

The Breeze

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Upcoming Events

**National Night
Out
St. Andrews
by the Lake
August 4, 2026
from 5-7 PM**

**Primary Elections
August 11th
Voting at
Lafayette**

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

**Lafayette
Community
Edible Garden
Potluck
August 17th
6-8 PM at
Lafayette**

**Park Point
Flower Garden
Club
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Sue Solin
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**Grab some
Summer while
you can!**

DRC owns it's own regatta



Rowers set up at the start line, preparing for a race.

The DULUTH ROWING CLUB's recent annual Duluth International Regatta was held in near perfect conditions on the Superior Front Channel and the DRC Joe Krmpotich Boathouse. Besides the DRC entries, there were other teams from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Marquette, Rockford, Brainerd, Lake Phalen, Rochester, Long Lake, Little Canada. The DRC won the overall team points with 435 while Minneapolis was 2nd with 331.

DRC claimed victories in the Junior Men's Double (Nathaniel Bateman and Asher Josephson). Open Men's Single (Colin Schembri), Masters Men's double (69 and over) (Tom Rauschenfels and Gregory Peterson). Open women's four with cox (Beatrice Javaherian, Jayva Jordan, Summer Harlow, Hanna Mason. Nia Kramer), Masters Women's Single (Madison Koch), Mixed Masters Quad (Gregory Peterson, Jenny Peterson, Bonnie Fuller-Kask, Tom Rauschenfels), Open Women's eight (Bria Kask, Lorraine Turner, Hanna Mason, Andea Rosenburg, Amanda Marks, Kelsey Benson., Jessica Boehland, Kirsten Rhude, Emily Wells) Junior Men's Four with cox (Sofia Consie, Graham Carlson, August Capps, Aiden Hoeschen Ehrbright, Roland Struckman) Masters Men's Single (Colin Schembri), Masters Woman's Double (under 46) (Madison Koch and Caitlin Wotruba), Open Men's Four with cox (Beatrice Javaherian, Nia Kramer, Torin Peterson, Sam Peyer, Gabriel Javaherian)

Many thanks to Park Point Residents in the kindness shown to competitors, coaches, families, and spectators during that beautiful Saturday's races.

The DRC will head out on the road to regattas in Kenora, Ontario on July 25th and then back to Kenora for the Northwest Championship Regatta, August 14 & 15. There will be a good contingent of DRC Master Rowers heading to the World Masters Rowing Championship, held this year in Slovenia on Lake Bled, September 9 - 13

President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

National Night Out for Neighbors is coming up quickly on Tuesday, August 4th. St. Andrews By The Lake at 28th Street is hosting a community gathering and everyone is invited! The Club and St. Andrews have been alternating the hosting of a large neighborhood celebration for a number of years. Hoping to see you there! 5-7pm, free food and drinks, indoor and outdoor seating and music by Park Pointers Lois and Len. What a fun opportunity to meet new neighbors and visit with city staff who might stop by! Thank you to Sandra Carlson at St. Andrews for arranging and coordinating this year's event. See the July Breeze for all of the details on the wonderful picnic buffet including brats and all of the fixings.

Thank you for taking the time to read The August Breeze and for completing the summer surveys which are linked on the Club's website and close on August 15th. This summer on MN Point has been rich with activities and several additional exciting opportunities are posted on the Club's website: parkpointcommunityclub.org. They range from a presentation on the Demographic Changes of Park Point to bat monitoring in the MN Point SNA with mist nets and echolocation detection and a community science iNaturalist project to track wildlife and plant observations in the MN Point Pine Woodland. Thank you to the Park Pointers who volunteer and facilitate these types of opportunities in our unique neighborhood; there's really nowhere else like it in Minnesota.

The Club is seeking volunteers in leadership, this president's three month term extension ends very soon. The duties of the president are to facilitate community meetings and gatherings, collaborate with the PPCC board and membership on developing the Club's objectives, goals and activities while adhering to the mission and bylaws of the organization. The mission: "The purpose of the Park Point Community Club is to work for the betterment of the Community and the welfare of its residents." The executive board members are currently updating the bylaws and clarifying the roles and responsibilities of each officer. The projects underway today build upon the knowledge, passion and tenacity of the hundreds of Park Point Community Club volunteers who came before us. Their trials, tribulations and actions span decades and continue to inform and inspire in our neighborhood and beyond. We'd love to have you join us!

Two of the three candidates running for St. Louis County Commission, District 1, attended the beginning of our July 21 meeting to meet neighbors and give short presentations. Annie Harala and Kris Eilers joined us and each spoke for ten minutes on who they are, reasons for seeking the office and their values, intentions etc. The primary elections will be held on Tuesday, August 11 and you can read about the candidates here from Perfect Duluth Day's Primary Primer.

