



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community  
Edible Garden Potluck**  
Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
6-8 PM  
at Lafayette

**Park Point  
Community Club**  
Tuesday, May 20th  
Social at 6:30,  
Meeting at 7:00

**Park Point Flower  
Garden Club**  
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**Smelt Parade**  
May 25<sup>th</sup>  
in canal Park

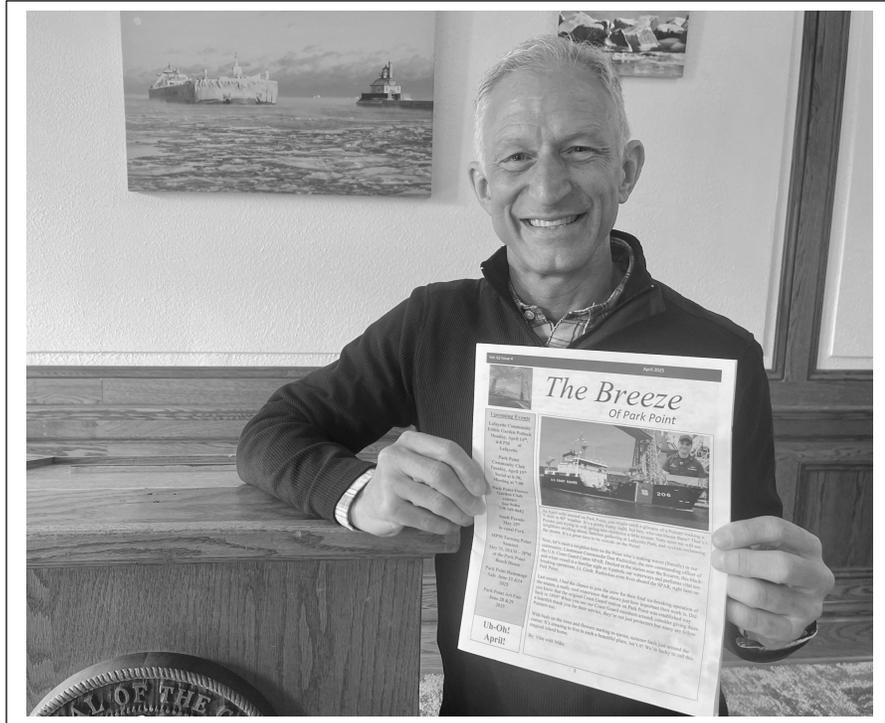
**MP50 Turning Point  
Summit**  
May 31, 10AM – 3PM  
at the Park Point  
Beach House

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

**Park Point Art Fair**  
June 28 & 29  
2025

**Park Point 5-Miler**  
July 17

**Red Dress Display**  
May 1 - 5



May on Park Point means we're all finally spending more time outside, swapping snow boots for sneakers, and hoping T-shirts will be enough. Of course, we all know better than to put the snow shovel away until after the Fourth of July, just in case:)

Last month, I had the privilege of being personally invited to City Hall to meet with Mayor Roger Reinert. We had a great conversation about our shared love for Park Point and the wonderful community here. He's down-to-earth and truly passionate about Duluth! And yes, he's a Boat Friend too! Check out the photo, Mayor Reinert is holding last month's issue of The Breeze, how cool is that?

As the weather warms, we will notice the return of barbecues, frisbees flying at the rec area, and families enjoying the Franklin Tot Lot next to the S-Curve. Don't forget to stop and pet the friendly Park Point dogs walking, they're just as friendly as their owners! Also, the water will soon be filled with fishing boats, paddle boards, canoes, etc. Such a great time of year!

Let's all enjoy the sunshine, soak up some vitamin D, and be thankful for this beautiful island life we're lucky to live.

-Vibe with Mike

## *The Breeze*

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## **President's Report**

Dear Neighbors,

Our May 20 meeting will feature several guests coming with important dates, information and timelines on the USACE Section 111 Study, the City's Comprehensive Plan for the Park Point Recreation Area (Here is a link to the project webpage for more information on the process:

<https://duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-planning/progress-in-the-parks/park-point-recreation-area/>), Grandma's marathon/PP Five Miler and a summary of the data from the April 26 Walking Audit.

