



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

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

**General Election
November 5th
Vote!**

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden
Potluck November
11th 6-8PM at
Lafayette**

**Park Point
Community Club
Meeting,
November 19th
Social at 6:45.
Meeting at 7:00PM
at Lafayette.**

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

**Going from
pumpkin spice
to pumpkin
pie!**



As we move from the spooky thrills of October into November, those of us on Park Point know the transition brings a dramatic shift in both the weather and the mood. The “Gales of November” are upon us, with powerful winds sweeping across Lake Superior, reminding us of the intense weather this time of year.

The days get shorter, and winter’s approach has us all wondering, will this season bring record breaking snow like two years ago, or will it be as mild as last year? Either way, it is time to get the snowblower ready and bring out the shovels.

This month, we highlight the Edenborg, which was in Duluth loading beet pulp pellets in October. At 452 feet long and built in 2010, the Edenborg is part of the international fleet that regularly passes through our waters in Duluth.

As the winds pick up and the waves grow taller, Pointers know that November is not just a time to prepare for winter but also a time to appreciate the raw beauty and strength of Lake Superior.

Stay warm, neighbors, I will be keeping an eye and camera on the ships for you!

Vibe with Mike (YouTube)

The Breeze

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Thank you for reading The Breeze and keeping up with the important work of Minnesota Point 50 (MP50), 501c3. Have you seen the new Detroit PBS documentary that features Minnesota Point and the challenges faced on our unique and dynamic "island?" Envisioning Threats to Great Lakes Shorelines: Check out this video from Great Lakes Now, Detroit PBS. Link here.

<https://www.greatlakesnow.org/deep-dives-and-rising-waters/> Please consider

making a donation to MP50, here is a link. <https://www.minnesotapoint50.org/>

Thank you for engaging in our community and investing in its future!

We celebrated the life of Park Pointer Dave Lavamaki last week at St.

Andrews. After Dave and his wife Diane retired, they eventually returned to Park Point and Dave volunteered to lead the Lafayette ice making and skating program for several years. He grew up across the street from Lafayette and was very happy to see the kids and families on the rink. Later on, Dave led the PP Rummage Sale Committee and was on the Executive Board. I am grateful for the Park Pointers who return to Duluth and share their time and talents strengthening our sense of community and enriching the neighborhood of their youthful days. It is fun to listen to the lore of the old days and also help create new stories for the kids of today.

Another sad loss this spring was the death of our neighbor Nancy Sedgwick. Nancy and her husband John specialized in making Park Point an even more beautiful place to be. You may have noticed the small plaque that honors Nancy in the garden at the corner of the Lafayette field and the parking lot on 31st Street. For years, Nancy and John designed, planted and tended gardens at Lafayette with the Park Point Garden Club. John said that the tulip was Nancy's favorite flower. Nancy and John also had many lovely plantings in their own yard. This summer, after John moved closer to his family, the new family in their home shared many of the plants and shrubs with the neighbors as they rearranged the backyard to accommodate the needs of their family and their little kids. Nancy's memory and favorite plants now live on gloriously in the 3400 block and beyond. I think of Nancy as we walk by the gardens now enhanced and enriched by the Sedgwicks' love of beauty & gardening and by the generosity and kindness of our new neighbors. Welcome to Park Point and thank you!

Hoping that your intentional planning for winter is underway and you are getting your warmer gear in handy, stand-by mode for the days to come. For my dog walking system that means finding the wool glove liners and for when it's really cold, my rechargeable heated gloves (Finding the right charging cord NOW is on my to-do list!) which are truly a game changer for the more ambitious excursions with the young and joyful giant dog. As you may remember, our beloved Bruno died rather suddenly last spring. We then found another young Giant Schnauzer in need of a home just a few weeks later. How do these things happen? Zion came from the Detroit area and has been a bit of a loving handful, as his profile listed hyperactivity, toy possession and impulse control. He was surrendered by the two older miniature schnauzers in the household. Here's to thoughtful planning/preparation and unexpected journeys! Speaking of those journeys, consider volunteering this winter helping out with the rink at Lafayette. There is internet in the building and this may provide an opportunity for those who work online and who want to help with expanding warming house open times. Volunteers will be needed to make several PP programs a reality in the future. A 2025 summer youth program will need parents/grandparents from Park Point to work on the committee.

If you find yourself saying, "Someone should do this or that down here on Park Point," that someone can be you! Hoping to see you at the next meeting and hear your ideas, Tuesday Nov. 19.

With gratitude & see you on the beach! 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 ecological, cultural, and economic resilience of Minnesota Point.



