



The Breeze

Of Park Point

Upcoming Events

**Lafayette Community
Edible Garden Potluck
April 8th, 6-8PM
at Lafayette**

**Park Point
Community Club
Meeting,
April 16th
Social at 6:45.
Meeting at 7:00PM
at Lafayette.**

**Property Tax
Assessment
Presentation
April 24th, 6PM at
Lafayette**

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

**Special School
Bonding vote May
14th**

**Smelt Parade
May 26th**

**Park Point
Rummage Sale
June 14&15**

**Park Point Art Fair
June 29&30**

Ship Watching

Fellow Pointers,
Whether you live on the Bay Side or Lake Side, all of us on the Point know that those Great Lakes ships slowly moving on the water make our sandy island a special place for vessel watchers. The powerful engines in those enormous and wonderful ships started back up for the first time after winter layup on March 21st. The American Spirit departed under the Aerial Lift Bridge at approximately 9:00 pm local time, truly starting the shipping season here in Duluth. Those of us on the Bay Side will see many new oceangoing vessels (also known as Salties) arrive this year and dock on the Superior side. Also, those on the Lake Side will see many of those same ships at anchor periodically.

Ship of the Month: The 1,004' American Spirit is known as the fastest 1,000-footer on the Great Lakes, with two diesel engines pushing out approximately 16,000 HP. Built in 1978 as the George A. Stinson, the ship has a 62,400-ton cargo capacity, 7 holds, 36 hatches, 2 rudders, 2 controllable pitch propellers, and is owned by the American Steamship Company.



If you happen to be taking a walk down Minnesota Ave, hanging out at Lafayette Square, or doing other things we do here on the Point, keep your eye on the water for our friend, the American Spirit.

Author: Vibe with Mike

President's Report

Dear Neighbors,
Hope to see you on Tuesday April 16 for our monthly meeting and on April 24 at 6pm for a presentation on the 2024 Property Tax Assessment process plus q/a time. If you have a question or questions that you would like asked, please send them to me at parkpointcc@gmail.com. Mary Garness, Public Records and Property Valuation Director from St. Louis County reached out to get a meeting on our spring program calendar. See you there and keep those questions coming!

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The Breeze

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by 4/27/2024

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(President's Report, continued)

We may have an opportunity to learn more about cyanobacteria threats at Lake Superior beaches. Christopher T. Filstrup, Ph.D., Applied Limnologist, Director of Central Analytical Lab, Natural Resources Research Institute, reached out to see if Park Pointers might be interested in helping with monitoring and maybe sampling. Chris will be in touch if the project is approved and is willing to come and give a presentation on algal blooms and what they mean and why we need to pay attention, more details later this spring.

Watching the recent swirling snow in the red pines is a beautiful sight, seeing the vitriol on social media regarding a neighbor's real estate dealings is not. We have a lot of work to do on our extraordinary island and no time to get mired in negative exchanges. Here's to "thinking about solutions that will actually unite us and get us focused on the real problems," Michelle Obama 2016. For details on the work ahead, please see the updates on the Minnesota Wisconsin Point Resiliency Initiative in Paul Treuer's report in this Breeze. I also believe that Park Pointers strive to be welcoming and kind neighbors :)

Registration for the Summer Youth Program, Camp Lafayette, is in full swing. Please see the website for details, parkpointcommunityclub.org. While you are there, check out the dates for the Smelt Parade Workshops to be held in lower Lafayette. The parade is set for Sunday, May 26. Also, re. our annual tree planting, here are the trees we have coming; please start planning for the site selection and care of these important new members of our community. I will send out details on where and when to pick up the trees.

- 75 Norway (Red Pine) seedlings
- 1 bundle each of Juneberry, American Linden, Black Cherry, False Indigo

The 94th anniversary of my great grandma Edith's arrival on Park Point is coming up on April 9th. She and her four grown sons rented a tudor style cottage on the beach side and my grandparents then bought the house in 1937. I have always been curious about who built the house. This week I took a close look at the abstract of title from The Consolidated Abstract Co. and it shows Anthony W. Puck & wife Aloysia owning the property and applying for water and gas services in 1907, the year that the house was built. A little internet search revealed that A. Puck was an architect in Duluth. I also found this: One of the nation's leading test pilots, Anthony W. "Tony" LeVier was born "Anthony Puck" in Duluth, Minnesota on February 14, 1913. His father was architect Anthony W. Puck, and his mother, Aloysia Evans was the daughter of a Great Lakes ship engineer. It is perhaps unsurprising then that Tony LeVier found himself drawn to innovation and technology.

