

The Breeze

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Upcoming Events

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

**Park Point
Community
Club
November
18th
6:45 social
7PM meeting
at Lafayette**

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

**Have you
tested your
snowblower
?**



When the Edmund Fitzgerald vanished on Lake Superior on November 10, 1975, Park Point quietly became part of that history. The Coast Guard Cutter Woodrush was stationed here on the Point. When the call came in that the Fitzgerald was in trouble, the crew was ordered to report immediately. The time was around 9:30pm, and before long, the Woodrush was preparing to head out into one of the worst storms the Great Lakes had ever seen.

One of those crew members was my friend Bob Kaldahl. He had only been stationed in Duluth for three months when the call came. Bob told me the waves were so fierce that the Aerial Lift Bridge had to be raised a quarter of the way and held there because the water was hitting the underside of the bridge deck. Cars had to wait on both sides until enough traffic built up to make it worth lowering again.

It's one thing to read about history, but it's another to talk with someone who lived it. Bob said that storm was the worst he ever faced in his entire Coast Guard career. Those Coast Guardsmen from Duluth showed true courage that night as they went out in the darkness, knowing the risks but answering the call anyway. Fifty years later, we all remember the Fitzgerald, but we should also remember the Woodrush and the crew that left from our own shoreline. It's an honor to call Bob a friend. He lives in North Carolina now, but his story still lives here on the Point.

By: Vibe with Mike

President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

These changing days of autumn on Park Point are spectacular with the colors both on land and on the water, the skies, the somewhat quieter evenings plus the apple pie and cake that wonderful neighbors bring over to share :) If you need more apples, please head over to 2400 Minnesota Ave and pick a whole bunch from the loaded trees.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday, November 18 plus if you'd like to get to know more about your neighbors who garden and who really know how to cook, check out the Lafayette Edible Garden Potluck on Monday, November 10 at 6pm.

We thank Mayor Reinert for bringing several members of the City's new Section 111 team to the October meeting and assuring Park Pointers that the City remains a committed partner on this important work. Our feelings of frustration and concern over the possibility of another failed study due to several key factors brought the new team to our meeting and we are grateful to Roger, Kate Kubiak, Shawna Weaver, John Dukich for their quick change of plans to join us to answer questions and relay next steps in our partnership on the project. City Council Chairperson Terese Tomanek also attended to listen and check in plus we were fortunate to have our Parks and Rec. Specialist Adam Fornear with us and also Officer Jeremy O'Connor who gave us solid tips on crime prevention and talked about incidents on Park Point, new technology now in use by officers and how the hiring of new officers is going. Thank you to everyone who supported the pizza party for the Community Service Officers, a photo is posted on our website, www.parkpointcommunityclub.org. Jeremy will keep in touch and attend meetings when it works, he may also start sending in a bit for The Breeze which will be a nice addition. Photos from the meeting on 10/21 are here. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/2EZfA1GFioY9K9CSA>

The installation of the second line of fencing to manage the windblown sand on 10/15 was completed in short order by a team of Park Point volunteers and the City crew who happened to get an early start that day and made rapid progress. When volunteers arrived at 1pm, there was a relatively short section to wrap up. If you arrived after 1:45pm, the project was finished and the City crew was able to move on to other projects in their work queue. Thank you to everyone who supported this project and we will let you know when the next planting of dune grass will take place. Photos from the fence project are here. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/6FimVwew2eD53EH86>

I saw these images in a real estate ad from South Lake Ave, wow, and if you have sand to move, please refer to the letter from Cliff Knettel with the City which is posted on the Club's website. Link to photos is here. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/bS2WdzS5gt5nw75o8>

Planning for summer 2026 activities is already underway and to get involved with the Art Fair, contact Diane Gould, 218-727-4067 and for the summer youth program, Camp Lafayette, contact Rory Strange or a member of the executive board.

Thank you for being an engaged and kind neighbor and hope to see you soon!

Dawn and Zion, 100 pound comfort schnauzer

Volunteers wanted for a fun community event

June 27th and 28th will be the 55th Park Point Art Fair. Please consider joining our committee to help with the planning.

Call Carla for details. 218-348-7338



Park Point Community Club Minutes

The October 2025 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on October 21st 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.

