

The Breeze

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Upcoming Events

**Ojibway
Storytelling about
Fire March 5
5PM potluck,
6PM stories**

**Burn Site visit
March 7th, 2-4PM
Discussion 5-7PM**

**Lafayette
Community
Edible Garden
Potluck
March 9th, 6-8 PM
at Lafayette**

**Park Point
Community Club
March 17th
6:45 social
7PM meeting
at Lafayette**

**Park Point
Rummage Sale
June 12 & 13**

**Park Point Art
Fair
June 27 & 28**

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

**Smelt Parade
May 17th
Get your silver
ready!**

Duluth Ship Cam at Canal Park 02/17/26 08:19:37 AM
Next Ship: Late March



March on Park Point has always felt like a quiet turning point. Ice still holds the shoreline, and the wind off Lake Superior reminds us that winter is not quite finished. Yet the days are growing longer. The evening light stretches a little farther, and you can sense the shift. We are close. We have almost made it.

One of the strongest signs of change each March is the work of the United States Coast Guard icebreaker Spar carving a path through the harbor. Watching it push through thick ice is a powerful sight. Its steady progress opens the shipping lanes, preparing Duluth for the return of vessels that will soon arrive and depart once again. There is something reassuring about that sound of steel against ice. It signals movement, purpose, and the beginning of another season.

March 25th marks the official start of the Great Lakes shipping season. Soon we will hear it again, the deep echo of ship horns rolling across the water and through the Point. The sight of the Aerial Lift Bridge rising for an arriving freighter never gets old. After a long, quiet winter, those sounds and sights feel like the harbor coming back to life.

This year also brings something new. I recently installed the “Duluth Ship Cam at Canal Park,” a live streaming camera created for our shared viewing pleasure. It runs 24/7/365, even in the coldest weather. I intentionally positioned it to showcase Park Point as much as possible, offering clear real time views of Duluth and our beautiful island as winter slowly gives way to spring.

By: Vibe with Mike

President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

We surely have a lot going on this spring and this will be a "short" note to remind you to check the website (www.parkpointcommunityclub.org) for updates on these and additional opportunities on and related to Park Point:

- March brings the forming of a nominating committee to find new board members for the PPCC; two volunteers have expressed interest in working on the committee. I started this post in my 40's and I've long passed the big 6-0! I am excited to see the Club's work (and fun) continue long into the future. The bullet points below represent engaged neighbors and partners who continue to inspire me :) and I hope you might consider joining the activities and the board.
- Watch for a link on the website to take the MP50/PPCC PP Neighborhood Housing Survey which includes information on short term rentals and policies that affect our community. "What actions do you believe community members, elected officials and city leaders can take to maintain a sense of community on Park Point and ensure that community character grows in uniqueness, inclusiveness, and cohesion?"
- Also at the March meeting, a proposal to purchase speed monitoring devices is on the agenda, Brian Ruggle, VP of MP50 is leading the PPCC/MP50 combined Traffic Safety Committee effort. Thank you to Rory Strange for hosting the device we have on loan from Vibrant Streets Duluth. Check out the data here from the 3600 block, <https://telraam.net/en/location/9000010408>
- Camp Lafayette registration materials are posted on the website; questions to Carolyn Kerns, camplafayetteparkpoint@gmail.com
- The upcoming culturally- informed, prescribed burn in the pine forest and ways you can learn more and be involved in this historic event pre and post burn. Check the MP50 website for more information. www.minnesotapoint50.org
- There are two May events in the planning stages: the return of the Red Dress display in early May on Park Point (In support of MMIWR, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives) plus a proposed May Day (May 2) Recreation Lane Sidewalk Chalking Festival to celebrate the seasonal opening of the recreation lane on the point and to promote traffic safety and summer parking rules
- Section 111 Study Public meeting, please note on your calendar as soon as we have a date. The latest update from the City's Team rep., John Dukich, Senior Advisor of Policy and Government Affairs in the Mayor's Office, 12 Feb. "Good morning, We received the following update from the Army Corps via Senator Klobuchar's office: The Detroit District is currently finishing its final review of the Hydrodynamic and Sediment Transport Modeling report, and intends to schedule a meeting with the Non-Federal Sponsor (City of Duluth) to discuss the results in the next 30-60 days. Senator Smith is also submitting a request to the Water Resources Development Act that would require the USACE to implement a permanent solution over a temporary one once the Sec. 111 study is complete. We'll continue to keep you updated as things progress." Watch the website for location and time and please plan on attending.
- Art Fair 2026, mark your calendars to volunteer, it's a lot of fun! Contact Carla Tamburro if you'd like to join the Art Fair Committee. Smelt Parade Workshops are coming in May to lower Lafayette. Contact Jim Ouray with questions. The parade is on Sunday 5/17.

