



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck**
Monday, June 9th
6-8 PM
at Lafayette

Planting Beach Grass
June 12th, 2-4PM
Meet at 12th St.
parking lot.

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

**Park Point
Community Club**
Tuesday, June 17th
Social at 6:30,
Meeting at 7:00

Park Point Art Fair
June 28 & 29

Park Point 5-Miler
July 17th

**Park Point Flower
Garden Club**
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Let's
Do
Summer!

There's no doubt that living on a seven-mile sandbar, surrounded by water and beautiful sights around the Point, is a slice of heaven on earth. But the more I thought about it, I realized it's the people who really make this place special.

It's not just one block. It's the whole Point. So many people, all with the same goal, looking out for each other and living with that good old-fashioned neighborly mindset.

One example that sticks with me is from last year. A neighbor's dog got loose, and the big Park Point text chain lit up. Everyone jumped in to help. Young, old, didn't matter, we all came out and searched until that dog was found.

To us, that kind of thing just feels normal. And I think it's because everyone here shares the same kind of heart. We all chose to live on this beautiful island, and that brings something out in people. Think about it, how often do you run into a Pointer in a bad mood? There's always a smile, always a wave, always a story to share. Pam, Tom, Dan, Judy, Heidi, Evan, Rachel, Jim, Nancy, Dawn, Mary, Red, the list goes on! Honestly, we could fill the whole Breeze just with the names of wonderful Pointers.

It's the people who make this community what it is. They live right here among us. One of them is Pat Sterner. She's someone who's always bringing people together and building real connections in such a friendly way. Folks like Pat are a big reason why Park Point feels so welcoming and special.

This neighborly vibe stretches from the Lift Bridge all the way to the end. So let's keep it going and break the record for waves and smiles this summer. I'm so proud to be part of this community, and I know you are too:)

By: Vibe with Mike

Pat Sterner



President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

Here is another date for our busy month of June!

The City of Duluth's Park Maintenance Dept. has set a date for planting beach grass and they are looking for volunteers to help out! Here are the details and please RSVP to Adam Fornear at Parks and Recreation. Adam regularly attends our PPCC meetings and notes our requests, observations and questions for follow up. Last September, volunteers from PPCC and MP50 worked alongside Parks staff and installed the fencing to combat blowing sand from the Bridge to the boardwalk at the S Curve.

What: Planting Beach Grass

When: June 12th

Time: 2-4 p.m.

Where to Meet: 12th Street parking lot, South Lake Ave.

RSVP: Adam Fornear - afornear@duluthmn.gov

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(President's Report, continued)

Hoping your PP Rummage Sale preparations are going smoothly for another epic sale coming soon. Who knows what fine treasures await on June 13 and 14? Huge thank you to PPCC Rummage Sale Chairperson Deb Strange for setting up the important infrastructure and promotional details for this annual extravaganza. The PP Rummage Sale is intentionally held prior to Art Fair weekend so that the Art Fair is the focus and destination on June 28, 29 in the Recreation Area. This year, the Community Club's 53rd Park Point Art Fair, will include a number of new artists, music, and opportunities for volunteers to help setting up on Friday, welcoming and supporting the artists during the fair, and cleaning up on Sunday. All volunteers are invited to the banquet and awards presentation on Saturday evening. The fair offers a really special chance to work with your neighbors and meet and support the artists down in the beautiful recreation area. Each year brings another level of amazement and wonder and it happens right here in our neighborhood.