When Tony was only 6 years old, his mother moved him and his sister Nancy to California, believing that the warm climate would be beneficial for the family's health. Tony's father was unable to make the trip due to tuberculosis, to which he succumbed shortly after the family had moved. Aloysia later remarried to Oscar LeVier, who gave Tony and Nancy his name.

(<https://www.lancastermoah.org/single-post/tony-levier-test-pilot>)

Puck was the architect for a church, the Pickwick, and other buildings in early Duluth. You never know what you might find out when you start looking.

Wishing you good times preparing for the spring and summer months ahead!

Dawn

PS The Coast Guard Certification of Documentation for the old Morgan motorsailer "Magneta" arrived on March 16th! The official celebration will take place later this spring.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

This month's shout outs go to Dan O'Neil and Keith McLaughlin. In March, Dan and his volunteers loaded Dan's truck with fencing debris from the old compost enclosure and took it to WLSSD. Keith is spearheading the task of repairing our garden beds. He is looking for volunteers to help him. These activities mark the start of spring cleanup, which is coming early this year because of the temperate weather.

Everyone is happy that our monthly potluck dinners are back in full force now that the kitchen renovations at Lafayette Square Community Club are finished. We started in March with a delicious shared meal and good social conversations. Our upcoming programs include a talk by Nikki Crowe on Ojibwe use of plants from this area on April 8. Nikki is a Native American from Fond du Lac College with expertise in foraging food. She says, "I am an enrolled member of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. My professional roles have been as a program coordinator with an interest in community development, tribal agriculture, healing models, and research in tribal communities. With education and wonder came a healing story about myself and plants. I have been sharing my story over the years to help others learn how they might find new ways of healing or how they may guide others to wellness."

For a few days in late May, students from the Harbor City School are volunteering to work with us in our garden. We appreciate their participation and will be making plans for their garden chores. Be sure to give them a warm welcome (and perhaps a plate of cookies) if you come to work when they are there.

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: April 8, May 13.

-Susan Peters

From the Park Point Community Club By-Laws

XIII. Election of Club Officers and Committee Members The term of office for all officers of the Club and all officers of committees of the Club shall be for two years, and elections shall take place in even numbered years as follows:

A. In March of each election year, at the Club's regular March meeting, any member of the Club is eligible to present himself or herself to the membership as a candidate for any office of the Club or its committees.

B. Current officers of the Club and its committees are eligible to run for re election or to run for any other offices of the Club.

C. Other candidates may be selected by a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) members of the Club, selected by the Club at its regular March meeting. Members of the Nominating Committee shall not be eligible for election to office and shall not hold any office in the Club while serving on the Nominating Committee, the Nominating Committee shall be abolished after the election.

D. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for each and every office being contested and shall present the slate of candidates to the total membership at the Club's regular meeting in April. At the May meeting, nominations may be made from the floor.

E. At the Club's regular meeting in May, the entire membership shall have the right to vote for all officers of the Club and its committees, but only those present at the May meeting shall actually vote, voice vote or show of hands, as determined by the members present.

F. The candidates who receive the majority of the votes shall be declared elected and shall take office immediately following the election. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, a second vote for that office shall be taken between the top two candidates.

Election of officers will take place at the May PPCC meeting. The current slate of officers: Dawn Buck, President, Tom Griggs, Vice President, Rory Strange, Secretary, and Mary Treuer, Treasurer, are all willing, if not eager, to continue in office.

However, if you, or anyone you know, is interested in running for any office, please submit their name for nomination at the April meeting. New blood is always welcome

PPCC Meeting Minutes

The March 2024 monthly meeting of the Park Point Community Club was called to order by Dawn Buck, President on March 19th, 2024, at 7:01 pm.

Dawn welcomed everyone and it was a full house!

