

The Breeze

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Of Park Point

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Upcoming Events

Park Point
Dirtiest Beach Day
Clean-up
at the S-curve
July 5th
10:00 AM -NOON

Duluth Rowing
Club
International
Regatta
June 11th

Lafayette
Community
Edible Garden
Potluck
July 13th
6-8 PM at
Lafayette

Park Point
Community Club
July 21st
6:45 social
7PM meeting
at Lafayette

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

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

**It's July
already?
Really?**

54th Annual Park Point Art Fair



A rare two days of good weather brought steady crowds to the 54th Park Point Art Fair, to enjoy good food, good music, and great art!

Big thanks to volunteers, artists and sponsors

It's taken a major community effort for the Park Point Community Club to host their signature Duluth festival on the shores of Lake Superior for over the past five decades and 2026 was no exception.

So, major thanks are in order to the many dozens of volunteers and 100+ participating artists, musicians and food vendors who joined us—but also to the sponsors that helped us make the 2026 Park Point Art Fair two brilliant days of art and community

President's Report

Hi Neighbors,

The lake winds have prevailed keeping us cool and pushing the date of the prescribed burn in the south end MN Point pine woodland into the fall. You can find updates here on the Minnesota Point 50 website.

<https://minnesotapoint50.org/returning-the-spirit-of-good-fire-to-minnesota-point/>

Sunday, July 5 Beach Cleanup: Bob Pokorney from the Park Point Surf Rescue/Surfrider Foundation North Shore MN, reached out to invite us to partner on a beach clean-up on July 5th, 10am-Noon starting at the 12th Street Beach. All supplies will be on hand to help clean up after the holiday festivities. I will send out the details and post on our website. NorthshoreMN.Surfrider.org Instagram: @surfridernorthshoremn Bob can be reached at (218) 213-7667. Check out the "Toss Your Butts Here" container for cigarette butts while you are on the 12th St. beach boardwalk. Bob, through the Surfrider Foundation and a collaboration with Duluth Parks and Rec., led an initiative to install the receptacle in early 2025.

Members of the MP50/PPCC working group studying Short Term Rentals and the impacts on communities will be meeting with City and elected officials in person in early July to share our research and recommendations and learn about the City's revamped policy proposals and the timeline/process for the implementation. Thank you to everyone who provided data this spring via our survey. We may have a draft of the City's policy at the July 21 PPCC meeting and possibly City staff members for a discussion on the updates; stay tuned for details. County Commissioner candidate Kris Eilers will be back with us at the July 21 meeting. You may remember Kris from the Club's previous collaborations with the St. Louis River Alliance in support of the Clean Water Campaign and other initiatives supporting a clean and healthy river estuary.

City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Volunteer Award: Thank you to Parks Specialist, Adam Fornear, for the kind introduction at the event and to the City of Duluth Parks Commission members and the Parks Department for recognizing PPCC's engagement, energy, and community spirit. Also, thank you to neighbors Pat Sterner, Gale Kerns, Pam Griggs, Ted Buck, Diane and Dick Gould for attending in support on June 10th. Thank you also to neighbors who sent cards and to the Community Edible Gardeners for the beautiful vase of flowers at the May meeting. Your acknowledgment of my fourteen years of service, and of all of our work together, means a lot to me & I share this award with all of the Club volunteers, past and present, whose passions and tenacity led to actions that positioned us where we are today.

Staying connected in community is our neighborhood's greatest strength. If you have been thinking about volunteering as president, this is what it might look like with your spin on it, of course, and you will have willing and supportive colleagues on two boards for inspiration and collaboration:

- Build Community: Welcome new neighbors, help organize events and opportunities, keep neighbors connected and informed
- Be a Voice & Strengthen Partnerships: Represent our neighborhood when working with partner organizations and elected officials
- Take an active role in planning for Minnesota Point's resilient future through collaboration with the Minnesota Point 50 Board (501c3 created by the PPCC)

You don't need prior board experience-just a passion for all things Park Point- and a willingness to learn and help out. Please reach out if you are interested in learning more about PPCC leadership.

Our spring survey, 2026 Park Point Neighborhood Housing and Community Survey, gathered data on short term rentals and offers insight about Park Point living. Here are a couple of responses from our neighbors:

1. "What I Value Most: The Community: I deeply value the close relationships we have with our neighbors. It's more than just living next door to people; we truly take care of one another, offer support through the seasons, and make sure to celebrate life's wins together. The Natural Surrounds: I've always been drawn to nature, and on the Point, we are completely surrounded by it. From the shifting moods of the lake to the abundant wildlife that wanders through the yard, it feels like living in a sanctuary. Daily Gratitude: I wake up grateful every single day. There is something grounding about looking out at the water first thing in the morning. Plus, having the ease of exercising right out the front door, whether it's a beach walk or a bike ride, is a luxury I never take for granted."

