



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck
January 13th, 6-8 PM
at Lafayette**

**Park Point
Community Club
Tuesday, January 21,
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**

Welcome to 2025



As January settles in over our Park Point community, we reflect on the wonderful year that has passed. Our Ship of the Month, the Algoma Compass, a powerful vessel that delivers salt to Duluth, graces the harbor with its impressive 680 foot length and reminds us of our deep connection to the shipping industry, as we watch it pass beneath our lifeline to the mainland, the Aerial Lift Bridge.

Last year brought us together in so many ways. From the successful Park Point Art Fair that filled our shoreline with creativity and conversation, to the energetic summer marathon (more cowbell) that brought runners from across the region. Our legendary rummage sale once again transformed our neighborhood into a treasure hunter’s paradise, strengthening the bonds within our community.

The Minnesota Point 50 initiative made significant strides in 2024, working diligently to protect our beloved seven mile stretch of sand for future generations. This community led effort continues to ensure the ecological and cultural preservation of our unique home.

Living here between lake and harbor brings daily reminders of our good fortune. Whether we’re walking the beach, greeting fellow Pointers, or watching ships pass through the canal, we’re part of a vibrant community that continues to cherish and protect this extraordinary place we call home.

Vibe with Mike (YouTube)

The Breeze

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Happy New Year! Hoping you have enjoyed buttery seasonal delights arriving in colorful tins and on festive plates and you have heard from friends and family on photocards via George our valiant letter carrier. 'Tis the season for merry making and making plans for 2025; a card from one of our boating mentors mentioned, "1/3 of the way to launch." Yes, summer will be here before we know it. Menards now has racks of seeds on display right in front of the 25 foot abominable snowman! When will we have a bit of real winter too for some playing around in the white stuff?

We have our own intrepid and hopeful ice makers to thank for some early skating at Lafayette. Hat's on for skating thanks to Brad Kuzel and crew and Bob Boynton for plowing. We will hopefully have enough ice for a tentatively scheduled Rinkfest on Sunday, Feb. 2, Noon to 3pm. Watch the S- Curve sign and the website for details/updates on the rink and our annual winter celebration. Please get in touch if you would like to help with the event!
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Over the holidays, I read an article from Peter Passi in the DNT about an exhibit opening in May on the second floor of the Great Lakes Aquarium (GLA). I am looking forward to checking out "Lava to Lakes" which will explore the origin of Lake Superior. The display "will help uncover life's ancient secrets hidden throughout our regional landscape. While the GLA has a freshwater emphasis, staff have sought to educate visitors about how the Great Lakes reflect what's happening to water bodies around the world and how their health is interconnected....We use Lake Superior as a lens to see the world because it's important to connect people with what's in their own backyard. And the more you know about your own backyard, the better you can understand other global concepts. So, that's always been our goal. We want people to make those connections." Jay Walker is the aquarium's executive director.

Thank you to neighbor Dan R. for gathering these statistics, see below, for a presentation that Pat Sterner and I were invited to give before the Parks Commission meeting in December. We thank the Parks' managers for the invitation to talk about what's happening on Park Point and what we need to accommodate the 1,000,000 visitors who come down to experience Minnesota Point's splendor. Stay tuned for more on this important work from neighbors serving on the board of Minnesota Point 50.

Park Point: Who lives here and a few more details to ponder:

Census Reporter 2022; Data is from the American Community Survey and updated estimates are provided each year. For details on margin of error and more comparables/ statistics, go here:

<https://censusreporter.org/profiles/15000US271370022001-bg-1-tract-22-st-louis-mn/>

Population 1304

Median age 58.6

56% female

Median household income 83,409

Number of households: 520, 2.1 persons per household, 37% married

High school grads or higher: 93%, 54.5% Bachelor's or higher

Population with Veteran status: 9.8%

Total Housing Units: 625, 83 % occupied and 56% owner occupied

Single unit structures: 65%

Single Family homes 405, down from 425

Multi Family Homes: 220

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Median home value of owner occupied housing units: \$427,800 up from \$302,500. Is this actually low given the 2025 proposed values/taxes?

Apartments - 10 with 4 or more units

Residential 1-3 Units – 1

Residential 2-3 Units – 31

Residential Non Homestead 1-3 Units – 33

Short term vacation rentals (data from St. Louis County and rental platforms) : Approx. 27 licensed and most likely higher due to delays in updating systems

(We will update this data as we get more information.)

Meanwhile, please mark your calendar for Tuesday, Jan. 21, 630pm for the annual Club membership pizza party and meeting. Here's to enjoying winter, come what may, having fun no matter what's out there.

All the best,

Dawn & Zion, joyful all- weather companion dog

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. The MP50 board has been active, acknowledging at the final meeting of 2025 that it has been a highly productive year. Finance, communications, fundraising, and policy committees have, in a short time, produced an approved set of bylaws, a contract with a public relations firm, a successful start to the fundraising campaign, an attractive and informative website, a professional promotional video, a successful grant application, and a bookkeeping system that is used to track funds around the approved budget. Board president Pat Sterner led the final board meeting in December with a toast to these and other accomplishments, recognizing contributions from all of the MP50 board members.

