



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck
Monday July 14th
6-8 PM
at Lafayette**

**Community Club
Meeting
Tuesday July 15th
Social at 6:45,
Meeting at 7:00**

**Park Point 5-Miler
July 17th**

**National Night Out
August 5th, 5:30-7:30
at Lafayette**

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

**See You
on the
Beach!**



Can you believe it's already the Fourth of July? It feels like summer finally shows up, and then before we know it, we're right in the middle of it. Where does the time go? Last month's rummage sale was a blast. One of the best stories came from fellow Pointers John and Karen Bray, John set a six-foot Bugs Bunny (see photo) out at the curb, and someone snatched it up within seconds. You never know what you'll find out there. I'm always on the hunt for old maritime memorabilia during the sale, no luck this time, but the search is half the fun! The turnout was incredible, stretching from the Lift Bridge all the way down the Point. It's always something to see so many people walking, chatting, and digging for deals. I had a great conversation with Richard Braun, he's got an amazing collection of memorabilia and stories from all over. It's little moments like that that make Park Point so special. Now we're heading into fireworks, sunshine, and beach days. Just a reminder to keep pets safe during the loud fireworks, it can be a stressful time for them. Wishing everyone a fun and safe Fourth of July on the Point!
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The Breeze

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

We made it to summer 2025, amazing, and August 5th is just around the corner. PPCC will host a community BBQ and potluck for National Night Out from 530-730pm at Lafayette. We will cook the brats and make the lemonade; please bring a side dish, salad, chips & dip or your favorite summertime dessert to share. St. Andrews is partnering and will help with the music; they graciously hosted the last two years. As I tap this out, an intrepid crew of volunteers with trucks and trailers is moving supplies from Lafayette and setting up for the 53rd Park Point Art Fair down in the damp but beautiful park. Several of our long-time and very dedicated volunteers have had to step aside due to health reasons and thankfully new volunteers have stepped up and are learning how to put it all together. The Art Fair Committee, the Coordinator and members of the Executive Board started putting the Fair into motion last fall and now it's "show time" for our community as the artists start to arrive and get set up. In wrangling all of the moving parts and seeing the Fair come to life, neighbors figure out how to work together tackling a long list of tasks. Listening and learning from each other and overcoming expected and unexpected challenges adds to the magic and enduring spirit of the Fair experience. Thank you to everyone who has added to the Fair's magic for years and continues to make this a very special event on our dynamic island in our beautiful City.

A huge thank you to Chairperson Deb Strange for putting together all of the important infrastructure needs for the 2025 Rummage Sale plus the promotional pieces. The weather wasn't super but intrepid shoppers were thrilled to come down for some treasure seeking. Thank you for having the sales on the dedicated weekend so the Art Fair on 28 & 29 June, is the focus and destination. Rory Strange helped with the promotion as well, here is a link to Northern News Now:

<https://www.northernnewsnow.com/2025/06/13/annual-park-point-rummage-sale-returns-43rd-year/> Here is a nice PBS piece from last year featuring the deer shopping down at 37th. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jJiDTj1H8>

The very special Turning Point Summit celebration on Saturday, May 31 at the Beach House was a success! We are very grateful for our partners who attended the Summit meeting on Friday the 30th at Lafayette; several also engaged with the community on Saturday at interactive tables. A big thank you to everyone who supported the events in celebration of the launch of the Minnesota Point Resiliency Action Plan. Photos of both events are on the MP50 website. <https://www.minnesotapoint50.org/photos> Stay tuned for next steps on how you might get involved in the implementation of the Action Plan items. Members of PPCC and MP50 helped plant beach grass on June 12th from the Bridge to Franklin Park beach & those photos are here.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/LYtM4DyDpzEsSEbd8>

Duluth Police Officers Jeremy and Adam came by e-bike to our June meeting to check in and share summer strategies for speeding and safety needs on Park Point. You may have noticed that the decoy cruiser is making its way down the Point and the electronic signs are lit with the reminders of the 30 mph maximum speed limit. We talked about the importance of calling 911 immediately when we see excessive speeding and reckless driving plus anytime we see a crime in progress or anything that seems out of the ordinary or suspicious.



