



# *The Breeze*

## *Of Park Point*

### Upcoming Events

Lafayette Community Edible Garden is helping to host Rinkfest, February 4, noon to 3 at Lafayette. Ice or no, it's a go!

Park Point Community Club Meeting, February 20th

Social at 6:45.  
Meeting at 7:00PM at Lafayette.

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

Park Point Rummage Sale  
June 14&15

Park Point Art Fair  
June 29&30

Neighborhood Night Out, August 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrews

**Um...  
Winter? Are  
you there?**

## Nothing Draws a Crowd Like Free Pizza



### President's Report

Hi Neighbors,  
The January 16th pizza party happened during the brief appearance of winter 2024 and the cold weather brought out the warmhearted who gathered for Sammy's Pizza and good neighborhood cheer. Fifty- five neighbors signed in and five new members signed up, welcome!

We passed around a letter that the Club received from a young person of 11 years who spends time with her aunt at 31st and is concerned about the erosion of the path leading from the Lafayette parking lot to the beach. She is wondering if there is a plan to help prevent erosion and wrote that she is happy to help. We are grateful for this inquiry which asks the same question Park Pointers have been asking and addressing through plantings, boardwalks, educational presentations, collaborations with agencies and is the basis for the launch of MWP50 from the Erosion and High Water Committee. Check out the article from Paul Treuer in this edition of The Breeze with updates and how you can take action. Speaking of The Breeze, thank you to new delivery volunteers, Maria W. and the Prim family.

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by 2/27/2024

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(Presidents Report, continued)

We kept the pizza warm in the new electric stove in the upper Lafayette kitchen. I just received word from Parks and Rec. that the additional kitchen upgrades are coming sooner than originally planned. From Chris Severson who manages the City's rentals:

"The Facility will be closed for rentals from 2/12/24-2/29/24.

- There is a Community Club meeting scheduled for 2/20/24. The main hall and the restrooms will be available for this meeting, but the kitchen will not be. Adam F. will arrive at the meeting a little early to tidy up and move any of the renovation equipment/supplies out of the main hall.

RENOVATION PROJECT:

- Epoxy Floor (same as the restrooms)
- Patch and paint the walls
- New counters"

Adam Fornear from Parks and Rec. reports that the new boardwalk project behind Lafayette is scheduled to begin this spring. Adam is also coordinating some mouse patrol in the lower level at Lafayette. Volunteers cleaning up for the opening of the rink noted a need in that area. A big thanks to Nancy Olson and Mark Elden for working on lower Lafayette cleanup and RinkFEST 2024 which will go ahead with or without a frozen rink. We will celebrate regardless with hotdogs, hot drinks, fires, smores and Park Point enthusiasm for whatever comes our way on Sunday, Feb. 4, noon to 3 lower Lafayette!

Concerns continue regarding property tax values and what the future holds for tax rate increases. A committee has been picking up new members to study this situation and see what might be possible to mitigate and plan for the future. If you'd like to join this group, please send me an email: [parkpointcc@gmail.com](mailto:parkpointcc@gmail.com). It's time to start thinking about summer and how to continue to address the speeding and drag racing on the Park Point Raceway. We will continue to work with Duluth PD and will ask Mayor Reinert for help. We have asked for better signage and/or a better strategy to keep the cars on the bay side in the summer and the recreation lane free of cars and contractors. Neighbors routinely send ideas for traffic calming, marking the recreation lane, signage that needs upgrading, parking & sign questions and we share these with the City and ask for help. Stay tuned for how you might be able to take action on these needs as well.

Park Point has been making the news around the globe lately. I am wondering how this will all play out in the next few decades and beyond; now is our opportunity to improve the outcome

See you out and about on extraordinary Neyaashi.

Dawn

PS Please note that we have a new Community Police Officer, Jeremy O'Connor, [JOconnor@duluthmn.gov](mailto:JOconnor@duluthmn.gov). Thank you to Sgt. Ethan Roe who now leads the Behavioral Health Unit. Ethan worked with us for several years and will keep in touch.

## **Rinkfest '24**

**Ice or not we are still on for a get-together. Enjoy socializing, food and ping-pong. It'll be great. Sunday, February 4, noon to 3pm.**

**Hope to see there!**

**Mark Elden, Rinkman**

### **News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden**

The big news in February was Rinkfest on Sunday, February 4th, at Lafayette Community Club. We hope everyone had a blast and got plenty of skate time in and goodies to eat. Thanks to all the community gardeners who helped out with the food for that event. Because of Rinkfest, we will not have a February potluck dinner meeting.

The community garden steering committee met on January 17 and came up with loads of ideas for programs at our upcoming meetings. If all goes as planned, expect to hear about mushroom foraging, successfully growing tomatoes, and Ojibwe uses of regional plants. Also at that meeting, Ellie Alspach provided copies of this year's proposed layout of the garden beds: what will be planted where and updates about the seeds we have and the seeds we need to get. Perhaps the best part of attending the meeting was getting a slice of Don Lemmerman's delicious homemade pie. If you are interested in serving on the steering committee, we welcome fresh blood and new ideas.

