



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

Rnkfest 2025
February 2nd
Noon-3:00 at Lafayette

Lafayette Community
Edible Garden
No February Potluck
(helping with Rinkfest)

Park Point
Community Club
Tuesday, February
18th, social at 6:30,
Meeting at 7:00

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

MP50 Action Plan
Launch
May 30-31

Park Point Rummage
Sale June 13 & 14
2025

Park Point Art Fair
June 28 & 29
2025



February on Park Point means winter at its peak. Sure, it's cold, and the snow keeps us busy, but that's part of the charm. Whether you're on the Lakeside, marveling at ice-covered shores, or the Bayside, enjoying the serene beauty of the frozen Superior Bay, we all know there's nowhere else we'd rather be.

You may have spotted the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker Mackinaw on the move last month. Painted in bold red and white, this mighty ship is hard to miss. Measuring 240 feet long and weighing over 3,500 tons, the Mackinaw can crush ice more than 32 inches thick, keeping our waters accessible even in the harshest conditions. Led by Commander Jeannette Greene, it's an incredible sight and a reminder of the strength and resilience that mirrors our own.

As we count down to spring, it's the perfect time to make the most of what winter has to offer. Snowshoe the trails/beach, watch the sunrise over the frozen lake, or enjoy a quiet moment watching the snow fall. Park Point is special because of its beauty and, more importantly, the community that calls it home.

No matter how cold it gets, we always find a way to thrive and have fun while doing it. Bundle up and embrace the season. We're tough, we're united, and we're lucky to live in this extraordinary place.

Bring on the cold, Pointers. We've got this!

Vibe with Mike (YouTube)

See you
on the
Ice!

The Breeze

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Submissions for the March issue are due
by 2/27/2025

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Before we know it, we will be into spring with many opportunities for our calendars. Would you be willing to note this very important date, Saturday, May 31, for the public launch of the Minnesota Point Action Plan at the Beach House? 4750 Minnesota Ave. Members of the Club have taken stewardship responsibilities very seriously for decades; everyone who loves and values our very dynamic and unique community will want to join in the celebration and learn about the steps we will be taking to care for the extraordinary treasure into the future. The non-profit Minnesota Point 50 (MP50), created by the Park Point Community Club in 2011 as the Minnesota Point Preservation Society, is taking the lead on the long term resiliency planning for our community; read more in the MP50 report found in The Breeze and at <https://www.minnesotapoint50.org/>.

How wonderful to meet our newest neighbors at the January pizza party; welcome to extraordinary living on Park Point! Fifty four neighbors joined at the party and if you have not had a chance to send in your membership, please fill out the form, mail it in or drop it off with treasurer Mary Treuer at 2700 Minnesota Ave. From the driveway, take the stairs on the right to the porch. Thank you for joining and rejoining! A special note of gratitude for the extra contributions coming in with the memberships and thank you to the Club's hospitality committee for planning and hosting. The pizza from Green Mill was delicious and Lafayette felt toasty warm.

A question about the upcoming Aerial Bridge maintenance came up at the last meeting. We will be in touch with City Engineering on the dates and details; let's hope that recent changes at the federal level will not adversely affect the funding process for the overdue care of the vital iconic structure. Delaying the maintenance any longer would be "super- bad" as reported by P. Passi in the DNT.

<https://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/local/delayed-repairs-to-duluths-lift-bridge-could-be-super-bad> "From an engineering standpoint, waiting is not an option, and the consequences of inaction would be super-bad." And don't forget that besides its shipping support duties, the bridge "transports not only local vehicular traffic but also supports essential infrastructure, including water, sewer service, natural gas supplies, electrical and data services." The improvements are planned to take place over a three year period. We will invite our partners in City Engineering to come down and share important details pertaining to the repair and preservation of our critical lifeline.

The search for contractors to run the summer youth program at Lafayette continues. If you know someone who might be interested, club secretary Rory Strange is answering questions and collecting proposals. 218-340-7220. Volunteers to support the program will also be needed. Proposals are due before Feb. 28. Thank you to bod members for filling in the needs until volunteers come forward.

For the February 18th meeting, neighbor Lisa McKhann will share information & ideas for a MMIW Red Dress display of support on Park Point in late April and early May. The Red Dress campaign raises awareness about missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. Other ideas that came up at and after the meeting are: arranging CPR classes using the AEDs on Park Point, collaborating on another community sign with electronic capabilities, making a map to post that shows PP homes, businesses, structures, features on Park Point to help identify community needs, supporting and collaborating MP50 resiliency initiatives, continuing to plant trees, seeking the plan for emergency services when the bridge is up. Volunteers for the Club's standing committees are most welcome 😊 If you have an idea or proposal for a community involvement initiative, contact any board member and/or attend the executive board meeting for a slot on the agenda at the regular meeting. Typically the executive board meets immediately prior to the regular monthly meetings with additional meetings occasionally as needs arise. The contact information for board members is in The Breeze. Together everyone achieves more!