(Among the suggestions the officers had for calming traffic was adding more caution and slow signs, such as this "little green man", along both sides of Minnesota Avenue. They can be found at Home Depot, Walmart, and On Amazon, I'm told) The Editor

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President's Report, continued

James Gittermeier from the City of Duluth Transportation Planning Department also presented the findings from the April Walking Audit (Franklin Park to Lift Bridge) and will be working with us to implement strategies to address safety needs. Roger Reinert was also at the meeting and suggested that the City Engineering Dept. come down and talk about how they might be involved in the solutions we recommend and would like to implement. The five key areas of concern from the Audit: Signage, Recreation Lane: Confusion and Signage, Speeding and Traffic Calming, Sidewalks, Amenities and Service. These points with the recommendations will be posted on the website. Stay tuned on next steps; thank you.

At the June meeting we talked about an update from Director Jim Filby Williams who checked in with us at the May meeting on the status of the Corps of Engineer Section 111 Study. The City sent a list of five important questions to the USACE on June 16 asking for details and clarity in advance of the next public meeting, "As the Local Government Sponsor for the current Section 111 study, we feel it is within our purview to request of the Corps a reasonable level of detailed information relating to the internal workings of the culpability calculations." I will let you know when the public meeting is scheduled; community engagement and input will be important and will affect the outcome of the process.

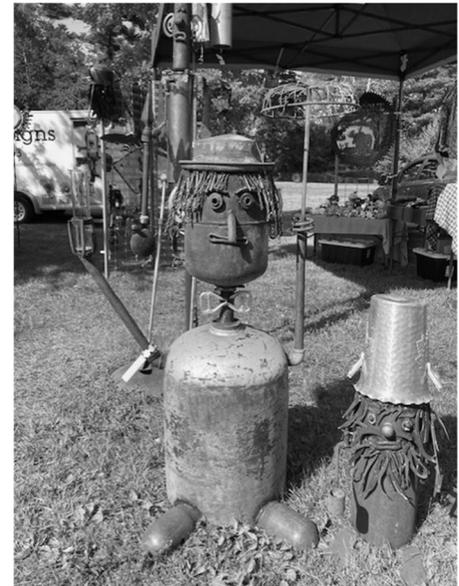
Next month I'll share the updates on our 1980 motorsailer Magneta. We learned a whole lot over the winter and spring and now she's in the water; special thanks to Doug and Dale at Harbor Cove Marina for their willingness to help us out with our endless questions :) We added a swim platform that we crafted from an old teak platform from a much larger power boat. Guess where I bought that old teak swim platform? You got it, from the Park Point Rummage Sale, circa 2007 from Bob Swanson. See you on the beach and as always, take along that extra trash bag to keep our beach clean and looking loved and cared for, thank you!

Dawn & Zion, freshly shorn giant water loving schnauzer

Stop the Presses!

Or at least hold them for a bit! Even though it was all beyond my deadline, I couldn't let this issue go out with covering the 53rd Annual Park Point Art Fair!

And it was amazing! Two warm, mostly sunny days, and even Sunday afternoon's brief thunderstorm put only a few drops in the tin man's rain gauge. Crowds were steady, and from what I heard, sales were strong. The artists and volunteer's dinner, catered by Bellisio's, was excellent, and despite the last-minute arrival of the wine and a broken beer keg tapper, attendees left satisfied. Well done, Carla, and a big thank you to artists and volunteers!



Park Point Community Club Minutes

The June 2025 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on June 17th, 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.

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

Treasurers Report -Mary Treuer

Mary was not in attendance and there was no report given.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

No report

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Discussion about the 53rd annual Art Fair. 50 new artists for a total of 110 will participate this year. Thank You to all who helped volunteer to bring this event to the community.

Watch Committee – That's us

Pat Sterner was not in attendance and there was no report given.

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

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

4 Get Well and 1 sympathy card were sent.

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Summer Youth Program – Carolyn Kerns

Carolyn was not in attendance. Dawn reports that the SYP is going well.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

Although the weather was cold and windy, the event was successful and there were no issues.

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

No report

Traffic Safety – Pat Sterner

No report. Remember to call 911 if you observe illegal driving, speeding, or other violations. Email issues to

ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com

MP50: Paul Treuer & Pat Sterner

Paul Treuer and Pat Sterner were not in attendance and there was no report given. To stay up to date on MP50, please 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.

Tonight, we had Community Police Officer Jeremy O'Connor give us an update on efforts to control traffic and speeding and to reinforce calling 911 for all speeding and safety issues. This is important as the number of calls 911 receives determines service and staffing levels to Park Point.