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Motion was approved to accept the minutes as written in The Breeze. All in attendance voted aye.

Treasurers Report – Gale Kerns End of January balance - \$27,326

End of February balance -\$27,681

Motion was made and approved to accept the report. Gale wanted to say thank you to all who have assisted him over these past several years.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

Trees were purchased and will be available in May. Please look for further info regarding Tree Planting Day on the website.

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro (not in attendance)

Diane reports that there have been 185 applications for the 110 available spots. Several key sponsors have been lined up and additional sponsors will be needed. Please contact Diane regarding potential sponsors. The Artist's Dinner will be held outdoors in a big tent due to a conflict with an event already booked at the Beach House. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Diane at 727-4067.

Watch Committee – That's us

There are still concerns about illegal parking and speeding. Dennis H expressed concerns about gathering data prior to making recommendations to City Engineering. Please continue to monitor activity that seems suspicious as well as traffic concerns and report to 911.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs (not in attendance) 1 Sympathy card sent

High Water & Erosion – Hamilton Smith (not in attendance) No Report

Edible Garden - Coral McDonnell (not in attendance) No Report

Summer Youth Program – Britta Desutter (not in attendance)

Summer Youth Program is a go! Staffing has been secured and registration is now open. There will be some scholarships available for those needing financial assistance. Thanks to the SYP committee for making things happen again this year. Please go to the website for updates and to register.

Rummage Sale - Deb Strange

Advertising is in place and the media has also been notified.

Also, there was a very good turnout for the Presidential Primary election in March. Thanks to all that turned out to vote! The next election will be the Special Election for the School Board on May 14th.

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

Please note, a special meeting regarding property taxes and assessments will be held April 24th at 6pm at Lafayette.

Traffic Safety – Pat Sterner (not in attendance)

Please report any speeding, reckless driving, or other information on the website

ParkPointTrafficSafety@gmail.com.

MWP50: Paul Treuer

Some exciting news from MWP50! Please review Paul's report in the Breeze or on the website. There will be a meeting with the City of Duluth and the Corps of Engineers on April 10th regarding the Section 111 Study. Please contact Paul directly at paul.treuer@gmail.com

The Breeze - Alan Dartanyan

Still trying to get more accurate numbers on how many papers need to be printed. Please report any extra papers if you are a delivery volunteer. There is a need for delivery assistance. Call Diane if you can help 727-4067. Please continue to submit items of interest.

Adam from Parks & Rec – kitchen remodel is completed, and it looks great!

New Business: The club OK'd a donation of \$250 to support the Smelt Parade and the several preceding workshops which will be held at Lafayette this year. Please look at the Breeze and the website for workshop dates and times.

The date for the 2024 Smelt Parade is May 26th.

Tom R gave a brief update on the Duluth Rowing Club. Registration is now open for the adult Learn to Row classes and registration opens April 1st. Junior rowers can sign up now. The PPCC OK'd \$100 to defray costs for a rowing mural at the S-curve sign that Tom R will create. There was additional group discussion regarding the high number of recent property sales and the potential impact on our neighborhood. Residents had the opportunity to share their concerns.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rory Strange, Secretary

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
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- 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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LOOKING TO BUY

Family of 4 has heart set on living on Park Point. Reach out if you're interested in selling to a (non-billionaire) family, who will grow up on the point and you would like to avoid the traditional hassles of going to market. Any conversation welcome. Amanda Baumgartner 612-807-0123 OR geis0150@gmail.com

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You're going to like
what you see and
hear

Easter is a Season!

Christmas is filled with good food, gatherings of loved ones, and gifts, gifts, gifts! As Christians, we understand and believe that the greatest gift is Jesus, our savior, whose birth we celebrate.

For Christians, an even more precious time is Easter. Holy Week and Easter mark Jesus's persecution, death and resurrection. Best of all, Easter is a whole season not just a day.

Come join us as we continue to celebrate.

Sunday Worship at 9:45 AM
 St. Andrew's by-the-Lake Episcopal Church
 2802 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN



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MWP-50 Organization Chart is being implemented

The structure and staffing of the fundraising organization within MWP-50 has been identified. Potential board members are invited to a brainstorming meeting in April to gather input on the organizational structure with an eye towards applying for funds as soon as possible. The goal of fundraising is to staff efforts to educate the public, and identify and implement short, mid, and long term resilience actions for Minnesota/Wisconsin Point.

