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September 2026

Upcoming Events

**Dune Grass
Planting
September 9th
1-5PM at 12th St.
beach**

**Dune Discovery
and Stewardship
Day
September 11th
Noon to 6PM
at Lafayette**

**Lafayette
Community
Edible Garden
Potluck
September 14th
6-8 PM at
Lafayette**

**Park Point
Community Club
September 15th
6:45 social
7PM meeting
at Lafayette**

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

**September!
The beach is
ours again!**



Hey Pointers, the summer shipping season on Lake Superior and throughout the Duluth-Superior Harbor offers a front-row view for those of us who live on Park Point. Depending on where you are, you can look toward the lake, the Duluth Entry or across the bay and see massive ships almost in our backyard. One of the special things about living here is that a ship can become part of an ordinary summer evening. You might be outside enjoying a barbecue when you look up and see a freighter passing by. That kind of view from home is hard to beat. My favorite ship so far this summer has been the BBC Genoa. The ocean-going heavy-lift ship arrived in Duluth after traveling from China and South Korea with machinery cargo before unloading at Duluth's Port Terminal No. 8. Operated by BBC Chartering, the BBC Genoa is approximately 475 feet long, with a beam of about 66 feet and a deadweight capacity of roughly 7,700 metric tons. Built in 2012, she sails under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda. Her heavy-lift cranes allow her to handle oversized and project cargo that cannot be carried by a conventional bulk carrier. Her arrival was especially memorable because of the morning sky. Brilliant oranges and reds stretched across the horizon, creating what looked like a volcanic sky as the BBC Genoa approached Duluth. With her modern forward pilothouse, she reminded me of a contemporary version of the classic Great Lakes freighters from the 1950s and '60s. I absolutely love the look of this ship. As she arrived, the BBC Genoa gave a powerful horn salute that echoed across the harbor. The Aerial Lift Bridge answered with its own horns, creating one of those unmistakably Duluth maritime moments. Living on Park Point puts us in what I affectionately call "Ship Watch Central." There is still plenty of shipping season ahead, so keep those binoculars handy. By: Vibe with Mike

Duluth Rowing Club Wins the Masters Overall Point Trophy at the NWIRR (North West International Rowing Regatta) in Kenora, Ontario. The DRC won the Masters Trophy for the first time since 2011, competing against 11 other teams from both Canada and the U.S. Here are some of the Duluth highlights for both Masters and Juniors:

1st Place Finishes-

- Junior Men's Quad: Roland Struckman, Aidan Hoeschen-Ehrbright, Nate Bateman, Theo Larson
- Women's Dash 8: Hannah Mason, Madison Koch, Caitlin Wotruba, Kelsey Benson, Nia Kramer, Summer Harlow, Emily Wells, Andrea Rosenberg, Bria Kask
- Master Mixed Quad: Caitlin Wotruba, Madison Koch, Pete Olson, Colin Schembri
- Master Men's Quad: Tom Rauschenfels, Greg Peterson, Mike Cochran, Pete Olson
- Master Men's Single Under 50: Colin Schembri
- Master Mixed Double: Madison Koch, Colin Schembri
- Master Women's Straight 4: Caitlin Wotruba, Madison Koch, Andrea Rosenberg, Bria Kask

2nd Place Finishes-

- Master Men's Pair: Greg Peterson, Tom Rauschenfels
- Master Mixed Double: Greg Peterson, Jenny Peterson
- Junior Men's Four w/ cox: Roland Struckman, Nathaniel Bateman, Adian Hoeschen-Ehrbright, Graham Carlson, cox: Isiah Mason
- Junior Men's 8: Struckman, Bateman, Hoeschen-Ehrbright, Oliver Odland, Max Fisher, Isak Aberth, Jonah Greensmith, Theodore Larson, cox: Isiah Mason
- Open Woman's Single: Nia Kramer
- Open Woman's Double: Hannah Mason, Nia Kramer

3rd Place Finishes-

- Mixed Master Quad: Rauschenfels, Peterson, Bonnie Fuller-Kask, Jenny Peterson
- Junior Men's Pair: Struckman, Hoeschen-Ehrbright
- Junior Women's Quad: Sanne Breeuwer, Kena Hout, Sasha Wahman, Savi Holden
- Master Men's Straight Four: Randy Newber, Eric Dott, Cochran, Olson
- Junior Men's Double Under 17: Graham Carlson, Johan Greensmith
- Open Women's Pair: Hannah Mason, Sanne Breeuwer
- Junior Women's 4+: Breeuwer, Hout, Wahman, Holden, cox: Beatrice Javaherian

Sixteen masters from the DRC will be heading to Slovenia the week of September 7 - 13 to participate in the World Master's Championships, located on Lake Bled.