And related to the park, Senior Planner Katie Bennett from Parks and Rec. presented at the May meeting on the process underway for the Park Point Recreation Area. "The City of Duluth is partnering with LHB to develop a new park plan for the beloved Park Point Recreation Area! This planning effort will take a fresh look at existing facilities, explore opportunities for improvement, and engage community members to ensure the park plan reflects local values and priorities. That's where you come in! We're hosting a series of focus group meetings to hear from key stakeholders and user groups to better understand the needs and opportunities within the Park Point Recreation Area and to establish priorities that will help guide future decision making." Park Pointers participated in the focus groups; Katie will share opportunities in the near future on how to share your ideas on how the Park might be used and improved. Katie's email is kbennett@duluthmn.gov if you have questions or ideas. Other presenters at the May meeting included Jim Filby Williams, John Swenson on updates/timeline on the third Section 111 Study by the USACE and Greg Haapala from Grandma's Marathon and The Park Point Five Miler. Neighbor Lisa McKhann provided a wrap up on Park Point's five day display in support of missing and murdered indigenous women and relatives and will be meeting with neighbors on ideas for next year. City Councilor Roz Randorf also joined us to listen and check in with neighbors.

Thank you to everyone who participated in person and via Zoom. It's inspiring to witness the willingness of our community members to gather, to support listening & learning, to engage in productive dialogue, to ask thoughtful and thought-provoking questions. It's this willingness that strengthens and drives our community and vastly increases the likelihood that we will find success in planning for Minnesota Point's resilient future. Check out Minnesota Point 50's website for the Action Plan developed by Park Pointers and key partners. We will be celebrating the launch of the plan at The Turning Point Summit on May 31 at the Beach House. <https://www.minnesotapoint50.org/action-plans>
We are gearing up to tend to items on this list which will surely grow and change in ways we might not even have on our radar right now. A

Big thank you to the PPCC/MP50 tree influencers/planters of 2025: Galen Treuer, Ted Buck, Dave Halvorson, Kinnan Stauber, Ellie Alspach, Scott Wolff, Paul Treuer, Emma Karsell, Brian Ruggle & everyone who plants and cares for trees on Minnesota Point. If you'd like to learn more about tree plantings in Park Point's history, check out the lead article by Jan Olson in the March 2017 Breeze.

https://parkpointcommunityclub.org/breeze/20170309_March_Breeze_2017.pdf
As always, thank you for reading The Breeze and for being a thoughtful & engaged neighbor.

See you on the beach, Dawn & Zion, enthusiastic adventure schnauzer, XL PS Take along that extra bag for trash when you are out and about.

Minnesota Point 50 (MP50)

Turning Point Summit

Thank you Park Pointers for all you did to host the Turning Point Summit! This includes the outstanding leadership provided by Dawn Buck and Pat Sterner who participated in many hours of planning for the Summit. This includes every Park Pointer who helped out at the event. This includes every Park Pointer who attended. And this includes financial support from the Park Point Community Club for the event. We demonstrated with our feet that we care, as a community, about the resilience of Park Point.



Day One of the summit, May 30th, was the Partners Meeting. Thirty eight individuals representing 20 different organizations attended a full day meeting at Lafayette Community Center. Facilitated by Kap Wilkes consulting, the group reviewed and updated the 2024 Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Action Plan. The new Action Plan extends the goals to have clearly identified strategies and actions that serves as a roadmap for actions over the next year. The Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Action Plan is posted on the MP50 Website.

Update on Blowing Sand. Jim Filby Williams, Director of Property, Parks, and Libraries, attended the May PPCC meeting. He acknowledged observing first hand the severity of the blowing sand between the lift bridge and the s-curve. Following the meeting the City announced plans to plant dune grass seedlings this year in the newly formed dunes in that area' this is a year ahead of schedule. The planting will be June 12th from 2-4 PM (meet at 12th Street parking lot). If interested in volunteering, please contact Adam Fornear (afornear@duluthmn.gov).

Update on Section 111 Study. Jim Filby Williams and John Swenson reported at the May PPCC meeting on the status of the Section 111 study. They said the modeling study has been completed. Jim said he spoke with the project lead recently and based on that conversation he thought the public meeting on those results and the impact of those results on the USACE recommendations would be in August 2025.

Recently updated MP50 website: <https://www.minnesotapoint50.org>

Camp Lafayette Update:

Summer activities are gearing up at Camp Lafayette, the neighborhood summer youth program based in the Lafayette Clubhouse. We held our summer kick-off Open House on May 27th, with about 20 families stopping by. It was great to see everyone!

