



"The purpose of the Park Point **Community Club is to work for the betterment of the **Community** and the welfare of its residents."**

This is a supplement to a short slideshow on PPCC and Minnesota Point 50; thank you for this opportunity.

Please reach out with any questions, Dawn Buck, parkpointcc@gmail.com & Pat Sterner, patsterner20@gmail.com. Thank you!

Who is PPCC?

Park Point Community Club(PPCC) , Est. 1889, 501c4

Approx. 300 members currently, membership is annual, Pizza Party Membership Drive each January

The Executive Board meets monthly before the regular meeting of the membership, third Tuesdays 545pm followed by check In with your neighbors at 645pm, meeting at 7pm, upstairs at Lafayette

Executive Board- two year terms, elections in May of even years

Officers:

Dawn Buck, President, parkpointcc@gmail.com

Tom Griggs, Vice President

Mary Treuer, Treasurer

Rory Strange, Secretary

Standing Committees

Breeze: Alan Dartanyan

Hospitality:Diane Gould

Sunshine: Pam Griggs

Program: Dave Poulin

Environmental:Dick Gould

Youth:Britta DeSutter

Watch: All of us

Rummage Sale:Deb Strange

Art Fair: Carla Tamburro

Executive Board

Ad hoc Committees:

Erosion and High Water Committee, PPCC EHW, Est. summer 2019, Hamilton Smith, chair, addressing emergency and short term needs due to high water and erosion

- **Minnesota Point 50 aka MP50**, Paul Treuer chairperson & coordinator, branched out from the EHW committee in 2020, taking the role of developing long term planning for MN Point through a Community of Practice. MP50 is now a 501c3, “ jump started” by the existence of Minnesota Point Preservation Society (MPPS, 501c3)) which the PPCC created in 2011. The PPCC and MP50 have overlapping values and goals.

Park Point Traffic Safety Committee, Est. 2020, Pat Sterner, chair- in response to large increase in visitors during the pandemic: speeding, reckless driving and dangerous parking situations.

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Needs & Concerns on Park Point

1,000,000 people visit Minnesota Point each year!

Continue to include Park Pointers; join us in learning & partnering on upcoming projects and studies and opportunities: i.e. FEMA grant for the park, boat club site at 13th bayside, plans for boardwalks, crosswalks, future improvements in the park: field, playground, parking lot.

Support of resilience initiatives: promote proactive and intentional long term planning which align with the needs of the unique and fragile ecosystem which is also a neighborhood and a recreational mecca.

- Support efforts to educate and guide the many guests arriving and playing at Park Point's Airbnbs, VRBOS, hotels, campground, marinas, airport, paddling center. See data section at the bottom on numbers of seasonal homes and vocational rentals.
- Support education and wayfinding on trails to guide & protect habitat; i.e. how to stay on the trails, protect vegetation, rip current education, remove trash, dog waste, etc
- Support education and signage regarding the lakeside summer recreation lane, its purpose; wayfinding and parking signage and no parking in the recreational lane. We are willing to do the painting and/or install the cones to help designate the lane as no parking.

Support historic Lafayette maintenance; “recent” improvements include lower level floor epoxied, new replacement windows upstairs, upgraded kitchen and lighting upstairs, paint upstairs, new toilets and sinks in the lower level bathrooms to support the summer kids program, upgraded lighting downstairs. Outdoor rink lights have new bulbs. Year round bathrooms with grant 2018, new boardwalk 2024, edible garden wood chips via City; Internet with library card number key in

Art Fair needs for late June 2025: Reliable power source for vendors, last year it failed; parking lot repaired with two way traffic.

Basketball and tennis courts are in need of resurface. Club volunteers painted on the Pickle Ball court a few years ago.

Bathroom facilities near the bridge, S Curve Beach, better biffies that can't be tipped over and consider year round facilities. Need reliable signage for when these facilities are open. Where are the bathroom facilities and dates and times that they are open? The fixed bathroom on the bayside near the boat launch is not in service. There were two porta potties near the boat ramp this summer.