We have invited Jim Filby-Williams, John Swenson, Greg Haapala and James Gittemeier to join us and are grateful for their willingness to spend an evening with us.

Thank you to James and Eleanor from the City for leading and facilitating the collection of data from the bridge to the S Curve in these areas: Sidewalks, Streets, Recreation lane. Neighbor Tom Richards shared the Club's Quality of Life Committee's summary from 2005 when many of the same concerns were raised: Speeding, need for traffic calming, lack of signage, need for more patrols etc. Mayor Reinert and City Councilors Roz Randorf and Terese Tomanek joined us to collect data on a very lovely Saturday afternoon~ thank you very much! Neighbor Maureen M. hosted the debrief with cookies and beverages which was lovely and allowed time for a productive conversation on what we had observed and next steps in prioritizing and planning for action. The PPCC Traffic Safety Committee led by Pat Sterner continues to build upon the important contributions of the previous committee members~ thank you to everyone who participated in the Walking Audit. Additional audits may be scheduled to take a closer look at concerns on other sections of the Point.

Here's to making something good happen and soon!

Please double check your calendars for Saturday May 31, 10am-3pm for the Turning Point Summit! Music, a film premier, a new children's book, speakers, Oasis Del Norte food truck available to purchase lunch, trivia, games and more on this special day. This is a free community celebration for all ages to highlight the launch of the Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Action Plan. The Park Point community continues to lead on caring for extraordinary Minnesota Point, also known as Neiaishi; this day marks the next level of commitment to a place that is special to so many. See you there! If you would like to help out on May 31, please see the volunteer sign-up sheet!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4FA8AC2EA4FF2-55960264-turning#/>

Please remember to call 911 immediately if you see a crime in progress or something or someone suspicious. Calling 911 puts the incident in the queue for response and becomes an important data point. Lock up doors, windows, garages, vehicles, sheds and keep valuables out of sight. Thank you for watching and sharing timely and important information by dialing 911; the police are counting on us to call them for assistance.

Summer will soon be here and we are busy making lists for the boats' needs and heading over to the prop shop. The seeds are started for the edible community garden and we are thinking about where to plant the trees that will arrive on the weekend of May 10; we will share how to pick up the trees and any planting parties :) Maybe make a plan for where you will plant a tree or two or ten?

Warm regards & see you out and about!

Dawn & Zion, Gulf County Florida Adventure Pup

PS Bring that extra bag with you for trash pickup on the beach and street; thank you to our dear neighbors who do a daily trash sweep! We see and appreciate you!

## Minnesota Point 50 (MP50)

**See you at the Turning Point Summit!**



Saturday, May 31, 2025, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the Park Point Beach House. It will be a day of presentations, exhibits, activities, food and music. It's free. Bring family and friends.

Mayor Roger Reinert will open the event at 10:00 AM with comments about the importance of resilience for Park Point. His comments will be followed by an opening drum ceremony led by Bazille Panek.

We value our partners, many of whom will be present with interactive, informational tables. Presenters include: Great Lakes Aquarium (Sturgeon Project), Minnesota Sea Grant (Trivia Wheel), Duluth Parks and Recreation (Resources and Events), PPCC (Test your knowledge of Park Point and win prizes), DNR Lake Superior Coastal Program, Duluth Rowing Club, Fond du Lac Tribal College (Study of Use of Fire on Minnesota Point), NOAA (Lake Level Viewer), UMD Environmental Science (Geology of Minnesota Point), St. Louis River Alliance (Water Trail and Piping Plover), Duluth Superior Sailing Association (Knot Demonstrations), City of Duluth (Plans for Rebuilding the Park Point Recreation Area), DNR Dune Restoration (Control of Invasive Species), Starry Skies North (Programs, Kids Activities). 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.