USACE Section 111 Study meeting to be held in Duluth April 10

The city of Duluth is hosting a meeting of the USACE Section 111 team to meet with City officials, technical advisors, and MWP-50 representatives from Park Point. The USACE team includes the project lead, chief of engineering and construction, deputy chief of planning, project engineer, project manager, area engineer, and representative from the model contractor. The goal of the meeting is to ensure the entire group is working together with full understanding of timelines, budget, and technical considerations. Interest from the community for transparency of the Section 111 Study will be made explicit.

The Association of State FloodPlain Managers (ASFPM) Meeting in Duluth May 2 & 3

The AFSPM consulting team for the Minnesota Point Resiliency Study will meet with members of the Duluth Team to share and discuss results of the year-long project. The consultants will tour Minnesota Point and then go over results of their consultations on (1) assessment of the issues, (2) scenario plans and (3) policies that address effects of flooding. The group will discuss possible action plans for the future, funding opportunities, and public presentations of the Minnesota Point AFSPM Study.

City responds to issues with drifting sand Jim Filby Williams, Director of City Properties, Parks and Libraries, and Kate Kubiak, City Natural Resources Coordinator, will meet with MWP-50 representatives from Park Point Friday, March 29 to propose a plan to deal with drifting sand between the lift bridge and 12th street on the lake side. As part of the meeting a plan will be developed to gather input from all residents living in the affected area. This proposal is in response to neighbor complaints and site visits.

MWP-50 is a community of practice

MWP-50 is dedicated to collaboration to build long-term resilience of Minnesota/Wisconsin Point. Diverse views are welcome and encouraged. Please send your questions, comments, and/or requests to join the email list to Paul Treuer (paul.treuer@gmail.com).

Reader's Choice Book Club at St. Andrew's

I asked a new member from the Park Point community, what she thought of her first St. Andrew's book club meeting and her answer is as follows:

To answer your question... and to be honest... I LOVED it!!! I have told so many friends about the format and ALL agree that it is such a refreshing change from a traditional approach where members must secure a copy of the designated book, and then be under pressure to READ it (and for me, that is often the night before!!), and read it thoroughly enough, taking some notes, so that you can make some sort of intelligible comment during the discussion (that you also feel a sense of obligation to contribute to), or risk being shamed by the facilitator who says something like, "Now let's see... Mary!!! We haven't heard from you!!! What do YOU think were some of the existential questions the protagonist left unanswered?" Instead, I left with a list of books I am inspired to read! And excited because of the enthusiasm I sensed from each reader/presenter as they highlighted the subject, character, plot, or overall theme from the book they chose! And I loved the diverse interests of all the participants, and appreciated walking away with a hard copy of the book list - with notes I was able to jot down so I can remember why I was drawn to a particular book!

I liked having a timer, but also the flexibility you built into that - so that everyone has an equal opportunity to share! And of course, delicious cakes, coffee, and tea were a bonus!!! I also must say that I LOVE how you take the time and energy to pre-heat coffee cups - it's just another example of the special care you take in making sure everyone has an exceptionally positive experience.

Finally, after recently retiring, I am especially grateful for how you, and the St. Andrew's parish, have made me feel so welcomed in a neighborhood where I have lived going on 13 years. It's only recently (and largely because you all have invited me in!) that am meeting people outside of my immediate (and awesome!) neighbors and my husband/daughter's very cool circle of Park Point friends! This really is a special place to be! Again, thank you for reaching out - I am very much looking forward to the next book club meeting!

Submitted by Sandra Carlson with permission from Mary Lee-Nichols

PS: Our next meeting will take place on Friday, April 5, 2024. For more information please contact Sandra at saezc3@gmail.com.

The Park Point Art Fair

A Little Background:

It's an event that evolved from a neighborhood gathering 54 years ago into the region's premiere outdoor visual arts showcase. And it's coming to a sandbar near you.

The 52nd annual Park Point Art Fair returns June 29-30 to the Park Point Recreation Area.

