

The Breeze

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Upcoming Events

**Lafayette
Community
Edible Garden
Potluck
January 12th
6-8 PM at
Lafayette**

**Park Point
Community
Club
Annual
Membership
Meeting and
Pizza Party
January 20th
6:30 pizza,
7:00 meeting
at Lafayette**

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

**Happy
New Year**



Happy New Year 2026, Pointers! January settles in quickly here, and life on the island eases into its winter rhythm. Whether you are on the Lakeside with snow covering the beach and ice stacked along the shoreline or on the Bayside where Superior Bay is fully frozen over, Park Point feels especially close knit this time of year.

Winter has a way of reminding us where we live and that we live on an island. As you drive down Minnesota Ave or Lake Ave, the wind finds its way between the houses with nothing to slow it down. It does not matter if you are coming from the Bayside or the Lakeside, there is no hiding from it. That steady push of cold air is simply part of everyday life on the Point.

Seasonal routines have fully returned. Many of us have gone to the corner of the garage, brushed the spiderwebs off the roof rake, and put it back to work pulling snow down from the roof. It is one of those small tasks that quietly signals winter has settled in for good.

Out on the bay, ice fishing houses sit scattered and still, settled in for the season and blending naturally into daily life here.

The harbor also brought a moment worth remembering. The Polsteam Rudno recently made its first ever arrival in Duluth. Newly built in 2025, the ship measures 656 feet in length, is registered in Portugal, and stands out with four massive deck cranes after a journey that began in Egypt and continued through Canada before arriving to load wheat.

Winter walks bring quieter rewards. After fresh snowfall, fox paw prints press into the snow along the beach and through the dunes, signs that the Park Point foxes are moving across the island long before most of us are awake.

As the new year settles in, the shipping season moves toward its January 15th close. Stay warm and settle into another January on the island.

By: Vibe with Mike

President's Report

Dear Neighbors,

Hoping to see you at the membership drive celebration at Lafayette on Tuesday, January 20; pizza at 630pm and meeting at 7pm.

The Lafayette Community Edible Garden holiday potluck launched the 2025 holiday party season on Dec. 8th; what a fun and joyful evening despite the buffet table collapsing :(Thankfully, the recovery was quick and the cleanup wasn't too bad. Here is a link to photos. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/9kP8rc77gz2kEHmSA>

I hope the season's festivities have exceeded your expectations. It's a time to ponder life's joys and challenges and what next year might bring. I am grateful for my wonderful neighbors who are there for us on good and bad days, who are thoughtful listeners, excellent cooks, artists and the kind of people with whom you enjoy chatting, sharing cookies, jams, tools & stories around the human condition. I received a fabulous Lake Superior calendar created by a neighbor; the stunning photos make flipping the calendar's page at the end of the month a real treat. Thank you wonderful neighbors!

We are still waiting to hear about the next meeting with the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the third Section 111 Study which was launched in 2021. Kate Kubiak with the City of Duluth is in touch with Bridget Rohn, Project Manager, USACE Detroit District on the date of release of modeling report and the percent culpability of the USACE. Stay tuned for important updates and the location of the next public meeting.

Next year will bring opportunities to serve on the PPCC Executive Board, several seats will be open and the election is in May. Meanwhile, committee members are busy getting the 2026 Art Fair planning underway and are in conversations about a summer youth program at Lafayette. A Club nominating committee will be seeking candidates for the May election; this might be your time to shine. If you'd like more information on what the Club is and does and might do, reach out anytime, parkpointcc@gmail.com. See you on January 20th!

Meanwhile, wishing you peace and wonderment as you ponder all of the possibilities for 2026,

Dawn & Zion, bonafide canine connoisseur of fresh bread on the counter

Time for the Park Point Community Club's Annual Membership Drive!

We like to kick off the drive with a pizza party, during our January meeting – on January 20th this year. It's a great chance to pay your dues, meet your neighbors, and enjoy free pizza. Of course, not everyone wants to come out on a cold January night – or a hot August night, for that matter. And that's ok. You can join any time, and mail in your dues if you'd like. Though we very much encourage our neighbors to come to our meetings, and participate in Club events, even "silent members" benefit the Community. Your membership dues help pay for Community Club projects, including The Breeze. Printing the Breeze is one of the largest monthly expenses for the Club – and the Breeze is delivered to everyone on the Point, member or not. So if you enjoy reading the Breeze, or participate in the Park Point Rummage Sale, attend the Park Point Art Fair, like seeing the kids playing outside with Camp Lafayette in the Summer, or skating on the rink in the Winter, please consider joining the Park Point Community Club!

Park Point Community Club Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Check this box for email subscription

Number of Memberships _____ X \$10.00 _____

Please mail checks to:

Park Point Community Club

PO Box 16326

Duluth MN 55816-0326

The Park Point Community Club publishes a list of member names (w/o contact details.)

Check here if you agree to be included on the list.

Check here if you prefer to remain anonymous.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

“The food was amazing. Everyone outdid themselves!” -Val Kennedy.

“We had a blast at our holiday party. After the party, we delivered more than 35 boxes of donated cereal to the CHUM food shelf and 2 huge bags of sox to Damiano.” -Coral McDonnell.

