

The Breeze of Park Point

Park Point Community Club Meeting

October 17th, 7 PM, Social at 6:30 at Lafayette

Park Point Small Area Plan Committee

October 2nd, 5PM, at Lafayette

Lafayette Edible Garden

Thursday, October 24th, 6-8 PM Holy Family Church 2430 West 3rd Street in Lincoln Park



The mission of the Breeze is to serve the community by:

- **1.** Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club.
 - 2. Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects.
 - 3. Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns.
 - **4.** Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live.

NEWS FROM THE DULUTH ROWING CLUB

Many thanks from the Duluth Rowing Club to the residents of Park Point for all their patience during the morning and evening practices, the regattas, and all the various projects during the spring, summer, and fall of 2013. The end of September finds a slow winding down of DRC events. Due to the beautiful weather, spectators will probably see rowers on either the Bay or Lake side of the Point until the cold and ice settle in.



The 27 kilometer "Death Row", from the Boathouse up river to Fond du Lac, went off without a hitch on a beautiful Sunday, September 22nd. About thirty entries either raced or did a nice, leisurely trip. These ranged from master, collegiate, and junior crewed eights, quads, coxed fours, doubles, singles, and even a couple in a double kayak. First to finish was a men's double, rowed by two collegiate rowers from the U of M. Second was a mixed quad rowed by three Park Pointers (Greg & Jenny Peterson, Tom Rauschenfels) and the rowing club's head coach, Bonnie Fuller-Kask. Both first and second finishers did the entire course in under two hours. The DRC juniors were represented by a boy's eight, girl's eight, and a girl's four. The finish was followed by a wonderful banquet, hosted by longtime rowing club members Mike and Diane Cochran.

For some, the DRC season is still far from over. Rowing club participation in the 5K "Head of the Mississippi", October 6th, will find master men and women and junior boys and girls rowing doubles, coxed fours, and coxed eights at the Minneapolis Rowing Club and University of Minnesota sponsored regatta. Two weeks later (October 19 & 20), a DRC master men's double, master women's coxed four, and a youth boy's coxed four will head to Boston to compete in the largest regatta in the world: Boston's famous two-day 5K "Head of the Charles". This regatta will have almost 3000 different shells rowed by about 9000 rowers in youth/high school, master, open, collegiate, national/Olympic, men, and women, and handicapped events. Anyone interested in watching the live streaming of the races can find them at http://www.hocr.org/the-regatta/ via their webcast.

As many Pointers have probably heard, the Rowing Club is in the process of obtaining permits from the Minnesota DNR and City of Duluth for the building of a new boathouse. The hope is to replace the existing boathouse with a modern, state of the art building that is large enough to hold our expanding junior and master rowing base, along with the ever-increasing sizes of the Learn-to-Row classes. This past summer, the club had the largest junior enrollment (95 boys and girls, ages 13 – 18!) that we have had since back in the glory years. We will keep the residents informed of this exciting building possibility with on-going progress reports through the next few months. Also, many thanks for those that recycle their shiny paper and magazines at the boathouse blue dumpster.

Your deposits of recyclables have meant a nice monetary addition to our ever-increasing equipment fund.

The Breeze

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From the President

Hi Neighbors,

Many of us on Park Point cherish the opportunity to access the bay and the lake even if we don't own property on the water. Access to the water is our greatest community resource. The Park Point Small Area Plan Committee is charged with responding to a proposal from City Planning about vacating (privatizing) 17 street ends on Park Point. Do you care? Let someone know. If you have kayaked, fished, skied, skated, rowed, ice boated, surfed, sailboarded, kiteboarded, paddleboarded, or birded on a special street end, don't miss this opportunity to make your opinion known.

Last Wednesday at the Small Area Plan Committee meeting, City Planners Keith Hamre and John Judd proposed the privatization of 17 "useless" (the planning department's term) public accesses to both the bay and lake.

I was surprised by the City Administration's proposal because the Park Point Small Area Plan Committee had already agreed with the Parks and Recreation Commission's plan for Park Point. The resolution from the Commission states, "It should be emphasized that the Park and Recreation Commission does not endorse street end vacations of city property to Park Point residents."

What happened during the summer of 2013 that would influence the City Administration to override the long standing City Council resolution that preserves public access to the lake and bay? I read in our City's own Summer of 2013 Duluth Quarterly that, "Destination-class mountain biking, road cycling... kayaking...surfing...are all accessible within walking or biking distance from your home." How does this square with giving away 17 public recreational sites to individuals in our neighborhood?