2. "As we walk our dogs along Minnesota Avenue, and along the beach, we meet our friends and neighbors on a regular basis. We help each other look for lost dogs or cats, we share recipes, books and the latest neighborhood news. We tolerate the summer traffic and have watched the number of short-term rental units increase. What we have remaining on Park Point is still a full-time community of friends and neighbors with strong values of volunteerism, environmental consciousness and the importance of caring about each other and the land we live on. There is nothing more valuable than this anywhere in the world.

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(President's Report, continued)

It's Art Fair weekend and this is a very special time of year when we volunteer to work with our neighbors on an epic and joyful community gathering. This is PP Art Fair number 54; that is an amazing run and how lucky are we to be here to make it happen? Thank you artists, musicians and food vendors for inspiring and feeding us. Thank you to Coordinator Carla Tamburro; Jake Kapsner; Diane Gould and the Art Fair Committee; Mary Treuer, PPCC treasurer; PPCC Executive Board, Rory Strange for Postcard messaging; City Parks and." Rec.; the intrepid crew of Park Point volunteers and the generous sponsors. The funds raised from the Art Fair are used to support The Breeze, Camp Lafayette, Club community building events, outreach, stewardship and resilience initiatives for MN Point.

With gratitude for extraordinary living on Park Point, Dawn & Zion, giant comfort schnauzer

Park Point Community Club meeting minutes

The June 2026 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on June 16th, 2026, at 7:06 pm. Dawn welcomed new members and guests. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Motion was approved to accept the minutes. All in attendance voted aye.

Treasurers Report -Mary Treuer

Current balance – \$54,000 in the bank. Finance report was approved by all in attendance.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

No report

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Volunteers are still needed. You can also contact Diane Gould at 727-4067.

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

5 cards sent out – 1 Congrats on a birth, 1 sympathy and 1 get well.

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Summer Youth Program – Carolyn Kerns

SYP is going well.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

Wrapped up another successful year. Welcome Heidi Harrison as the new Chairperson.

Traffic Safety – Brian Ruggle

There was a meeting with the Police Chief and the Mayor discussing ongoing issues with traffic. There are several initiatives being discussed Please refer to the MP50 report for further information about traffic safety Please continue to report concerns. Email traffic safety issues to ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.

MP50: Pat Sterner

Several initiatives were discussed that MP50 is working on, the Education and Visitors Guide, the housing survey and the proposed burn which is now scheduled for the fall. For more info and 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.

A small gift was given to our Community Officer Jeremy O'Connor on the occasion of the birth of his daughter. He also expressed thanks for our donation to the Special Olympics Dinner and the Torch Run that was held on Park Point.

The Beach Clean-up will July 5th from 10am to 12 noon. Plan to meet at the S-curve.

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

Discussion regarding refurbishing the S-curve sign. Motion was made to approve \$1500 toward the project. Motion approved.

Thanks to the hospitality committee for providing coffee and goodies.

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

Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange

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Park Point

Residents/ Musicians

You're going to like
what you see and
hear

St. Andrew's by the Lake

Lake Superior Sunday Service

July 19 at 9:45 a.m.

Service will be held simultaneously
on the beach and in the sanctuary

Blessing of St Andrew's
Backyard Landscaping Project

July 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Treats and coffee to follow

Scoops with Jams

Thursday, July 23 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Music by Water Cat: A World Music Duo

Free Ice Cream

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

We did all the major planting in the community garden on May 30 and by the time we had our June 8 potluck dinner meeting, all the seeds had sprouted and the transferred plants were lush with foliage. Those conditions made it a perfect evening to give thanks for the rain, the watering angels and worker bees, and for the community spirit the garden creates. We started the June meeting in the garden with Dave Johnson leading us in the annual garden blessing and reading a poem about friendship.

Our June potluck dinner meeting continued with a sumptuous supper and social mingling. Several members gave reports: Ted Buck informed us that he placed 2 watering meter instruments in the tool cubby for us to use in the garden. Simply remove the red cap on the probe and insert the probe in the roots of the plants. This probe will tell us if the plant needs water or not. He also indicated that the automated sprinkler system is set up in the raspberries. Please leave the water on at the spigot at the Lafayette Community Center, the spigot when you first enter the garden by the radish patch, and the spigot where the irrigation system is hooked up at the southwest corner of the garden in the raspberry bed.