**Update on Blowing Sand.** City representatives Cliff Knettel and Adam Fornear joined Park Point residents Marilyn Mayry, Dawn Buck, and Paul Treuer on April 18th to tour the build-up of blowing sand on the north end of the Point. According to Cliff Knettel the city is monitoring the situation. Dunes are forming behind the fence. This is what was expected. Plans are proceeding to plant native dune grass on these dunes next year.

**Section 111 Study.** The Corps of Engineers has not yet scheduled the third public meeting on the results of the sediment transport modeling. Jim Filby Williams and John Swenson will report to the PPCC at the next meeting on the status of the Section 111 study.

**USFWS Grant.** We are excited to announce that our project idea, Returning Fire to Maintain Minnesota Point Pine Forest, has been selected to move to the next stage for funding through the USFWS Coastal Program for \$200,000. Our proposal ranked high among the reviewers based on the involvement of MN DNR and the City, and the solid list of partners.

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

Paul Treuer

## 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/4hcpje82>

### **Park Point Community Club Minutes**

The April 2025 monthly meeting of the PPCC was called to order on April 15, 2025 at 7pm by Tom Griggs, Vice President. Tom welcomed members and guests, thanked hospitality committee for coffee and treats. March minutes were accepted and approved with the following notes to the last meeting:

1) Membership gave support to the PPSYP to be run by Carolyn Kearns First reading of motion to donate for up to \$2500 to support scholarships for the PPSY. Motion was approved.

2) Membership gave support to the MMIWR Red Dress Program. Residents are encouraged to participate May 1-5  
**Treasurer's Report** – Mary Treuer Bank Balance \$31,320 Insurance for the 2025-2026 has just been paid in full. Policy runs 4/10/25-4/10/26 it covers directors and officer insurance, liability for Events @ Lafayette Square, the PPSYP and PPAF and includes an umbrella policy as required by the COD Motion made and approved to accept the report.

**Environmental Committee** – no report

**Art Fair** –53rd Art Fair June 28-29 Diane Gould reported that the artist jury or 4 has completed their selection of artists and the list will be out soon. There will be many new artists this year. Food Vendor spots have been filled. There will be some new food vendors. There will be billboard advertising this year in the Twin cities and active Facebook advertising.

**Watch committee** There were a couple of incidents of car theft and a break-in with attempted car theft recently in the 3200 and 3400 block. Residents are urged to remember to lock doors and vehicles and report suspicious behavior.

**Sunshine Committee** – Pam Griggs two sympathy cards sent out

**Highwater & Erosion** – no report

**Edible Garden** – Coral McDonnell Getting ready to start digging. Plans have been made for what to plant. Anyone can still join. Cost is \$25 per season and some volunteer time.

**Summer Youth Program** – registration is now open. Program will run 6/9 to 8/7 , Mon-Thur cost is \$1,000 /child for 9 weeks or \$150/week /child for fewer weeks, dependent on availability. Second reading of motion to approve up to \$2500 in support of scholarships for the PPSYP. Motion accepted and approved.

**Rummage Sale** - June 13-15

**Traffic Safety** – As the weather warms up traffic is increasing. Remember to call 911 if you observe illegal driving, speeding or violations. Email issues to ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com. Breeze – nothing new. Environmental Committee – trees have been ordered. Will arrive May 9-10

**Program Committee** – presentation by Lisa Mckhann and Rene Ann Goodrich on the Red Dres Project, May 1-5, in support of MMWIR. As a reminder if you wish to participate dresses can be picked up or dropped off at 3205 Minnesota Ave on the porch.

**MP50** - Paul Treuer MP50 Turning Point Summit scheduled for May 31, 2025 from 10-3 at the PP Beach House. This is a free and open, family-friendly event centered on ecological, cultural and economic resilience for Park Point. The event will include information tables, speakers, refreshments, music, activities with participation from the Aquarium, Parks Dept local scientists and organizations. This event is made possible with a grant and the support of the mayors office. MP50 is looking for volunteers to help with setup, tear down, greeting the public, and the registration table. Check the MP50 website for more info

**Other business:** Walking Audit – James Gittemeier and Dave Halvorson talked about the Walking Audit scheduled for Sat April 26th ,12-2pm, meet at Franklin Park. Rain Day is May 3rd .