Many thanks for all the support throughout this rowing season from both the residents and visitors to Park Point!

Plant Dune Grass

"Howdy folks, Adam Fornear here from Parks & Rec. Below is the information for volunteers to assist with planting of the dune grass plugs. On that note, Prairie Restorations, who grew the plugs, did a recent evaluation of the last plantings that we did...and they estimated a 83% success rate (much better than my flower beds at my house). So, kudos to all of those that assisted with the last plantings!

Volunteer Request: Dune Grass Planting on Park Point

When: Wednesday, September 9th

Time: 1 - 5 p.m.

Where: Meet at the 12th street beach parking lot - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/4gmRD9SStnKkr37ZA>

What to Bring: gloves if you want, Parks will bring some as well. Water to stay hydrated and dress for the weather

If you are planning on helping, please email Adam Fornear afornear@duluthmn.gov "

Thank you to everyone in the community who came out on August 11th to vote in the Primary Election.

Our Precinct had 40% of our registered voters show up at the polls in person.

Thanks to our fantastic Park Point judges and to everyone who supported us with donuts, cookies and treats.

Hope to see you all at the polls for the General Election on November 3rd, 2026!

Deb Strange - Head Judge

Park Point Community Club meeting minutes

The August 2026 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on August 18th, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Dawn welcomed new members. Dawn asked for a suspension of the rules and introduced guests from the City of Duluth Planning Dept, Life Safety Office and our City Councilor. For additional info regarding the presentation on the short-term rental and housing conversation, please go to the PPCC website or MP50 report.

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

Treasurers Report -Mary Treuer

Brief finance report provided. Hoping by the end of the year we will show a positive cash balance.

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

After the wrap up mtg and reviewing surveys, 20% of artists were new this year and 40% of visitors were from outside of Duluth

Watch Committee – That's us

Officer O'Connor gave a brief report. Stepped up traffic enforcement due to some increased funding. He thanked us for our financial support for the Special Olympics.

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

Sunshine Committee – Brittany Prim

No report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Summer Youth Program – Carolyn Kerns

This was a great year! Lots of positive feedback. Looking forward to the end of the year survey completed by campers and families.

Rummage Sale – Heidi Harrison

No report

Traffic Safety – Brian Ruggle

Please continue to report concerns. Email traffic safety issues to ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.

MP50: Paul Treuer 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.

Adam Fornear (Parks and Rec) provided a brief update on the installation of bike racks at the beach house. This should be happening by the end of the month. There will also be a beach grass planting event on September 9th. Approximately 2000 plants will be available. If interested in helping, meet at the S-curve sign at 1pm. The event runs until 5pm.

Our new PPCC President was introduced and voted in. Everyone please welcome Scott Wolff as our new President! Scott thanked everyone for their support and expressed his passion for Park Point and looks forward to working with the Community Club.

New Business: Motion made to provide \$2000 in support to MP50 for their hosting of the Partner's Summitt on November 5th, 2026. This Summitt is open to all Park Point residents as well. For more info on the Summitt, please refer to the MP50 report.

Thanks to the hospitality committee for providing coffee and goodies.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange



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St. Andrew's by the Lake

The Blessing of the Garden

Sunday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m.

Backyard

Join us for a blessing of, and open invitation to use, our recently transformed backyard.

The Annual Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4, 9:45 a.m.

Mission Hall

This is a special service for pets and their people! Pets will be blessed during the service.



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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

August was a busy month in the garden with watering and harvesting. Green beans, lettuce, huge summer squash, peas, beets, and raspberries were some of the highlights. We had a visit from Troy Salzer of the U of M Extension Service while he was visiting the children's program at Camp Lafayette. He gave lots of feedback to help us in the garden. His advice was, water, water, and then water some more. Our weekly watering angels try to keep up with the irrigation, but we still pray for rain. Our weekly Saturday mornings of garden maintenance keep the plants in tip top shape. Everyone is anticipating a bumper crop of tomatoes, when they finally ripen.

Back to Troy's visit to the garden, he introduced us and the campers to a new idea to get a more abundant potato crop: harvest potatoes and replant the plants to grow new tubers. He said that these replants need about 1" of water twice a week. The report from the campers is that it didn't work for them. But, maybe you want to try that in your home garden and see if you have any luck! Here's a caveat from our Master Gardener: Wait until the potato plant has started to die off before harvesting potatoes.

