



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck**
March 10th, 6-8 PM
at Lafayette

**Park Point
Community Club**
Tuesday, March 18th,
Social at 6:30,
Meeting at 7:00

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

Smelt Parade
May 25th
in canal Park

**MP50 Action Plan
Launch**
May 30-31

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

Park Point Art Fair
June 28 & 29
2025



March is here, Park Point, and while winter isn't quite done with us, spring is right around the corner. How many Park Point foxes have you spotted this winter? It's always fun to keep track of them as they trot along the beach and even dart across the street once in a while. The Polar Plunge at the end of Point last month was a great success, bringing people together for a chilly but good-hearted cause.

Out on the water soon, keep an eye out for the Algoma Bear, the newest vessel sailing the Great Lakes. Built in 2023, this massive ship stretches 740 feet long and can carry over 40,000 tons of cargo. You can spot it on Lake Superior or cruising through Superior Bay. I can't wait to be back out on the pontoon, watching ships like this glide through our waters.

Also, don't forget to look up. There's been an abundance of owls in the area lately. Park Point might just be gaining some new feathered residents. You never know who-who might decide to make this place their permanent home!

Winters got a little fight left, but warmer days are coming fast. It's also time to start thinking about what you'll put out for the rummage sale and what you'll be planting in that edible garden. Spring is almost here, hang in there!

By: Vibe with Mike

**March-
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forward!**

The Breeze

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President's Report

Hi

Neighbors,

Feels like spring today, it's a good thing I pulled out the skis last weekend! It's always fun to take visiting friends down to the Pine Forest for a winter ski (no poison ivy :) and share a few rich history tidbits. When we got back, I got out my stack of Duluth history books and shared more photos of the areas we visited. If you like history, here is an event on 4/2 that you might enjoy & it's the kick-off event for the Twin Ports Festival of History: "Zenith City Press and the Lake Superior Railroad Museum present "The Twin Ports Rail-to-Sail Connection," an illustrated history presentation featuring Duluth author Tony Dierckins. Adapted from "Twin Ports Trains: The Historic Railroads of Duluth and Superior," this talk traces the rise and decline of the "Head of the Lakes" as a vital commercial shipping center and illustrates the socioeconomic, cultural, and environmental impact that railroads, Great Lakes freighters, and the industries they served had on the region. The event is FREE and open to the public!" Details: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 Lake Superior Railroad Museum (Duluth Depot) Doors open 6:30 Talk starts at 7 p.m. This presentation also serves as the kick-off event for the Twin Ports Festival of History, April 2-8, at venues throughout Duluth and Superior. For more information on the festival, click here:

<https://sites.google.com/d.umn.edu/twinportsfestivalofhistory/schedule>.

Here is a tidbit I found while I was looking up something else and it's a good one for your summer guests who like ships. The first "saltie" to arrive at our inland port was from Liverpool, England and came to load oatmeal and barley. May 3, 1959 was the day that the 475 foot Ramon de Larrinaga arrived to a large crowd who was playfully sprayed with water by the ship as part of the celebration. The ship today lies scuttled off of the coast of Argentina. From President Dwight Eisenhower, "The opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway marks, for Duluth, the beginning of a new era," wrote United States President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his commemoration of the event. "I know you will be looking to the opportunities it offers for continuing the industrial and commercial advances of the past, for increasing prosperity in your city, and for contributing to the good of the nation as a whole."

The Rinkfest on 2/2 was a lot of fun and approximately 80 hot dogs were eaten; the Park Point kimchi made them memorably spicy and the treats from the Lafayette Edible Gardeners were delicious. A huge thank you to the Kuzel family for taking the lead on ice making and to Bob Boyton for plowing the rink this season. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to this fun afternoon at Lafayette! A scenic snowfall and great temperatures contributed to the beauty of the community gathering.

Thank you for taking the time to read The Breeze and checking the website to see how you might get involved in our dynamic community. If you have not joined yet this year, it's not too late. You can drop off your membership with our treasurer, Mary Treuer, 2700 Minnesota Ave. Go up the driveway and take the sidewalk to the right to the porch. Thank you to Park Point residents who join and engage in our community activities, and to those who live off Point who join, support our initiatives and follow our activities via the E-Breeze. I have heard something like this more than a few times, "Once a Park Pointer, always a Park Pointer at heart."