Smelt Parade Sunday May25, workshops at Lower Lafayette to construct puppets start May 10

Rowing Club is now accepting applications. Rowing Regatta scheduled for July 12

Tall Ships event also scheduled for July 10-13

Meeting adjourned 7:55

### **A reminder as we move closer to June.**

**Please do not hold any rummage sales on Art Fair Weekend, June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>! As the Art Fair is the major source of income for all Park Point Community Club projects, we want nothing to distract from this event, or cause traffic back-ups on the way to the Art Fair. The Park Point Rummage Sale, scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> this year, was started for precisely this reason. Take advantage of this opportunity to sell your unwanted items – and use the proceeds to buy fine art at the art Fair**

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**BLESSING OF THE FLEET**

St. Andrew's by the Lake  
Invites all boaters to join the procession  
on Wednesday, May 28 at 5:45 PM

**Boaters:** Meet at the Duluth Yacht Club race start area & monitor Marine VHF Channel 72.

**Landlubbers:** Monitor Marine VHF Channel 72.

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## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Welcome new members: Lisa McKhann, Galen Treuer, and Jim Gruba.

At the April 14 potluck dinner meeting, we were joined by Lisa Khann, who talked about the Red Dress Project on Park Point for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives day of awareness. She is working to create an "Alley of Allies" along Park Point May 1-5, where red dresses are displayed along the road in memory of the Indigenous women.

Then, we also heard a detailed garden update. Here are the highlights:

- Ted, Ellie, Patti Massie, and Brie Monahan have all volunteered to start seeds indoors at their homes.
  - Kids Camp: Bridget Reistad will be this year's coordinator and needs some volunteers to work with her. She needs 7-14 volunteers to help across the 7 weeks.
  - The veggie of the year is Radish. Gene McKeever and her son are coordinating this.
  - Weekly work weekends started April 26. May 9/10 and May 30 will be big work weekends. Please plan to join us, if you can as many hands make the work go quickly. We'll also be working some Fridays to get all the work done and to avoid the May 31 Turning Point Summit for MP50.
  - Rye grass: needs weed whacked and turned under as soon as the ground thaws.
- Manure will need to be spread, be on the lookout for a message once delivery is scheduled.

### -Planting weekends:

April 26 - potatoes - will be a BIG planting day. Needing lots of volunteers (date is dependent on soil being warm enough)

May 9-10 - early spring veggies

May 30 (Friday to not conflict with MP 50 Public Summit) - Tomatoes & late spring veggies; 1-2 weeks later - peppers

Want to join 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](mailto: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.

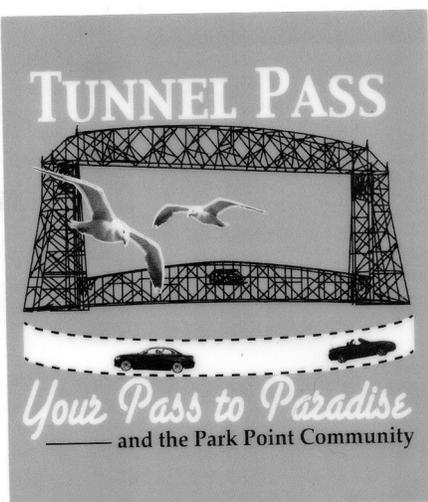
Upcoming Potluck Dinner Events, held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lafayette Community Center:

May 12: Members will be asked to share what they do with radishes, since it's our veggie of the year. Please bring your recipes and ideas.

June 9: Ellie Alspach will present information on fertilizing - what we use on what plants, when, and why.

July 14: program to be determined.

