



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

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

**Lafayette
Community Edible
Garden
No August Potluck
Join us for
National Night Out**

**Park Point
Community Club
No August Meeting
Next meeting
Sept. 16th**

**Park Point Flower
Garden Club
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Sue Solin
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**Neighborhood
Night Out
August 5th
Invite your
neighbors**



I had the privilege of riding aboard Marine 19, Duluth's fireboat, with Captain Kevin Haney in charge during a training mission. If there's ever a structure fire on Park Point, Marine 19 is dispatched along with ground crews and uses its powerful water cannon to help protect homes. Captain Haney has been with the Duluth Fire Department for 27 years, his calm leadership says everything. We Pointers are in very good hands, and that boat is always ready if we ever need it.

The Fourth of July was one to remember. The rain held off, and those of us on the bayside got to watch fireworks from both Barker's Island and Duluth lighting up the sky at the same time. Earlier that day, I was at a neighborhood party where Heidi and Dan invited me to play croquet. I hadn't played in twenty years, and I had an absolute blast! What a great community bonding experience!

I spoke with a couple visiting from a Viking cruise ship who said they wanted to experience a beach that's been nationally ranked. They were heading to Park Point to see it for themselves, seven miles of freshwater shoreline on the world's largest sandbar. Not a bad way to spend one day in Duluth.

I really enjoy hearing stories from people who have lived on the Point for a long time. It's so important to preserve these memories/stories for future generations of Pointers. Also, projects like MP50 and other Point focused efforts play a vital role in that preservation.

No matter the season or the weather, the Point gives us something to be thankful for. This is home!

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The Breeze

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President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

A quick reminder: In lieu of an August PPCC meeting, we will be gathering for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th at Lafayette, 530-730pm and are encouraging you to attend the public meeting on the third USACE Section 111 Study which is well underway. This study will determine the federal government's percentage of responsibility for the shoreline sediment starvation created by the construction of the piers on the north end of Park Point. The meeting date is tbd so watch the website and the Postcard sign on the S Curve. BTW It's never too late to join the Club; the membership dues fund The Breeze and PP community events, programs and initiatives which help Park Pointers stay informed and engaged.

PPCC shared a table with Minnesota Point 50 during the Aquarium's 25th year celebration on a rainy and stormy weekday. We had the opportunity to visit with Duluthians and many visitors who absolutely love Park Point and were happy to put a pin on a long map of Park Point showing their favorite spot. The kids were happy to talk about the beach and were hoping the rain would subside; they liked the MP50 stickers and stewardship pins. The event was quite memorable as the aquarium was struck by lightning not far from our set-up during our tabling time. Link to coverage.

Members of PPCC and MP50 attended the City Council meeting on July 21 to add public comment in support of the creation of a Transportation Commission. We were in touch with Councilor Randorf who was in favor of a yes vote; ultimately the motion was tabled awaiting edits from City Administration. Pat Sterner put together a package illustrating the Club's work going back many years seeking action to create a safer and better experience for residents and visitors to Park Point. Mayor Reinert and Councilors Randorf and Tomanek conducted the Park Point Walking Audit with us on April 26 and observed the needs, challenges and concerns first hand during the walk between Franklin Park and the Bridge.

Did you know this about Franklin Park?

"Located on Minnesota Point, Franklin Square was established in 1856 but served as the site of a cemetery and a U. S. Life Saving Station before it was used for recreation. Today the original square contains the Franklin Tot Lot playground and the park has been expanded to the Lake Superior shore where it is known as the Franklin Bathing Beach. 1220 S. Lake Ave. , Duluth, MN 55802" from the City of Duluth website. Side note, a neighbor told me that he remembers seeing a few visiting chimpanzees in the trees by the Franklin Beach parking lot back in the 1970s.