The Duluth Community Garden Program has announced this year's Vegetable of the Year (drum roll please): it's Corn! We decided to grow sweet corn in our garden. Our Indigenous Peoples expert, garden member Aaron Prim, will participate in this garden bed and share his experience growing his tribe's ancestral corn seeds.

If you want information about membership or our future meetings, Missy King is the contact person for folks interested in our community garden and potluck dinners. 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 Events:**

Save these dates for upcoming potluck dinner meetings: March 11, April 8, May 13. Since phase 1 of the Lafayette kitchen is done, we now have a new electric range to use. Note that more remodeling will happen in the fall.

### **Warm up this winter with hot apple cider.**

Our Nordic traditions have us drinking coffee by the bucket-loads, but sometimes a change introduces us to new delicious family-friendly beverages. Try warming up this winter with hot apple cider enhanced with unexpected flavors.

Start by heating cider in a pot and adding some of the following ingredients. Simmer for 5 to 10 minutes and it's ready to drink. If using whole spices, they can be put in a tea infuser or tied in a cheesecloth bag for easy removal.

Maple syrup

Honey or brown sugar

Spices - especially cinnamon, cloves, allspice, cardamom

Orange and lemon peels

Fresh ginger

Bourbon or brandy (popular with the big kids)

-Susan Peters

## Tuesday 1/16 PPCC Meeting Minutes

Call to Order, 7:02pm

Welcome and Welcome Back!

2024 Annual Membership Pizza Party Other docs for reference- on the website

Presentation and action on the minutes of the previous meeting: Motion to approve minutes from November's meeting in the December Breeze. Approved Tom Rauschefels/Al Robins

Presentation and action on the treasurer's report: Update and report from Gale Kerns. Balance 12/2022 \$15,300 & 11/2023 approx. \$26k. Motion to approve report. Approved Andy Johnson/Dave Poulin

Reading of communications received: Erosion concerns behind the Lafayette parking lot on path to the lake from a young person visiting aunt at 3102 MN Ave. The letter went around the room for everyone to review, copy to Adam Fornear, Parks and Recreation representative.

Report of the Committees:

- **Youth**- no report; Kari Speer plus Britta DeSutter will help as schedule allows; Park Point parents, grandparents please get in touch to help launch a camp for summer 2024; help needed!
- **Art Fair**- Diane G. reporting, Artist's Dinner location a source of stress as the beach house was accidentally rented out for a wedding, committee working on a solution
- **Breeze**- Alan Dartanyan; Thank you to new delivery volunteers- Prim Family, Maria Wood, keep the submissions coming!
- **Environmental**- Dick Gould. No new information at this time.
- **Hospitality** - Diane Gould; thank you to Dick and Diane for organizing the pizza party!
- **Sunshine**- Pam Griggs- no cards this past month
- **Rummage Sale**-no report tonight, June 14,15 2024, start planning your sale!
- **Program**- Dave Poulin: Lafayette gathering for DSSA event in May
- **Watch**- all of us, neighbors report new parking signs noted at 8th bay side little portage aka Onigamiinsing, Adam F. will check with Parks and Rec. Neighbors noted coyotes, eagles and warm weather oddities in Dec. Keep watching everyone!
- **High Water & Erosion**- Hamilton Smith, present, no updates
- **Traffic Safety**- Pat Sterner, present, efforts will continue, new contacts in DPD, new mayor
- **MWP-50** Paul Treuer reporting; MWP-50 is a community- based organization for learning, planning and taking action to build coastal resilience for MN WI Point; anchored in community through PPCC. When you attend the GOP and DFL precinct caucuses on Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 7:00 PM, ask the candidates to support efforts to plan for and deal with erosion and flooding on Minnesota Point. Link to information; <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/how-elections-work/precinct-caucuses/>

### Discussion and action on unfinished business:

Property Tax- neighbors working on expanding a committee to learn more and share and explore options, take action. County Commissioner Annie Harala has volunteered to set up another meeting to go over the calculations and how the taxes are figured. Committee seeking co-chairperson, please contact Andrea Kuzel, [andreakuzel@gmail.com](mailto:andreakuzel@gmail.com)

Water supply on Park Point: Adequate volume and pressure?

This concern was brought up last year. Who is monitoring and how often? Anyone interested in taking a closer look and reporting back?

### Discussion and action on new business:

● RinkFest Sunday Feb. 4th noon - 3pm with fires, hot dogs, marshmallows, warm drinks, delicious treats etc  
Motion to support with funds up to \$200. Approved. Tom Rauschenfels/Alan Dartanyan

Nancy Olson, Mark Elden and the Community Gardeners will facilitate this annual gathering!

● August 6th National Night out: St. Andrew's By the Lake will be hosting Neighborhood Night Out on August 6, 2024. They will provide the food and beverages. Add this to your summer calendar!