Crosswalk near Franklin Park Tot Lot, Neighbors report unsafe situations arising from families attempting to cross Lake Ave to get to the beach; new trees for shade or a pavilion. The very large Cottonwood tree was removed last summer. Neighborhood volunteers planted 20 red pines this fall along the S Curve, trees donated by the Marlow family.

New signage is installed at 8th to guide visitors where the sand fencing project was launched. . To mark and honor the cultural and historical significance of that access, have asked if the name "Little Portage" in the Ojibwe language might be used at this location in the future along with the rip warning signs and park hours and guidelines.

PPCC Activities and Actions

Delivering *The Breeze of Park Point*, a monthly PPCC newsletter delivered to everyone on Park Point by neighborhood volunteers

Communicating through the PPCC website and neighborhood email group; maintaining and posting on the Community Sign at the S Curve

Hosted Smelt Parade community workshops in spring 2024, neighbor Jim Ouray, coordinating

Cleaning up the beach on a daily basis, trash, dog waste, shredded aluminum & metal from USACE 2020 beach nourishment. Clean up the streetside and recreation lane in the summer.

Supporting the Park Point Surf Rescue at the S curve beach. Cigarette butt container going in on a trial basis. Contributed to purchase of a new rescue surfboard.

Hosting an Art Fair in late June, this is the 53rd year! Our major fundraiser

Facilitating the PP Rummage Sale in early June, keeps the focus on the Art Fair on Art Fair Weekend

Working with the mayor, DFD, DPD, St. Louis County, on emergency services for Park Point when the bridge is up or closed as in Oct 2019 with the "shelter in place."

Sending cards to neighbors for losses, get well, birthdays, congratulations, etc

Engaging, partnering and learning:

Hosting scientists and students studying and collecting data on MN and WI Point, Hosting Research Summits at Lafayette: The Minnesota & Wisconsin Point Research Summit in 2023 including Melonee Montano and students from Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College: The Proof is in the Tree Rings, Indigenous Fire Shaped the forests on Minnesota and Wisconsin Points.

Andy Breckenridge from UWS, Harry Jol from UW Eau Claire brought students and Club and MP50 hosted events in lower Lafayette.

Hosting Nimaawanji'idimin Giiwitaashkodeng: Together we are gathering around the fire; Sept. 2023, guest speakers Evan Larson, Professor of Environmental Sciences & Society, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Melonee Montano, Graduate Fellow, Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities: a more complete, accurate, and truthful history of people on Zhaagawaamikong neyaashi.

Hosted mayoral debate, hosted the St. Louis County Assessors on the concerns of property values, inequities, inconsistencies, worries/fears. Club collected questions in advance for the assessors.

Collaborating with MP50 in developing a resilient Minnesota Point; **Pat Sterner will describe MP50, now a 501c3, originally created by PPCC in 2011 as the Minnesota Point Preservation Society and "jump started" in June 2024 to address long range planning needs for Minnesota Point.**

Providing stewardship and watching over the parks & other public lands: Beach, SNA, Southworth Marsh, Pontliana Woods at 17th bayside, the park at the end, Lafayette building, Beach House amenities- see something, say something. Call the porta potty folks, contact Parks and Rec., contact City Planning when conflicts arise, watching over Franklin Park Tot Lot at 12th, watching over Hearing Island which is state land

Providing letters of support for City grant applications i.e. the boardwalk at Lafayette. The year round bathroom project was started by the PPCC Quality of Life committee years ago, they opened in 2018.

