



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Flag Football at
Lafayette Wednesday
Evenings 6:30-7:30
PM**

**Blessing of the
Animals October 6th,
9:45 AM at St.
Andrew's by the Lake**

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

**Park Point
Community Club
Meeting,
October 15th
Social at 6:45.
Meeting at 7:00PM
at Lafayette.**

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

**And its
Pumpkin
Spice Season
again!**



As September ends, Park Point welcomes the crisp days of October. The cooler air and vibrant fall colors make it a perfect time to enjoy walks along the beach or visits to the Park Point Nature Trail, all while keeping MP50 initiatives in mind as we enjoy the beauty. For many of us Pointers on the bayside, it's also time to pull docks from the water, while our neighbors on the lakeside recently installed snow fences. This year, there's extra excitement with more cruise ships stopping in Duluth. The ship-of-the-month in the photo is the Viking Polaris, a 665-foot-long ship that has been making waves as part of the city's growing cruise traffic. October also brings festive touches, with pumpkins decorating homes along Minnesota Avenue throughout the month, adding a cheerful vibe as Halloween approaches. Here's to a vibrant and beautiful October on the Point! It's a true blessing to call this wonderful place home. Vibe with Mike (YouTube)

President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

September has felt like a drier version of August and the fun on the water continues! Hoping you have been enjoying this wonderful fall gift.

If you are a Whole Foods Co-Op Owner, please consider supporting the efforts of Minnesota Point 50, a 2025 Give! Non-Profit Applicant finalist. Vote here and thank you! <https://wholefoods.coop/vote/minnesotapoint50.org> **Funding Priority:** *Environmental Stewardship Using GIVE! Funding for: MP50 will use the GIVE funding to support ongoing public education efforts, to host at least one public Research Summit with information about climate change impact on Minnesota Point, and to host at least two volunteer events that promote stewardship for the long-term resiliency of Minnesota Point.*

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(President's Report, continued)

We thank Adam Fornear from Parks and Recreation for attending our last meeting and relaying important information related to the ongoing and upcoming projects and initiatives on Minnesota Point. We also enjoyed having the PPCC member who is also our mayor in attendance as well. Thank you, Roger, for listening to our needs and concerns and making connections for continued support on additional signage needs, recreation lane painting projects, overnight parking challenges, emergency services, plus participation & collaboration on current and upcoming projects. We will keep in touch! Speaking of projects, maybe you have noticed the large number of deep holes & delays on Minnesota Ave. including the storm drain replacements at 32nd and 37th. I will post the latest that I hear from our City partners on the website, parkpointcommunityclub.org. Thank you for setting a good example by driving slowly near these work sites. "Work has been prolonged due to discovering the elevations of many utilities underground. This has forced us to reevaluate the design due to conflicts and make appropriate adjustments."

Our neighbors at 2400 Minnesota Ave. have once again offered us the apples from the trees in their front yard. Thank you Ron and Elizabeth! Go and check it out and good luck with your pies and apple crisp baking! Yum; the cool fall days will arrive at some point.

A few neighbors have asked me about our old yacht (1980 Morgan Out Island 33 Motorsailer) and how it's going. The answer is that the learning continues on docking, spring lines, sailing with a giant dog, and what are the best boating snacks and drinks:) Projects this winter are cutlass bearing replacement and checking the rigging, mast is to come down in a couple of weeks. The 1970 Boston Whaler was a lot of fun this year, especially our annual trip to Clough Island with the joyful giant schnauzer. He might have figured out that jumping out of the boat is not much fun after all.... We slipped into Woodstock Bay in Superior to check out the new kayak launching park which looks really nice. No docking for Whaler, has nice facilities for launching kayaks and I found [this online](https://www.stlouisriver.org/news/woodstock-bay-celebration) on the St. Louis River Alliance's website.

<https://www.stlouisriver.org/news/woodstock-bay-celebration>, "Woodstock Bay Public Landing in Superior has undergone a huge transformation and we're excited for the upgrades! This beautiful site is 14 acres located along the St. Louis River Estuary National Water Trail in Superior, Wisconsin. The property offers excellent access and views of the river, as well as potential connectivity to the paved city trail system. The site is situated along clay influenced bays subject to high turbidity, especially after heavy rain. Clay and silt from the St. Louis River can cloud Lake Superior for miles, raise water temperatures, and cover underwater spawning beds for fish. Currently there is only an informal boat launch and fishing area, which are both underutilized. Using low-impact design techniques, the Woodstock Bay improvement project has converted an undeveloped parcel of land along the waterfront into a rustic public access point. This includes invasive species removal, approx. 1,200 linear feet of shoreline restored, planting of hundreds of deciduous trees, coniferous trees, and shrubs, in addition to a new launch area. Other park amenities include a pavilion, vault toilet, picnic tables, benches, kayak/canoe racks, garbage cans, and pet waste stations."