At our August 17 monthly potluck dinner meeting, we introduced ourselves and talked a little about what the LCEG means to each of us. Here are some quotes: "We have Michelin star cuisine at the Potlucks"; "We are all engaged in maintaining community, it just works"; "We don't get messed up"; "It just gets to be more and more fun"; "The garlic is back this year and it is so amazing"; "Everyone is Minnesota nice and so witty"; "Tomato leaves dye your fingers black"; and finally, a recipe for anti-inflammatory and visually beautiful tea: 2-3 calendula flowers, at least 2 raspberry leaves, berries for sweetness. Boil for 10 minutes in a quart of water and enjoy.

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.

Save the Dates: September 14, monthly potluck dinner. We will learn about bee keeping from beekeeper Molly Harney.
October 12, monthly potluck dinner. We will have a garden recap of the 2026 growing season.

-Susan Peters

Dune Discovery and Stewardship Day — Friday, September 11 (Noon–6:00 PM), Lafayette Park Community Center, Minnesota Point

Neighbors, visitors, and the public are invited to walk and talk with experts and spend time with Minnesota Point's rare coastal dune ecosystem. Specialists from Minnesota DNR, City of Duluth, Minnesota Point 50 (MP50), Minnesota Sea Grant, universities, and other partner organizations will be at the indoor "Hub" (at Lafayette Community Center) throughout the afternoon.

The event opens at noon; guided walks begin at 12:30 and continue at 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:30, 4:00, and 5:00, departing from multiple locations on the Point (13th St Beach Access, Lafayette Park Beach Access, 18th St Beach Access, Sky Harbor Airport Fence / SNA Kiosk).

Walk topics include: *Dunes 101 and Sand Capture; Native Plant Communities; What makes the dunes special; Shorebirds; Invasive Plants and Dune Biodiversity; Plants, Seasons and Stewardship; Forested Dunes*. Mini-talks at the Hub (outside): *iNaturalist; EDDMapS reporting; Habitat at Home; Plant identification (boardwalk); Caring for dune biodiversity*.

Find the full schedule and updates at the Welcome canopy or on the DNR event page (schedule posted next week; final program around Sept 4. <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/dune-stewardship-initiative.html>

A friendly reminder to all dog owners and dog walkers.

Please pick up after your dogs, and place the "poop bags" in your own trash can.

Many of us dog owners routinely pick up after our own dogs plus other dog messes rudely left behind. While I am grateful for everyone who picks it up and places the poop in the bag, I find so many filled poop bags left on the beach for the poop fairy! Plus we pick up plenty of unbagged poop, too. :(

Here's to responsible & respectful pet owners who pick up the messes and take it to their own cans.

MP50 Breeze Report.

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

Caring for our Dunes. Come out for Dune Discovery and Stewardship Day on Friday, Sep. 11th from 12:00 to 6:00 PM @ Lafayette Park! This free 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 activities, guided walks and talks (<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/lakesuperior/dune-stewardship-initiative.html>). **Volunteers are needed** to help the City Parks Department with Dune Grass Planting on Park Point on Wednesday, September 9th between 1 - 5 PM.. Meet at the 12th street beach parking lot at 1:00 PM. If you are planning on helping, email Adam Fornear (afornear@duluthmn.gov).

Manidoo Ishkodeng - The Return of Good Fire to Minnesota Point. The Zhaagawaamikong-Neyaashi Azhenamaw Manidoo-Ishkode (Returning the Spirit of Good Fire to Minnesota Point) partnership will start looking for burn windows in the pine forest starting September 8. A fall burn could occur anytime between then and early November. Check the MP50 social media and website for updates - a general news release will also occur a day or two before the burn.

On September 16th bat biologists have invited the public to join them for a fun and educational “Bat Night” on MN Point. They will be catching and releasing bats and using an echolocator to identify species. Starts at 7:00 pm at the pumphouse past the Sky Harbor airport.

Housing Policy. In 2025 the City of Duluth instituted a one-year moratorium on new vacation rental permits, including those offered through Airbnb and VRBO, so staff could study their impacts and develop improvements to the permitting system. A PPCC and MP50 working group completed a report laying out results of a recent survey of Park Point residents, promising practices from other communities, and recommendations for Duluth. We posted our report, “Finding the Balance with Vacation Rentals in Duluth,” on the MP50 website and we presented our findings to the community during the July PPCC meeting. We also shared and discussed our report with the City Council and City staff. City staff joined the August PPCC meeting to answer questions about their proposed new ordinance (26-038-O). Members of PPCC and MP50 gave brief remarks in support of the proposed ordinance at the August 24 City Council meeting. We will give remarks ahead of the vote at the September 14 City Council meeting.

Traffic Safety. MP50 continues to communicate with the Mayor and his team. We have assurances that the city will place hinged No Parking/Alternate Side Parking signs on the lakeside lane of Minnesota Ave, although where these will be placed and when has yet to be determined. We have advocated for placing these signs by the bridge, S curve, and Lafayette. We have also been communicating with the city about options to calm traffic that include repainting the white lines to narrow the traffic lanes. The plan is to do this when the lines would be repainted. We are exploring adding a solid, double white line to protect the rec lane.