Adjournment 7:45pm ish

Respectfully submitted by club secretary stand-in,

Ted Buck

**Pet Sitter Available on Park Point**

- Cats, dogs & other household pets
- Housesitting for homes without pets also welcome
  - Flexible schedule
  - Experience with medically complex pets
  - Extended time to keep your pets company
- Competitive rates· Watering plants & bringing in mail included
- Park Point preferred but will consider other Duluth neighborhoods.

Reach out & let's set it up!  
 Brie Monahan • (505) 690-1688 •  
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**Seeking Covid-careful housemate**

to share spacious, comfortable home on Park Point, starting March 1 or sooner. Move-in date flexible. I am the homeowner and the only other occupant. You would have the master bedroom with en-suite bathroom. Space available for home office for working from home if needed.

COVID-cautious lifestyle is top priority  
 No smoking or vaping Pets negotiable depending on behaviors; not all bad behaviors are automatic exclusions. Help with snow removal in winter and light house cleaning year-round· Retired folks, LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, and/or immune compromised folks encouraged to apply Please, no couples

\$900/month plus utilities, \$500 security deposit  
 .If Interested: Call Brie (505) 690-1688 for more information or to request an application. Thank you!



**Len and Lois**  
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**Park Point**  
**Residents/ Musicians**  
**You're going to like**  
**what you see and**  
**hear**



**Join us for Ash Wednesday on**  
**February 14 @ 7:00 PM.**  
**Our doors are open to all.**

*God of peace, we pray for all those people suffering in war-stricken places. Grant them your grace and peace.*



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# Minnesota-Wisconsin Point Long-range Resiliency Planning



## MWP-50 Working Group.

The MWP-50 Working Group contributed definitions of what resilience means for MW Point. Consensus from the group members is that resilience is best defined as a collaborative process for developing and taking strategic actions that proactively make all areas of the Point resilient. The MWP-50 Business Plan is being updated to reflect input from this stakeholder group. The updated Business Plan and definition of Resilience on the Point will be discussed at the next MWP-50 Working Group zoom meeting on Friday, Feb. 23 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM.

## ASFPM Resilience Grant for Minnesota Point

The Minnesota Point Team is meeting with technical experts from the Association of State FloodPlain Managers (ASFPM) to develop future flooding scenarios on Minnesota Point. Maps are being developed that show the extent of water inundation on the Point in each scenario. The ASFPM team will be in Duluth in May. We will arrange a public meeting to show the scenario maps to Park Point residents. The scenarios illustrate possible flooding on both sides of the Point and how several actions may be taken to address these flooding issues.

## City Tour of North End

Jim Filby Williams and his staff toured the north end of Minnesota Point Friday, Dec. 8, 2023 to meet with several residents and view issues they are experiencing with blowing and drifting sand on their property. Mr. Williams noted the City will respond to the issue.

## Resilience starts with our trees

As land is being bought up and homes are being torn down, some trees are coming down, too. Trees provide resilience against erosion because they slow down the wind, thereby trapping blowing and drifting sand. Please be mindful when taking down trees.

## Beneficial Use of Harbor Dredge Material

A workshop will be held in Duluth on Jan. 31, 2024 on a tool developed by the US EPA (Dredged Material Decision Tool) to help with planning purposes on what to do with dredge materials from the harbor. Three members of the MWP-50 Working Group have been invited to attend. A shortened virtual presentation of the tool is available for the public. A link to this workshop will be shared with the MWP50 Mailing list.

## Meeting: National Geospatial Collaborative

An initial meeting was held with representatives of the Collaborative to begin exploring the potential to collaboratively seek grant funding and provide support services.

## Precinct Caucuses 2024

GOP and DFL precinct caucuses are Tuesday, Feb. 27th, starting at 7:00 PM. Meet the candidates and ask them to support efforts to deal with erosion and flooding on the Point.

Please join the MWP-50 Mailing list: Contact Paul Treuer, MWP50 Coordinator, paul.treuer@gmail.com

**Anyone interested in a study group?**

**Call Mary B**

**Let's Talk**

**218-626-5496**

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**Even if you missed the pizza party -or didn't get your membership I, you can still join the club! Just fill out the form below and either bring it and your check to our next meeting, February 20<sup>th</sup>, or mail it in. We accept memberships all year 'round.**

Park Point Community Club Membership Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box for email subscription

Number of Memberships \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail checks to:

Park Point Community Club

PO Box 16326

Duluth MN 55816-0326

The Park Point Community Club publishes a list of member names (w/o contact details.)

Check here \_\_\_ if you agree to be included on the list.

Check here \_\_\_ if you prefer to remain anonymous.

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### Park Point Resident

#### 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 Dave Campbell 723-3387

Community Police Officer Ethan Roe 218-730- 5747 [eroe@duluthmn.gov](mailto:eroe@duluthmn.gov)

PP water Quality issues: Chris Kleist, [ckleist@duluthmn.gov](mailto:ckleist@duluthmn.gov), office 218-730-4063 and 218-355-0598

Parking Services 218-730-5470

Dog issues: Shelter: 218-723-3259

On-Duty Cell Phone: 218-390-2256

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