



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck
and Holiday Social
December 9th, 6-8PM
at Lafayette**

**Park Point
Community Club
No December meeting
Next PPCC meeting is
on Tuesday, January
21, 2025 for the
Membership Drive
Pizza Party
Gathering with pizza
starts at 6:30,
Meeting at 7:00**

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

**Park Point Rummage
Sale June 13 & 14
2025**

**Park Point Art Fair
June 28 & 29
2025**

**Enjoy the
Holidays –
whichever
ones you
celebrate!**



As November turns to December, Park Point transforms. Snow blankets Minnesota Avenue, and Lake Superior begins to ice over (if cold enough), creating a stunning winter landscape. Pointers should watch for icy patches, especially on the S curve, which can get slick as temperatures drop.

Bentleyville lights are going strong, casting a festive glow across the bay. Their sparkle reminds us of the season's charm and the warmth that comes from our community traditions.

This month's ship highlight is the John J. Boland, a 680-foot freighter built in 1973. With a cargo capacity of 34,000 tons and two 3,500-horsepower diesel engines, it's a true workhorse of the Great Lakes. The Boland often carries limestone, coal, and ore through Duluth Harbor, and its arrival in snowy conditions is always a sight to behold. At the helm is Captain Jeff Porinchok, a skilled and dedicated mariner who takes great pride in his work.

December on Park Point brings the excitement of the fifth annual Driveway Holiday Bash, hosted by Jim, Pat, and Dan! Join your fellow neighbors for a festive celebration filled with fun, laughter, and seasonal cheer. Don't miss this chance to connect with the Pointers community!

By: Vibe with Mike (YouTube)

The Breeze

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Thank you for reading The Breeze, connecting with your neighbors and engaging in our community. I hear from a number of neighbors that despite the many changes on the island over the years, there remains a warm and special sense of togetherness on Park Point and that's a good thing to think about. The January 21, 2025 PPCC Membership Drive Pizza Party is set so mark your calendars and join the celebration! Pizza will be served at 630pm and the meeting will start at 7pm. There will be no December regular meeting of the PPCC, consider attending the Dec. 9th holiday potluck at Lafayette with the gardeners from the Edible Garden, 6-8pm, all Park Pointers are welcome. This also sounds really fun: Solstice Luminary Hike sponsored by City Parks and Recreation, Thursday, December 19,,Enger Golf Course 5-8pm, free and everyone welcome.

Lafayette Rink update: The Kuzel family who sponsored Wednesday Flag Football at Lafayette is working on ice and if you'd like to help, please get in touch. Past rink leaders have been mentoring the new team and the weather is cooperating. The City is helping with the rink lighting and check out the new boardwalk at Lafayette if you have not been there yet. Boardwalk pics are here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZMHdLvd96jq2LosH6>

You may have noticed the new little trees at the S curve that are now protected with burlap. On November 1, a group of neighbors planted and watered about twenty baby red pines donated by the Marlow family. Thank you to Lisa & Lee Marlow for leading this planting initiative! The Park Pointers who helped plant and water the new trees: Dave H., Nancy O., Gale K., Jim C, Ted B., Fritz. Thanks also to Adam Fornear and Clark Christensen with the City for their support. Link to photos is here. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/oh1fhzFfR5GoqsiYA>

We had another gathering of neighbors on November 8th down in the park near the Art Fair Site, btw, plans are underway for the June 28,29 2025 fair so mark your calendars and spread the word! The multiple rows of sand- blocking fencing installed by MPPS (Minnesota Point Preservation Society, now known as MP50) needed an upgrade with the removal of the degraded and buried plastic fencing, reconfiguration of some of the posts and addition of new wooden snow fencing. Thank you to the hearty PP crew who showed up and got this work done! City Parks Partners: Greg Hanson, Adam Fornear, Chris. Many thanks to neighbors Dan W., Dave H., Rich, Randine, John B., Glen K.,Gary G., Steve V., for this important work and community spirit. Photos here. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/VVPiG2uSvqawET577>

Plans are already underway for the National Night Out gathering on the first Tuesday of August 2025 to be held at Lafayette with brats and beverages provided, potluck for salads, sides and desserts plus music sponsored by our neighbors at St. Andrews who graciously hosted a wonderful neighborhood gathering for the past two years.