Admission and parking are free.

Featuring the juried fine art and craft of more than 100 premiere artists working in clay, photography, painting, printmaking, mixed media, sculpture, fiber, jewelry, wood and glass, the Park Point Art Fair also offers live performances, music, food, children's activities and more—all in a stunning natural setting.

The Art Fair is presented by the Park Point Community Club, a nonprofit volunteer organization "Each year, the art fair brings people together—as visitors, artists and volunteers—in a unique setting on the shores of Lake Superior. Artists and patrons of the arts praise the consistently high quality of this show, and appreciate that it's a grass-roots effort for a good cause,"

How you can help! Volunteers needed.

Please join us as a volunteer. Your service entitles you to an invitation to the volunteer and artist dinner catered by Bellisio's on Saturday night, June 29th at 5pm.

What do you need to do? We have plenty of options.

We need volunteers to booth sit for the artists, greet attendees, set-up and clean-up.

In addition to the normal yearly fair tasks, this year we have a special and important task, to encourage attendees to take a four-minute survey. The survey will gather demographic information that we will use to apply for Duluth Tourism dollars again in 2025.

For those of you who don't know, in 2024 the city of Duluth awarded us 10,000 dollars. Way to go for attracting the attention of the city!

If you are not around the weekend of The Fair you can still help by delivering posters and bookmarks or placing yard signs. We are also looking for people to coordinate the postering and yard sign tasks if you are a director type.

Please call Carla, 218-348-7338 to help with the surveys or Diane for all other inquiries, 727-4067

Join our weather team and be a citizen scientist

By State Climatologist Luigi Romolo

When I was a young boy, I enrolled in a program called The Royal Canadian Air Cadets. The Air Cadet program is like a military version of the Boy Scouts. One day, I was taking the bus to our weekly meeting. I was proud to be an air cadet and always ensured that my uniform was perfectly pressed and my boots were polished to a blinding shine. On the bus ride to my meeting, I encountered some bullies who ridiculed my uniform and they stepped all over my nicely polished boots. All I could do was swallow my anger and ignore their poor behavior. I learned a lot in air cadets — everything from first-aid to field survival — but perhaps the two most influential topics we covered were discipline and citizenship.

At the start of each meeting, we would all line up in formation for inspection. When my commanding officer inspected me, he noticed my scuffed-up boots. I remember his face turning red and I recall him lecturing to me that this was unacceptable. I could have told him what happened on the bus but I did not. I just kept responding "yes, sir." My commanding officer had me fall out, go to the corner and do 50 push-ups. As I got on the ground, I noticed that he, too, got down and did the push-ups with me. I thought this was strange, so later that night I asked one of the senior cadets why he would do that. The senior cadet's response has stuck with me to this day:

"Do not ever ask someone to do something that you yourself are not willing to do!"

My fellow citizens, it is on this note that I ask you to consider becoming a citizen scientist and join the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow (CoCoRaHS) Network. The network consists of volunteers who measure precipitation in their backyard using a 4-inch rain gauge. The data that we gather is critical for drought monitoring, flood management, and verifying high rainfall totals, to name but a few benefits of the network. The data also go a long way to making our maps more accurate. Further to this, data gathered from our CoCoRaHS volunteers provides guidance on understanding our changing climate. Each year, our State Climate Office asks Minnesotans to join CoCoRaHS. We have always gotten a great response, and last year alone we were able to recruit more than 600 new volunteers. Consider their commitment and let's set an example by showing Minnesotans that we are willing to do what we ask them to do each day! Signing up is easy and all you need is a 4-inch rain gauge. You can sign up for CoCoRaHS on the network's website, and the Official original CoCoRaHS gauge can be purchased from WeatherYourWay.com. If you decide to join, please send me a note and complete the following sentence: "My name is _____, and I am a citizen scientist!" For more information about CoCoRaHS or other questions about Minnesota's climate, please feel free to contact me at luigi.romolo@state.mn.us.

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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 Jeremy O'Conner JOconner@duluthmn.gov

PP water Quality issues: Chris Kleist, 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

City Councilor Roz Randorf rrandorf@duluthmn.gov 218-443-8364

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