Master Gardener Joanne Ellison reported what she learned from a recent chat with St. Louis County Horticulturalist Bob Olen. The discussion was about fertilizing gardens. Did you know that most of the nitrogen that plants need comes from the air? Air is especially filled with nitrogen during lightning storms. That doesn't mean we should do away with beneficial 10:10:10 fertilizers in the garden. Then the question becomes; should the fertilizers be organic or non-organic. Organic fertilizers break down very slowly in the garden and are best used in established gardens with well-amended soil. Non-organic fertilizers are quickly absorbed into soil and are best for newly established gardens. Joanne says fish emulsion also makes an excellent fertilizer.

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.
July 13: 6 p.m. Potluck dinner meeting.

-Susan Peters

From Community Police Officer Jeremy O'Connor

I hope everyone's summer has started off as well as possible! Thank you to the resident who reached out asking for me to write about this month's topic. As a reminder, feel free to email me if there's a topic you'd like me to write an article about at some point. As warmer weather returns to Park Point, more residents and visitors are taking advantage of electric-powered transportation. While e-bikes, e-scooters, and e-motos may appear similar, Minnesota law and city ordinance treats them very differently. Understanding these distinctions helps keep everyone safe while protecting the shared-use spaces that make Park Point and surrounding areas such a special place to live and visit.

An e-bike is a bicycle with operable pedals and an electric motor of no more than 750 watts. Riders must be at least 15 years old, and those under 18 are required to wear a helmet. E-scooter riders must be at least 12 years old, with helmets also required for riders under 18. In Duluth, e-scooters are prohibited on sidewalks, while e-bikes are prohibited on sidewalks within business districts. Both must obey posted speed limits and yield to pedestrians on shared-use paths such as the Lakewalk, where courtesy and caution are especially important during the busy summer season.

E-motos and electric dirt bikes are not considered bicycles because they do not have operable pedals. As a result, they are generally treated like motorcycles under Minnesota law. To operate one on a public roadway, the vehicle must be properly licensed and insured, and the operator must have the appropriate driver's license. E-motos are not permitted on the Lakewalk, sidewalks, or trail systems. Whether you're riding an e-bike, e-scooter, or e-moto, knowing the rules helps ensure Park Point remains a safe and enjoyable place for residents, visitors, walkers, cyclists, and riders alike.

Jeremy O'Connor
joconnor@duluthmn.gov

Park Point Dirtiest Beach Day Cleanup, Sunday July 5th, 10am to Noon

After the fireworks fade, our beaches are left covered in trash. Join Surfrider and Park Point Community Club to help clean up the beach on July 5th! Eligibility Ages: 14+ Purpose Your helping hands will restore our lakeshore after the celebrations are over Role :Cleaning up the beach at Park Point, helping to document what we find, and feeling good about leaving the beach better than you found it.Vibe : Fun. fresh air. and feel good vibes



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

MP50 is socially networked



MP50 is launching its Facebook page in July 2026 (MNPoint50); this is where you can follow us for community updates, events, restoration projects, volunteer opportunities and stories from the Point.

The MP50 website (<https://minnesotapoint50.org>) is updated on a regular basis. News, projects, merchandise and much more. Watch and share with friends the amazing video of Park Point on the website homepage: *MP50: A National Treasure on the Brink* by nationally renowned videographer and storyteller Andrea Bear.

Manidoo Ishkodeng - The Return of Good Fire to Minnesota Point. The spring burn window did not take place because the weather did not cooperate; the partnership agreed to postpone the prescribed burn until fall. We will start looking for windows starting in September. In the meantime, there are a few learning opportunities this summer.

- iNaturalist project: On August 10 the DNR 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.
- Bats! Between September 14 and 19 DNR and USFWS biologists will be doing bat monitoring in the SNA with mist nets and echolocation detection. The exact date and location will be announced on MP50 and SNA facebook pages a week before the event.

Housing Policy. MP50 and PPCC shared the report, *Finding the Balance with Vacation Rentals in Duluth, Recommendations from the Park Point Community Club and Minnesota Point*, with City officials. A Roundtable discussion with the MP50 Housing Committee, authors of the report, and City Officials is scheduled July 7th. City officials have been invited to the July PPCC meeting to present and discuss their Vacation Rental proposal with our community.

