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Upcoming Events

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

MP50 Partners Meeting November 5th Radisson Downtown 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM

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

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

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

This one's not a Turkey!



October ended with quite a sight as the ocean ship Muntgracht departed Duluth in incredibly dense harbor fog. This ship traveled all the way from Italy carrying industrial machinery. Built in 2012, the Dutch vessel is 466 feet long and has three onboard cranes. As it departed a few days later, I even recognized a few Pointers standing on the pier! November is here, the Halloween pumpkins are gone, and winter isn't far behind. There's talk about a super El Niño winter, and wouldn't it be nice to leave those snow shovels in the garage? I wouldn't count on it! Next time you're crossing the Lift Bridge, look toward Bentleyville. Before long, the holiday lights will be shining again. Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and other December celebrations are just around the corner. It's an exciting time of year. And speaking of the bridge, how many people can say they cross a working lift bridge every day just to get home? Sometimes I think we forget how lucky we are to live here. November is my favorite month for ship watching. The famous gales of November can bring some powerful winds and enormous waves to Lake Superior. But November also brings a reminder of the dangers sailors face. On November 10th, we remember the 29 men who lost their lives aboard the Edmund Fitzgerald 51 years ago. Please keep those sailors and their families in your thoughts. As for the swimming shorts and T-shirts, I think that drawer can stay closed for a while!

By: Vibe with Mike

President's Report

Hi everyone! As we move into November there are a few things to consider for residents and visitors on the Point.

First of all, remember Nov 4th, Wednesday for "Fall Fest", 4pm-7pm. Food, beverages, games, and live music from some bottom dwellers. We could use some volunteers to show up at 3 to help with set-up. The following day the MP50 committee will hold an event downtown. Please send me an email if you are able to help with set-up.

For our Nov PPCC meeting, Abby of Dovetail Partners (in charge of coordinating the Park Point burn), offered along with some of the burn leaders to give the PPCC additional follow up information about the burn, such as letting us know how they thought it went, what went well, what could have been improved, and maybe what the plan is for future burns.

There has been a cat on the prowl periodically(brown or grey and white). Please keep your cats indoors or tethered. Domestic cats are a leading cause of the decline of migratory birds. More on this as spring approaches.

A big reminder for all as the days grow shorter. There are many of us active after dark-walkers, runners, bikers, dog walkers etc. Many of us wear dark clothing in late fall and winter. We are essentially invisible. I encourage and ask all of us to wear some reflective or high visibility clothing for the consideration of motorists and our own safety. Using a light or headlamp is a great help. If any of us were to hit a pedestrian or cyclist, even if we were in the right, having to live with that memory would be anguishing. So for our own safety and consideration for others, let's light up like Christmas trees.

Thanks everyone! Enjoy our last days of fall! Cheers-Scott ppccex26@gmail.com

MP-50 whaaat?

With the recent change in leadership in the Park Point Community Club, as long-serving president Dawn Buck stepped down, and Scott Wolff stepped up into the role, the executive board of the PPCC began to look into the by-laws and organization of the club, to see what needed to be up-dated or streamlined to meet current needs. And that meant looking at the standing committees of the club. Questions came up about the relationship of the MP-50 and the club. It is listed among committee reports at meetings, and submits a report regularly that is printed in the Breeze, but, technically, it is a separate organization. Or sort of. So I did some digging through back issues of the Breeze. And I do mean digging, as this predates the Breeze being available on-line.

It was back in 2010, when the leadership of the PPCC – and this predates even Dawn's tenure – came up with the idea of converting the PPCC from its current non-profit status -which I believe is 501B – to a 501C. Now a 501C has more leeway in certain areas, particularly in fundraising and seeking grants. So the club officers approached the IRS with this proposal. It was denied. The IRS said the activities of the Park Point Community Club, such as running the Park Point Art Fair and the Summer Youth Program, were not consistent with the rules of a 501C.

So the PPCC leadership came up with another plan - you might call it a scheme: They created a whole new 501C organization, known as the Minnesota Point Preservation Society. The idea was to gradually transfer all the assets of the PPCC to this new organization, let the PPCC fade out of existence and re-emerge as the MPPS, a 501C. By the end of 2011 the MPPS was recognized by the IRS as a 501C with an interim board made up of PPCC members, and $10,000 was transferred from the PPCC to the MPPS.

This action was met with some resistance, both within the PPCC and eventually the IRS. About a year later, $9000 of that original $10.000 was transferred back to the PPCC. But the MPPS still existed, with a board made up of PPCC members, but without a real purpose.

Along comes the MP-50, which began as an off-shoot of the PPCC's High Water and Erosion Committee, looking at long term (50 year) resiliency planning. As this grew into the MP-50 – still a PPCC committee – it put together a business plan, approved by the PPCC in August of 2023, under which the Minnesota Point Preservation Society would "oversee and fund MP-50 actions". Finally, a true purpose for the MPPS, and a use for it's 501C status.

Eventually, the Minnesota Point Preservation Society became the MP-50. Whether the MP-50 is still a committee of the PPCC or not, its mission remains the same, and continues to work with and, report to, the Park Point Community Club.