Flooding the skating rink and hosting the lower level warming with volunteers. Hoping City may help with plowing again? No more water trucks from the City

Purchasing and planting trees on MN Point annually, thousands of trees have been planted

Collaborating with City partners on fencing and planting projects- three recently. The Marlow Family donated red pines for the S curve, city forester collaboration; two fencing projects to block blowing fine grain blowing sand

Hosting invasive plant workshops, Baby's Breath this year thank you to DNR plant specialist, Rebecca Holmstrom, Plant Ecologist/ Botanist | Minnesota Biological Survey, Ecological and Water Resources

Facilitating a summer youth program at Lafayette for kids 5-12, downstairs and upstairs at Lafayette and field trips on the bus, community members volunteer to do activities with the kids

Working closely with DPD and DFD: Have two speed signs plus 30 mph speed notice on the DFD seasonal safety sign (new this year), keeping the street accesses clear for plowing, rescues, beach and bay side

Growing wonderful and beautiful gardens:) Lafayette Community Edible Garden, Park Point Garden Club. The Community Garden hosts monthly potlucks in upper Lafayette, usually an educational presentation and donates produce to CHUM.

Hosting community gatherings & opportunities: Rinkfest, National Night Out, Fall Fun Fest, Fall Flag Football, Lake Superior Days- hosted a guided bike tour & provided the bikes through the YMCA

Hosting and collaborating with PP neighbors/ organizations: Duluth Superior Sailing Association, Duluth Boat Club, Duluth Rowing Club, St. Andrews By the Lake, Sky Harbor Airport, USCG, USACE, Duluth Yacht Club, Magic Smelt Puppet Troupe, neighborhood book groups, community events and opportunities.

Supporting events on Park Point: PP Five Miler- we support with water at Lafayette and are part of the communication plan for the annual July event, DRC Regattas

Previous initiatives and actions related to parks and public spaces and access:

PPCC received LCMR (Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources) funding in 1999 to study protect the pine forest, resulted in the creation of the SNA, extensive study of MN Point

- Southworth Marsh at 40th bayside is placed in Park status, came out of the LCMR project
- Preserving the old growth pine forest at the end of MN Point; outcome- Sky Harbor airport's runway is realigned and the trees are preserved, new terminal finished this year

Maintaining an easement for the public behind Sand Point Yacht Club 19th, bayside; Club members worked with the Audubon Society on this project

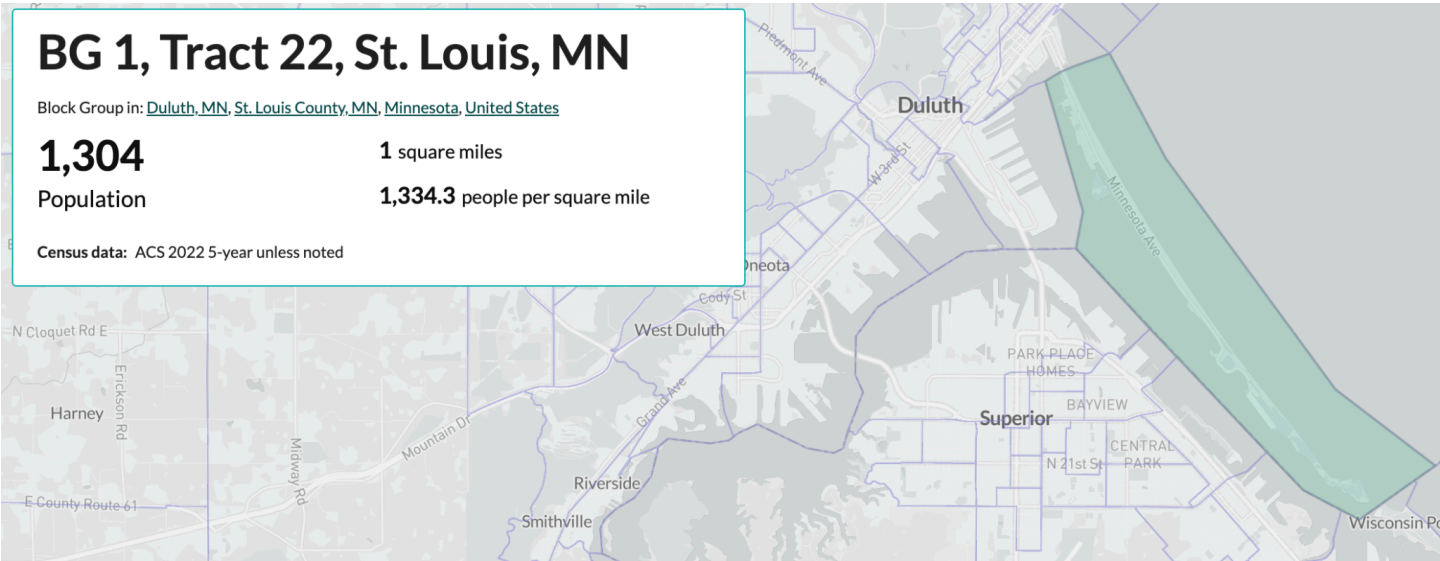
Keeping Pontlana Woods, wetlands, bayside 17th, in public hands. This land was identified as important during the development of the apartment complex at 19th and was not to be developed. During the recent county tax- forfeited land sales, the paperwork for the protection of this land was not to be found. Luckily, Club members provided the documentation and worked with Parks and Rec. on a land swap to keep this wetland preserved.