· Key points:

- o There will be DPD officers on bike patrol this summer
- o The electronic sign by the bridge will carry a message to reduce speed
- o There will be a speed trailer set up at the exit area of the parking lot at the end of the point.

Additional info regarding the number of calls and number of traffic citations and an overview of police activity will be available on our PPCC website next month. Again, we appreciate officer O'Connor keeping us posted on safety issues on the point and encourage neighbors to report any suspicious activity to 911. A brief Q&A followed the presentation.

James Gittmeir from the City of Duluth presented an update on the Walking Audit conducted on 4/26/25. Please go to the PPCC website for more information on results. He thanked neighbors for participating and requested volunteers for a new small group to plan for traffic calming options for the future. For additional info please watch the Breeze. A brief Q&A followed the presentation. A motion was made for a second reading to approve \$1500 to support hosting the Turning Point Summit held at the Beach House May 31, 2025. Motion approved.

National Neighborhood Night Out will be held August 5th 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Lafayette and the PPCC will be hosting the event this year. The Club is providing brats and lemonade and neighbors are bringing sides and desserts. Music is also being planned.

Dawn thanked all those who participated in the Beach Grass planting which was held June 12th. Thank you to Adam Fornear and the members of the Parks and Rec dept who assisted and hosted this community event

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm

.Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Good things happen in the garden: Visitors stroll through to see what and how we are planting to get ideas for their own gardens; Children from the Lafayette summer program play there and sample the edible plants to broaden their culinary knowledge; And, working gardeners discover a connection to Mother Earth as they work with the soil and the plants.

Sometimes the good things are more subtle, such as when I was recently watering the garden and discovered a delicious purple-tipped basil plant tucked into a corner of a tomato bed. That made me more keenly aware of the occasional edible flower plant popping up and how lovely the lacy fronds of the bolting asparagus plants are as the breeze dances through them. Look closely and see what good things you can find in the garden this season.

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In Ellie's talk, she explained the basics of fertilizers and how we apply them in the garden

Tips for reading a fertilizer package:

N is nitrogen, which promotes top growth in plants.

P is for phosphorus, which promoted bottom root growth.

K is for potassium, which promotes vigor and disease resistance

There will be a ratio of these ingredients listed on the package. With a little research, you will learn what ratios are best for each plant. Ratios are given with nitrogen first, phosphorus second and phosphorus third. The go-to ratio for most fertilizers is 10:10:10. However, many plants need a different ratio, such as tomatoes – they need higher phosphorus, so a ratio of 10:20:10 is better for them. All aspects of a garden need to be considered when choosing a fertilizer. In our community garden, we plant a rye cover crop in the fall that helps keep weeds out. It also adds nitrogen to the soil, so perhaps we need a ratio with less nitrogen. Keep in mind that inorganic fertilizers are quickly absorbed and used. Whereas, organic fertilizers are slower acting and improve soil quality.

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:

July 14: Potluck dinner meeting. Galen Treuer will share information about climate change.

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

-Susan Peters

Camp Lafayette Update:

Summer is in full swing with all the kiddos at Camp Lafayette, and we continue to be so grateful for the awesome summer opportunity this is for them.

Do you want to be part of our summer? We are calling all interested parties who want to spend a little time with the eager youth to join us! Do you have a favorite activity you'd like to share? A boat, a skill, a song, a dance? Email Carolyn at CampLafayetteParkPoint@gmail.com

Special thanks to the Garden Gurus, our volunteer group of "Edible Garden" community members who hang out and talk plants with the kids on Mondays

And if you have any summer supplies (sports equipment, water toys, art stuff, gardening tools, etc.,) we are always grateful for donations for our activities.

-Team Camp Lafayette

Lake Superior Sunday

Sunday worship service focuses on our relationship with Lake Superior

On Sunday, July 20, at 10 a.m., the worship at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will honor our relationship with Lake Superior. We will welcome members from St. Paul's Episcopal and all who want to join us. If the weather permits, we will have a split presence with some people worshipping on the beach directly behind the church, and others worshipping from inside the church.

All are invited. If you will be on the beach, bring a chair. Refreshments in our fellowship hall afterwards.

MP50's Partners Meeting and Turning Point Summit

MP50 and PPCC hosted two major events in May 2025 - the MP50 Partners Meeting and the Turning Point Summit public event - both of which showcased the launch of the Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Action Plan with goals, strategies and actions for collaborative work.

