



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community  
Edible Garden Potluck  
June 10th, 6-8PM  
at Lafayette**

**Park Point  
Community Club  
Meeting,  
June 18th  
Social at 6:45.  
Meeting at 7:00PM  
at Lafayette.**

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

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

**Gran June 22nddma's  
Marathon**

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

**Park Point 5-Miler  
Julu 18th**

**Hold On!  
It's going to be  
a busy  
Summer!**

### **Park Point Art Fair 2024**

The 52nd annual Park Point Art Fair returns June 29-30 to the Park Point Recreation Area.

Admission and parking are free.

Featuring the juried fine art and craft of more than 100 premiere artists from the local area, upper Midwest and beyond, the Park Point Art Fair also offers live performances, music, food, children's activities and more—all in a stunning natural setting.

The Art Fair is presented by the Park Point Community Club, a nonprofit volunteer organization "Each year, the art fair brings people together—as visitors, artists and volunteers—in a unique setting on the shores of Lake Superior. Artists and patrons of the arts praise the consistently high quality of this show, and appreciate that it's a grass-roots effort for a good cause."

#### **Volunteers needed.**

Please join us as a volunteer. Your service entitles you to an invitation to the volunteer and artist dinner catered by Bellisio's on Saturday night, June 29th at 5pm.

What do you need to do? We have plenty of options. We need volunteers to booth sit for the artists, greet attendees, set-up and clean-up.

In addition to the normal yearly fair tasks, this year we have a special and important task, to encourage attendees to take a four- minute survey. The survey will gather demographic information that we will use to apply for Duluth Tourism dollars again in 2025. For those of you who don't know, in 2024 the city of Duluth awarded us 10,000 dollars. Way to go for attracting the attention of the city!

If you are not around the weekend of The Fair you can still help by delivering posters and bookmarks or placing yard signs. We are also looking for people to coordinate the poster and yard sign tasks if you are a director type.

Please call Carla, 218-348-7338 or Diane, 727-4067

### **President's Report**

Hi neighbors,

The next regular PPCC meeting falls on Tuesday, June 18th, just past Rummage Sale weekend. We will share the status & timeline of the third Section 111 study that is underway by the Corps of Engineers at request of the community and the City of Duluth in March 2020. The transport of sediment to Minnesota Point has been blocked by the piers of the shipping canals since their installation in 1871. The public meeting hosted by the City will be held on June 3rd at City Hall from 1-3pm and the Club will host an informal sharing of information and discussion at Lafayette that evening starting at 6pm. For several reasons, the previous two studies resulted in no significant action or funding or future planning. What has been illuminated is the strong need for a management plan for the barrier island of Park Point. I believe we have an opportunity to make a big difference this third time around. How? By learning as much as you can, talking to your neighbors, attending public meetings & joining the community of practice. If you'd like to get started or learn more, please reach out to Paul Treuer of MP50, [paultreuer@gmail.com](mailto:paultreuer@gmail.com) Summer is arriving and "June 2024 Madness" will be upon us! Here's to keeping your peace (sometimes not easy) and leading with kindness when the droves of visitors arrive to enjoy the beach, Rummage Sale, Art Fair, and the too many to list recreational and water activities on and around Minnesota Point.

Park Point's recognition again as an awesome best beach in Travel and Leisure is not surprising, the word is out. Back in 1871, this word was out: (See Page 2)

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### **THE AIR-CONDITIONED CITY**

In 1871 a delegation of journalists from around the country visited Duluth to record the area's growth. Charles A. Dana of the New York Sun wrote about the "Air Conditioned Weather" and the "Air Conditioned City" sticks to this day. He actually helped with the boom of the city by his story. He said, "The air on Lake Superior at seasons is surprisingly cheerful and embracing. This air is wonderful to breathe, and people who cannot live elsewhere find health and vigor in it. This Northland is a boundless sanitarium for weak lungs and all pulmonary and bronchial maladies." Well, the Duluthians expected to have every sick person in the country on their doorstep the next week but instead they ended up with a population of about 60 percent foreign-born immigrants and they were in fact a healthy lot.