Section 111 Study. The City of Duluth and US Army Corps of Engineers hosted the second public meeting on the Minnesota Point Section 111 Study. The event was held October 29th in the Lecture Hall in the Maritime Museum Visitor Center, 600 Canal Park Drive from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Jim Filby Williams, City of Duluth Director of Property, Parks, and Libraries, made introductory comments. He was followed by the USACE Section 111 Team Lead, Bridget Rohn, who provided updates on the schedule, budget, and scope of the Study. Barr-Bergmann engineers presented a summary of progress to date on the modeling study. This public meeting was recorded. Links to the recording and presentation materials are available at the MP50 website. A special thanks to the City for hosting this opportunity for the public to learn about the modeling study and to ask questions about the study while it is being done.

Community Climate Implementation Fund. The City of Duluth, Minnesota DNR Lake Superior Coastal Program and MP50 submitted an application to the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, Climate Mayors, for a grant to convene and co-host a coastal resilience partners summit in 2025, the purpose of which will be the review and update the Coastal Resilience Action Plan for Minnesota Point. Duluth Mayor Reinert wrote a letter of support for the application stating, in part, that “Minnesota Point’s unique ecological, economic, and social value makes it imperative that we move beyond short-term interventions to a comprehensive and inclusive resilience strategy.” Collaborating with Minnesota Point partners on the Coastal Resilience Action Plan is a strategy we hope will start in 2025 and become an annual event.

Paul Treuer, Programs Coordinator, MP50 MP50 Website: <https://www.minnesotapoint50.org/>

Sky Harbor Airport Terminal to be Named for Dr. Robert R. Gilruth, NASA Aerospace Pioneer

The Duluth Airport Authority is pleased to announce the Sky Harbor Airport’s new terminal will be named after Dr. Robert R. Gilruth, a legendary aerospace engineer and NASA’s first director of the Manned Spacecraft Center. A dedication ceremony was held at Sky Harbor Airport on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 2:00pm “Dr. Gilruth was a remarkable engineer who made significant contributions to flight research and space exploration,” said Tom Werner, Executive Director of the Duluth Airport Authority. “We are proud to celebrate his northern Minnesota heritage and enduring legacy with the naming of the Dr. Robert R. Gilruth Terminal.” Gilruth was born in Nashwauk, Minnesota, and moved to Duluth as a child. He graduated from Duluth Central High School in 1931. Gilruth then attended the University of Minnesota, earning a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in 1935 and a Master of Science in 1936. After graduating, Gilruth worked at NASA’s Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory. Throughout his 40-year career with NASA, Gilruth held many leadership positions and was instrumental in driving the Space Race. As Director of NASA’s Space Task Group, Gilruth and his team worked tirelessly to understand and execute a strategy for manned space missions. Gilruth served as director of NASA’s Manned Space Group for ten years, overseeing 25 human space flights during the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo programs. The Robert R. Gilruth Terminal at Sky Harbor Airport opened on July 10, 2024, representing a \$2.66M investment in aviation in northeast Minnesota. The terminal meets all floodplain requirements and ADA compliances. New amenities include an upscale pilot lounge, a modern flight planning room with up-to-date aeronautical information, vending options, and outdoor patio areas, which will be open to the public.

Sky Harbor Airport was created for pilots and travelers with a passion for a simpler approach to flight. Our unique amphibious air base accommodates both land and seaplane traffic and has the beautiful city of Duluth and the splendor of Lake Superior as backdrops to an experience that is unlike any other. The airport has an average of 13,500 flight operations per year. Visit skyharbor.duluthairport.com, follow us on Instagram at [@duluthskyharborairport](https://www.instagram.com/duluthskyharborairport), and like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/duluthskyharborairport](https://www.facebook.com/duluthskyharborairport).

PPCC Meeting Minutes

The October 2024 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on October 15th, 2024, at 7:03 pm.

Dawn welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Hospitality Committee for the treats.

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

Treasurers Report – Mary Treuer

Current balance - \$34,000.

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

No report

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Again, another very successful year. Increased sponsorship, increased applications from artists, and assistance from the City due to a tourism grant made it a great year! The Art Fair will continue to look at the tourism grant for next year and would also like to let people know that if interested in the Fair/committee board, please get in touch with Carla.

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

1 sympathy card & 3 get well cards sent.

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

A fantastic year! Thanks to all who participated and helped to make the garden a success!

Summer Youth Program – Britta Desutter

Conversation is ongoing for the potential Summer Youth Program in 2025. There will be a Request For Proposal developed and available to interested parents and volunteers for consideration of a SYP. Additional information will be available at the next meeting.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

No report

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

No report.