The rules were suspended to allow guests to have the opportunity to speak to the Club.

Mayor Reinert introduced members of the team that will be working with MP50 regarding the Section 111 Study being done by the Army Corps of Engineers. For more in depth information, please see Paul Treuer and Pat Sterner's reports on the website and in the Breeze.

Jeremy O'Connor our Community Service Officer thanked the Club for their donation for the Pizza party for the Community Service Officers. Additionally, Officer O'Connor provided a handout for ways homeowners can safeguard and protect home and property. Officer O'Connor also gave a brief breakdown of activity within the community and encouraged residents to report suspicious activity and traffic violations via 911.

Dawn thanked the guests from the City of Duluth and officer O'Connor for providing updates. The regular Club meeting started at 7:54pm.

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

Treasurers Report -Mary Treuer

Current balance – \$35,000 in the bank – Finance report was approved.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

No report

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

First meeting for the 2026 Art Fair will be Nov 5th. Looking for additional members to continue this community event. If you'd like to be involved, contact Diane Gould. 727-0467

Watch Committee – That's us

Please continue to monitor activity that seems suspicious as well as traffic concerns and report to 911. There has been an increase in car prowls, so please lock your homes and cars to prevent further issues.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

No cards were sent

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith

No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No Report

Summer Youth Program – Carolyn Kerns

An update will be available from Carolyn Kerns at the November Club meeting. Again, thank you for a great summer youth program.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

No report.

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

No report

Traffic Safety – Brian Ruggle

Traffic Safety committee will now be managed by Brian Ruggle. Email issues to ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.

MP50: Paul Treuer & Pat Sterner 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

Please continue to submit items of interest.

Tom Rauschenfels/Greg Peterson gave an update on the successful 2025 Rowing Club season with many new rowers participating.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Our October 13 potluck dinner meeting fell on Columbus Day/ Indigenous People's Day. So, we celebrated with a talk by garden member Aaron Prim, who is also a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. He gave a brief historical narrative about his tribe and its lifestyle. Their homes were multi-generational, timber-framed earth lodges covered with thatched roof, dirt and sod. They were bison hunters and during the hunt, the tribe would live in teepees, which they carried with them. Through the oral history and allegorical stories filled with magic and sacred messages passed down through the generations, the tribe's members developed compassion for people and animals in need. This carries forward into contemporary way of life for this tribe. At one time, this tribe was large and spanned across much of the central American states. Now, the tribe's mere 5,000 members are a shadow of their former strength.

Winter squash, which is being harvest now, was also a topic of conversation at the October potluck. Members shared some of their favorite uses for this vegetable. These included vegan butternut squash soup made with aromatic vegetable; delicata squash filled with wild rice pilaf; and slices of roasted pie pumpkins topped with a creamy toasted walnut sauce.

It's a go. Despite a low yield of garlic this year because of blight, we planted another in new garden beds. We will keep our fingers crossed that our 2026 harvest will be better than this year's.

October garden work included spreading woodchips in the garden paths, planting rye in empty garden beds, pruning and weeding, and harvesting the last of the summer veggies ("TONS"...well, not quite tons as Missy suggests, but certainly lots of mild and hot peppers, summer squash and walking onions) and a lot of cold-weather veggies (greens, brussels sprouts, winter squash). These Indian summer days really keep the garden verdant and producing!

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.

Compost Update:

Missy says, "When bringing kitchen scraps to the compost piles, please try to avoid the melon plants and cover your scraps. Please smash the egg shells and chop up large pieces such as watermelon rinds."

Also, please bring your fall leaves to the compost bins in the garden and dump them into the compost inside the fenced area.

Upcoming Potluck Dinner Meetings:

November 10, 6 to 8 p.m. - Brainstorm for the December holiday party. Come with your ideas!

December 8, 6 to 8 p.m, holiday party

-Susan Peter

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9:45 am
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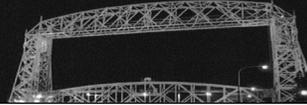
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MP50 is Taking Action. We are thrilled to report there is a lot of action taking place over the past month across multiple program areas identified as priorities by MP50. Some of the highlights are the following:

Convene Minnesota Point partner organizations to engage in action planning and reporting. The MP50 Board hosted a zoom meeting with partners October 8, 2025 to discuss the 2025-2026 list of prioritized Minnesota Point Resilience actions in respect to how partners are engaged in areas of interest.