Over the years, many Park Pointers have volunteered to share their hobbies and interests with our youth— from sailing to dancing to gardening — and it has always been a special part of our neighborhood camp life.

What's your favorite way to be outside in the summertime on Park Point? This is your invitation to join in the tradition this summer! Come share your hobbies and interests with our youth! Contact Carolyn at CampLafayetteParkPoint@gmail.org if you're interested.

Registration Update: If you have kids in your life that want to join us for a week or two at Camp Lafayette, we have a few spots left and you can find the registration easily on the Park Point Community Club website: www.parkpointcommunityclub.org. Thank you!
Carolyn, Audrey, Rebecca, and Sofia

Mark Your Calendars

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

Admission and parking are free.

Featuring the juried fine art and craft of over 100 premier artists from the Midwest and beyond, the Park Point Art Fair 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 5 pm.

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.

Sign up to volunteer online: <https://tinyurl.com/4hcpe82>

Park Point Community Club Minutes

The May 2025 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President, on May 20th, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Dawn welcomed members and guests to the meeting and thanked the hospitality committee for setting up coffee and supplying treats.

Dawn introduced Roz Randorf City Councilor, Adam Fournier Parks and Rec, Katie Bennett Planning, Jim Filby-Williams City of Duluth, John Swenson UMD and Greg Haapala Grandma's Marathon.

Dawn asked for the rules to be suspended so we could hear from the guests in attendance. Jim Filby-Williams and John Swenson spoke about the Section 111 Study and gave a brief historical update and a timeline for future meetings, Katie Bennett provided an update regarding the process for the end of the Point Recreation Area. A work group has been formed, and an additional community-wide survey and mapping tool will be available to the PP community. The hope is to conclude the planning process before the end of the year.

Greg Haapala provided a brief update regarding Grandma's Marathon and the change of the William Irvin 5K to Friday June 20th at 1pm. Additionally, he thanked the community for support of the Park Point 5 Miler race.

Further info on these topics please go to the PPCC website.

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

Treasurers Report – Mary Treuer

Current balance - \$24,000

Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould. No report

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

This will be the 53rd year for the Art Fair. There are 51 new artists for a total of 110 artists this year. Volunteers will be needed, so please contact Carla or Diane Gould (727-4067) if you are available to help.

Watch Committee – That's us

The city states there will be bike officers on patrol this summer.

Please continue to monitor activity that seems suspicious as well as traffic concerns and report to 911.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

1 get well card sent

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

The vegetable for this year will be the radish. If you would like to be involved in the Edible Garden, please contact Coral. All PPCC members are welcome to the monthly potlucks!

Summer Youth Program – Carolyn Kerns

There will be an Open House at Lafayette on Tuesday May 27th from 6pm to 7pm for any interested in activities.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

Just a few weeks away! Mark your calendars for Friday June 13th and Saturday June 14th.

Program Committee – Dave Poulin. No report

Traffic Safety – Pat Sterner

Dawn and Pat met with our Community Police Officer and received updates on plans for this summer. There's the possibility of a decoy car again. Also, meeting with local businesses to encourage employees to obey traffic laws, speed limits, etc. Please see Pat's report for more information.

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

ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.

MP50: Paul Treuer & Pat Sterner

There was encouragement for all to attend or volunteer with the Turning Point Summitt on Saturday May 31st. This is a 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

There was a motion made to provide MP50 with \$1500 to host the Summitt. 200-300 participants are expected. Funds will be used for refreshments, materials and supplies during the Summitt.