We have a Rinkfest coming up on Sunday 2/2 and we will share photos next month. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help out with this community celebration and once again, huge thanks to the ice making and rink clearing crew members.

Hope to see you out and about soon!

And this from Coach Ted Lasso

,"Be Curious, Not Judgmental"

Dawn

TRAFFIC SAFETY and NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Recreation Lane and Traffic/Speeding

We have asked for a meeting with City Engineering representative James Gittemeier and our Parks and Rec rep (Adam Fornear) to address again the issue of traffic/speeding and (somehow) designating the Rec Lane for this upcoming spring/summer. We will also ask that he facilitate a community engagement activity where we (City reps and PPCC volunteers) do a walking audit along Minnesota Avenue and then come back to Lafayette Square and go through the issues and the next incremental steps. We will keep everyone informed on progress.

Speeding/Dangerous Driving

Please continue to call 911 when you observe dangerous driving and speeding. Every call is recorded and we then ask our Park Point Community Officer, Jeremy O'Connor, to review those records on a monthly basis. We will continue to ensure that the Mayor, Councilor Randorf and the Chief of Police are kept informed about progress.

REMEMBER: CALL 911 EVERY time you see someone speeding or driving recklessly. Even if you can't get the plate number, try to give a description of the vehicle. And please email the information to parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com.

Emergency Services

Neighbor Dennis Hoelscher shared information about the ongoing concerns regarding Emergency Services (or lack thereof) for Park Point. He noted "Fire suppression and treatment of medical emergencies are core functions of the Duluth Fire Department. Delayed response in providing these services can result in substantial loss of property, injury, or death. The DFD needs to have a presence on Minnesota Point when the Bridge is up." He encouraged residents to contact the Mayor, the Fire Chief and Councilor Randorf to "enact an operational plan for the provision of Fire Department services on Minnesota Point when the Bridge is up."

The PPCC Executive Board is taking on this issue directly, and will be asking the City and DFD to share the specifics on the "plans in place" for services in case the Bridge is up or inoperable in times of emergency. PPCC President Dawn Buck will also reach out to DFD and Parks and Rec to understand access to and number of AEDs on Park Point, as well as the possibility to provide CPR training to interested residents. There was consensus that the placement of a Fire Engine with 24/7 staffing will not be an option as has been communicated by DFD and the City; therefore, understanding the specifics of the actual plans for addressing emergencies on the Point is of critical importance.

Respectfully submitted.

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.



A huge thank you to Park Point residents and PPCC members for supporting MP50 and our work together with your time, expertise and generous contributions! Together we make MP50 work possible for the benefit of so many. Thank you.

We are working with our partners and the Association of State Floodplain Managers to finalize the Coastal Resilience Action Plan, projecting its completion by the end of this month. We look forward to sharing this plan with the Park Point community.

Please Save the Date. The Action Plan will be launched at a special event May 30-31, 2025, to celebrate and engage in community-driven, collaborative, long-term resiliency action planning for Minnesota Point. Here are the details so that you can save the date.

Friday, May 30, 2025, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Lafayette Community Center, 3016 Minnesota Ave., Duluth, MN.

Representatives from partner groups, including members from PPCC on the MP50 board, will develop an implementation framework for the Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Action Plan.

Saturday, May 31, 2025, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Park Point Beach House, 4750 Minnesota Ave., Duluth, MN.

The public is invited to presentations, exhibits and food. A showing of a documentary film on the Ojibwe use of Fire on Minnesota and Wisconsin Points will premier. Featured guests will formally announce the inclusion of Minnesota Point as a part of Mission Blue's Great Lakes Hope Spot.

Event Hosts are Minnesota Point 50 (MP50), Park Point Community Club, Lake Superior Coastal Program and the City of Duluth. We will be recruiting volunteers for the Public Launch on Saturday, May 31, so stay tuned!

This event is sponsored by a grant awarded to MP50 through the Community Climate Implementation Fund, a program of Climate Mayors.

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

PPCC Minutes

The January 2025 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on January 21st, 2025, at 7:05 pm.

Dawn welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Hospitality Committee for arranging pizza for the membership drive. Several new members were in attendance and membership funds are coming in.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November meeting. There was a correction regarding information presented by Dennis Hoelscher at the November meeting that was not included in the minutes. This was acknowledged.

Motion was approved to accept the minutes with the correction noted. All in attendance voted aye.

Treasurers Report – Mary Treuer

Current balance 1/16/2025 - \$37,260

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

No report. Please continue to monitor activity that seems suspicious as well as traffic concerns and report to 911.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

No cards sent out.

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

Looking forward to this new year and hope people will be involved.

Summer Youth Program – Britta Desutter

An RFP has been developed and will be sent out to various groups and individuals to encourage proposals be submitted for a potential program this summer. Please read details in The Breeze. Also, encourage those who may be interested to submit an application.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

Porta-Potties have been ordered for both the Rummage Sale and the Art Fair.