Community of Practice. More than 50 people attended the presentation and discussion of the “Demographic Changes of Park Point” by Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer, on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. The presentation recording is posted on the MP50 website (<https://minnesotapoint50.org>).

Partners Summit. Planning is underway for a two-day Partners SUMMIT November 4/5. An initial invitation has been sent to MP50 Partners, with a follow-up to be sent by September 1. Summit participants will be invited from local, regional, national stages. To date we have raised \$6500 to underwrite the Summit (\$4500 from DNR; \$2000 from PPCC). Roger Meyer, Co-founder of Mighty Consulting, has been selected as facilitator, and will work with a 3-person team to develop purpose, goals, agenda. Venues are in process of selection.

Education Materials. “Thank you to all of the community members who participated in the focus groups this past month to inform the content of the educational guides. The project team is compiling all of the information and insights we learned and will move into a drafting phase over the next few months. Continued opportunities for input and review will be provided as drafts are developed - stay tuned to the Breeze for updates! In the meantime, if you would like to offer additional ideas or suggestions for the guides, you can contact eliza@dovetailinc.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

Dear Park Point Volunteers and Community Members,

On behalf of the Park Point Art Fair Committee, I want to thank everyone who dedicated their time and energy to this year's event.

Your support made the 2026 Art Fair an incredible success, and we truly could not have done it without you.

We have so much to be proud of, including:

- Profits for the Club: Approximately \$10,000 that will directly fund community initiatives.
- High Attendance: Crowds filled our venue, especially for the great weather on Saturday.
- Exceptional Art Quality: The event showcased an incredible array of high-quality art from exceptionally talented artists.
- Artist Gratitude: Our visiting artists expressed immense gratitude for the warm hospitality they received, specifically highlighting the artist dinner and the awards ceremony as highlights of their experience.

Here are some comments from our artist survey:

"We'll run! Artist friendly!! Has a great reputation for being a show that draws top artists."

"This year was the first time I've been to this show. It may be my favorite. The organizers are great, crowd was amazing and the location is absolutely beautiful."

"Fantastic show, beautiful location, great crowds and sales, loved the music and dinner. Great job!!"

Your efforts have not only supported the arts but have also strengthened our community by securing funds that will benefit our neighborhood initiatives throughout the coming year. We are already looking forward to seeing everyone again next summer for the 2027 Park Point Art Fair, taking place on June 26 & 27, 2027. Mark your calendars in advance.

Sincerely,

Carla Tamburro

From Community Police Officer Jeremy O'Conner

As students in the Park Point community head back to school, this is a good time for families to review a few simple safety plans. Back-to-school season brings new schedules, activities, and routines, and making sure children know what to do when something unexpected happens can provide peace of mind for both kids and parents.

Take a few minutes to talk with your children or grandchildren about their daily routine. Make sure they know who is allowed to pick them up, where they should go if they get home and no one is there, and who they can call if they need help. Children should know their home address and a parent's or trusted adult's phone number. It's also worth discussing what to do if a stranger approaches them or if a situation simply doesn't feel right: move to a safe place and find a trusted adult.

For older kids, back-to-school safety also includes phones and social media. Remind them to be careful about sharing their location, school schedule, or other personal information online. Most importantly, keep the conversation open. Let your children know they can come to you, a teacher, a police officer, or another trusted adult when something concerns them.

For those with or without children in school, remember to watch for students waiting for the school bus or crossing the road. As a reminder, if a school bus has the stop sign displayed with flashing red lights on the bus, you are not allowed to pass the bus, no matter what direction you or the bus is going. All Duluth school buses have recently had cameras installed to capture these violators and have helped hold them accountable.

Officer Jeremy O'Connor joconnor@duluthmn.gov

National Neighborhood Night Out Wrap-up

National Neighborhood Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 4 and it was a huge success! Fifteen members of St. Andrew's worked hard to help make it so.

Between 240 to 250 people attended on an afternoon of perfect weather. Having the food inside worked very well. A number of times we had a line of people going out the front door. Most of the people stayed out front where the music was, some people sat on the back patio and a table full of people ate inside. The ice cream treats were a big hit! We ran out of them by 6:30 p.m.

I was really happy to see many young families enjoy themselves; the most I've ever seen. I met many of our neighbors and the cool thing about that is, when I'm out walking they stop me and tell how much they enjoyed the St. Andrew's Neighborhood Night Out. Park Point residents are very friendly and I'm getting to know some of them.

Sandy and Ginny, National Neighborhood Night Out Coordinators

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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

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