We will need volunteer hosts at The Turning Point Summit on May 31 at the Beach House; please let me know if you are interested in helping at this event, parkpointcc@gmail.com The Turning Point Summit is sponsored by a grant awarded to MP50 made through the Community Climate Implementation Fund housed at Climate Mayors - a project of Resources Legacy Fund.

See more on MP50's activities in this edition of The Breeze.

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(President's Report, continued)

Good luck with your spring preparations; we will be on the water and in our gardens before we know it! Mark your calendars for the annual tree order arrival, approx. May 9 or 10. Also, the next Section 111 Study meeting date will be announced soon. The contractor is finished with the modeling and the data will be shared at the next public meeting. Park Pointers' presence at these meetings makes a difference- showing up really matters. Meanwhile, see you on the beach; please take along that extra bag for trash and dog poop patrol. Sadly, it's the season to pick it up for those who still cling to the poop fairy fantasy. Thank you for your help with this frustrating reality. Warm regards,

Dawn & enthusiastic giant schnauzer Zion

Membership has its Benefits

Still plenty of time to send in your membership form for PPCC 2025. Actually, there are no time constraints. You can join any time, for just \$10 per person. All Park Point residents (even part-time residents, for all you snowbirds out there), who are PPCC members can come and vote on whatever actions are taken by the club, join in its activities, enjoy all the volunteer opportunities, and perhaps most importantly, come and vent (civilly and respectfully) on whatever Park Point issues concern you.

Maybe you'll even get the opportunity to purchase a Tunnel Pass, so you can bypass all those tourists and mainlanders stuck waiting for the bridge!

Minnesota Point 50 (MP50)

Thank You! A huge thank you to PPCC and Park Point residents for supporting MP50 and our work together with your time, expertise and generous contributions! Together we make MP50 work for the benefit of so many. Thank you, too, for participating in meetings, events and community club discussions about topics and issues related to resiliency of the Point. PPCC is the leading steward for Minnesota Point. MP50 exists to put PPCC resiliency goals and actions into motion. Minnesota Point Coastal

Resilience Action Plan The Association of State FloodPlain Managers finalized the Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Action Plan on Feb. 19, 2025. This five- year plan identifies actions that PPCC and other partners will undertake to build resilience. MP50 is leading efforts to implement and coordinate actions over the next five years, and beyond. A long- term fifty- year action plan is our goal. MP50 is working with multiple partners on grants to fund potential projects, including preliminary dune assessment and pollinator gardens. The MP50 board will meet twice in March for strategic planning to implement projects named the Coastal Resilience Action Plan. Save the Date. The Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Action Plan will be launched at a special free, public event May 31, 2025, to celebrate and engage in community-driven, collaborative, long-term resiliency action planning. Please put it on your calendar and join us: 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, activities, food and music. A showing of a documentary film and a reading of a children's book on the Ojibwe use of Fire on Minnesota and Wisconsin Points will premier. Other activities include guided hikes, kayaking, displays, and featured speakers. A formal announcement of the inclusion of Minnesota Point as part of Mission Blue's Great Lakes Hope Spot will be made. Event Hosts are Minnesota Point 50 (MP50), Park Point Community Club, Lake Superior Coastal Program and the City of Duluth. This event is sponsored by a grant awarded to MP50 through the Community Climate Implementation Fund, a program of Climate Mayors. Section 111 Study The third public Section 111 meeting hosted by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is on hold. We are feeling frustrated with the delays and will contact the City and the USACE to find out why this is happening. Modeling data designed to guide the USACE to recommend actions that address the impact of shipping structures on Minnesota Point shoreline erosion will be presented at this critically important meeting. MP50 and PPCC will inform the community when it is scheduled. MP50 Website: <https://www.minnesotapoint50.org/>



Park Point Community Club Minutes

The February 2025 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Tom Griggs, Vice-President on February 18th, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Tom welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Ted for setting up coffee and supplying treats.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Motion was approved to accept the minutes. All in attendance voted aye.

Treasurers Report – Mary Treuer

Current balance 2/17/2025 - \$36,820

2025 memberships to date are 207.

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

No report

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

No report other than the City of Duluth tourism grant was approved for the 2025 Art Fair. More information to come.

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

Six get well cards sent.

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Summer Youth Program –

An RFP was sent out to various groups and individuals to encourage proposals be submitted for a potential program this summer. Deadline is Feb 28th.