From Tour Old Duluth, S.T. Aubut & M.C. Norton

Welcome to the newest board members of Minnesota Point Preservation Society (MPPS): Charlene Roise, Dan Ross, Jessica Boehland, Paul Treuer, Dawn Buck, Brian Ruggle, Pat Sterner, Brittany Prim, Gary Glass and Dave Poulin. The MPPS Board met on May 14th and voted in the new board of directors. Outgoing members are Al Robins and Rory Strange. The MPPS was created in 2011 with funding provided by the PPCC to create and launch the 501c3 as "an investment to increase the advocacy tools for preserving the unique natural landscape and quality of life on Minnesota Point." The identity, roles, and relationships of and between the PPCC, MPPS and MP50 are in the tuning and refinement stages. Thank you to the community members who invested time and energy in creating the MPPS and who kept the organization registered and active status. Continuing the resiliency work and moving forward with fundraising now is possible due to your efforts and foresight. If you'd like to find out more about MPPS and how you might contribute, please reach out to Pat Sterner, Chairperson, [patsterner20@gmail.com](mailto:patsterner20@gmail.com).

Best for a successful rummage sale and thank you for having your sales on the designated days so the Park Point Art Fair on June 29,30 is the focus of that fabulous weekend! Also, please set an example by following the speed limit. Remember to call 911 when you see dangerous driving and note the description, location and plate number if you can. Send a note to Pat Sterner at [parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com) for Club's traffic/speeding data.

Happy Summer and see you on the water!

Dawn

Tom Rauschenfels poses with the mural he painted for the S-curve sign. The PPCC has commissioned a second mural from Tom, this one of sailboats



### A Great Lakes Icon

As summer unfolds on Park Point, our anticipation grows not just for the warmth and the Park Point Art Fair but for the return of the majestic lake freighters that navigate the cool waters of the majestic lake freighters that navigate the cool waters of Lake Superior. Among them, the Arthur M. Anderson stands out, a vessel steeped in the maritime history of the Great Lakes. Launched on February 16, 1952, by the American Ship Building Company, the Arthur M. Anderson has been a fixture on the lakes for over seven decades. With a length of 767 feet, a beam of 70 feet, and a draft of 36 feet, this freighter was built to endure tonnage of 26,525 and a carrying capacity of 25,325 tons. The Anderson is perhaps best known for its role on the fateful night of November 10, 1975, as the last vessel in contact with the SS Edmund Fitzgerald before its tragic sinking. This moment has etched the Anderson into the collective memory of those who hold the Great Lakes maritime history dear.

Over the years, the vessel has seen several upgrades, including a significant midsection addition in 1975 and the installation of a self-unloading boom in 1981, enhancing its operational efficiency. Despite these improvements, the Anderson retains a distinctive feature: a softer midsection that limits its cargo capacity slightly compared to its fleet counterparts.

For us on the Point, the sight of the Arthur M. Anderson is more than a mere transport of cargo; it is a living piece of history, embodying the resilience and spirit of those who have navigated these waters through the years. So as you fish from your dock on the Bayside or have a chair in the sand on the Lakeside, keep an eye out for the Arthur M. Anderson!

Vibe with Mike



### Hello Park Pointers,

I am Jon Heyesen, and my wife Kyle Leia Heyesen, maiden name *Elden*, and I are both fourth generation Park Pointers. We are grateful to live two blocks away from Lafayette down the Point on the lakeside. Our fathers grew up together on Park Point, Mark Elden and Wayne Heyesen. My grandmother Arlene's photo is in the photo archive flip book in the upstairs of the Lafayette Square Community Center. This community is deeply important to our family and especially my father who passed away earlier this year, 02/09/1951 - 02/06/2024. As described in his obituary, "most of Wayne's life was spent in Duluth, MN. His formative years were spent on Duluth's Park Point where he learned much about how to and how not to live life. He spent a lot of time in boats and cars on the liquid and frozen water that surrounded Park Point. Children growing up on Park Point weren't like other children. Where else could one, and would one, conceive of and execute a plan to drive a car, on ice, through a wall of flaming Christmas trees, as fast as that car would go, forward, backward, or otherwise, as Wayne and others did some number of times? Many other odd stories could be told, like "How close can we get this motor boat to the bow of an ore boat entering the Duluth harbor?" Such behavior would follow Wayne into his adult years."