Sadly, there was a hit and run accident, thankfully with no injuries of which we are aware, during the overnight of 10/28-10/29 in the 2600 block, bayside, and the vehicle hit was totaled. The owner of the vehicle came out to take her son to school and discovered that her suv had been struck, pushed about twenty feet into a power pole and landed in front of a neighbor's driveway. What a terrible way to start the day! If you have information about this crash, please reach out to the DPD and remember to call 911 if you see suspicious activity or a crime in motion. (Continued next page)

(President's Report, continued)

Please check out the exciting news from Minnesota Point 50 (MP50) in this Breeze. MP50 is a community-led endeavor bringing together a diverse group of partners to ensure the ecological, cultural, and economic resilience of Minnesota Point. Created as Minnesota Point Preservation Society (MPPS) by the Park Point Community Club in 2011, and now doing business as MP50, this 501c3 is continuing to build upon the work of the MP50 Community of Practice led by Paul Treuer, the PP Erosion and High Water committee led by Hamilton Smith, and of course decades of foundational work by the PPCC's Environmental Committee, the Quality of Life Committee and a long list of neighbors, some of whom are still involved in these important efforts. Please consider supporting MP50 with a financial contribution, details here and from Pat Sterner, MP50 president. <https://www.minnesotapoint50.org/>

Wishing for you peace & warmth as we head into the winter months; here's to extraordinary living on Park Point!

Dawn and Zion, Giant Schnauzer, whose motto is Gusto

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.



MP50 Organization. MP50 has been very active in developing infrastructure with a website (below), developing a Public Relations and Fundraising plan, and we are up and running with Quickbooks and financial reporting.

Association of State Floodplain Managers (AFSPM). We are working with the ASFPM team to finalize the Coastal Resilience Action Plan, anticipating final documents by the end of November. This Action Plan will be the guiding document for the work we will undertake in support of the long-term resiliency of Minnesota Point. MP50 is taking the lead in planning with partners and the Community of Practice for implementation, starting with a two-day event next spring.

Grants Applications. MP50 has applied for two grants: Climate Mayors Community Climate Implementation Fund for support in planning implementation of the Action Plan (\$40,000); DNR/Coastal Program for educational materials that are part of the Action Plan (\$45,000): Homeowners Guide; Visitors Guide; Coastal Resiliency Education Series.

Hope Spot. We are in discussions with the Shedd Aquarium and Mission Blue about MP50 becoming part of the Great Lakes Hope Spot, with support from Dr. Sylvia Earle (famed oceanographer) and her daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Taylor who develops and uses submersibles to map ocean floors and is interested in supporting our work.

Hope Spots are special places that are scientifically identified as critical to the health of the ocean. Hope Spots designated by Mission Blue are championed by local conservationists whom they support with communications, expeditions and scientific advisory.

The Shedd Aquarium applied for and received a Hope Spot designation for the Great Lakes, which were deemed a Hope Spot because of their connection to the Ocean and the critical role these inland lakes play in the health of the environment. We are excited for the opportunity to work with these nationally recognized organizations.

MP50 Website: <https://www.minnesotapoint50.org/>

PPCC Meeting Minutes

The November 2024 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on November 19th, 2024, at 7:02 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 October meeting. Motion was approved to accept the minutes as written in The Breeze. All in attendance voted aye.

Treasurers Report – Mary Treuer

Current balance - \$35,300

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

No report

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Art Fair dates are June 28 & 29, 2025. The new budget was presented to the Exec committee and Carla encouraged anyone who wants to be involved next year to contact her. She thanked everyone for their help in 2024. The Survey showed that 40% of visitors were from out of town.

Watch Committee – That's us

There was a hit and run accident on the Point a few weeks ago that resulted in a car being totaled. Please continue to monitor activity that seems suspicious as well as traffic concerns and report to 911.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

3 sympathy card & 2 get well cards sent

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

Edible Garden Potluck will be December 9th. There's extra horseradish in a bucket in the garden if anyone is interested.

Summer Youth Program – Britta Desutter

There's a request for proposal that will be available for anyone who would like to consider developing and facilitating the Summer Youth Program for 2025. Info will be available at the end of January 2025.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

No report

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

No report.

Traffic Safety – Pat Sterner

Remember to call 911 if you observe illegal driving, speeding, or other violations. Email issues to ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.

MP50: Paul Treuer

Exciting developments! Several grant proposals have been submitted and there's progress regarding ongoing initiatives. 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

Everything is going well and Alan read a letter that was found in a bottle on the beach. The author was a child from Two Harbors. Please continue to submit items of interest.

