

The Breeze

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October 2026

Upcoming Events

Lafayette
Community
Edible Garden
Potluck
October 12th, 6-8
PM at Lafayette

Park Point
Community Club
October 20th
6:45 social
7PM meeting
at Lafayette

PPCC & MP50
Fall Fest
November 4th
4-7PM at
Lafayette

MP50 Partners
Meeting
November 5th

Park Point
Flower Garden
Club
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Did you dig into that bin or closet yet and dust off the stocking cap, gloves and winter gear? I'll bet you did. October is here on the Point, and our little strip of sand is going through its annual mood change. Soon pumpkins, ghosts and goblins will be popping up along Minnesota and Lake Avenue. Out on the water, there are signs of the season too. Crews that passed us in T-shirts a few months ago are starting to bundle up, and those ships sliding past the Point somehow look even more impressive against the changing fall colors. There's also something noticeably different across the harbor this fall. After decades of watching ships make their way to Midwest Energy Resources in Superior, better known to most of us as the coal dock, that familiar traffic has ended. The American Century pictured with this article carried one of the final loads away from the terminal, closing a chapter of Twin Ports shipping history that we've had a front row seat to from the Point. For ship watchers, October is hard to beat. The wind has more bite, and Lake Superior starts showing a little more attitude. And let's not mention that four letter word yet... SN*W! As the lake gets colder and fall settles in, it's hard not to have the Edmund Fitzgerald creep back into our thoughts. It's part of Lake Superior's story and a reminder of just how quickly conditions out there can change. For now, enjoy October on the Point. There's nothing quite like fall on our little island.

By: Vibe with Mike

"It seems a shame
to see September
swallowed by the
wind"

John Denver

President's Report

Hi Pointers,

Thank you for your patience as I adjust to my new role following my first meeting as PPCC president last month. We all live here for similar reasons—the lake, the natural beauty, and the unique character of our community. Being in such a special place brings distinct challenges, including traffic, snow removal, short-term rentals, and competing recreational demands. The PPCC exists to address these evolving issues, which is why I stepped up to volunteer.

To be effective, our club needs the involvement of all residents on the Point—the more hands, the better. Out of respect for everyone's time, I will aim to keep all future meetings to one hour. We hope to distribute a brief survey to residents of the Point to elucidate relevant issues for residents and to increase involvement with the club.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 20th, and I will have some of the workers at Hawk Ridge give a brief informative presentation of what they do at the ridge and how we can partake in the spectacle. On Nov 4-5 MP50 will host their summit gathering, with the evening of Nov 4 (Wednesday) serving as our Fall Fest with food, camaraderie etc. Mark your calendars!

Best regards-Scott Wolff email: ppccex26@gmail.com



Dune Grass Planting

A sizable group of volunteers – some 'Pointers, some not- gathered at the 12th street beach parking lot on September 9th to plant dune grass between the fence rows along the beach from the bridge to the S-curve. This is the second planting, and the results of the first planting were already visible.

Creative Hands Meeting

Saturday, October 24 | 10—12 | St. Andrew's Mission Hall

If you haven't started working on something warm for the winter or a Christmas gift this might be a great time to start. Bring your project(s) on Saturday, October 24 and join friendly members of the Creative Hands group. We are knitters, painters, bead workers, sewers, jewelry makers, makers of greeting cards and a variety of other pastimes. You are welcome to join us.

We'll meet from 10 to 12 in the Mission Hall at St. Andrew's. Coffee and tea will be provided.

If you have any questions call me at 218-428-5262 and leave a message or email me at the address below.

The sanctuary will be open for about an hour after the meeting if you want a quiet time to pray or meditate.

Sandy Carlson,

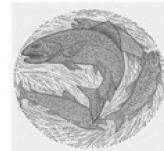
sandy@standrewsbythelake.org

ART SHOW OPENING
featuring work by
Tom Rauschenfels

Where? St. Andrew's by the Lake
2802 Minnesota Ave.

When? Sunday, October 4th
3:00pm - 5:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Park Point Community Club meeting minutes

The September 2026 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Scott Wolff, President on September 15th, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Scott welcomed community members.

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

Treasurers Report -Mary Treuer

Brief finance report provided. There will be a year-end financial recap of the Club finances in December. Currently, we are on track to end the year with a positive cash balance.

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Hopefully, there will be a notice in November regarding the City of Duluth tourism grant. This is a \$10,000 grant and it helps market the Art Fair on a state-wide basis.