Recommend zoning and permitting policies to the City of Duluth that preserve the affordability and character of Park Point. An excellent article, "[Duluth Poised to Pause New Vacation Rentals.](#)" with background information and quotes from Park Pointers was published Oct. in the Minnesota Star Tribune describing the situation well.

Write and distribute the Minnesota Point Visitor and Homeowner Guides. MP50, with funding from Minnesota Lake Superior Coastal Program, is hiring an individual to help develop these materials. MP50 will be posting an RFP for that position on the MP50 website in November.

Promote knowledge sharing through the Minnesota Point Community of Practice. A group of 41 college students enrolled in Environmental Hazards at University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, toured Wisconsin and Minnesota Points October 6, 2025. MP50 met with the group for two hours during which time the students asked many questions about the challenges we are facing. Students are developing and sharing story boards about what they learned here.

Enhance and protect public Minnesota Point beaches and parks. On October 15th Park Point community volunteers and city workers installed a second row of fence to build dunes on the north end of the Point. Work proceeded rapidly because of many helping hands.

Work with the City of Duluth and the US Army Corps of Engineers to reduce long-term shoreline erosion and flooding. City officials and Park Point members met with the USACE on Oct. 1st to discuss delays in the Section 111 Study. The mayor, following a meeting with the Park Point Community Club Oct. 21st, sent a letter to Senator Amy Klobuchar requesting her support.

Build MP50 to be a well-funded and staffed non-profit organization. The MP50 board is joined by three new members: Shawna Weaver, Director of Learning and Engagement at Great Lakes Aquarium, Galen Treuer, Resilience Coordinator for Strategic Outcomes, and Andrew Bentley, Deputy Commissioner at Minnesota Office of Management and Budget. MP50 is hiring a part time Operations Coordinator; the position is posted on the MP50 website.

MP50 is a non-profit organization leading efforts to ensure the ecological, cultural, and economic resilience of Minnesota Point. Visit MP50 at: <https://minnesotapoint50.org>

PART-TIME BOARD OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

We're hiring! We're looking for a **Part-Time Board Operations Coordinator** to join our team. This contract position offers up to 40 hours per month and is ideal for an organized and detail-oriented individual. Duties include meeting coordination, website and social media support, and digital file management. Ready to apply? Job Description can be found on the MP50 website: www.Minnesotapoint50.org

Submit cover letter, resume and qualifications to:

Patricia Sterner Chair, Minnesota Point 50

[Email:patricia.sterner@minnesotapoint50.org](mailto:patricia.sterner@minnesotapoint50.org)

Park Point Artist Exhibit at the Great Lakes Aquarium

Our neighbor Natalija Walbridge will be exhibiting her fabric collages at the Great Lakes Aquarium this November and December. Inspired by daily views of Hearing Island, she creates portraits of animals and the habitats that sustain them, blending observation, memory, and material to tell the story of this special place.

Everyone's welcome at the artist reception on Thursday, November 14, from 6–8 p.m. The show will be on view until January 3, 2026. There is no entrance fee to visit the gallery.

Foxy (mom cat) and her 6 mo. Old kittens need a loving home.

They are a sweet family so we are trying to adopt them together if possible or in pairs/three.

Each has a different and fun personality, feisty, playful, and loving. Call or text if you would like to meet them

Lisa 218-591-9080



Note: They have been
Vaccinated and
Neutered/Spayed

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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

Parks & Rec: afornear@duluthmn.gov

Animal Control 218-730-4846

City Councilor Roz Randorf rrandorf@duluthmn.gov 218-443-8364

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Looking for a bit of exercise combined with socialization? Join us in learning to dance to traditional Scottish reels, jigs and strathspey reel tunes. More closely related to ballroom dancing than 'folk' dance', Scottish Country Dancing became popular in the 18th Century as a relief from more formal 'court' dances.

Classes will begin Tuesday evenings in November, and run from 6:30-8 pm. The first classes will include basic stretches to protect dancers from injury. Wear comfortable clothing and flexible-type shoes (casual tennis shoes will work to start). While generally danced in pairs, we encourage singles to join. This is all in fun!