Keeping two lots in the Park from being sold under Mayor Don Ness. Sadly, two properties at the end were sold despite Club members strongly disapproving and providing documentation that the sales violated park guidelines & State's intent and were illegal.

Park Point Statistics:

Census Data on Park Point

Source: Census Reporter - American Community Survey and The St. Louis County



BG 1, Tract 22, St. Louis, MN
 Block Group in: [Duluth, MN](#), [St. Louis County, MN](#), [Minnesota](#), [United States](#)
1,304 Population
1 square miles
1,334.3 people per square mile
 Census data: ACS 2022 5-year unless noted

Hover for margins of error and contextual data.

Demographics

† Margin of error is at least 10 percent of the total value. Take care with this statistic.

Age

58.6
Median age

more than 1.5 times the figure in Duluth: 34.7
 about 1.4 times the figure in St. Louis County: 41.2

Population by age range

Age Range	Percentage
0-9	4%†
10-19	9%†
20-29	9%†
30-39	9%†
40-49	7%†
50-59	13%†
60-69	17%†
70-79	15%†
80+	16%†

Population by age category

Age Category	Percentage
Under 18	~12%
18 to 64	47%†
65 and over	~41%

Sex

Sex	Percentage
Male	~44%
Female	56%†

Race & Ethnicity

Race & Ethnicity	Percentage
White	77%†
Black	11%†
Native	0%†
Asian	1%†
Islander	0%
Other	0%
Two+	6%†
Hispanic	4%†

* Hispanic includes respondents of any race. Other categories are non-Hispanic.

Economics

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Income

\$50,250
Per capita income

about 1.3 times the amount in Duluth: \$37,433
 about 1.3 times the amount in St. Louis County: \$37,850

\$83,409
Median household income

about 1.3 times the amount in Duluth: \$63,545
 about 25 percent higher than the amount in St. Louis County: \$66,491

Household income

Income Bracket	Percentage
Under \$50K	32%†
\$50K - \$100K	27%†
\$100K - \$200K	26%†
Over \$200K	15%†

Housing

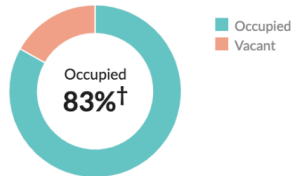
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Units & Occupancy

