no later than 63 days before the date of the presidential primary (January 2, 2024).

**What if a candidate drops out before the primary?** Once a party's list is submitted, changes will not be made to candidates that will appear on the ballot.

**Will there be a place to write in a choice or vote for "uncommitted"?** Only if it is requested by the party chair. Party chairs will need to submit names of write-in candidates to be counted seven days before the primary.

**Will any other offices be on the ballot?** No, only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the presidential primary ballot. Other offices with a primary will be on the primary ballot in August.

**Who can vote in the presidential primary?** Any voter registered in Minnesota.

**How will I be able to vote in the presidential primary?** A voter must request the ballot of the party of their choice. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the presidential primary.

**Will other people know which party's ballot I request?** A voter's choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, a list will be provided to the chair of each major political party of voters who selected that party. How a voter voted on the ballot will be secret.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORT

Neighbor Mike Satter's outdoor camera picked up a speeding vehicle on a Friday night about 3 weeks ago. The vehicle was clearly exceeding the speed limit by at least 20 mph, probably more. The video with Duluth PD Chief Mike Ceynowa, the Mayor, our city councilor Roz Randorf, and our City Engineering contact James Gittemeier. Chief Ceynowa sent the following message:

**I am having staff add this video to our daily bulletin along with an extra patrol request for park point. I will also have our public information officer put out some of our Facebook posts from last summer reminding people of the speed limit, and to be courteous and respectful of the neighborhood when they are driving on the point. I appreciate you letting us know that spring and summer behaviors are already starting up. I am sure Jeremy will be more than willing to attend this meeting.**

The Mayor and Councilor Randorf also responded with supporting words for addressing this ongoing issue. We are in process of setting a meeting with James Gittemeier at City Engineering to again address ideas already discussed, with focus on removable speed bumps, Rec/Bike Lane Signage, and removable traffic pylons. We will also ask the Mayor to prioritize this for City Engineering to work with us on solutions.

Update: Speed cameras still not allowed statewide; a pilot program has been launched in Minneapolis but no idea when or if speed cameras will be allowed statewide.

Please continue to report dangerous driving/speeding by sending details (date/time, car make/model/license plate) to [parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com). We encourage you to also send other ideas about traffic calming to the same email address.

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 Jeremy O'Conner [JOconner@duluthmn.com](mailto:JOconner@duluthmn.com)

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

Parking Services 218-730-5470


Dog issues: Shelter: 218-723-3259

On-Duty Cell Phone: 218-390-2256

City Councilor Roz Randorf [rrandorf@duluthmn.gov](mailto:rrandorf@duluthmn.gov) 218-443-8364

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