In 1990 the city council passed a resolution adopting a policy preserving access to the street ends. The 1990 city resolution states five purposes. (The city's Comprehensive Plan supports similar objectives):

- Preserve lake and bay vistas
- Preserve access to the lake and bay for both Park Pointers and other Duluth citizens.
- Prevent overcrowding the Point
- Provide visual relief from the continuous rows of buildings along the avenues
- Provide for future utility corridors

This resolution is increasingly relevant today as more people are moving to Duluth to be outside and to enjoy the lake and the bay. This resolution also provides a process for adjoining property owners to use and enjoy the street end without vacation.

If you care that 17 street ends could be vacated, here is what you can do:

- •Attend the next Park Point Small Area Plan Committee meeting to observe and to give your written opinion, 5pm on Wed., October 16 at Lafayette
- •Attend the public meeting (date to be determined), watch our website for date and time.
- •Because of difficulties using the City website, you could email Keith Hamre, khamre@duluthmn.gov or John Judd, jjudd@duluthmn.gov with your comments for the SAP.

See you out and about & remember the extra bag for trash, Dawn & Klaus

Park Point Street Ends - City Policy Proposal October 2, 2013

Remove section of City Charter allowing public dockage at all street ends on St Bay side.

All structures within any existing street easement must have been approved via Concurrent Use Permit process.

Endorses the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Parks and Rec recommendation but with fewer access points and more distance between access those points.

Allow for the vacation of some "useless" street ends/easements.

Set of criteria used to help identify the best access points with the least negati impact.

- . Level of environmental sensitivity (determined by DNR / C of E)
- Presence of or future location of public / private utilities
- · Constructability and cost of improvement
- · Access to housing adjacent to an existing easement
- Easement leading and/or adjacent to housing facing Lake Ave. R-O-W
- Distance of 3 or 4 blocks between access points is acceptable

City Parks and Recreation Commission recommended (adopted by resolution):

It should be emphasized that the Parks and Recreation Commission does not endorse street end vacations of city property to Park Point residents.

Access to the Lake Superior beach and the St. Louis Bay will be established in an approximately 2-block pattern. (revised from 3-4 block pattern)

Two Tier designations for access points to Lake and Bay Sides of Park point:

Tier 1 Access points will provide full amenities: trash, tollets, and parking.

- · Three Tier 1 locations on the Lake side:
 - o Franklin Park
 - Lafayette Square
 - o Park Point Beach House area
- · Three Tier 1 locations on the Bay side:
 - Old Boathouse site 13th St.
 - Improved easement/access adjacent to the Sand Point Yacht Club (20^{th)}
 - Park Point Beach House area.

Tier 2 Access points will provide minimal service: A marked (signed) improved (gravel, sand, board) trail link to the Lake or Bay from the Avenue established in an approximately 3 to 4 block interval pattern.

Park Point Street Ends Draft Recommendations 10/02/2013

Street	Avenue	Lake Side Access	Bay Side Access
8th	South Lake	Keep R-O-W	Tier 2
9th	South Lake	Keep R-O-W	Previously Vacated
10th	South Lake	Tier 2	Previously Vacated
11th	South Lake	Vacation	Previously Vacated
12th	South Lake	Vacation	Previously Vacated
13th	Minnesota	Tier 1 (Franklin Park)	Tier 1 Franklin bayside
14th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Keep R-O-W
15th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Keep R-O-W
16th	Minnesota	Tier 2	Tier 2
17th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Keep R-O-W
18th	Minnesota	Tier 2	Keep R-O-W
19th	Minnesota	Tier 2 (pad/bike trail end)	Tier 2 (Sand Point)
20th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Vacation
21st	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Vacation
22nd	Minnesota	Tier 2	Vacation
23rd	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Vacation
24th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Tier 2
25th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Vacation
26th .	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Keep R-O-W
27th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Vacation
28th	Minnesota	Tier 2	Vacation
29th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Tier 2
30th	Minnesota	Tier 1 (Lafayette Sq.)	Vacation
31st	Minnesota	Tier 1 (Lafayette Sq.)	Vacation
32nd	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Vacation
33rd	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Tier 2
34th	Minnesota	Tier 2	Vacation
35th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Vacation
36th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Vacation
37th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	Vacation
38th	Minnesota	Tier 2	Tier 2
39th	Minnesota	Vacation	N/A
40th	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	N/A
41st	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	N/A
42nd	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	N/A
43rd	Minnesota	Keep R-O-W	N/A



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Park Point Community Club September Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by PPCC President, Dawn Buck.