Students from Marshall School visited Park Point on Feb.6 to learn more about the effects and challenges of erosion. These 10th graders are "piloting a service-learning program focused on "solutionary" thinking, where students develop real-world solutions to local nonprofit challenges. This approach emphasizes active, project-based learning to foster critical thinking and address community needs." MP50's Paul Treuer and PPCC Hospitality Co-Chair Ted Buck helped support the students' site visit at the S Curve beach and at Lafayette. Photos here. PPCC and MP50 were invited to participate by members of the SABTL community and the church is considering funding the students' projects. Thank you to everyone supporting these future leaders in our community!

That's all for now, keep checking the website and read *The Breeze*.

Thank you for learning, engaging, and caring for this extraordinary place we call home.

Dawn and Zion, Giant Schnauzer companion animal, XL

Park Point Community Club meeting minutes

The February 2026 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on February 17th, 2026, at 7:05 pm. Dawn thanked all in attendance for their participation in community events.

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

Treasurers Report -Mary Treuer

Mary gave a brief update on membership totals. Last year at this time, there were 156 household memberships & 242 individual memberships. This year, there are 189 household memberships & 267 individual memberships.

Current balance – \$37,900 in the bank. Thanks to all the new members for joining the club this year!

Finance report was approved by all in attendance.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould. No report

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

2 new members have joined the Art Fair committee! Tourism grant for 2026 was renewed.

Remember, it's never too early to volunteer! 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.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

1 get well card was sent in January.

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith. No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

Please consider joining us for the March potluck which is open to all community members. Next potluck is March 9th and Clover Valley Farms will be the presenter.

Summer Youth Program – Carolyn Kerns

Please view registration information on the PPCC website. Thanks, Carolyn for your work on this exciting program!

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

The 2026 Rummage Sale will be June 12th and 13th. If anyone is interested in taking over as the Chairperson for the Sale or would like to work together on it this year with Deb, please reach out to 218-343-5370 for more information.

Program Committee – Dave Poulin. No Report

Traffic Safety – Brian Ruggle

Discussions are starting again with the City to look further at initiatives to calm traffic during the summer months. We are continuing to partner with Vibrant Streets Duluth to provide additional data for future discussions. Please continue to report concerns. Email traffic safety issues to ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.

MP50: Pat Sterner

There are three upcoming events to be aware of on 3/5, 3/7 & 3/27. Please go to the PPCC website and watch the Breeze for more information. Also, MP50 is redoing their website to provide more robust information sharing moving forward. Additionally, Section 111 results should be available in the next 30 to 60 days. MP50 will now be working with an enhanced industrial Zoom platform which can also be utilized by the community club moving forward.

Please keep watch for the MP50/PPCC Housing and Short-Term rental survey coming soon.

For more detailed information, please see the MP50 report in the Breeze. 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 and please continue to submit items of interest.

Officer O'Connor gave a brief update that it's been a quiet month on the Point and encourages people to participate or volunteer at the Polar Plunge. Please come down to see our Community Officer take the plunge!

New Business:

Adam Fornear gave a brief update on the Master Plan for the end of park point. The plan will be presented March or April to the Parks Commission and additional listening sessions will be open later for public input and comment.

There will be 2 tree planting initiatives this spring. Please look for updated information on the PPCC website.

Presentation was made for the Smelt Parade which will be held May 17th. Motion was made to provide \$300 to assist with this exciting annual event.

Elections will be held in May for several officer positions with the Club, along with programs that will need leadership. A nominating committee will be set up. Please refer to the PPCC website for more information.

Thanks to the hospitality committee for providing coffee and treats.

Congrats to Andy Johnson this month's winner for the \$60 gift card

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

Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange

A door prize drawing was held at the February 17th Park Point Community Club meeting for a \$60 gift certificate to blackwoods Restaurants. The prize was donated by a Community Club member, to encourage attendance at the meetings. The door prize was won by Andy Johnson

From Community Police Officer Jeremy O’Conner

One of the strengths of the Duluth Police Department is the team of professionals who support our sworn officers behind the scenes and out in the community — our Community Service Officers, or CSOs. CSOs are civilian employees who play an important role in keeping the department running efficiently while also providing direct service to the public. Although they are not licensed peace officers, they are uniformed members of the department and often serve as the first point of contact for residents who call or walk into the Public Safety Building.