Watch Committee & Officer O'Connor

Officer O'Connor wanted to invite interested community members to an event Tuesday Oct 6th from 5:30pm to 7pm at the Public Safety Building. Information regarding community participation in either the Duluth Police Reserves Program or the Neighborhood Citizen Patrol will be discussed. Please continue to monitor activity that seems suspicious as well as traffic concerns and report to 911.

Sunshine Committee – Brittany Prim

One Condolence card and four Get Well cards sent.

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell

No report

Summer Youth Program – Carolyn Kerns

No report.

Rummage Sale – Heidi Harrison

No report.

Traffic Safety – Brian Ruggle

There will be 5 signs installed in each of 3 areas alerting visitors and community members to alternate side parking. The three areas will be by the bridge, the S-curve and near LaFayette. We are hoping installation will be happening soon. Please continue to report concerns. Email traffic safety issues to

ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.

MP50: Paul Treuer

Several items of note - the Summit scheduled for November 4th and 5th is open to PP residents. For additional info, please see the MP50 website. There was a brief update by Eliza Meyer from Dove Tail Partners about the educational materials being published by MP50 - the residential and visitors guides for 2027.

MP50 and several community members were involved in the City Council short term rental meetings that resulted in passing the new ordinance that will go into effect after the moratorium on rental licenses is finished. 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.

Second Reading:

There was a second reading on the motion to provide \$2000 in support to MP50 for their hosting of the Partner's Summit on November 5th, 2026. Motion passed. This Summit is open to all Park Point residents as well as the community. For more info on the Summit, 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 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange



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We will acknowledge the support staff—cooks, yard workers, tunnelmen, oilers, stewards, and others who have served on Great Lakes ships, especially those from the Duluth/Superior area.

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Sunday, November 8

9:45 a.m.

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

Our September 14 potluck dinner meeting was one not to be missed. Ellie Alspach kicked off the event with her garden update. She reported that our tomatoes are finally ripening and we have more than we can eat. So, extras were gathered up and taken to Damiano and the St Frances House as food donations for those in need. We have a new crop of beans established in one of the open garlic beds. Gleaners are still finding potatoes in beds that have been harvested. Bell peppers are ready for picking and can be found hiding under the plants' foliage. And, our raspberry plants located along the fence shared with the tennis court are blighted with a fungus. Cherie Bridges is working with the Extension Service figuring out how to proceed.

Carol Kondrath introduced the night's speaker, Park Pointer Molly Harney. Molly has been a bee keeper for 2 years with an apiary in her harborside back yard. She is participating in the UMN Bee Lab to learn about bee keeping and she shared a plethora of knowledge with us. She says our community garden contributes to her hive's success, which is important because there are many factors working against a sustainable bee population in this country. Those factors include the use of pesticides, a changing landscape with habitat loss, and a mite that has been infesting bee colonies since the 1980s.

The bee breed that Molly keeps is Italian honey bees. She has 30,000 in her colony. An average hive is home to 20,000 to 80,000 bees. She insists her Italian bees are a very gentle breed and she loves spending hours sitting and watching their movements. They can travel up to 5 miles away from their hive...perhaps they have visited your garden.

Within the hive there are several kinds of bees. There is one queen bee that lives 3 to 5 years. Her job is to lay eggs – up to 2,500 each day. The hive creates a new queen when needed. The other female bees live about 6 weeks and take on several jobs during their lives. First, they are nurse bees tending to the hive and baby bees; then they are worker bees that organize the hive; next they leave the hive to become foragers for pollen and nectar; later in life they guard the entrance to the hive and finally become the undertakers that rid the hive of dead bees. The male bees, called drones, are about 10% of the hive's population and live about 6 weeks, during which time they leave the hive to fertilize the queen. Later in the fall, a new stronger bee strain is created that will live 11 months and populate the hive during the winter.

Fun bee facts include: a bee's ability to smell is 50 times stronger than a dog's ability. The sound of bees' wings beating in the hive is in the key of C. Bees are not the only pollinators that our crops depend upon. Butterflies, moths, beetles, bats, ants and wasps also do that job. More than 75% of the food we eat requires pollination, so it is important to support these small, hard-working creatures and those people who help to sustain the populations of these animals.

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](tel: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 Date:

October 12: monthly potluck dinner. We will have a garden recap of the 2026 growing season

11/19: TBD

12/14: Winter holiday party

-Susan Peters

MP50 Breeze Report.