<https://www.perfectduluthday.com/2026/06/23/duluth-2026-primary-election-primer/> Thank you very much, Kris and Annie, for spending time with us on Park Point!

Duluth City Council president Lynn Nephew also attended the first part of the July 21 meeting. Lynn was helpful in answering several questions from neighbors on the complexities and frustrations around short term rentals. She asked neighbors to share their opinions and ideas on changes to the policies during public comment opportunities at the upcoming council meetings. The moratorium on short term rental licenses ends in October. Thank you to everyone who took the residents' survey, studied the problem, contributed to the discussion and shared the recommendations with staff and city council members. The PPCC/MP50 report is posted here on the website.

<https://parkpointcommunityclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/PPCC-MP50-STR-Research-Report-2026.pdf> Stay tuned on the release of the updated policies and possible presentation by the City at the next PPCC meeting on August 18.

Bob Pokorney from Park Point Surf Rescue/Surfrider Foundation, North Shore MN, got in touch about possibly adding cigarette butt containers at additional beach access points. Bob reports that during summer months about 100 butts per month are deposited in the container at the 12th Street beach. We will work together with the Surf organizations and the City of Duluth on this project; thank you to Bob for disposing of the waste in the receptacle and for caring for our beautiful beaches! The Park Point Beach Sweep on July 5th was a success; thank you to everyone who picked up garbage along the shores; it was part of a national campaign that hauled in more than 50 tons of trash; from Hawai'i to Maine. Link to photos is here. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ntfvrhaAWK83zCz47>

Very best wishes for a lot of summer fun on the beach and on the water! On the recent hottest of Park Point days with a dune heat index of 150 degrees, the cold & cruel lake temperature of 50.4 degrees got the dog's attention and even tamped down his enthusiasm for fetching the Chukit frisbee, his absolute favorite game!

See you out and about, in warm water and cold,
Dawn & Zion, Giant Adventure Pup

Park Point Community Club meeting minutes

The July 2026 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on July 21st, 2026, at 7:02 pm. Dawn welcomed new members and guests. Dawn asked for a suspension of the rules and introduced Lynn Nephew, Annie Harala and Kris Eilers. Each candidate for St Louis County Commissioner was given 10 minutes to introduce themselves and answer any questions from the group.

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 – \$44,000 in the bank. The Art Fair was very successful this year and net profit is between \$9,000 and \$11,000. Memberships have brought in \$6,000 this year and the Youth Program has been successful as well. The Finance report was approved by all in attendance.

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Wrap up meeting completed. Majority of the artists felt this was one of the best years yet.

Watch Committee – That's us

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

Sunshine Committee – Brittany Prim

4 cards sent out – 1 Congrats card, 2 sympathy and 1 gratitude card.

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Summer Youth Program – Carolyn Kerns

SYP is going well and has exceeded expectations.

Rummage Sale – Heidi Harrison

No report.

Traffic Safety – Brian Ruggle & Jeremy O'Connor

Officer O'Connor reported that the crime rate has been low this past month. There have been increased patrols and numerous traffic stops. Please continue to call 911 for traffic issues Please continue to report concerns. Email traffic safety issues to ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.

MP50: Paul Treuer & Jess Boehland

Jess provided an update on the recent survey on short-term rentals and housing. Please refer to Minnesota Point 50 (MP50) for a more in depth read on the recommendations that will be given to the City. Additionally, the Resident Survey is also available on the website and is ready for your input. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Sterner or Paul directly at paul.treuer@gmail.com.

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

Please continue to submit items of interest.

Dawn wanted to thank everyone who volunteered with the Surf Rescue group to clean up after the July 4th holiday. There is interest in placing additional cigarette butt receptacles around Park Point. If you have any ideas on good locations, please bring additional site locations to the next club meeting.

National Neighborhood Night Out will be August 4th and we will be cohosting with St Andrews Church.

Second motion regarding refurbishing the S-curve sign. Motion was approved for \$1500 toward the project.

Thanks to the hospitality committee for providing coffee and goodies.

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

Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange

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Community Events

at

St. Andrew's by the Lake

National Neighborhood Night Out

Tuesday, August 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Menu:

Brats, baked beans, salad, ice cream
treats, lemonade and coffee

Seating inside & outside

Music by Len & Lois

Scoops with Jams

Thursday, August 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Music by Harbor Roots-Reggae

Free Love Ice Cream

Free will offering to benefit Chum



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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Forty gardeners braved the heat on July 13 to attend the monthly potluck dinner meeting that took place at an airconditioned private home instead of the un-airconditioned Lafayette Community Center. Ellie gave a favorable garden report on the status of our plants. She says, "There is always a need for water and weeding any time you stop by the garden". Don Lemmerman shared samples of a Japanese turnip he picked up at the farmers' market. It is called "Hakurei." It grows fast – 27 days from planting to harvest. It can be eaten raw, roasted or even pickled.