Additionally, in Wayne's obituary he wanted to be sure to mention he "had a somewhat handsome, fun, funny, and funky friend and family member named Mark Joseph Elden (also daughter-in-law's father) - a gregarious and eclectic lifelong Park Pointer - who, legend has it, arrived home after Wayne had filled his diapers with rocks during their first encounter at the end of Park Point sometime in the mid 1950's." He was also an avid rower and member of the Duluth Rowing Club, for which we now have a commemorative brick in his honor we will forever treasure You can read his full obituary

here: <https://yourtraditionsfuneralhome.com/obit/wayne-lucas-heyesen>

We'd love to invite you to join us to celebrate his life:

Date: June 30th

Time: noon - 4pm

Program at 1:30pm

Location: Lafayette Square Park Point  
3016 Minnesota Avenue, Duluth, MN

**Wanted: Queen Size Mattress.** If you're getting rid of a gently used queen sized mattress, we would love to have it. Willing to haul and happy to pay you a used-mattress kind of price. Must be in good condition from a nonsmoking home with no strong odors (pet owners are fine, we're not allergic to animals). Please text (209) 471-8143 or email [spoteet4@gmail.com](mailto:spoteet4@gmail.com).

### Home and Yard Help

#### Available:

I'm free to help with your lawn care, cleaning tasks, and/or light housework. Sometimes it's nice to have that extra set of hands to get the job done! Local to Park Point. Reasonable rates - contact me for an estimate. James Poteet • Text 209-471-8143 • [spoteet4@gmail.com](mailto:spoteet4@gmail.com)

## PPCC Meeting Minutes

The May 2024 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on May 21st, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Dawn opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. The hospitality committee (Ted and Diane) did a great job with the treats. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Motion was approved to accept the minutes as written in the Breeze. All in attendance voted aye.

**Treasurers Report** – Mary Treuer not present

Beginning of April balance - \$20,943

End of April balance - \$35,921

This balance reflects Art Fair and SYP registrations.

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

**Environmental Committee** – Dick Gould

It's been a great season for bird migration. Many different species have been seen.

**Art Fair** – Carla Tamburro

108 artists and 6 food vendors will be featured this year. There will be a new and improved kids' play area and musical acts are currently being booked. Volunteers are still needed for both overall assistance and with the Tourism Funding Survey. Please contact Diane at 727-4067 if you're able to assist.

**Watch Committee** – That's us

Please continue to monitor activity that seems suspicious as well as traffic concerns and report to 911. There have been reports of car prowls, bikes stolen, and utility sheds being broken into. Please be sure to secure your personal property.

**Sunshine Committee** - Pam Griggs

1 Get Well card sent.

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

No report

**Edible Garden** - Coral McDonnell

Half the garden has been planted. Thank you to all volunteers who helped rebuild the beds. Special thanks to Harbor City students for their assistance in the garden. Corn is the vegetable of the year!

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

Harbor City students helped with cleanup of lower-level Lafayette in preparation for the Summer Youth Program. Great job and thank you!

**Rummage Sale** - Deb Strange

Advertising is in place and the media has also been notified.

**Program Committee** – Dave Poulin

Nothing is upcoming due to a busy summer ahead. Will resume programming in the fall.

**Traffic Safety** – Pat Sterner

Please remember to call 911 if you observe illegal driving, speeding, or other violations. There are several things in the works with City Engineering, such as a Recreation Lane, potential bump-outs, and etc. If you would be interested in participating in a walking audit for areas that could be in line to implement these safety measures please call or text Pat at 720-839-4238.

Additionally, the DPD will be on patrol here on PP this summer using E-bikes which gives them the opportunity to be more responsive to safety issues. Email issues to [ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com](mailto:ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com).