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

Please keep the date of Saturday May 31st open for the celebration and launch of the Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Plan hosted by MP50 and the PPCC. 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

Things are going well. Please continue to submit items of interest.

Other Business:

Thank you to all volunteers who made Rink Fest a success this year! We couldn't do it without you!

The Smelt parade has requested funding for the annual event to be held in May. The club will be supporting their efforts in the amount of \$500.

The trees have been ordered. Thank you, Ted & Dawn, for ordering! We'll keep you posted on pickup dates. Volunteers will be needed for planting in Southworth Marsh and the Herding Island area.

If you haven't already done so, please consider renewing your PPCC membership for 2025 and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Membership has its benefits – being able to vote on PPCC initiatives, half price tunnel passes for only \$5 and of course joining in on the activities hosted by the Club. Be sure to visit the PPCC website for more information on all upcoming events.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm

.Respectfully submitted,
Rory Strange, Secretary



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hear

A Holy Beginning to Lent

Ash Wednesday Worship
Wednesday, March 5, 2025
12:00 noon—1:00pm
Scripture, Reflection, Ashes, Communion


**Modeling Intentionality:
Creating a Rule of Life**
Saturday, March 8, 2025
10:00—12:00 noon
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Park Point art Fair

Mark Your Calendars

The 53rd annual Park Point Art Fair returns June 28-29 to the Park Point Recreation Area.

Admission and parking is free.

Featuring the juried fine art and craft of more than 100 premiere artists from the Midwest and beyond, the Park Point Art Fair also offers live demonstrations, music, food, children's activities and more—all in a stunning natural setting.

The Art Fair is presented by the Park Point Community Club!

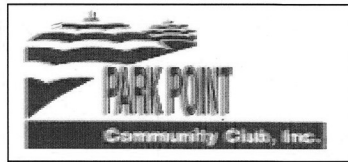
Volunteers needed

Please join us as a volunteer. Your service entitles you to an invitation to the volunteer and artist dinner catered by Bellisio's on Saturday night, June 28th at 5pm.

We need volunteers to booth sit for the artists, greet attendees, set-up and clean-up.

If you are not around the weekend of The Fair you can still help by delivering posters and bookmarks or placing yard signs.

A sign up is coming! Stay tuned.



SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, May 31, 2025

A Public Celebration!

The Turning Point Summit

A Call to Action for Minnesota Point

For decades the Park Point Community Club has led conservation efforts for Minnesota Point, including the establishment of Minnesota Point 50. As we honor these decades of achievements by so many, we embrace a Turning Point in our work together. With the help of a diverse group of partners we are collaborating on a long-term plan to ensure Minnesota Point will sustain ecological, cultural, community, and economic resilience. We are at a critical time where a decisive, coordinated and long-term plan must be developed and steps forward taken that honor the past work and seize the opportunity for new actions. Such a plan is in the works. This is what the event is all about. Come to learn about the Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Action Plan, to celebrate its launch, and to learn how you can engage in stewardship of Minnesota Point.

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

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

The public is invited to a celebration and launch of the Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Plan. Festivities include speakers, information tables, exhibits, activities and food. A showing of a documentary film on the Ojibwe use of Fire on Minnesota and Wisconsin Points will premier. All events are free and open to the public. Hosted by MP50 and the Park Point Community Club.

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

It's official, this summer's Duluth Community Garden Program's Vegetable of the Year is radishes. Expect to see lots of them in our garden this year. Meanwhile, based on photos taken by Carol Kondrath, it appears we are growing lots of snow in the garden this winter.

February's Rinkfest at Lafayette Square was a huge success. Many thanks to all the community garden members who provided treats for the ice skaters. Community members roasted hotdogs and made the Rinkfest a good time. Pleasure skaters and young hockey players were kept busy in between roasting marshmallows.

At our March 10 potluck, we will discuss the 2025 committees and ask for volunteers, especially for a garden bed repair committee. Nancy Taggart, Jenny Peterson, and Val Kenedy were recently in Cuba and they will do a presentation about their recent travels at this dinner.

Planning ahead, at the April 14 potluck, we'll do attendee introductions, since we haven't done that for a while. Ted and Ellie will give updates on the seeds we have and starter plants for this year. And, our special guests will be members of Project Joy, who will tell us about their organization and the work they do in the community.

At the May 12 potluck, we will have a garden update about what will be planted in May and request help spread manure.

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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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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