In addition to a fabulous meal and camaraderie, we were visited by Freya Thurmer, a St. Louis County Extension Educator, who shared information about opportunities in agritourism in our area. Both she and her husband come from farming families, so she understands the difficulties farmers have to keep their farms viable in the current economic environment. She encourages them to diversify their businesses with agritourism. Agritourism gives farmers immediate income, social connections to the public, and economic development that leads to better chances for generational farm transitions. The public gains unique experiences, increased agricultural literacy and an awareness of where our food comes from.

Agritourism encompasses things such as overnight-stays, U-pick opportunities, farmstands, event venues for weddings and live performances, classes and farm tours. Below are some agritourism farms in northern Minnesota that would be perfect day-trips with the family. For more information, check their websites and Facebook pages. Or, log into the Minnesota Grown online directory: MinnesotaGrown.com. Also, Freya Thurmer invites people to contact her directly with questions: fjt@umn.edu.

1. Cook's County Connection, Cook. Summer camp, farm store, yoga, CSA shares, live music.
2. Owl Forest Farm, Iron Junction. U-pick flowers.
3. Agate Acres, Two Harbors. Flower farm.
4. North Shore Agroecology Center, Finland. Working farm tours.
5. Clover Valley Farm Trail, Two Harbors. Sunday farmstands from 12-5.
6. Fairhaven Farm, Saginaw. Friday night pizza party.
7. Peterson's Berry Farm, Eveleth. U-pick berries.
8. Sweetland Farm, Cloquet. U-pick.
9. Stone Creek Farm, Taylors Falls. Growing stone fruit and glamping.

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 – Monday nights from 6 to 8 p.m.

August 17th: Molly Harney will talk about bee keeping

September 14: Attendee/Member Introductions & socializing

October 12: Garden Recap

-Susan Peters

St. Andrew's Celebrates National Neighborhood Night Out

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 5 to 7 p.m.

The community of St. Andrew's invites you, our neighbors and friends, to celebrate National Neighborhood Night Out with us on Tuesday, August 4, from 5 to 7 pm. Brats along with all the fixings, a Four Bean casserole (gluten free), Vegetarian Bean casserole, Cole slaw, fresh fruit, ice cream treats, water and lemonade will be provided free of charge. Optional eating inside or out. The meal will be served inside with options of eating inside or outside in the front yard or on the back yard patio.

Join us, rain or shine, for a relaxing evening with your friends and neighbors. The church sanctuary will be open for mini tours as well as the entire building. Music will be provided by our own Park Point duo, Len and Lois.

This year we plan to invite Duluth Police Department's K-9 Unit, Community Police Officer, Jeremy O'Conner, Mayor Roger J. Reinert, and City Councilor Roz Randorf along with Bridge operators and members of the Coast Guard.

If you have any questions please call Sandra Carlson at 218-428-5262 and leave a message or The Reverend Wanda Copeland, at the St. Andrew's office, 218-727-1262. St. Andrew's is located at 2802 Minnesota Avenue.

We hope to meet many of you during this opportunity for St. Andrew's to give back to the Park Point community, as together, we share the world's longest freshwater baymouth bar.

Submitted by Sandra Carlson,
Andrew's Neighborhood Night Out Coordinator

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MP50 Breeze Report

MP50 Breeze Report. *MP50 is a non-profit organization leading efforts to ensure the ecological, cultural, and economic resilience of Minnesota Point*



Survey. Park Point residents, full or part-time, please take 15 minutes to fill out the survey (scan the QR code to the left or click the link <https://forms.gle/H87PWBWHpgoFLyav9>) to tell us what you want included in the Residents Guide to Park Point. The survey deadline is August 15th. We are also looking for Park Pointers to participate in focus groups the evenings of August 7th (zoom) or August 19th (Lafayette Center). If interested, contact eliza@dovetailinc.org.

MP50 Receives DNR Grant. We are happy to learn that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has awarded a \$4,500 grant to MP50 to support the upcoming November 2026 Partners Summit. While this will pay for the Summit facilitator and venue, the budget includes an additional \$5,000 - \$6,000 of expenses. Donations of any amount are welcome! Send your donation to: Minnesota Point 50, P.O. Box 16326, Duluth, MN 55816-0326.