**MP50:** Paul Treuer

Exciting news regarding MP50. They now have appointed an elected board of directors and will be working towards raising funds for the Minn Point 50 Year resilience initiative. Please review Paul's report for more info on the formal structure and goals on MP50. If you have any questions, 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.

**Adam from Parks & Rec** – There was a slight delay on boardwalk improvements but it should start happening in the next month.

**New Business:**

Motion made to fund an additional S-curve mural with a sailing theme in the amount of \$100. All in attendance voted aye.

PPCC Election of Officers and standing committee chairs was held. These are 2-year appointments. All current officers and committee chairs are re-instated for another 2-year term.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

## Art at the Airport

Sky Harbor Airport is celebrating the opening of their new terminal by hosting an art exhibit featuring the work of fiber artist Natalija Walbridge, who lives on the bay side of Park Point tucked behind Hearding Island.

Natalija's artwork consists of fabric collages, where she uses layering techniques similar to Impressionist painters to capture the interplay of light and colors found in nature. Many of her pieces depict wildlife paired with their natural habitats in vibrant, joyful colors, celebrating the beauty of the local environment.

The public is invited to attend the art opening event on Saturday, June 15th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the new Sky Harbor Airport terminal. Light refreshments will be served. The show will be on display through July 15. The terminal is open weekdays from 9:00 to 5:00, and it will also be open during the Park Point Art Fair weekend.

## Take a Break at St. Andrew's during the PP Rummage Sale

**Fri, June 14 & Sat, June 15**

- Complimentary Coffee & Tea
- Access to Restrooms
- Seating available inside & out
- Oasis del Norte food truck, purveyor of authentic Mexican food, opens for business at 11AM.

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[info@standrewsbythelakeduluth.org](mailto:info@standrewsbythelakeduluth.org)



## 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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**Residents/ Musicians**  
**You're going to like**  
**what you see and**  
**hear**

## Cell Phone Drive For Safe Haven

St. Andrew's is helping Safe Haven collect old cell phones to give to their clients.

Donated cell phones are refurbished and given to individuals trying to leave an abusive relationship.

Drop off your unused old cell phone and charging cords at St. Andrew's during the Park Point Rummage sale, **Fri, June 14 & Sat, June 15.**

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## Minnesota Point 50-Year Resiliency Initiative (MP50)



MP50 Organization Chart includes MPPS

Structure and staffing of PPCC fundraising organization is MPPS, a 501C3, within which MP50 will operate. On April 18, 2024 the MPPS board of directors, (Dave Poulin, Gary Glass, Al Robbins, and Rory Strange) met to elect board members. MPPS board members elected for 2024-2025 are Gary Glass, Pat Sterner (chair), Brian Ruggle, Jessica Boehland, Dawn Buck, Charlene Roise, Brittany Prim, Paul Treuer, and Dave Poulin (advisory).

### Minnesota Point Section 111 Study Public Meeting on June 3

The city of Duluth and USACE are hosting a public meeting on June 3, 2024 from 1-3 PM in the City Hall Lakeside Room (4th floor) to provide details about the status of the Section 111 Study and the Modeling Study on which recommendations for action will be based. The public is invited to attend in person or virtually. A recording of the meeting will be distributed by PPCC.

The Association of State FloodPlain Managers (ASFPM) Met in Duluth May 2 & 3

The AFSPM consulting team for the Minnesota Point Resiliency Study met with members of the Duluth Team to share and discuss results of the year-long project. The consultants toured Minnesota Point and then went over results of their consultations on (1) assessment of the issues, (2) scenario plans and (3) policies that address effects of flooding. The team met with Park Point residents Keith and Deb McGlaughlin on the tour and expressed appreciation to learn from them about bayside erosion. The group began to discuss action plans, funding opportunities, and public presentations of the Minnesota Point AFSPM Study. A follow-up meeting of the ASFPM team will continue these discussions at the end of August in Detroit.