Our 1980 Morgan motorsailer "Magneta" continues to take us on new adventures, some right near the dock. A big thank you to Bob at Precision Points Machining in Proctor for his superb work on our driveshaft; the Perkins is purring smoothly with no more unpleasant and unsettling vibrations. Our boating educational journey continues during each voyage and we thank our boating friends and mentors for their willingness to share ideas, stories and help with problem solving. We recently ventured out into the big lake for the first time last weekend and returned under the bridge with the Pride of Baltimore and a dual cannon blast salute, how cool is that? We continue to make progress in the goals of floating and no fires and last winter's projects make the boating experience even better; see you on the water.

Here's to the extraordinary opportunities that Park Point living offers each day!
Dawn & Zion, Intrepid Extra Large Schnauzer

MP 50



Grants

We are finalizing the paperwork for the US Fish & Wildlife Service \$200,000 grant and anticipate beginning the first phases of community education about the proposed work in August. We also anticipate receiving \$45,000 from the DNR/Coastal Program later this year to create the property owners and recreational visitors guide. We are focused on raising additional funds for infrastructure and operations to keep up with our success in receiving project funds.

Turning Point Summit Results

Thanks to a grant from Climate Mayor’s Community Climate Implementation Fund, MP50 and the PPCC hosted two major events in May 2025 - the Partners Meeting and the Turning Point Summit public event—both of which showcased the launch of the Coastal Resilience Action Plan. Both events exceeded our expectations!

The Partners Meeting 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 in the community, and at organizations and agencies.

MP50’s role in this meeting was to facilitate collaborative involvement among the Partners. This represents a significant shift from Partners working in silos to seeking collaborative opportunities among Partners for aligned actions that will have a long-term impact on Minnesota Point’s ecosystems, community, and economy.

The Turning Point Summit public event marked the third time focused education and awareness-building activities regarding Minnesota Point as a critical environment of coastal resilience was provided by PPCC and MP50. The momentous difference for this public Summit was the unveiling of the strategic plan for Coastal Resilience Action. The event was attended by more than 200 community members and included 14 tabling partners and 7 presentations providing interactive materials and pertinent information. Community members had a chance to comment on the Action Plan and consider ways for the community to become directly involved as stewards of Minnesota Point.

These community-led events contributed to a shift toward proactive and adaptive coastal resilience thinking and action, and have set the stage for future action at both an organizational and individual level. A huge thank you to the Park Point Community Club for incredible support for these events – both the generous contribution AND the fabulous food made and provided by quite a few members! We are finalizing the project report (working with our consultant), and will post it on the website for public review.

Great Lakes Aquarium 25th Anniversary Celebration

MP50 and PPCC had a Partners Table at the Great Lakes Aquarium’s 25th anniversary celebration on July 23 from 12 noon to 4 pm. We showcased the Coastal Resilience Action Plan and highlighted Minnesota Point as part of the Great Lakes Hope Spot.

Park Point Community Club Minutes

The July 2025 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on July 15th, 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 June meeting. Motion was approved to accept the minutes. All in attendance voted aye.

Treasurers Report -Mary Treuer

Current balance - \$39,875

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

No report

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Diane Gould gave a brief update and positive feedback. There were 50 new artist and turnout was good other than a brief time Sunday with the rain. Thank You to all who helped volunteer to bring this event to the community.

Watch Committee – That's us

Please go to the website to see the report submitted by our Community Service officer. There's a lot of good info regarding activity going on, on the Point this past month. There is an online reporting option also, so please go to the PPCC website to view. Please continue to monitor activity that seems suspicious as well as traffic concerns and report to 911.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

2 Get Well cards were sent.

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Summer Youth Program – Carolyn Kerns

Dawn reports that the SYP is going well and the kids are having fun! Please contact Carolyn if you would like to volunteer or assist with an activity.

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 & Pat Sterner

The Turning Point Summit was a success with over 200 people in attendance. There was good representation from area agencies for the Summit. Thank you to the Club for hosting and providing \$1500 in funds. Several grants are being finalizing to assist with implementation of the Coastal Resilience Program. 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. Alan is looking at a refresh with some new ideas. More to come.

Please continue to submit items of interest.

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 can bring sides and desserts. Music is also being planned. If you would be willing to volunteer to set up, clean up or offer assistance, please reach out to Dawn Buck.