Minutes from the August, 2013 needed a correction made. Coral from the Community Edible Garden asked for a correction to be made on the cost to participate in the gardening project. The cost is \$25 a one time donation. Diane Gould made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Patricia Olson seconded the motion. The membership vote resulted in all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

January 1, 2013 \$31,083 August 1, 2013 \$57,171 September 1, 2013 \$52,307

Expenses for the month of August were from the Art Fair and the Park Point Community Club Summer Youth Program. A motion was made and seconded to accept the motion. Membership vote resulted in all ayes.

A second vote was needed to authorize \$450 be paid towards the surfboard used in rescuing rip tide swimmers who are in distress. Tom Rauschenfels made the motion to pay the \$450. Alan Dartanyan seconded the motion. The membership vote resulted in all ayes. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Report:

Environmental Committee - Kinnan Stauber

Dick Gould suggested residents to not feed the fox. There were losses of mallard babies this year. The foxes have become too tame.

Trees planted in the fall do better than those planted earlier. The walkways are broken down in several spots along the point. Call Dick Gould if you are interested in planting.

Sunshine Committee - Pam Griggs

Sympathy card sent to Lora Remer & family.

Membership Committee - Jake Kapsner Nothing new to report.

Community Edible Garden Committee - Coral Garden doing well this summer.

Park Point Community Youth Program Committee - Judy Dwyer

Two Americorp workers, Michael and Maddy, thanked the community club for their appreciation gift.

Judy Dwyer said she received a letter from the father of one of the participating children praising the youth program for the summer program. The committee has said they should have a plan for next year's program prior to the holidays. This should enable the program to be ready to start by June, 2014.

Art Fair Committee - Carla Tamburro

The Art Fair has received a \$22,300 grant from the MN. State Art Board. The projected budget for the 2014 Art Fair should be ready by the October 2014 meeting.

Program Committee - David Poulin and Rory Strange Nothing new to report.

Hospitality Committee - Diane Gould and Ted Buck

As always, thank you for the treats and coffee each and every meeting. They are wonderful.

Rummage Sale Committee - Charlene Shimmin Nothing new to report

Watch Committee - everyone

It was reported mail being delivered with nasty writing on it. You are asked to not open the envelope but take it to the main post office.

Small Area Plan:

Meeting scheduled for October 2, 2013. Topics include reconfiguring the traffic pattern @ the bridge. Also, Street End Planning questions to come up.

Brian Madsen, Duluth Airport Authority, said the gunshots fired at the end of the point came from his gun. Brian is permitted to keep wildlife at bay and recent reports of shots being fired were reported to the police dept. He wanted to explain where they came

from and why.

Dick Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. David Poulin had a motion to second the motion.



Lafayette Community Edible Garden News

Our monthly potluck dinners have become much anticipated events on the Point. There must have been nearly 50 people at the September dinner where, in addition to a delicious meal, we also had a talk by Katie Hanson regarding harvesting the produce in our gardens. She reminded us that potatoes, carrots, leeks, and parsnips can be left in the ground until after a frost, when they will be sweeter. She also informed us that winter squash need to be left in a dry cool place for several weeks after harvesting in order to cure and develop better flavor.

Last fall, Peggy Dahlberg, a recently-retired UMD grounds supervisor, spoke to us about getting our raspberry plants ready for the winter. Here's a recap so we don't forget to give these plants a little autumnal TLC: For raspberry plants, each fall remove the old or diseased canes, leaving 4 or 5 strong healthy canes on each plant. Cut the canes down to 4 to 5 feet high. Weed the beds, lay down cardboard around the plants, then a layer of straw mulch. Wet down the beds thoroughly.

Here's another fall garden tip from Peggy Dahlberg: Test your soil in the fall so you can confidently amend your soil before winter. The form for the extension service is found at www.stlouiscountymn.gov. Cost is \$15.

Leaves wanted: When your leaves start falling, bag them up and bring them to the community garden for composting. There are lots of large black trash bags in the garden you can use – just pick one up and return it full to the garden.

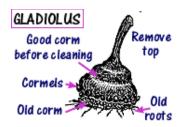
Upcoming Events:

For information about the Lafayette Community Edible Garden or our events, contact Coral at 727-6455.

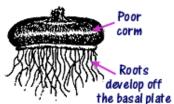
Thursday, October 24, 6 to 8 p.m., Duluth Community Garden Program National Food Day celebration. Instead of having our own monthly potluck dinner in October, we will dine with the other Duluth community garden members at Holy Family Church, 2430 West 3rd Street in Lincoln Park. Bring a potluck dish to share and be prepared to feast on the 2013 Vegetable of the Year, squash. This will also be the night we vote on the 2014 Vegetable of the Year.