### City responds to issues with drifting sand

Jim Filby Williams, Director of City Properties, Parks and Libraries, and Kate Kubiak, City Natural Resources Coordinator, developed a plan and permitting policy to deal with sand drifting to private property and homes between the lift bridge and 12th street. A public meeting was held Monday, April 22 from 7:30 - 8:30 PM at Lafayette. As a result of input from many residents in the affected area, the City has revised its plan and presented it to the City Council. A written copy of the final proposal will be sent from the City to residents living in the area between the lift bridge and 12th Street.

Efforts to Control the Spread of Baby's Breath

The City has hired Prairie Restorations to remove an invasive species, Baby's Breath, from public land on Park Point. A first meeting with City, Park Point, DNR, and Prairie Restorations will be May 30th. A public meeting is tentatively planned the morning of June 25th to teach residents how to identify and effectively remove this plant. Details will be sent to the community

.MP50 is a community of practice

MP50 is a learning community dedicated to collaboration to build long-term resilience of Minnesota Point. Diverse views are welcome and encouraged. Please send questions, comments, and requests to receive email updates to Paul Treuer ([paul.treuer@gmail.com](mailto:paul.treuer@gmail.com)).

## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

May was a busy month. Basic garden set up, planting and harvesting kept everyone busy. And, it will continue. Watch for the tomato plants to be put in the ground around June 1 and by mid-June, all the beds should be a verdant green. As you peruse the garden, watch for these compatible bedmates (called companion planting): onions with carrots, and peas with chard.

Help is needed with the continued maintenance of the garden. Watering Angels commit to a week of keeping the beds watered. If you can help with this, contact Coral at [coraljean@charter.net](mailto:coraljean@charter.net). The Children's Gardening Committee, headed by Bridget Reistad, is looking for volunteers to work with kids a couple times for an hour or two each week during the summer. If this project appeals to you, contact Bridget at [breistad@gmail.com](mailto:breistad@gmail.com).

At our May 13 potluck dinner meeting, we were educated on the benefits of planting native plant species in our yards. Lafayette Square neighbor Jessica Boehland introduced us to Dan Schutte, owner of Shoreview Natives, who planted native species in the boulevard around Jessica's property. Dan taught us how planting native plant species supports pollinators and creates stability in the diversity of native vegetation. Native plants flourish in our soil, climate and moisture levels; and local pollinators prefer native plants. The first step to introducing native plants in your garden is to kill off the current vegetation. This is an easy, but long process: cut back the current vegetation, cover it with heavy black plastic, and wait 8-12 months for the plants to die. Dan's company can do this for you or sell you the products you need to do it yourself. He has straight species native plants available for you to buy or his team will design and install your garden for you. [Shoreviewnatives.com](http://Shoreviewnatives.com), 218-341-5286.

Keep in mind that only working members of the community garden are allowed to harvest what we plant. If you want to take part in the picking fun, officially join the garden. Missy King is the contact person for folks interested in membership in the community garden and potluck dinner info. 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. The June 10 potluck dinner meeting will include a garden blessing.

See you all at the June 10 potluck dinner meeting...or in the garden.

-Susan Peters

## **DNR Public Water Permitting and Windblown Sand on Minnesota Point**

Are you finding an excess of windblown sand from the Lake Superior beach in your yard? Here's some guidance to help ensure any actions you take meet DNR requirements.

Key things to remember:

- Dunes are natural buffers against storm surges and erosion.
- Native plants help stabilize dunes.
- Some plant species on Minnesota Point are protected.
- It is important to understand where the ordinary high- water level is in relation to your property.
- The City has their own requirements for moving sand.

Lake Superior and the St. Louis River Estuary/Duluth Harbor are public waters. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulates activities below the ordinary high-water level (OHWL) of public waters in Minnesota, including along the Lake Superior shoreline. The OHWL is the highest water level that has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence upon the landscape. The OHWL for the lake side of Minnesota Point varies but it is typically located at the toe of the primary dune. The toe of the primary dune has eroded away in many areas. In these situations, the OHWL is determined based on vegetation, past surveys, and historical photographs. The OHWL for the harbor side of Minnesota Point is approximately 603 feet (NAVD88), based on past DNR surveys. It is important to understand that the OHWL defines where the DNR has regulatory jurisdiction concerning public waters. If you have questions or need a site-specific OHWL determination, contact DNR Hydrologist Bri Speldrich (218-302-3246; [Brianna.speldrich@state.mn.us](mailto:Brianna.speldrich@state.mn.us).)