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

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

Dawn thanked our guests on initiatives that concern the Park Point community. Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange, Secretary

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

At the May 12 potluck dinner meeting, Charlene Shimmin introduced us to Laura Plys and Deb Roach from Project Joy. This local grass-roots organization has been fighting childhood hunger in our region for 13 years. Laura informed us that 1 in 6 children suffer from food insecurity. Through the efforts of Project Joy, many of these children are supplied with bags filled with wholesome, shelf-stable food items each weekend. These food-filled bags cost \$10 to put together. The funds for this organization come from supporters such as the Duluth Curling Club and private donors. In the summer of 2024, Project Joy distributed 4,325 of these bags. Laura says that the effects of hunger keep children from being good learners in school. The malnourishment affects their growth and focuses their attention on where their next meal comes from instead on the teachers' lessons. So, access to this food distribution is essential to the health and well-being of many of this generation's children. This program made us all think about the luxury of food we have in our homes and the bounty we harvest from our community garden. Many of us were thrilled to support Project Joy. For more information about its efforts, its events, and its need for volunteers, check out its Facebook page: Project Joy Northland.

It's time to sign up for projects in the garden this summer. There are many ways to participate: water the garden, share gardening activities with the children in the Park Point summer kid's program, attend a potluck dinner, or join us on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. to work in the garden for an hour.

Want more information about the gardening fun? 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 Potluck Dinner Events, held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lafayette Community Center:

June 9: Ellie Alspach will present information on fertilizing - what we use on what plants, when, and why. Please bring your favorite radish (Vegetable of the Year) recipes to share with the group.

July 14: program to be determined.

August - no potluck, we'll help the PPCC with hosting Neighbors Night Out.

Recipe of the Month:

Many people have requested Coral McDonnell's easy recipe for Rhubarb Dream Bars. Ellie Alspach uses this same recipe to make a tart, using only half of the topping recipe in her crust.

Rhubarb Dream Bars

Yield: 12 servings

Crust:

2 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 cup powdered sugar

1 cup unsalted butter

Topping:

4 large eggs

2 cups sugar

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

4 cups rhubarb, finely chopped

Combine the crust ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Press into a greased 9" X 13" pan. Bake at 350°F until golden brown, about 10 to 15 minutes.

For the topping, beat the eggs, sugar, flour and salt until well blended. Add in the rhubarb.

Pour the mixture onto the baked crust. Return to the 350°F oven and bake 40 to 45 minutes.

Cool and then cut into bars.

-Susan Peters

On Saturday, May 24th the LCEG had 3 generations of gardeners including Rowen and Ruby who enjoyed picking rhubarb after planting flowers and weeding.



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June 26
St. Andrew's own troubadour, Bruce Truckey

July 31
Back by popular demand, The Has Ben's

August 28
Is it a band or a surprise? TBD

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TRAFFIC SAFETY and NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Dawn Buck and Pat Sterner met with Officer Jeremy O'Connor from DPD to review multiple issues and discuss what DPD and our community can do to mitigate them.

ISSUES:

Uptick in car break-ins and other thefts; Worsened Speeding and passing; Ongoing parking issues and blockage of 'rec' lane; Camping/sleeping overnight and use of the park after 10 pm; Truck convoys.

DPD Actions:

Placement of a Decoy Car over the next few weeks; Monthly 911 Call Reports; Targeted times for police presence (DPD will start ramping up a few more officers as the weather improves); DPD representative to join Pat Sterner on joint visits to businesses about speeding/traffic issues and how they can help; Continue to work with the City on Rec Lane signage; Have bike patrol officers help manage Parking on the weekends.

Community Actions:

CALL 911 every time dangerous driving or anything suspicious is observed.

More calls help with the crime mapping. The reports will show statistics of the issues called in that can actually flag the requisition of more police officers.

- Ask the dispatcher for a call back.
- Call even if you think someone else has called; if there are multiple calls about one incident, this emphasizes the crime and provides witnesses if DPD can catch them and go to court. If you can't get the license plate number, try to get the make/model/color of the car.
- Definitely call if you see the Trucks 'convoy' or see folks camping.

Other Actions: Reinstate periodic Neighborhood Watch 'patrols (e.g., 2 or 3 folks monitoring traffic and speeding at the radar signs at 29th and 32nd); Place more of the 'green men' along Park Point to help provide a good visual reminder; Consider security ring cameras and keypad locks on all doors; Wave and smile at our DPD officers when they are here to let them know they are most welcome!!

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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

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