Sunday, November 17, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck supper. Speaker Karen Rvona will teach us how to prepare herbal vinegars.

Bulbs: In fall our thoughts turn to next spring's flower garden. This is the time to plant tulips and daffodils, for example, but it is also a time for digging up others for winter storage such as gladiolas, canna, elephant ears, caladiums, or dahlia. A very good resource for removing bulbs is http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/HO-085.pdf.







Our meetings are normally on the 4th Thursday; However, November and December meetings are on the 3rd Thursday. Call Diane Gould for questions.

This reference says to dig out gladiolus with a fork or spade so that the entire plant can easily be removed. Shake off all loose soil and discard damaged, discolored, or diseased corms. Cut the top 1-2 inches above the corms. Allow the corms to dry in the sun for 1 or 2 days. After drying, sift out excess soil and place corms in wooden trays. For best results, cure at a temperature of 80-85°F for 2-3 weeks. Avoid fluctuating temperatures, which cause moisture condensation on the corms and increase the chance of disease. When thoroughly cured, the old corm should be broken off (See figure). Two to three additional days at 80°F will hasten the formation of a corky layer at the scar. To avoid disease while in storage, dust freshly dug and clean corms with a fungicide such as dusting sulfur or bulb dust. Place dust and bulbs in a paper sack and shake vigorously.

Please consider attending, as an observer, our Garden Club meetings. If you decide to join the cost is \$5.00. Each month a meeting is in a different member's home. We have a business portion and then dessert. Often there is a speaker such as building your own fairy garden.

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Update on the Communications Tower on 22nd

The tower project will be coming to a close in early October, which will include the removal of the old tower, the guy wires and the old equipment building. Once those are gone, the bare spots will be restored with transplanted beach grass. This part of the project had to wait until the optimal time for planting, because without the beach grass the dunes would simply blow away.

The beach grass and, more recently, beach heather are plants that are protected by the Minnesota DNR, and may not be disturbed or dug up without a permit and a good reason. This is important since sand dunes are rare in Minnesota, and the plants that live in them are equally special.

Also important is the sand that makes up the dunes. There is a City of Duluth ordinance that requires permission to move or remove sand from Park Point, to protect the integrity of the dunes.

Park Point is the longest freshwater baymouth bar in the **WORLD**. Let's be proud of that by protecting the dunes and their environment.

Kinnan Stauber

Volunteers are needed to transplant beach grass at the communications tower site.

Plans are being made for the week of October 14th. Watch the S-curve for times and dates!



The first tower which was built in the 1930s, fell in a storm in late 1949. This second tower was built in 1950 and torn down on September 27, 2013.

What is Michigan beach grass?

Michigan beach grass was imported from Michigan to revegetate the dunes, since there was no local source to purchase from. A study by a UMD grad student showed that the Michigan strain and the local strain were quite different. The local type is smaller, and infrequently will have small seed heads. The imported type is very robust, almost twice as tall as the local type, and has prominent long seed heads that are produced into the fall. Are you wondering what it looks like? This is the best time for distinguishing it from the local beach grass. Look for taller plants with even taller seed heads at many of the most-used beach accesses.



This picture shows the top section of the old tower being lowered by crane. Demolition began after five antennae were moved to the new tower, right. The towers are 135 ft tall; the man on the left is about 75 ft up.

David Haavik

Park Point.....Naturally

Looking back on the month just passed, we had a good one overall. Weather wise, we had a lot of hot, sunny days. However, we paid a price for it terms of low rainfall. I noticed that some of the trees around the recreation area were beginning to show withered leaves and badly need a drink. Then came the foggy, wet days at the end of the month to make up for some of the shortage.

For better or, some would say, worse, it appears conditions were just right for a growing deer population on the Point. Fellow wildlife watcher George Stein reports a herd of five! I have not heard of any complaints about heavy losses of flowers and plants. My roses, wax beans, green peppers, and herbs were perfectly fine. The deer have still not learned to jump up to the third floor balcony to feed in my mini-garden.

I had far fewer than normal visits by humming birds but was delighted one evening just before dark to watch, at very close range, the strange hummingbird moth (aka hawk or sphinx moth.) It's a bit smaller than "hummers" and it's often mistaken for one. They are rarely seen in broad daylight. It hovered very briefly over my petunias

while sucking up the nectar.



If you ever saw this moth in the larval stage, you would not forget it. It's long, and an ugly green and has a horn-like hook on its posterior. It is menacing in its appearance but not to humans. Ants stay clear of it to avoid the toxic chemical it vomits to drive them away. Some bird books claim it doesn't belong in this area.