Dune Day. Come out for Dune Discovery and Stewardship Day on Friday, Sep. 11 from Noon to 6:00 PM @ Lafayette Park! This hands-on day of discovery hosted by Minnesota DNR and MP50 partners is your chance to experience dune stewardship in action. The event brings together residents, visitors, educators and community partners for short activities, guided walks, and simple demonstrations that highlight how dunes work and how everyday choices affect dune health. Visitors of all ages can talk with habitat specialists to learn about dune friendly practices (<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/dune-stewardship-initiative.html>).

Manidoo Ishkodeng - The Return of Good Fire to Minnesota Point.

- iNaturalist project: On August 10 the DNR Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) staff and members of the fire collaborative are launching a community science iNaturalist project to track wildlife and plant observations in the two burn units. Stop by between 4-6 PM to learn about the project. The guided hike will start at 5:00 pm.

Housing Policy. In late 2025 the City of Duluth instituted a one-year moratorium on new vacation rental permits, including those offered through Airbnb and VRBO, so staff can study their impacts and develop improvements to the permitting system. In June a working group of MP50 and PPCC completed a report laying out results of a survey of residents, best practices from other communities and recommendations from Duluth. The report is posted on the PPCC website. The working group discussed these findings in July meetings with City staff, City Councilors and Park Point residents. City staff have been invited to share the framework for the proposed permitting system at the August 18, 2026 PPCC meeting (7:00 PM).

Traffic Safety. MP50 continues to be in communication with City engineers and the Mayor to decrease illegal use of the Rec lane. A big thank you goes out to the 6 Park Point residents who collected Rec land parking data. Between June 18 and July 7 we counted 251 illegally parked cars. The most frequent areas of illegal parking are near the bridge, around the S-curve, and at Lafayette Community Center. City engineering has agreed to place “No Parking signs in the Rec lane in targeted areas of Minnesota Ave. as a pilot project.

MP50 has been discussing specific traffic calming strategies such as repainting the lines on Minn. Avenue and building a “safety buffer” between the Rec Lane and vehicle lane. We are encouraged by the engagement of the City; currently we are waiting for confirmation from the City regarding a specific plan or timeframe for implementing traffic calming strategies.

Community of Practice. The public is invited to attend an in-person, or virtual, presentation and discussion of the “Demographic Changes of Park Point” by Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer, on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at Lafayette Community Center. Virtual login and the presentation recording will be posted on the MP50 website (<https://minnesotapoint50.org>).

The MP50 Breeze Report is submitted by Paul Treuer, MP50 Program Committee Chair. Questions and comments are welcome through email: paul.treuer@minnesotapoint50.org



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Park Point Dirtiest Beach Day Cleanup

A group of volunteers – some Park Pointers, some not-gathered at 12th street Beach on July 5th, to clean up the post-holiday mess. Co-hosted by Surfrider and the Park Point Community Club, people spread out to various beach access points to pick up whatever was left behind, from expended fireworks to cigarette butts. Speaking of which, Bob Pokorney, of Park Point Surf Rescue and Surfrider, is looking to add additional cigarette butt containers at other beach access points. He said the container at 12th Street receives about 100 butts a month.

From Community Police Officer Jeremy O’Conner

August is one of the busiest months of the year for Duluth Police Department officers, but one of my favorite months. In addition to the usual summer activity, August is packed with fun, family-friendly events that the DPD either hosts or is proud to be a part of. I hope you’ll join us at some of these events and help spread the work by inviting your friends and family.

August 4th in the evening is National Night Out where neighborhood connections are strengthened and officers get a chance to enjoy an evening with residents. A big thank-you to St Andrew’s by the Lake Church for hosting the Park Point neighborhood party this year. Across Duluth, more than 70 neighborhood parties were registered! I usually try to stop by at least five parties and end my night with a stomach full of great food.

August 13th at 4:30pm is Operation K9 in Superior, WI, outside of Wessman Arena. The Northland K9 Foundation hosts this free event as a showcase and fundraiser for area K9 teams, including the DPD. Enjoy exciting demonstrations and take part in meet-and-greets with the K9s and their handlers. I will be there with K9 Kallie, who is usually a fan favorite and will be the most experienced K9 on the roster.

August 19th from 11am-2pm is Kids, Cops and Cars at Bayfront Park. This free event is geared towards kids who will have the opportunity to check out a vast array of police vehicles from not only the DPD but many other area agencies as well. There will be a cops vs kids tug of war, hands-on activities, free ice cream and a police helicopter landing!

August 26th with first pitch at 6pm is the annual Battle of the Badges “guns and hoses” softball game featuring the DPD vs the Duluth Fire Department. This fundraiser for the Northern Lights Foundation takes place at Wade Stadium. Children of all ages are free while tickets for adults are \$10. There’ll be interactive activities for attendees as well.

Officer Jeremy O’Connor
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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 218-730-4100, Streets, Water & Sewer 218- 730-4000

Lift Bridge Supervisor 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

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