Community Service Officers handle a wide range of responsibilities that help free up sworn officers to focus on emergency calls and complex investigations. They staff the front desk, answer phones, assist walk-in visitors, take certain non-emergency reports, and help with documentation and administrative tasks that keep cases moving forward. In some situations, CSOs may also respond to low-priority calls for service where full police authority is not required. Their work ensures that community members receive timely assistance while allowing patrol officers to remain available for higher-priority incidents.

For many CSOs, the position is also a stepping stone into a law enforcement career. Many are students or graduates working toward Minnesota POST licensure, gaining valuable hands-on experience while serving the community. In fact, a number of Duluth police officers began their careers as CSOs, including myself when I was hired as one in 2012!

Community Service Officers are an essential part of our public safety team. If you see them out and about, give them a wave or engage in conversation. Our CSOs have their own squads and wear light blue uniforms. They patrol Park Point often, helping deter erratic driving and providing a presence at the parks. Myself and other DPD officers are grateful for the important role they play in serving Duluth.



-Officer Jeremy O’Connor
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May 1 - 5, 2026, Park Point
Red Dress Display
in Solidarity with Missing and
Murdered Indigenous Women
and Relatives
Look for flyer in the April
Breeze!

Looking for a person or group of people to deliver the Reader each week to the two nursing homes on Park Point. The residents look forward to this free paper. Please contact Mark at 218-340-6453

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what you see and
hear**

St. Andrew's by the Lake Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

March 29 at 9:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday

No service at St. Andrew's
Join us at St. Paul's at Noon

Easter Vigil

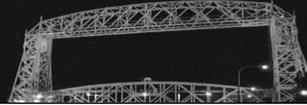
April 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 5 at 9:45 a.m.

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Winter weather does not keep community garden members from getting together to share experiences and conversation. At our February 9 potluck dinner meeting, Missy King shared her experience of walking the El Camino de Santiago in Spain last October. She talked about the origins and meaning of the trail, her reflections while walking, as well as information about the northern regions of Spain, including culture, language, food, and farming/gardening practices. Our steering committee also gathered for a meeting, at which Val Kennedy volunteered to be the new board organizer. Ellie Alspach will continue to coordinate garden needs and planning agendas.

We will gather again on March 9 for our monthly potluck dinner meeting. We will welcome Julie Allen from Sörestad Farms in Clover Valley. Since 2020, she and Bill Allen have restored the homestead and now cultivate all types of vegetables in tandem with the Clover Valley Farm Trail. With a focus on soil health and ecology, their farm focuses on heirloom apples, fresh vegetables, eggs, and cider. They sell their food at their farm stand on Homestead Road and on the Clover Valley Farm Trail. They also participate in the Northshore Farmers Collective subscription boxes. Like other gardeners, one of the many challenges they face at the farm is pest control. From the Duluth Food Co-Op, Sörestad Farms was a recipient of a Grow Local Food Fund grant in 2025. Their project is to build a permanent DNR-approved deer fence around its gardens, protecting its vegetable garden and hoop house, chickens, established orchard, new fruit trees, and new native trees. Funds for this grant are wholly funded by shopper round-up donations through Whole Foods Co-op's GIVE! Program. www.sorestadfarm.com

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 Meetings – Save the Dates. Programs to be determined:

March 9

April 13

May 11

-Susan Peters



Inviting visual artists working in the following media: printmaking, painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, wood, photography, jewelry and fiber to jury for the **2026 Park Point Art Fair, June 27 & 28 in Duluth, MN.** In its 54th year, the Park Point Art Fair is well established, well organized, and well liked by artists for its ease of set-up, hospitality, and consistent sales. Each year, the Art Fair draws over 10,000 visitors to the Park Point Recreation Area, a beautiful natural setting tucked between Lake Superior and the Superior Bay, where attendees can buy art from the region's finest artists. The event is hosted by The Park Point Community Club.

Application Deadline is March 15, 2026.

Direct link to apply: <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=14155>



Manidoo Ishkodeng - The Return of Fire to Minnesota Point

We are nearing an appropriate burn window for the Returning the Spirit of Good Fire to Minnesota Point prescribed burn. The 17-acre area (“Unit B” in attached map) begins beyond the Sky Harbor Airport and the Pump House. The Minnesota DNR has a burn plan in place that outlines the suitable weather window to achieve an effective burn (between mid-March and end of May), desirable wind direction to minimize smoke impacts on surrounding neighborhoods, and safety procedures. The burn operations will be led by DNR Scientific and Natural Areas staff with staffing by the Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe Forestry and Wildland Fire Program, the City of Duluth Fire Department, and other professional wildland fire practitioners. Notifications will be made directly to adjacent neighbors and through local news outlets 2-4 days before and the day of the burn.