Park Point Community Club meeting minutes

The October 2026 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Scott Wolff, President on October 20th, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Scott welcomed community members.
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Motion was approved to accept the minutes. All in attendance voted aye.
Scott reviewed that a survey will be sent to all PP residents to gain a better perspective on a wide range of topics. We are hoping the community will respond so please watch for upcoming info.
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
Brief discussion. The budget has been set and we're still waiting on word from the City of Duluth regarding the $10,000 grant to market the Art Fair on a state-wide basis.
Watch Committee
Please continue to monitor activity that seems suspicious as well as traffic concerns and report to 911.
Sunshine Committee – Brittany Prim
Three Get Well cards sent.
Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell
There are still some items left in the garden. Everyone is free to help themselves.
Summer Youth Program – Carolyn Kerns
The youth program report will be available at the November meeting.
Rummage Sale – Heidi Harrison
Preparations will begin in January. Dates for the 2027 Rummage Sale are Friday 6/11 and Saturday 6/12.
Traffic Safety – Brian Ruggle
We are still waiting for the placement of the hinged signs. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks. 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. Please continue to report concerns. Email traffic safety issues to ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.
MP50: Pat Sterner
Pat provided an update on the recent burn. She thanked all who were involved, and plans are being prepared for a potential spring burn. Fall Fest will be Nov 4th and 5th. On Nov 4th , there will be an Open House at Lafayette from 4pm to 7pm. On Nov 5th the Summit will be from 8:30am to 3:30pm at the Radisson. For additional info, please see the MP50 website. 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.
Misc:
If you are interested in making ice this winter for the hockey and pleasure rink, please call 612-812-3174
Discussion regarding the houseboats that are being planned for Harbor Cove.
Thanks to Diane Gould for providing coffee and goodies.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm

Following the mtg, Scott introduced June and Sarah who presented on Hawk Ridge and their participation in banding, counting and documenting this year's bird migration.

Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange



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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

At the well-attended October 12 monthly potluck dinner meeting, Aaron Prim gave a greeting in the Pawnee language to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day and Ellie Alspach presented a detailed garden recap of the 2026 growing season. She reported which plants produced well and those that didn't; provided options to be considered for the 2027 growing season; and gave kudos to those gardeners who nurse our plants at home, either over-wintering them or starting seeds at home in the early spring to create transplants for us.

Raspberry update from member Cherie Bridges: "Our raspberries along the fence by the tennis court are infected with a fungus, possibly spur blight, and the solution advised online was to remove the canes at the soil level and also remove any other diseased plant material. The new primocanes that emerge next spring will, hopefully, be free of the nasty fungus. In addition, all weeds should be removed from this area so that at some future time we can add wood chips as a weed barrier. It appears that the raspberry plants along the west side are healthy--fingers crossed! More will be shared after we meet with one of the St. Louis County Cooperative Extension staff. Be sure to disinfect tools after cutting raspberry plants in order to prevent spread of the blight."

Your community garden steering committee has been hard at work. You might wonder what this committee does. Here are current tasks they are working on: determining what projects need to be done in the garden from planting to harvesting to seed-saving, providing guidance on when produce it ready to harvest, doing long-term planning for the garden hard scape, monitoring the treasury, and planning programs for the monthly meetings. They could always use extra help. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact Missy at 515-991-7280, mjking@siu.edu.

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 Date:
November 9, 6-8 p.m.: Member introductions. Bring new, unused socks and we'll donate them to CHUM. Also, bring cash if you want to buy $5 raffle tickets to try to win the donated Le Creuset Dutch oven!
December 14, 6-8-p.m.: Winter holiday party with Don Lemmerman as emcee.

-Susan Peters

This Swedish Apple Cake from Doug McEneany was enjoyed at the Lafayette Community Garden potluck dinner in October and many folks have requested the recipe.

<u>Swedish Apple Cake</u>
Cake Ingredients:
1/2 cup butter (room temp)
1 1/3 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 1/2 tsp vanilla
1 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp nutmeg
3 cups chopped apples
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Caramel Topping:
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon cream
2 tablespoons butter

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9"- or 10"-springform pan. Beat the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, until combined. Blend in the vanilla. Mix together the dry ingredients (flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg), then fold them into the butter mixture until combined. Fold in the apples and walnuts. Spoon into pan. Bake for 30 minutes.
While the cake is baking, prepare the Carmel Topping. Combine the ingredients in a small, heavy-bottomed sauce pan. Cook until it reaches a full boil. Pour it over the cake and return it to the oven to bake for an additional 10-15 minutes. Cake will be done when center is firm and caramel is cracking. If using a 9" springform pan, it will take a bit longer to bake.