Under Minnesota Statute 103G.245, any activity that changes or diminishes the course, current, or cross section of public waters by any means (filling, excavating, grading, placing materials, etc.) may require a public- waters work permit from the DNR. The shoreland landowner is responsible for applying for a DNR public waters work permit if activities will occur below the OHWL. The City of Duluth is working with the DNR to renew a general permit to authorize windblown sand to be placed back below the OHWL on the city beach under certain conditions. Once the general permit has been renewed, more information about the application process can be provided. If an activity below the OHWL does not meet the conditions of the general permit, an individual public waters work permit may be an option depending on the activity. Activities that occur landward of the OHWL (i.e. removal of windblown sand from streets, yards, driveways, etc.) do not require a public -waters work permit from the DNR, provided the sand will not be placed back below the OHWL. Please note, moving sand landward of the OHWL may still require other approvals from the City or others.

Dunes on Minnesota Point act as a natural buffer and are a line of defense against storm surges and wave action that can erode shoreline and damage property. Dunes are dynamic systems, and it is important to build them up during periods of low water levels so that they can offer protection from erosion during periods of high- water levels. Native plants, including beachgrass, help stabilize existing dunes and increase dune build-up by catching windblown sand and causing it to accumulate. Some residents have expressed concerns about newly formed dunes inhibiting beach access. Creating paths across the dunes can weaken their integrity and create points for blowing sand to enter property. It is strongly encouraged to use established entry points and boardwalks. While blowing sand can be a nuisance, efforts to build and stabilize dunes should be exhausted prior to moving sand away from fence lines or attempting to create new paths through dunes.

There are state-protected plant species on Minnesota Point, so it is important that vegetation is not disturbed without a DNR rare species permit. A DNR rare species permit is required for any activity that involves disruption or impact to state-protected species, including (but not restricted to) beachgrass and beach heather. Please note, beachgrass may not be propagated or transplanted without a DNR permit. Please contact the DNR if you have questions about beachgrass or need assistance selecting appropriate native vegetation to plant on dunes (Mark White, regional plant ecologist, [mark.white@state.mn.us](mailto:mark.white@state.mn.us) 218-302-3251).

Bri Speldrich, Area Hydrologist

## **Duluth Rowing Club**

The Duluth Rowing Club is off and running for the 2024 Spring, Summer, Fall season! Rowing has been happening since January 1 with lots of members on rowing machines, whether at home or the various fitness centers. It continued to the water with the early ice-out, but then lots of wind, rain, and ugly weather put a slight halt to on-the-water training. Park Point residents have since witnessed early morning masters and open rowers on the bayside waters. Juniors will start their summer rowing experiences June 10th. That is the date when masters and open age athletes row at 6:00 am, and the 13 - 19 year-old juniors start at 8:00 am. That same day the evening Boathouse hours go into effect from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Learn To Row has already been filled for all three, 2 week sessions, with a waiting list for hopeful first timers! Check out [duluthrowing.org](http://duluthrowing.org) for continuing updates as the season progresses.

The DRC will have competitors at: June 15 Minneapolis Sprints; June 29 Thunder Bay Sprints; July 13 Duluth International Regatta (here on Park Point); July 27 Tops & Bottoms in Kenora, Ontario; August 16 - 17 NWIRA Championship Regatta in Kenora; and October 5 at the Head of the Mississippi in Minneapolis.

The Rowing Club wants to again thank all Park Point residents and visitors for all the support given to Learn To Row participants, and to all rowers, ages 13 - 81, whether seeking fitness, recreation, competition or all three great pieces of the silent sport of rowing!

**Tom Rauschenfels**

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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.gov](mailto:JOconner@duluthmn.gov)

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

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