MP50 Partners Summit. Park Point will be well represented by our community at the upcoming Partners Summit on November 4th and 5th. Please come celebrate FALL and learn more about our MP50 work at the PARK POINT COMMUNITY FALL FEST scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Food, Fun, Prizes -- all are welcome! The PPCC executive committee and MP50 board have been invited to meet with partners on November 5th to identify strategic actions MP50 and its partners will undertake in 2027. MP50 thanks PPCC for financial support for the Summit.

Caring for our Dunes. Dune Discovery and Stewardship Day was held on Friday, September 11, 2026 from Noon to 6 pm @ Lafayette Park! This hands-on day of discovery, hosted by Minnesota DNR and partners, including PPCC and MP50, provided us with the opportunity to experience dune stewardship in action. The event brought together residents, visitors, educators, and community partners for short activities, guided walks, and demonstrations that highlight how dunes work and how everyday choices affect dune health. Thirty-five people signed up to be Dune Stewards, including a number of people who do not live on the point. A follow up meeting will take place next month with DNR, SeaGrant, MP50, and City of Duluth with the goal of establishing collaborative goals for next year's Dune Day.

Housing Policy. 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 24th and September 14th City Council meetings. Councilors passed the ordinance unanimously. The ordinance and comments from PPCC and MP50 were covered in various media outlets. A copy of the Ordinance is on the City webpage. Councilors hope to discuss and pass a companion resolution and/or amendment to the ordinance focused on enforcement and monitoring of the new approach.

Traffic Safety. Joe Jurewicz, City Engineering, sent an email to the MP50 Traffic Safety committee confirming that 15 hinged No Parking/Alternate Side Parking signs have been ordered and will be installed Fall 2026. Five signs will go in 3 locations: by the bridge, S curve, and Lafayette, to be placed 2 per block. Joe also confirmed the white solid lines on Minnesota Ave. will be repainted Summer 2027 to narrow the vehicle lanes from 12 to 10 feet. He acknowledged that repainting the white lines in Summer 2026 at the prior width was a mistake. MP50 looks forward to continuing this positive working relationship with city engineering.

Education Materials. The Education Materials Team completed its survey of visitors and residents. Five focus groups were held with residents throughout June-August, as well as direct outreach to businesses and community groups on the Point to inform all of the guides. The Education Outreach Report was written summarizing these findings. Eliza Meyer, Education

Materials project coordinator, expressed confidence information gained will be sufficient to inform development of the Guides to Park Point. She met with the Education Materials Partners group Sep. 15th to discuss these findings and identify next steps to begin writing. Eliza also discussed the survey results with the PPCC at its September meeting.

Organizational Efficiency. The MP50 board welcomes its newest board member, Steve Hanson. Steve is a Park Pointer who brings a strong business background to the board.

Return of Good Fire Project. The Burn is weather dependent. Please visit the MP50 website (www.minnesotapoint50.org) for updates!

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



From Community Police Officer Jeremy O’Conner

Now that summer is over, this month’s Breeze article will recap how things went regarding traffic and crime on Park Point.

We’ll start with traffic enforcement. Hopefully you noticed a proactive enforcement effort throughout the summer aimed at curbing poor driving behavior. Strategies included directed enforcement in marked and unmarked squad cars, a speed trailer placed at different locations, and a decoy squad car positioned around the neighborhood at times.

The three most common timeframes for traffic stops were 9pm–11pm, 1pm–3pm, and 11pm–1am. Speeding was the most common offense cited for, along with careless driving, stop sign violations, driving after revocation, lane violations, insurance and driver’s license violations, equipment violations, and DWI-related offenses.

The most common 911 call types were “attempt to locate” and “hotrodder” complaints involving poor driving behavior witnessed by others. The 9pm-11pm timeframe had the highest number of these calls, which matched our busiest enforcement period. We might not always catch these vehicles, but calling 911 when the behavior is happening gives us a chance to locate the driver and also helps us identify when and where these problems are occurring.

Something we should all be proud of is that property crime on Park Point was almost nonexistent this summer. In warmer months, we typically see vehicles, garages, and sheds broken into, along with items stolen from porches. This summer proved otherwise. I credit much of that success to residents taking precautions we’ve discussed: locking up belongings, keeping expensive items out of sight, using motion-sensor lights and cameras, getting to know your neighbors, and reporting suspicious activity to 911.

Keep up the good work and thank you for doing your part to help keep Park Point safe! 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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