Grants Applications. MP50 is pleased to announce that its application for the Resource Legacy Fund in the amount of \$30,000 was approved on December 18, 2024. This grant is to support MP50 to host a two-day event in 2025 to present the Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Five-Year Action Plan to the public and to develop an implementation framework with partner groups. These funds are awarded through the Community Climate Implementation Fund, a program of Climate Mayors. A letter of support from Mayor Roger Reinert supported this grant application.

MP50 appreciates the strong support on this grant proposal from Mindy Granley, City of Duluth Sustainability Officer, and Julie McDonnell, Coastal Program Specialist with Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program.

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

It's time again for the Park Point Community Club's Annual Membership Drive. And it kicks off with our usual Pizza Party and Meeting on January 21st. We encourage everyone to fill out the membership form and bring it bring it to the meeting.

However, you do not have to attend the meeting to join. Membership forms and dues can be mailed in as well. The annual dues play a big part in paying for the printing of the Breeze. And the Breeze is delivered to everyone on the Point, member or not. And being a member does not obligate you to attend our monthly meetings. You can stay at home and rely on the Breeze to keep you informed of Club happenings and other news of interest to Park Pointers. So I encourage you to join, send in your dues, and help support The Breeze and the whole Park Point community.

Park Point Community Club Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Check this box for email subscription

Number of Memberships _____ X \$10.00 _____

Please mail checks to:

Park Point Community Club

PO Box 16326

Duluth MN 55816-0326

The Park Point Community Club publishes a list of member names (w/o contact details.)

Check here ___ if you agree to be included on the list.

Check here ___ if you prefer to remain anonymous.

Mention this ad and receive
20% off your first visit!

Rue 48 SALON



368 South Lake Avenue, Duluth
218.279.4000

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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Park Point
Residents/ Musicians
You're going to like
what you see and
hear

THANK YOU


To all who so generously
contributed to St. Andrew's Giving
Tree.

The items and gift cards donated
to Life House Duluth and the
Arrowhead Juvenile Center
helped our area youth have a
brighter holiday.





We are a people on the Way to knowing, loving,
and serving God and neighbor.

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any Real Estate questions

Hello Neighbors and Happy Holidays,

It's December in Duluth and Minnesota Point is as beautiful as ever. Snow, ice, wind and massive lakers all grace this unique sandbar that is home to deer, beavers, eagles, the occasional bear, and a few humans.

Minnesota Point 50 (MP50) is working hard to make sure this winter scene exists 50 years from now, and we need your help.

Support Minnesota Point 50; Year-end fundraising is underway!

In the next year we are planning several actions that will build the resiliency of our beloved Minnesota Point. Your gift today will help:

- Fund a Recreational Visitors Guide to educate the 1 million visitors annually to help us protect Minnesota Point.
- Underwrite research on Dune Restoration to ensure a strong and healthy ecosystem.
- Create a Minnesota Point Coastal Resiliency Education Series to engage all residents and businesses in learning how to care for Minnesota Point.

As part of a Great Lakes Hope Spot, Minnesota Point is vital to the health of our economy, the stability of our environment, and the health of the ocean. <https://www.sheddaquarium.org/care-and-conservation/the-great-lakes-the-first-freshwater-hope-spot>

Join us today by making a generous donation at <https://www.minnesotapoint50.org> to support our work to protect Minnesota Point for generations to come.

Four ways to give:

Give by Check:

- o Make checks payable to: Minnesota Point 50
- o Send to: Minnesota Point 50, P.O. Box 16326, Duluth, MN 55816-0326
- o For tribute gifts: Include a note with your check or email us at minnesotapoint50@gmail.com

Give Online:

- o Donate through the Minnesota Point 50 website:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/355a3eaf-07b9-4c2b-8cb2-622eaf651468>

Donate via Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs): Contact the treasurer, Charlene Roise, minnesotapoint50@gmail.com

Donate Stock or Securities (without using a DAF): Contact the treasurer, Charlene Roise, minnesotapoint50@gmail.com

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Happy New Year. It's time to reflect on 2024 and plan for 2025. We hope your new year resolutions include finding ways to connect to Mother Earth through eating well, living sustainably and planting a garden.

Our December 9 potluck dinner meeting was a blast. It was a holiday social party and everyone was encouraged to dress up in holiday attire from ugly Christmas sweaters to elf costumes. Attendees brought holiday decor donations to use as table centerpieces and exchange with others attendees. And, a white elephant gift exchange provided the entertainment. The result: the food was amazing, there were no leftovers and all the decorations were taken home. What a way to end the year!

Want to join the gardening fun in 2025? 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.

-Susan Peters



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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@duluthmn.gov

City Councilor Roz Randorf rrandorf@duluthmn.gov 218-443-8364

City of Duluth/home 218-730-5000

duluthmn.gov/contact

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