Traffic Safety – Pat Sterner

Very little progress this year. Conversations are ongoing with City Engineering regarding potential traffic calming options for Summer 2025. Remember to call 911 if you observe illegal driving, speeding, or other violations. Email issues to ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.

MP50: Paul Treuer To stay up to date on MP50, please read Paul's update in the Breeze or go to Minnesota Point 50 (MP50) 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.

Adam from the city updated us on several projects:

There was a bit of a delay in completion of the new boardwalk. It's started and will hopefully be completed before winter. Also, the City is looking into the possibility of purchasing a Tracked vehicle for use on the beach for people requiring additional accessibility. Finally, the City will be working with Native Restoration to look at potential tree plantings around the S-curve courtesy of a donation from the Marlow family

Congratulations to Tom Rauschenfels and the Duluth contingent for their outstanding performance at the rowing World Championships held in Germany. The Duluth crew had a great time and represented Duluth Rowing club very well!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary

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what you see and
hear

Please join us
for
Mariners' Memorial Day
A celebration of
those from Park Point
who have given their life
on the seas, near and far.





Sunday, November 10, 2024
9:45 am

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Feel free to contact Lynn for
any Real Estate questions

**The General Election polling place will be at Lafayette on Tuesday
November 5th
Polls will be open 7am to 8pm
Please don't forget to vote!**

And if you still need another reason to vote, this important amendment will be on the ballot

In 2024, there will be one proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot in Minnesota.

Ballot language and instructions

Voters will have the following constitutional amendment ballot instructions and question on their ballot on November 5, 2024:

Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment will have the same effect as voting no on the amendment.

To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word “Yes” on that question. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word “No” on that question.

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Renewal

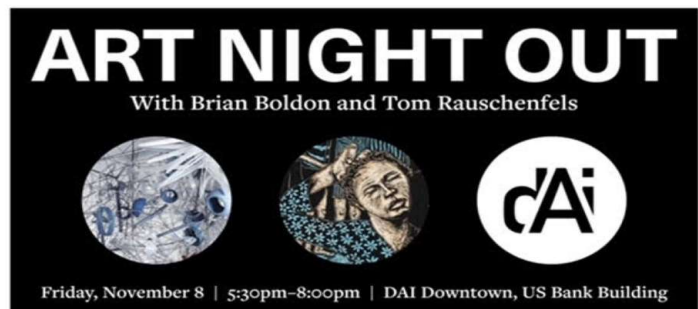
Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to protect drinking water sources and the water quality of lakes, rivers, and streams; conserve wildlife habitat and natural areas; improve air quality; and expand access to parks and trails by extending the transfer of proceeds from the state-operated lottery to the environment and natural resources trust fund, and to dedicate the proceeds for these purposes?

Yes

No

**Friday, 11/8
Neighbor Tom
Rauschenfels at
the [Duluth Art
Institute!](#)**

**Thank you, Tom for painting the
new murals for the PPCC Postcard
Sign at the S Curve.**



Art Night Out with Brian Boldon and Tom Rauschenfels

Friday, November 8
5:30pm–8:00pm
DAI Downtown Galleries
130 West Superior St, Suite 400
All Ages, FREE

Celebrate two artists' explorations of materials and processes: Brian Boldon's *Scatter / Gather* and Tom Rauschenfels' *34*. Meet the artists during the reception and learn about their unique approaches to art making.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Have you noticed the nice newly repaired garden beds? Keith McLaughlin and his hardworking team finished those recently. We are grateful for Keith and Deb’s vision and expertise and all the folks who helped them. Ellie also expressed gratitude to Coral and Brooks for keeping a watchful eye on our garden from their next-door perch. And, Missy was thanked for her efforts to keep everyone informed about garden activities in her weekly email blast called The Dirt.

Even though we are experiencing drought condition, the garden watering angels ensured there would be food to harvest. In October, we picked winter squash, garlic, beets, leeks, tomatoes, yellow and pole beans, peppers and kale. October is also the month when we start planting for next year’s crop. Garlic was planted in a number of beds and rye was planted as a cover crop in many of the beds.

Our October 14th potluck dinner meeting started off with a land acknowledgment as a tribute to Indigenous People's Day – by Missy King. She included a brief history of the Ojibwe people and their language. Then, Ellie Alspach reviewed the successes and failures of the 2024 garden plantings and explained how and why we plant the plants we do in the garden. Attendees filled out questionnaires to help guide the 2025 garden plans. The mysterious big orange pumpkins grown in the compost bed were raffled off to those interested in carving them or cooking them.