Traffic Safety. Brian Ruggle of MP50 traffic safety led a productive meeting with the Mayor, two City Councilors, city engineering, and other partners June 16th to discuss rec lane "No Parking" signage as well as traffic calming options. Concrete next steps were decided upon. These include Park Point resident volunteers documenting the number, location, time, and date of cars parked illegally in the rec lane over the next 2 weeks to inform the city where to place new signs for a pilot project. This project will include hinged signs that say either "No Parking" or "Alternate Street Parking" depending on the time of year. The City agreed to apply for a variance from the State to narrow the vehicle lane widths, allowing for a 4-6 foot "safety zone" to separate the rec lane and vehicle lane to increase rec lane safety. **The Education Materials Project Team** invites full time and part time residents to take the Minnesota Point Residents/Owners survey to let us know what topics you want to see covered in the residents/owners guide, visitor guide, and coastal resiliency educational series. Scan the QR code or follow the link: <https://forms.gle/H87PWBWHpgoFLyav9>



Residents are also invited to participate in 60-minute focus groups to share more ideas for the guides in conversation. If you are interested in this please contact Eliza Meyer (eliza@dovetailinc.org) to sign up for either a virtual or in-person option.

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

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,
St. Andrew's Neighborhood Night Out Coordinator

Backyard Landscaping at St. Andrew's by the Lake

St. Andrew's by the Lake is graced with one of the most beautiful locations for a church in Duluth. While Park Point weather can be a bit wild, the beauty of our natural surroundings is deeply treasured by our members. Over the years, we have worked hard to craft a space that reflects our love for the Point and opens up our outdoor areas for others to enjoy.

Our backyard was in desperate need of attention. The wooden timbers forming our garden beds were falling apart, and the beds had become overgrown with poison ivy. Last summer, we formed a backyard landscape committee to partner with Mike Saline Landscaping. Our goal was to create an inviting, enduring space that takes full advantage of the beautiful hill view overlooking the dunes and the lake. Rebekah Johnson, the landscape designer at Saline Landscaping, met with our committee to gather ideas. Her final design was warmly received by the congregation, and construction began in October 2025.

As you can see from the photo, the new design features large boulders that secure the hillside and define a gentle path leading from the backyard up to a bench at the top of the hill. For the more adventurous, a rock "staircase" also leads up to the granite bench. Member Ellie Alspach worked closely with Rebekah to choose hardy plantings that will thrive on Park Point and soften the look of the large stones. During this process, the Saline crew also removed three large piles of brush and leaves that had accumulated on the dune over the years. We kindly request that neighbors who previously used this area for yard waste utilize the WLSSD facility instead. We invite all neighbors, as well as visitors to the 28th Street beach access, to stop by and enjoy the new landscaping. We hope you find it a restful spot to sit and take in the beauty of the lake, dunes, and beach.

Join Us for a Blessing of the Garden All are invited to a Blessing of the Garden on Sunday, July 19, at 11:00 AM, immediately following our Lake Superior Sunday service (which begins at 9:45 AM). If you would like more information about the landscaping project, the garden blessing, or Lake Superior Sunday, please contact nfo@standrewsbythelake.org.



Dave Johnson

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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 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

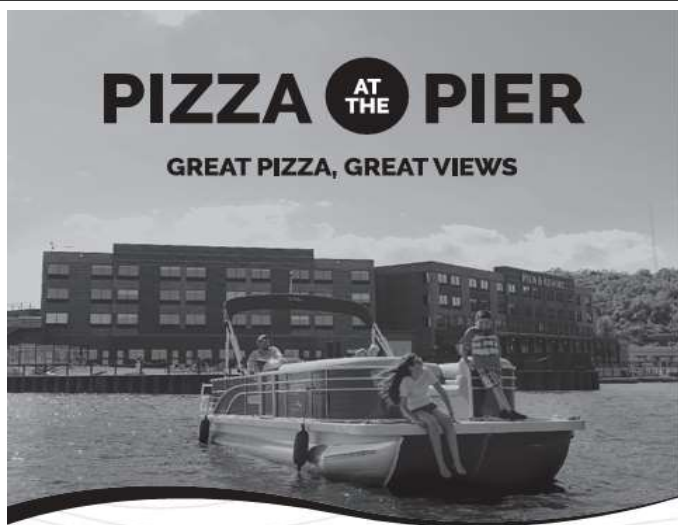
Parks & Rec: aformear@duluthmn.gov

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