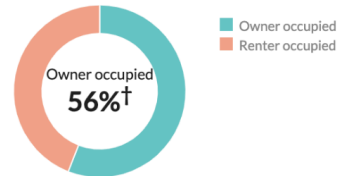
625
Number of housing units

Duluth: 39,345
St. Louis County: 103,719

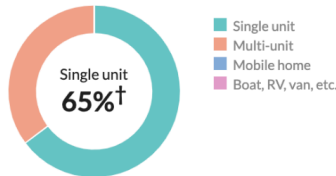
Occupied vs. Vacant



Ownership of occupied units



Types of structure



Year moved in, by percentage of population

No data available

Families

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Households

520
Number of households

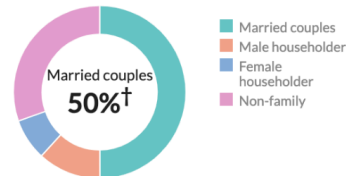
Duluth: 36,679
St. Louis County: 85,726

2.1

Persons per household

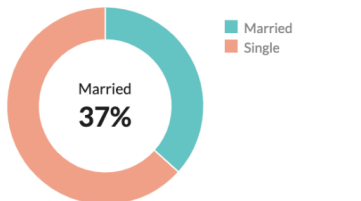
a little less than the figure in Duluth: 2.2
a little less than the figure in St. Louis County: 2.2

Population by household type



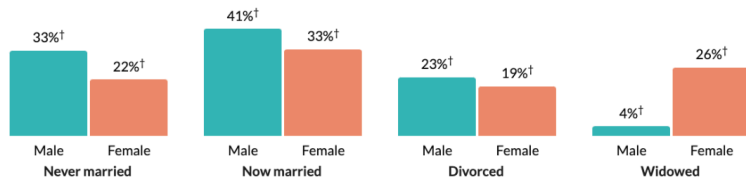
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Marital status



* Universe: Population 15 years and over

Marital status, by sex



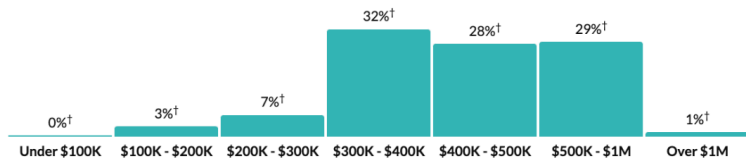
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Value

\$427,800
Median value of owner-occupied housing units

about double the amount in Duluth: \$209,800
more than double the amount in St. Louis County: \$192,900

Value of owner-occupied housing units



Social

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Educational attainment

93%

High school grad or higher

about the same as the rate in Duluth: 95.2%

about the same as the rate in St. Louis County: 94.9%

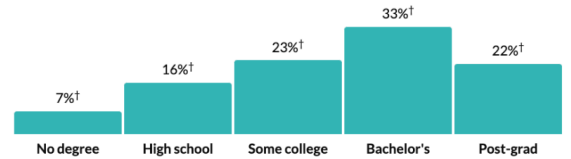
54.5%

Bachelor's degree or higher

about 1.3 times the rate in Duluth: 40.9%

more than 1.5 times the rate in St. Louis County: 31.7%

Population by highest level of education



* Universe: Population 25 years and over

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Veteran status

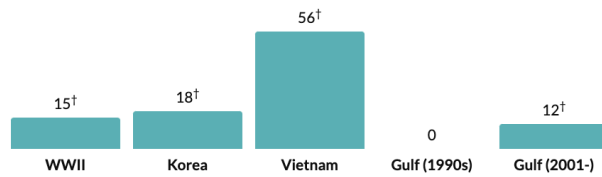
9.8%

Population with veteran status

about 1.5 times the rate in Duluth: 6.3%

about 25 percent higher than the rate in St. Louis County: 7.7%

Veterans by wartime service



* Civilian veterans who served during wartime only

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111 Total veterans

111 Male

N/A Female

Data is from the American Community Survey and updated estimates are provided each year.

Total Units 625

Single Family homes 405, down from 425

Multi Family Homes 220

Median home value is \$427,800 up from \$302,500. Maybe actually low given the 2025 proposed values/taxes?

Duplexes

Apartments - I show 10 with 4 or more units

Residential 1-3 Units - 1

Residential 2-3 Units - 31

Residential Non Homestead 1-3 Units - 33

For Short term rentals (VRBO) from the county Tax info shows 20 (county reports lag in updating the numbers) 27 on the VRBO site

Overall it appears our neighborhood is changing from single family residential to more rentals both short and long term.

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