On November 11, we will gather for another potluck dinner and to learn about the history and lore of the Southworth Marsh on Park Point. Kinnan Stauber (Ellie Alspach’s daughter) has delved into that history and she will share her knowledge with us through a slide presentation.

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.”

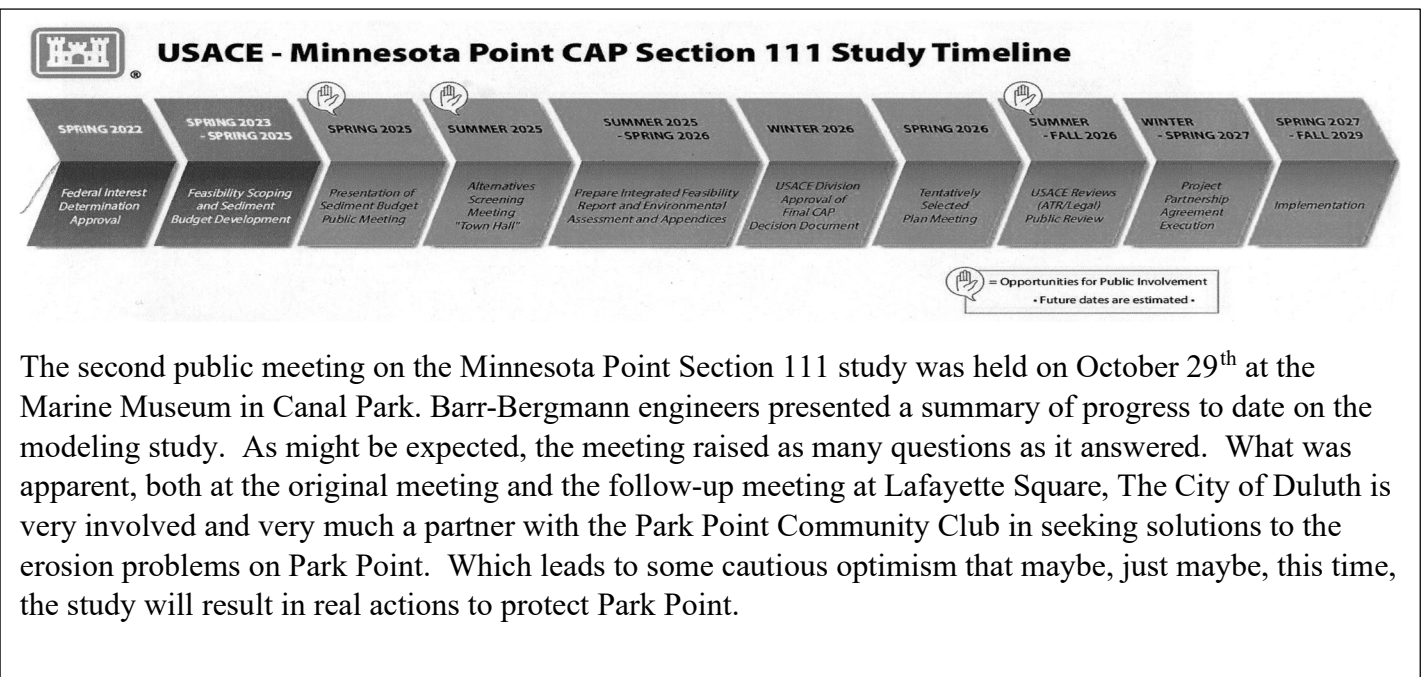
Missy King is the contact person for folks interested in membership in the community garden and potluck dinner info. She can be contacted at 515-991-7280, mjking@siu.edu. Our monthly potluck dinners are FREE and open to all Park Pointers. They take place at the Lafayette Community Club. Please bring 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.

Upcoming events:

Potluck Dinner meeting November 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. Southworth Marsh history.

Potluck Dinner meeting December 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. Holiday social.

-Susan Peters



The second public meeting on the Minnesota Point Section 111 study was held on October 29th at the Marine Museum in Canal Park. Barr-Bergmann engineers presented a summary of progress to date on the modeling study. As might be expected, the meeting raised as many questions as it answered. What was apparent, both at the original meeting and the follow-up meeting at Lafayette Square, The City of Duluth is very involved and very much a partner with the Park Point Community Club in seeking solutions to the erosion problems on Park Point. Which leads to some cautious optimism that maybe, just maybe, this time, the study will result in real actions to protect Park Point.

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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:

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