Special thanks to boat mentors, friends and neighbors for sharing their experiences which really helps in the learning and growth department. If you have not seen neighbor Mike's YouTube channel with more boat friends, here is the link to Vibe with Mike: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5UwWocd9b4F-GdEyJ4SKxA/about>. It's a really fun and informative channel if you love Duluth, the bridge, boats of all types and seeing what's happening in and around the waterfront.

Heading back outside now for more of this fabulous September!

Kind regards & see you on the water!

Dawn

Minnesota Point 50-Year Resiliency Initiative (MP50)

Vision: Minnesota Point, a dynamic and fragile ecosystem and community, sustains its land, water, wildlife, infrastructure, and people for generations to come.

Mission: We lead strategic actions with a diverse group of partners to ensure the cultural, and economic resilience of Minnesota Point.



The City of Duluth in collaboration with MP50 and PPCC advanced work on mitigation of blowing sand on the north end of Park Point. Work had begun by removal of sand from 8th street and waiver of permitting for residents for sand placement on the beach. City crews engaged with community volunteers for two fence installations September 10th and 12th. Park Point volunteers efforts helped City crews, thereby reducing the time of fence installations in half. The next phase of this project will include planting dune grass next Spring.

Duluth Preservation Alliance (DPA) chose Minnesota Point to be included in the 2024 list of endangered places in Duluth. The theme is places that make Duluth unique. DPA hosted a press conference Friday, August 30, on Park Point to highlight the unique history of the Point. MP50 Board President Pat Sterner and DPA President Blake Romanesco made comments affirming the importance of preserving the community, including structures, on Park Point. Pat commented “A lot of our focus is how do we manage change to be resilient and that includes conserving historic properties and historic homes on Park Point as we manage that change because they are very much a part of the fabric of this community.”

Section 111 Study. The City of Duluth and USACE is hosting the second public meeting on the Minnesota Point Section 111 Study. The event will be the afternoon of October 29th in the Lecture Hall in the Maritime Museum Visitor Center, 600 Canal Park Drive. Tentatively scheduled from 1:00 - 3:00 PM, the meeting will be led by the modeling contractor, Barr Bergmann, and US Army Corps Staff from the Detroit District. The focus of the meeting is presenting information and data from the modeling process which is now 50% complete.

Paul Treuer

Duluth Rowing Club News

Things are starting to finally slow down at the Duluth Rowing Club. The year posted many successes, starting with docks being launched in early May and finishing with the scheduled docks to be pulled out in October.

This year saw 90 junior rowers ages 13 - 18, several open division rowers ages 19 - 27, and 70+ master rowers ages 27 - 81. The Learn To Row sessions quickly filled up to maximum adding many new rowers and members, and the season saw rowers of all categories: competition, fitness, and recreation. Lots of the season’s success can be traced to the great coaching staff, from the 6:00 am opening to the evening open rowing until 8:00 pm. This year also saw an adaptive program Learn to Row for those with disability or handicap.

Duluth rowers competed at the Minneapolis Sprints, the Duluth International, Tops & Bottoms in Kenora, Ontario, the NorthWest Championships, again in Kenora, the World Master Rowing Championship in Brandenburg, Germany, and the upcoming Head of the Mississippi in Minneapolis.

Speaking of the World Championship in Germany, 10 rowers from the DRC traveled to Europe to compete during the five days of competition, featuring almost 4,000 rowers from 51 countries. While the conditions were sometimes challenging with strong wind and cool temps, Duluth had success in the 1,000 meter courses. Greg Peterson and Tom Rauschenfels finished 3rd in the pair, 2nd in the 8 while rowing with a composite crew from Minneapolis and Colorado, and then with Jenny Peterson and Bonnie Fuller Kask in a mixed quad finished 2nd in a very exciting finale.

Lastly, the DRC would like to thank the residents of Park Point for their support this year. While the Fall season is beginning to show less daylight, residents and visitors will still be seeing those long, skinny rowing shells going north and south on either the Bay side or Beach side until almost the snow flies!

Tom Rauschenfels

PPCC Meeting Minutes

The September 2024 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on September 17th, 2024, at 7:05 pm.

Dawn welcomed everyone to the meeting and also welcomed Mayor Roger Reinert and Adam Fornear of Parks and Rec. Dawn thanked the Hospitality Committee for the treats.

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

Treasurers Report – Mary Treuer (not in attendance)

Current balance - \$32,250. There was a surplus from the SYP in the amount of \$1300 which will be returned to the Community Club. Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

No report

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

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

No cards sent this month

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

The garden looks great! Thank you to all who spent time helping to maintain it.

Summer Youth Program – Britta Desutter

Discussions are ongoing between the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee regarding the future of the Summer Youth Program.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

No report

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

No report.

Traffic Safety – Pat Sterner

No report. Remember to call 911 if you observe illegal driving, speeding, or other violations. Email issues to ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.