The club voted unanimously to cancel the August Club meeting in lieu of National Night out.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Rain, rain, rain, will it ever stop and give us a chance to work in the garden? The weeds are taking over and plants need to be maintained. Forgive us if you visit the garden before we have a chance to clean the place up. We try to do that most Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. Join us if you have a few minutes to spare.

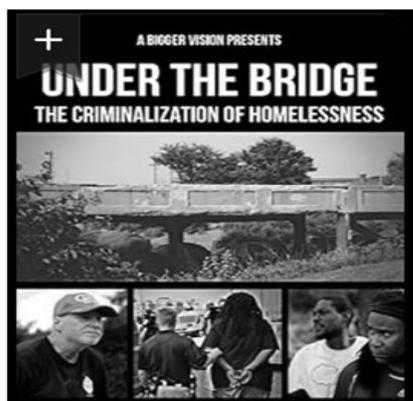
We invite everyone to contribute to our compost piles inside the fence and the lake-side of the garden. When bringing kitchen waste to the compost pile, please steer clear of the melon plants growing in the compost. Chop up large chunks, such as melon rinds, crush your egg shells, and cover your contributions.

At our July 14 potluck dinner meeting, we met new garden member Galen Treuer, Ph.D. Last fall, Galen moved from Miami back to Duluth, his hometown. He brought with him a vast knowledge of climate change and resilience issues. Currently, he is the Regional Director for the Risk + Resilience Tech Hub, a public-private partnership in South Florida that is bringing a new generation of resilient infrastructure to the market. Prior, he led climate tech and economic development efforts for Miami-Dade County, where he worked with the private sector to pursue the County's climate resilience goals and catalyze regional investment in resilience technology. He served on the Department of the Interior's Climate Adaptation Science Advisory Council and has worked to drive transformational climate action for over 15 years. He holds a Ph.D. in environmental science and policy from University of Miami and a B.A. in economics from Oberlin College. At our meeting, Galen led a question-and-answer session about how a changed climate is shifting the risks we manage and stretching the systems we use to manage those risks.

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

-Susan Peters



Award winning documentary
on the criminalization of homelessness in the U.S.

Monday, August 18
6:00 PM
St. Andrew's by the Lake
Discussion to follow the viewing.
All are invited.

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Under the Bridge: The Criminalization of Homelessness is a documentary film about one summer in Indianapolis, a tent city under a bridge, a man named Maurice, and the criminalization of homelessness in the United States. The unofficial "mayor" of the Davidson St. camp, Maurice is an older man who has dropped out of "normal" society to minister to the homeless. His camp under a railroad track becomes a real community, supported by church volunteers, until police and bulldozers close in to shut it down. The documentary will be shown at St. Andrew's by the Lake, followed by a discussion on Monday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

TRAFFIC SAFETY-NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

Officer Jeremy O'Connor has been busy on our behalf, providing quite a few updates on actions taken by DPD for traffic and neighborhood safety, including:

- Placement of a brand new electronic speed/sign trailer the exit of the Beach House stretch to catch those leaving that area;
- Placement of a 'new' decoy squad car that is moved every couple of days;
- Increased patrols by DPD Officers and CSOs for visibility at all times of day, as well as the parking unit and bike patrol officers;
- Point-specific police coverage during the Festival of Sail when the bridge was up for extended periods of time to respond to 911 calls and overall safety.

Our calls to 911 reporting incidents are working! Since June:

- Over 100 proactive patrol incidents including traffic stops, person stops, in park after hours, dedicated traffic enforcement, watching for suspicious activity, etc. (Most notable traffic stop was for 61mph (not a PP resident). 17 year old "late for volleyball" at the beach house. So he received a ticket for 61 in a 30 and a parent got a phone call.)
- 10 reports to 911 of traffic/vehicle complaints (mostly for a speeding vehicle)
- Criminal activity very minimal except for June 30 in the early morning hours when a prowler hit the point.