-Susan Peters



As always, the annual meeting of the Tunnel Keepers was held at the secret entrance to the Park Point Tunnel at 3PM on Good Friday. A release of additional Passes was authorized, and they will be available for sale at the May Park Point Community Club meeting. Come and get yours, they're sure to go fast.

## News from the Park Point Garden Flower Club

Our Park Point Garden Flower Club has a busy schedule planned for this spring and summer!

In April, we will have a presentation by the Duluth Monarch Buddies, whose mission is “to create and restore monarch butterfly habitats, educate about monarch ecology and migration, and share ways to increase the population of monarchs”.

In May, we will begin preparing our gardens for planting. We applied for, and received, a compost grant through WLSSD. We are now the proud owners of 400 pounds of Garden Green Prime compost that will be spread over our gardens at Lafayette. We have also scheduled a May trip to Bayfield to tour Hauser’s Superior View Farm, where we will shop their bare-root perennials along with vegetables, herbs, annuals and hanging baskets.

We are traveling to the Sax-Zim Bog (<https://saxzim.org/>) in June, where we will meet Head Naturalist Clinton Dexter-Nienhaus. He will lead us on a 4- hour tour of some of the 300+ square miles. We are looking forward to “birding”, but did you know, that according to their website, there are “600 species of moth, over 430 species of plant, 117 species of ferns and mosses, nearly 130 species of spider, 87 species of dragonfly and damselfly, 82 species of butterfly... just to name a few!” Think of the photo ops!!

In July, we will travel to Proctor to visit the gardens of Justin Chumich, which were featured on the Western Garden Tour in 2024. It is always fun to visit award winning gardens in our area. We leave inspired and ready to try new ideas and gardening methods.

We will enjoy a presentation by the people from Shoreview Natives of Two Harbors in August. They will share information about native plants to help us improve our garden space in both “function and aesthetic.” Did you know that planting native plants requires less watering because of their deep root system and that the native plants help to support pollinators?

In September, we will gather to learn about "hardscaping" from Dane Grover of Litman Construction. Hardscape is the non-living elements in your garden, ranging from water features to pathways. We look forward to learning about new trends and ways we can improve our Lafayette spaces, along with our own personal gardens.

We have a full year of exciting, educational activities planned. If you are interested in becoming a member, or if you would like to volunteer time in our Lafayette flower gardens with composting, planting or watering, please contact Sue Solin @ (218) 349-0682.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY and NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### Walking Audit

A Walking Audit on Park Point took place on Saturday, April 26, from 12 Noon to 2 pm. Mayor Reinert, Councilor Roz Randorf, and City Council President Therese Tomanek joined 14 Park Point residents to survey and comment on sidewalks, pedestrian and street traffic, and the rec land. Senior Transportation Planner James Gittemeier led the group, who walked from the Franklin Tot Lot to the Life Bridge and back, covering both sides of the street.

James and his team will collate all the information and provide a report to the PPCC Traffic Safety Committee for discussion and ideas on options to move forward – especially creating some kind of designation of the rec lane.

### Speeding/Dangerous Driving

Please continue to call 911 when you observe dangerous driving and speeding. 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](mailto:parkpointtrafficsafety@gmail.com). Every call is recorded and our Park Point Community Officer, Jeremy O’Connor, reviews those records on a monthly basis.

### Neighborhood Watch/Crime

There have been a number of home break-ins, a car theft and attempted car theft in the past month. Please be aware and report ANY suspicious activity by calling 911. Again, all calls are recorded and they do help police and police investigators pinpoint times, places and other valuable information. In response to an email to Chief Ceynowa about these incidents, the DPD will be increasing patrols especially during smelting season and on nice days.

REMEMBER – CALL 911!! Let’s work together to keep our community safe and welcoming for all!

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Sterner

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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](mailto:JOconnor@duluthmn.gov)

PP water Quality issues: Chris Kleist, [ckleist@duluthmn.gov](mailto: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](mailto:aformear@duluthmn.gov)

City Councilor Roz Randorf [rrandorf@duluthmn.gov](mailto:rrandorf@duluthmn.gov) 218-443-8364

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