MP50: Paul Treuer

Dawn spoke briefly regarding the website and that MP50 has written a significant grant proposal. For more information, please see the website or The Breeze. If you have any questions, please contact Paul directly at paul.treuer@gmail.com

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

Please continue to submit items of interest.

Thank you to all who helped with the beach fencing project from the Bridge to the S-curve. Hopefully, this will help mitigate the erosion of dunes and blowing sand.

Several questions were posed at the last mtg regarding concerns over future projects on the Point. Adam and Mayor Reinert were able to provide an update on these issues and shared future plans.

The City of Duluth at the last council meeting resolved to accept a grant for a planning process which will start in Spring 2025 for the recreation area at the end of the Point.

Conversation about development at the boat club site – there will be a community engagement meeting in the Spring to allow community members to ask questions and be a part of an early planning process.

There are no current plans for any development of the Pontliana Woods area.

The signage at 8th Street entrance is currently not a priority.

Construction of the new boardwalk will be started and hopefully completed within 3 weeks. During this time, the public bathrooms and the walkway will be closed.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rory Strange, Secretary

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Park Point
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what you see and
hear

Blessing of the Animals

A special service
at St. Andrew's by the Lake
Episcopal Church

Bring your pets, their picture or a
stuffed animal to be blessed
during the service.
Treats for pets & people afterwards.

Sunday, October 6
9:45 am

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Find the words in the puzzle. Words may go in any direction. Words may share letters.

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Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program



Death of an Old Friend

Just received word of the death of our PPAF founder and former neighbor, Pat Joyelle (known still by some by her name from a much earlier life, "Joyal."). I was asked to pass the word along to our local (and specifically the PPAF) arts community. A jeweler and avid arts promoter, she was well liked and respected in our community. For awhile (roughly 15-20 years ago) she ran a shop next to the South Pier Inn, together with PPAF friends and supporters Penny Clark and Karen Thompson.

RIP, Pat. We'll remember you fondly every time we enjoy coffee and donuts in the "Joyelle Memorial Picnic Pavilion." ♥

Ellen Dunlap

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Surprises abound in the community garden. This year we had a big one when gardener Aaron Primm discovered an ear of our flint corn was infected with huitlacoche (corn fungus, aka corn smut). That may sound grim, but Primm knew what a delicacy he found and offered it up to anyone who would take it. This writer was the lucky recipient and I sauteed it up with other garden veggies for dinner. Huitlacoche forms in an ear of corn when spores get into the kernels and conditions are just right. The kernels bloat into gray, malformed mushroom-like edibles that have a corn-mushroom flavor. Yum!



Along with Aaron giving us more details about the huitlacoche anomaly at our September 9th potluck dinner meeting, we got more mushroom training from Parkie Maxwell, Coral and Brooks' granddaughter. Parkie enthusiastically walked us through the ins and outs of foraging mushrooms including what to bring, what to look for and resources on how to identify mushrooms. She suggests bringing a knife and brush to harvest and clean mushrooms, paper or waxed bags to separate specimens, and a hiking pole to move brush aside when searching. Indicators of mushroom probability include trees that only have 50% of the canopy budding in the spring, rainy days, and stands of elm, oak, and jack pine trees. For resources, Parkie says there are lots of good books and the internet, but serious foragers might look into joining a local mycological society or club.

Now, for the melon update: Missy says, "Please DON'T harvest the melons and winter squash. The melons are still ripening in the compost bin. They've been wrapped in an attempt to protect them from critters. Winter squash and pumpkins won't be ready until just before the first frost. Since we don't have enough melons and pumpkins to go around, we usually have a melon party to taste and share the melons. We have also talked about ways to divide up the pumpkins. We aren't even sure if they're all edible, as some are volunteers and some have been cross pollinated. One possibility is that those who want to make a pumpkin-based dish to share with the group at the potluck after the pumpkins are ready will get them. Another idea was to use them as a fundraiser for the garden."

At our October 14th potluck dinner meeting, Ellie Alspach will be reviewing the successes and failures of the 2024 garden plantings and explain how and why we plant the plants we do in the garden. Please bring your feedback on this topic along with ideas for next year's garden plantings.

Compost Update: Coral says, "Thanks for bringing your kitchen scraps to the garden compost. However, please dump the scraps into the compost and put the bags in trash. Even the ones that say they are compostable don't work in our compost bin, as it doesn't get hot enough to break down that material like the compost facilities at WLSSD do."

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. 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 next Potluck Dinner meeting is October 14, at 6 p.m.

-Susan Peters

Apples for the Picking

Once again our neighbors Ron and Elizabeth Johnson, at 2400 Minnesota Ave., are offering the apples on their trees to anyone who cares to pick them. Bring a container, be respectful of the trees and yard, and enjoy!

The Breeze

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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'Connor JOconnor@duluthmn.gov

PP water Quality issues: Chris Kleist, 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

Parks & Rec: aformear@duluth.mn.gov

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