The Partner's Meeting, held on Friday, May 30, brought together 36 individuals representing the community and 23 organizations and agencies to identify coastal resilience action priorities and discuss coordination of work already underway. MP50 filled a facilitative leadership role to lead collaborative involvement among the partners

The Turning Point Summit was held on Saturday, May 31. This public event was attended by more than 200 community members and included 14 tabling partners and 7 presentations providing interactive materials and pertinent information. These two events, both community-led, contributed to a shift toward proactive and adaptive coastal resilience thinking and action, at both an organizational and individual level of effort.

Update on Section 111 Study

Jim Filby Williams, City of Duluth, wrote a letter to the Project Manager of the Minnesota Point Section 111 Study on June 16, 2025 requesting documentation on the following topics: timespan of culpability, determination of 'control volumes for sediment-budget calculations, history of beach nourishment, natural 'background' sediment loss, and treatment of uncertainty in sediment budget calculations. MP50 acknowledges the importance of answers to these questions and thanks the City for advocating for this level of rigor in the Section 111 Study.

Status of Grants

MP50 is working with a collaborative team of partners to secure a \$200,000 cooperative agreement with the US Fish & Wildlife Service to provide community education and partnership development in preparation for Old Grown Forest Management activities by the Scientific & Natural Area division of the DNR. Our partners at USFWS are guiding MP50 and its partners through the process. Funds are tentative until the cooperative agreement is in place.

MP50 is working through a final process for receipt of an Annual Opportunity grant in the amount of \$45,000 from the Minnesota DNR/Coastal Program to develop educational materials specific to Minnesota Point: Property Owners Guide, Visitors Guide, and Resilience Educational Series. Funds have tentatively been approved, with final approval pending through NOAA.

Update on Blowing Sand

City crews and volunteers from Park Point planted native dune grass plugs in the newly formed dunes between the lift bridge and 12th street on June 12th. The public is encouraged to avoid walking on the dunes in this area so the dune grass gets established.

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

Paul Treuer

Sand Dunes: Shifting Sands and Community Stewardship

Our dunes aren't just piles of sand—they're lively, ever-changing guardians of our coast. Shaped by wind, waves, and resilient native plants, these natural features protect our communities while offering incredible beauty.

The striking stretch of sand on Minnesota Point is a scenic and recreational treasure that acts as a protective barrier against coastal storms and erosion. It only does so if it is stabilized by native plants, such as American Beach grass, which is found only on Minnesota Point in Minnesota. Plants catch and hold the shifting sands, even as nature's forces continuously reshape them.

Yet, our dunes are fragile. Small disturbances—whether from off-trail wandering, removing native plants, or inadvertently introducing invasive species—can upset this natural balance. Protecting these dynamic landscapes is a shared responsibility, and every action counts.

How You Can Help

- Stick to Established Trails Always. Use the designated pathways when accessing the beach. New or unofficial trails can channel wind in ways that increase erosion and weaken the dunes. If your usual entry is too steep, consider temporary, low-impact solutions like a rollout ladder or a combined path.

- Support Native Plants. Native vegetation is the backbone of dune stability. When plants like American Beach grass flourish, they trap sand and build the dunes naturally. For any revegetation efforts, use only local native species and be sure to coordinate with local conservation staff—especially since state-protected plants may require special permits for removal or planting.

Respect Property Lines and Public Lands. Remember that a good portion of our dunes and beaches are public property. Always check with local authorities before starting any activity that might disturb these areas. Understanding permit requirements avoids unintended harm to this fragile ecosystem.

- Help Manage Invasive Species. Invasive plants can easily overrun the native species that our dunes depend on. Check wheels, shoes, and beach gear to be sure you are not carrying invasive plant parts or seeds. Learn to recognize them and consider using free tools such as EDDMaps to record and monitor their spread. Your participation in documenting these species can significantly aid local conservation efforts.

Our coastal dunes are a living legacy—beautiful, dynamic, and essential for protecting our communities. With thoughtful stewardship and each of us doing our part, we can keep these natural wonders vibrant and resilient. Whether you're a lifelong resident or a curious visitor, every mindful choice helps preserve the dunes for generations to come.

For more information, please contact:

For guidance regarding potential disruption of plants: DNR Regional Plant Ecologist, Karen Updegraff,
karen.updegraff@state.mn.us Duluth Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA):

<https://stewardshipnetwork.org/communities/duluth-cisma> Questions regarding public property and shoreland alterations: Planning and Development Division at the City of Duluth: planning@duluthmn.gov

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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:

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