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

MP50 is on the move! Please read all about in in Pat Starner's update in The Breeze or on the PPCC website. Also, look for upcoming events. MP50 has received several grants to further their efforts to educate and promote Park Point resiliency. To stay up to date on MP50, please read Pat's update in the Breeze or go to Minnesota Point 50 (MP50) If you have any questions, please contact Pat or Paul directly at paul.treuer@gmail.com

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

All is well. Please continue to submit items of interest.

Rink Fest will be February 2nd from 12 noon until 3pm. Skating, food, bonfire and fun! Please join us! There are a limited number of ice skates available if you don't have any.

Congratulation to Dick and Diane Gould on their 57th wedding anniversary today!

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary

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what you see and
hear

End of Life Issues

- Estate Planning?
- Will?
- Funeral or not?

If you have not yet completed all this paperwork and more, this may be an opportunity to learn more, to get questions answered, and finalize these important tasks.

During March and April, St. Andrew's will host open seminars on wide-ranging topics pertaining to conveying your values, and end-of-life issues.

The first seminar will be **Developing a Rule of Life (or How Do I Live Into my Heartfelt Values)** on March 8th 10:00—12:00 noon in St. Andrew's Mission Hall. Presentation will be by The Rev. Wanda Copeland, Vicar of St. Andrew's.

Future events to be announced soon. Please check the St. Andrew's website (standrewsbythelake.org) for details.

All are welcome.



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

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Request for Proposal: Summer Youth Program on Park Point 2025

This Request for Proposal is issued by the Park Point Community Club (PPCC) Youth Committee for the purpose of receiving proposals from Independent Contractors (IC) interested in operating a summer youth program based in the lower level of the Lafayette Square Community Center, 3026 Minnesota Ave. Duluth MN 55802.

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

www.parkpointcommunityclub.org ~ Est. 1889

Please submit proposals before February 28, 2025 to PPCC Secretary Rory Strange at rstrange3@icloud.com

For questions call 218-340-7220 reference Summer youth program

Please consider and include these details and parameters in your proposal and also include a draft plan of your proposal for one typical week of camp, including beginning the day, activities, games, rain days, ending the day, etc.

1. Plan and develop the PPCC Summer Youth Program (PPSYP). This will be a recreational and educational program for approximately 24-36 campers daily (not to exceed 38) for ages 6-12 to be held at Lafayette Square Community Center. Registration will be for Park Point families followed by open registration for kids from the community.
2. The program hours requested are 8am to 4pm Monday through Thursday for nine weeks, June 9-August 07, 2025. No Program on July 4. Clean up and store supplies by August 11. Return keys to the youth committee chairperson or PPCC board member.
3. Work directly with children including indoor and outdoor activities at Lafayette Square.
4. Supervise, coordinate, and schedule staff and program details.
5. Maintain a daily log of program participants.
6. Explain program expectations to parents/guardians and youth.

Other Terms and Conditions

1. The services called for under this Agreement shall commence on May 15 2025 and end on August 11, 2025.
2. TERMS OF PAYMENT: Contractor will propose a payment schedule to be negotiated with the PPCC executive board.

3. Health Considerations

Building users must comply with City of Duluth guidelines re. communicable diseases.

4.If the Youth Program cannot be held because of circumstances beyond the control of either party, reimbursement shall be adjusted by mutual agreement between the parties.

5.Federal, State and Local Taxes and Insurance:

The PPCC carries liability insurance that is required by the City of Duluth.

The PPCC shall neither pay nor withhold federal state or local income tax or payroll tax of any kind on behalf of the IC. The IC shall not be treated as an employee for the services performed hereunder for federal, state, or local tax purposes and PPCC will not cover workers compensation or personal liability insurance. The IC is responsible for carrying their own liability coverage and worker's compensation coverage.

A number of toys, games and supplies from previous years on site are available for the camp's use. The kitchen includes a refrigerator and a microwave and there is a Weber grill available for use.

Upon request, community volunteers may be available for camp enrichment.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

We are blessed to be a community garden club in northern climes. We work hard during the growing season and then have the rest of the year to rest. On Monday, January 13, we celebrated a potluck dinner that was more a dinner party than a normal meeting with an educational program. Coral McDonnell reports, "We had another delicious potluck supper and were warmed by delightful music by the Has Bens! The group consists of 8 members playing various instruments and 2 of our garden members, Scott Wolff and Aaron Prim, playing bluegrass and folk tunes. It was a super fun evening. We are hoping to have them back for Neighbors Night Out in August." What a way to ring in the new year!

At the January potluck, we remembered garden members who went to be with Mother Earth in the last year: Janine Bjerklie, who passed away in December, and also Kate Cartier, who gardened with us in the early years of the garden. Two beautiful women.

February is another month of rest from gardening duties. We will forgo a monthly potluck dinner meeting to instead help with Rinkfest on February 2. Rinkfest is an annual ice-skating party held at Lafayette Square. Garden members are encouraged to help with the event and bring treats to warm the skaters. In March, it is back to work planning for tilling and planting the garden beds once the ground thaws.

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

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lulu@cpinternet.com or just show up!