PLEASE KEEP CALLING 911 – THE VOLUME OF REPORTS IS IMPORTANT TO SHOW TRENDS ON ALL INCIDENTS AND THE TIME THEY TAKE PLACE.

Walking Audit/City Engineering next steps: A work group will be formed to identify priorities for action and report back to the PPCC. Dave Halvorson and Steve Vosefski have volunteered to be on the Work Group. PPCC members highlighted: trimming bushes back from the sidewalks; sand removal from sidewalks and driveways; taking action on illegal Lakeside parking.

Neighborhood Watch: We continue to have reported car break-ins and attempted car thefts. Lock your doors! And FYI, Side-by-Sides are not legal to drive on city streets. Remember to call 911 if you see any suspicious activity!

Respectfully submitted, Pat Sterner

Are you ready for a *Fresh Breeze*?

There was a discussion at the last Executive Board meeting of the Park Point Community Club on what we could do to bring a bit of "fresh blood" into the club. One thing that was suggested was that we "freshen up" the Breeze a bit. *The Breeze* is the communications arm of the PPCC, printing the meeting minutes and reports of committees. But it's meant to be more than that. It doesn't just go out to just community club members, but ALL Park Pointers. And it's intended to reflect the interests of all of us. Though I regularly receive submissions from some Park Point groups – The Edible Garden Club stands out – though not a Part of the Community Club, and not limited to Park Pointers, there's a lot of overlap, and I regularly print their articles. Not quite as frequently, The Duluth Rowing Club, with members throughout the city, also submits articles of interest. Same with the Duluth Superior Sailing Association. But there's so much more going on down here. For over a year now I've been receiving pictures and articles from our neighbor Mike (of Vibe with Mike) on the ships plying our harbor. And I love them, and I know there are a lot of boat watchers on the Point. But I'd like to hear from the "small boat" people as well. Do you sail in the Wednesday night races. Fish on the big lake, or up the river? Or maybe you just have an interesting boat you'd like to tell us about. And that's just on the water. Do you fly out of Sky Harbor? Or are you more into birds. I know there's a big birding community out here. What are you seeing?

Yes, we are hoping for that overlap. Hoping that seeing your interests reflected here will draw you into the Park Point Community Club. But the Breeze really is for all residents. You don't need to be a member to enjoy it, or submit articles to it. Part of the "refresh" will be to re-design *The Breeze* to make more space for "fun" articles. I know there's a lot going on out there. Let us all in on it.

Alan Dartanyan, Breeze Editor

A couple quick reminders: Just as we need to shovel our walks in the Winter, we need to trim overhanging trees and bushes in the Summer. Keep our sidewalks accessible for all.

And though I like feeding birds, there are a few species it's best not to encourage. Gulls, Geese and crows are the obvious ones, but also pigeons. Large flocks of them can be a real nuisance.

Submissions to *The Breeze* can be sent to

breezeditor@msn.com

Deadline for submissions is always the 27th of the previous month.

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

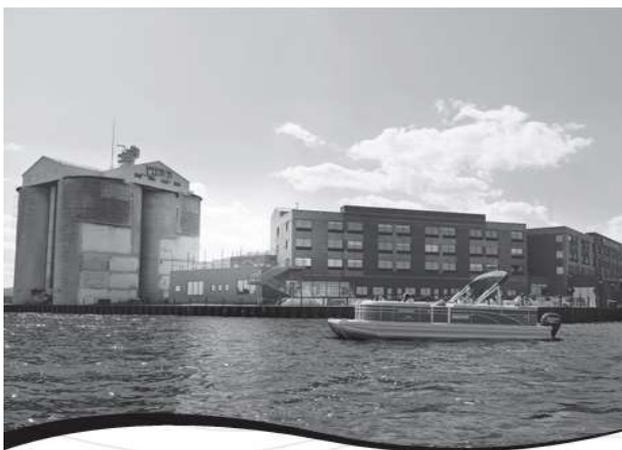
Dog issues: Shelter: 218-723-3259 On-duty Cell phone 218-390-2256

Parks & Rec: aformear@duluthmn.gov

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