After a ceremony led by local Indigenous elders, a small test fire will be conducted to assess fire behavior, and either the operation will continue or will be called off if the burn boss determines the fire to be unsafe or ineffective. The burn unit will continue to be monitored in the days following the burn. The trail through the Scientific and Natural Area and Duluth parkland on the point will be closed during and after the burn until the fire is declared out.

The public is invited to three free events to learn more about the project:

Ojibwe Storytelling About Fire, March 5, 5 p.m. potluck; 6 pm storytelling, Lafayette Park Community Center. Speakers include Ricky Defoe, Nisogaabokwe Melonee Montano, Mark McConnell, Vern Northrup.

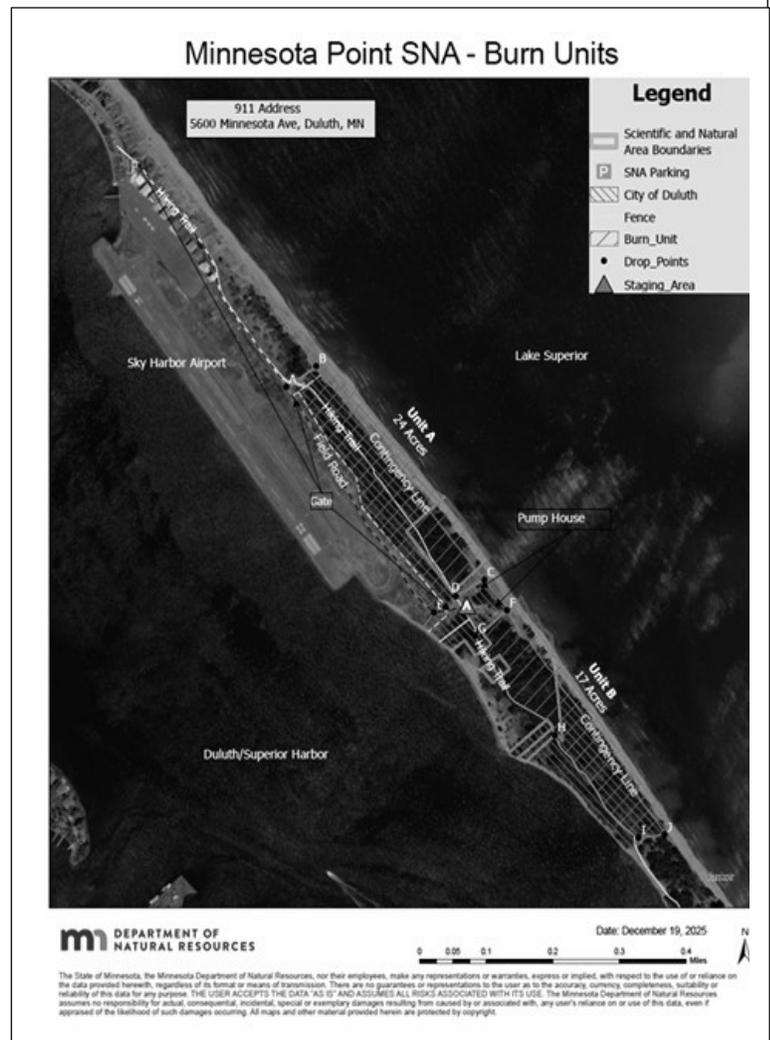
Burn Site Field Trip and Panel Discussion, March 7, 2-4 p.m. field trip, meet at Sky Harbor Airport. Panel discussion, 5-7 p.m., Lafayette Park Community Center. A livestream of the panel will be available, and a light meal will be provided courtesy of the Park Point resident community. Thank you!

Estuarium Ishkode Exhibit Opening Celebration, March 27, 5-6:30 p.m., open house; 6:30-7:30 p.m. celebration, Lake

Superior Estuarium, 3 Marina Dr., Barker’s Island, Superior. Join us to celebrate the research team that inspired the return of Ishkode (Ojibwe word for fire) to MN Point. The events are posted on MP50’s website. RSVP and questions in advance are requested but not required. We will be putting together an FAQ list after the events which will be made available on the MP50 website.

Contact Abby Andrus, Dovetail Partners, abby@dovetailinc.org with questions.

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>



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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

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