Adam Fornear from the city updated us on several projects: the boardwalk project is completed and Adam mentioned additional plans for boardwalk renovation in the south parking lot near the Beach House. This would be a started late Spring/early Summer. Also mentioned were the outdoor lights that are being worked on for the skating rink and hockey rink.

There will not be a December PPCC meeting. The next meeting will be in January which will be the membership drive/pizza party.

Thanks to Dennis Hoelscher for providing interesting statistics on the Park Point community. Currently, there are 1088 parcels of land on the Point and there are a total of 1236 structures - 1101 are residential, 61 are commercial, 38 are short-term rentals and 36 are tax-exempt.

Also, thanks to all who assisted in the tree planting at the S-curve. The trees were donated by the Marlow family.

A motion was made and approved to host the National Neighborhood Night Out with St Andrews in August 2025. It's always a fun summer event.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange, Secretary

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what you see and
hear

Come and join us for Christmas services

Blue Christmas Service
Sunday, December 15, 4 PM

Christmas Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 22, 9:45 AM

Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 24
Carol-singing, 4 PM
Service, 4:30 PM

Our doors are open to all



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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 Dec 1-13th, 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: chapsticks, hair brush, comb, socks, gloves, scarves, hats, Large T-shirts, playing cards, crossword puzzles, games for 4 players as well as \$10 and \$20 gift cards to Walmart, Target, and 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, Friday, December 13th from 9-12 or Saturday, December 14th from 9-12.

Deacon Mary Anderson
St. Andrew's by the Lake



A Blue Christmas Service, also known as a Service of Loss and Remembrance, will be held at ***St. Andrew's by the Lake, 2802 Minnesota Avenue, on Sunday, December 15, at 4 pm.***

The Christmas season is not always happy. If you have lost someone you love, a job, your good health, a special relationship, or anything else recently and are grieving and struggling to find joy in the midst of the Christmas merriment, this service is for you. This service will speak to your hurt and offer hope for the future.

Join us as we gather together to acknowledge our losses and find comfort through readings, music, and candle lighting. You're invited to bring whatever is weighing on your heart, mind, and spirit into this service and to know that God sees you and stands with you this Christmas season.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

On November 11, we gathered for another potluck dinner and learned about the history and lore of the Southworth Marsh on Park Point from Ellie Alspach's daughter, Kinnan Stauber. Kinnan is an ecologist and environmental technician at Barr, an environmental consulting and engineering firm. She shared her knowledge with us through a slide presentation.

Here's Kinnan's synopsis of the program, "The marsh was set aside as part of an effort to save the pine Forest in the 1990s. The Park Point Community Club asked for and received funding from the LCCMR and the Coastal Program to compile a management plan for the southern part of Minnesota Point. That work included vegetation and bird surveys, as well as community mapping, writing up the management plan, and compiling a timeline of events related to Park Point (the community) and Minnesota Point (the geographical area). The marsh is home to numerous creatures, including deer, fox, and birds. The vegetation continues to change as water levels intrude or retreat, and the footprint of the marsh has decreased from 21 acres to less than 7 acres due to erosion. Since the marsh was created from material dredged from the shipping channel in the 1930s, it has changed quite a bit."

In addition to learning about Southworth Marsh in November, we reveled in potluck dishes using produce from our garden. A special treat were the dishes made with the flint corn we grew. Aaron Prim milled the corn and gave it to several members to prepare for the potluck. Aaron says, "Ellie made a polenta with sausage and squash. Judy made a baked polenta with ricotta. And Val made a jalapeño corn bread. They were all very tasty!"

On December 9, we will celebrate the holiday season with a social and include guests from Project Joy Northland. This non-profit group strive to end childhood hunger and food insecurity in our region by supporting schools' food pantries and preparing "Joy Bags." Those are backpacks filled with food for children to take home.

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

-Susan Peters

Thank you for the great turn out at Lafayette for the November General Election. Out of 881 registered voters, 757 people voted and we registered 45 new people!

The judges and I especially wanted to thank our neighbors who generously shared donuts (Al Robins), sandwiches and chips (Lynn Bentfield) and several others who anonymously delivered cookies and treats over a long 16-hour day at the polls.

Thanks to everyone for making Precinct 18 the best in Duluth!

Deb Strange

Election Judge

Coming in the January Breeze! The 2025 Park Point Community Club Membership Form! Fill yours out and bring it to the Pizza Party on January 21st!

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:

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