“One member found a great guessing game involving caricatures /cartoons of various Christmas songs. Each table competed to see who could name them all. So many people dressed for the occasion in elf & Santa costumes along with Christmas themed sweaters & hats.” -Ellie Alspach
Those are just few of the comments expressed by attendees to our holiday potluck dinner party in December. Did you think that community gardeners did nothing other than dig in the dirt? On the contrary, COMMUNITY figures large in our organization. We connect, make friends, and socialize together. Perhaps this will be the year more Park Pointers participate in the community garden or attend our monthly potluck dinners. We welcome everyone. It’s a great way to get to know your neighbors.

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:

Keep bringing kitchen scraps to the compost piles. Please smash the egg shells and chop up large pieces of produce. The compost bins in the garden are inside the fenced area.

Upcoming Potluck Dinner Meetings -

Save the Dates:

12

Feb 9

Mar 9

April 13

May 11

-Susan Peters



Pictures from the Holiday Party!

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Bible Study Group

Mondays, January 12 - February 16
10:00 - 11:30 AM
St. Andrew's Mission Hall

Together we'll explore some of the Hebrew Bible's most popular passages as quoted in the New Testament by reading and discussing *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler, and watching companion videos. No prior experience in scripture study is needed.

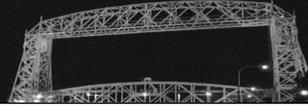
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MP50 Breeze Report



MP50 Looks Forward to the New Year. MP50 and its partners are working on multiple projects in the 2026 Action Plan to build resilience on the Point. The key to success is input and support from our community. The Park Point Community Club, at its November meeting, introduced and voted unanimously to approve a resolution supporting the efforts of MP50, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Minnesota DNR, and City of Duluth to return good fire to Minnesota Point.

Manidoo Ishkodeng. This month, the Minnesota Point partner groups working together to return beneficial fire to Minnesota Point's pine forests agreed upon a project name which will help build a sense of cohesiveness, provide for consistent communication, and remind us of our shared intention. The name is "Azhe-Manidoo Mino-Ishkodeng Zhagawaamikong-Neyaashi: Returning the Spirit of Good Fire to Minnesota Point," or "Manidoo Ishkodeng" for short. The first part is in the Ojibwe language, translation and correct grammar offered by Fond Du Lac elders Ricky Defoe and Vern Northrup. In addition, smaller working groups have formed to focus on specific aspects of the project: Partnership Building, Communications & Community Engagement, Conserving Habitat, and Burn Operations.

MP50 Organizational Effectiveness. The MP50 board of directors acknowledges the contributions of all board members. Three 2025 board members who have made significant contributions this year and are stepping down from the board are Gary Glass, Brittany Prim and Dan Ross. Thank you very much for your guidance and help! This has been a productive year for MP50; your assistance helped to make it so. Next year their positions on the board will be taken on by Shawna Weaver, Andrew Bentley and Galen Treuer. We welcome these new board members.

MP50 is hiring the following positions: Part time MP50 Board Operations Coordinator and Minnesota Point Coastal Resilience Education and Engagement Project Coordinator. Both positions are open and, once hiring is completed, will begin work early in the new year. Visit the Minnesota Point 50 website for details of each position. Please apply or share these positions with your contacts.

MP50 is hosting the MP50 Partners Meeting on January 13, 2026 at the Great Lakes Aquarium. Partners will review and update the Minnesota Point 2026 Action Plan. Results of the meeting will be 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>

From Community Police Officer Jeremy O'Conner

Many of you who read The Breeze have seen the tips given in the past on crime prevention techniques such as locking your doors, hiding valuables from plain sight, etc. but what happens when the unfortunate event of someone breaking into your vehicle or property occurs? While these incidents are rare and usually happen without the property owner being present, every now and then they occur with you or others present. Obviously in that scenario a direct call to 911 is best but for now we'll look at what to do in the usual case of coming upon it after the fact.

A call to 911 at the time of finding your house, garage, shed, etc. has been broken into is preferred. For burglaries, an officer will want to respond in person (vehicle prowls are usually handled over the phone or can be reported online without calling 911). The dispatcher fielding your call will ask if you believe the suspect has left the scene. If you're unsure or don't feel comfortable going inside to check, officers will take care of checking. If there was damage/force used to break in such as pry marks, boot marks, broken window or other signs, the responding officer will want to photograph those and check for any physical evidence like fingerprints so don't touch much or attempt to clean it up until okayed by the officer. After making the 911 call, you should start reviewing any home security camera footage to see if anything was captured. You'll also want to think about the timeline for when this may have happened.

Once an officer is with you, they'll do their normal investigation work which will include an interview of you to narrow down details, speak with neighbors, check city owned cameras in the area, photograph and collect evidence among other things that may be deemed critical in assisting the investigation.

One important thing an officer will need to collect from you will be a complete and accurate list of what items were taken. Something critical to add to this list will be serial numbers along with any make/model information. How many people reading this could provide serial numbers without looking at the items themselves? Now might be a good time to create a list that can be saved and is accessible. Start with items received as a Christmas present then try adding an item a day. Examples of items where this would be critical include firearms, electronics, bicycles and tools. With this information officers can add that into the national database so if an item turned up in Barnum or Texas or anywhere in between, it can be traced back to you. Without that information, your item might be as good as gone. Photos of your items can also help as well.

Again, these incidents are rare but preparing yourself for the worst can make you less stressed in a stressful situation.

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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: aformear@duluthmn.gov

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