MP50 Breeze Report
October 27, 2026

MP50 Breeze Report

Return of Good Fire to the Point. On October 8, the historic moment finally came when *manidoo-ishkode* - the spirit of good fire - was successfully reintroduced to *Zhaagawamikong-Neyaashi* - Minnesota Point. The day began with a ceremony led by Fond du Lac elder Ricky DeFoe and guests, in which fire and water were invited to do their cleansing and healing work on the land and in the hearts of the people. All burn personnel and guests offered *asemaa* - tobacco - to the fire and prepared their minds and hearts for a good day. After a successful test fire on the far east side of the burn unit, burn boss Kevin Berens from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Scientific and Natural Areas and staff fire crews from the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, City of Duluth, and the DNR completed ignitions within 4 hours. The operation went smoothly and safely, with no reported harm or damage from smoke, poison ivy, or other hazards. Fond du Lac crews spent another 4 days monitoring the burn unit and putting out hot spots. Volunteers were stationed at the Sky Harbor Airport throughout burn day to redirect trail users and answer questions. During the burn, a press conference was held by key project partners and attended by 11 different media outlets. Altogether, the news stories received over 4 million views.





Although on a technical level the burn was categorized as "moderate complexity," the number of partners involved (12 organizations/government entities), cultural significance, and high degree of public attention made it an enormously complex effort that took well over a year to plan and execute. By the end of the day, those involved in the effort expressed feelings of gratitude, wonder, disbelief, jubilation, and healing. Already the partnership is planning for the next burn in 2027 and long term plans for sustaining regular intervals of fire and land caretaking in the pine forest.

Miigwech - thank you - to all of the Park Point residents who have engaged in this effort as volunteers, supporters, land caretakers, storytellers, and more. You are too many to name, but your support has made this project not only possible but incredibly powerful. The flames may be extinguished, but the sparks of positive ecological and social shifts are still very much alive.

From Community Police Officer Jeremy O'Conner

When people think of November, a few things usually come to mind. One, for Minnesotans anyway, is hunting—good luck to all the hunters out there, and be safe! Another is Thanksgiving. With that in mind, I'd like to thank all of you for the many ways you help keep Park Point such a welcoming and safe place. The commitment and involvement I see in your community club and throughout your neighborhood are top-notch and, frankly, unmatched in most other Duluth neighborhoods.

Thank you for helping make Park Point safe for residents and visitors alike. You take the time to get to know your neighbors, keep valuables out of sight, lock your doors, and report suspicious activity and unsafe driving to 911. These actions help protect the neighborhood and deter criminal behavior. I also want to thank you for your continued support of the Duluth PD. Over the past year, you've supported our officers and civilian staff in several ways, including contributing to the Law Enforcement Torch Run and supporting a pizza party for our Community Service Officers. These thoughtful gestures mean a lot and are greatly appreciated.

Over the past few months, several people have asked how they can support DPD or thank a specific officer they've interacted with during a call for service or in passing. My best answer is to keep doing the things mentioned above. A personal thank-you is always appreciated, and even a friendly wave to officers patrolling the Point can brighten their day. You can also visit the DPD website to submit a compliment about an officer, which will be added to their file. Thank you again for everything you do for Park Point and for your support of DPD. I hope you all have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

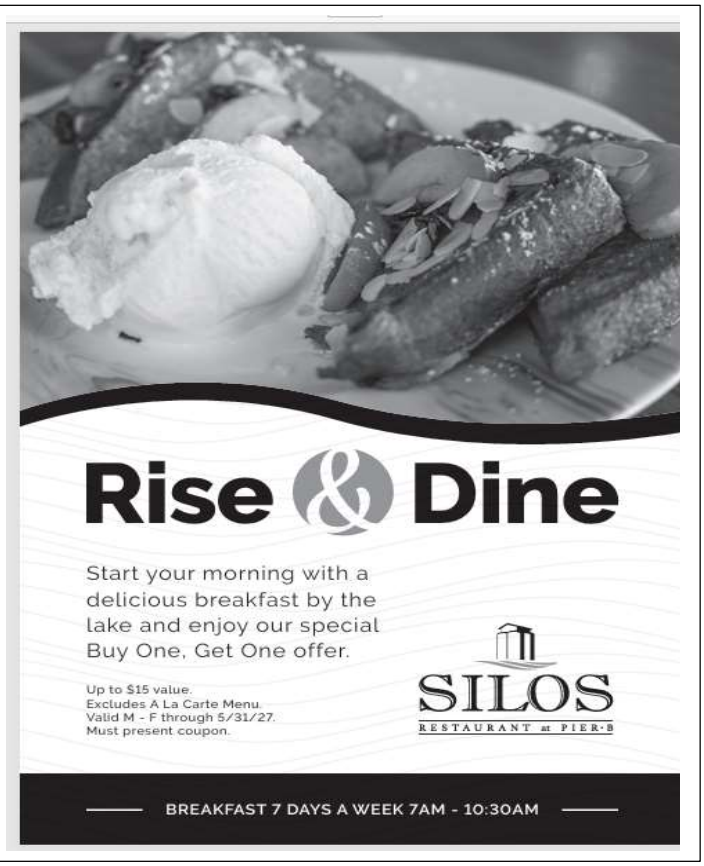


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Numbers you can use

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
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