No one designated me as the judge of this summer's best flora presentation but I'll tell you my choice anyway--- one that clearly reflects the influence of my youth during the 1930s.

I have no idea who lives in this home but it's my "pick of the Point."



I see it as a marvelous blend of architecture and flowering shrubs that conjures up a scene from the 1939 vintage film "The Wizard of Oz" in Dorothy's neighborhood. For me, it's another amenity of the good life on the Point.

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We have dreams that we believe would make us content if they came true. We may dream of winning the lottery, having a bigger home, or a more attractive appearance. If only God would grant our wish! But true contentment does not come from things, which quickly lose their luster. The secret is to do God's will, which brings us God's joy.

Don't be misled by the false hopes. Put God first.
Father, may your will be done.
Nothing more, nothing less. Amen

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PARK POINT ART FAIR RECEIVES 2014 STATE ARTS BOARD GRANT

The Park Point Art Fair (PPAF) was recently selected to receive a \$23,000 grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board in 2014. The grant is funded by Minnesota's Legacy Amendment and awarded by the Minnesota State Arts Board through an appropriation by the state Legislature.

The non-profit Park Point Community Club has presented the event for 43 years. Held during the last full weekend in June, the Park Point Art Fair annually welcomes 10,000+ visitors for a free festival featuring 120 visual artists in a variety of mediums, live music, food and interactive activities.

"This grant will bolster our ability to attract and engage more people—namely artists and visitors from across Minnesota—while helping solidify the quality and financial stability of the art fair into the future," said Carla Tamburro, a Park Point resident who's served as PPAF coordinator since 2005.

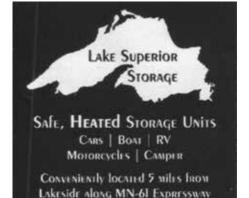
The juried outdoor art fair is the region's oldest event of its kind, and continues to be run by a grassroots organization with a mission of bringing people together to benefit the community at large.

The grant was made under the Arts Board's Minnesota Festival Support grant program. The Arts Board selected 17 festivals from a pool of 41 applicants from across the state to receive awards. The grants totaled \$474,492. A complete list of grantees is available on the Arts Board Web site at: http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/2014/2014-awarded-mfs.htm

Legacy Amendment arts and cultural heritage funds are used to support arts and arts access, arts education, and arts and cultural heritage throughout Minnesota.

PARK POINT

Carla Tamburro, Park Point Art Fair Coordinator
Jake Kapsner, vice president, Park Point Community Club



Call Dale Sola: 218-348-1503 or visit LakeSuperiorStorage.com for details and sizes available. Artists can apply until March 1, 2014 for the 44th annual Park Point Art Fair, which will be held June 28 and 29, 2014 at the Park Point Recreation Area in Duluth.

parkpointartfair.org

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The hours available are from 8:00 am until 10:00 pm

Contact: Missy LePage at 218-208-9545 or by e-mail at ppccdlh@gmail.com



From the (outgoing) Editor

So this will be my last regular column for the Breeze, as new editor Natalija Walbridge takes over. We've been "collaborating" on the last two issues. For September, that was basically me showing Natalija how I do it. This month, I've just been sending everything to her, so she can show me – and everybody – what she can do.

It got me thinking about my first effort on the Breeze, back in April of 2004. I dug into my back files to find that issue. 6 pages, no pictures, no ads, not even any clip art. Just the community Club minutes, the calendar, and a couple short articles. I think I can safely say I've improved a bit since then.

I haven't seen a proof of Natalija's first effort yet. I want to get my column in EARLY!, WELL BEFORE THE DEADLINE!, so she doesn't have to wait for it. But even without seeing it, I know she's starting from a place well beyond where I ended up.

I've got mixed emotions in passing on the Breeze. First of all there's relief, that I'll no longer be worrying about deadlines, WAITING FOR SUBMISSIONS, billing for ads, checking the calendar to be sure I'm around for "Breeze Weekend".

But there are a few things I'm going to miss. I've enjoyed having a forum for expounding on whatever issue I chose. And I liked being "in the loop" with everything that's going on in the community. There have been so many changes on Park Point in the years I've been doing this. My post as Breeze editor let me indulge my nosey-ness, to poke around, talk to people, look into things I'd otherwise just be wondering about. And I've enjoyed getting to know people from all the organizations and groups that are active down here. Plus I could wander around with my camera, taking pictures of whatever seemed interesting, trying to find my creative side. I may not give that up entirely – Natalija may get the odd submission from me from time to time. But now it's her baby

and she's ready to go.





From the New Editor:

A few weeks ago I took a walk through the Community Garden to see how the cropswere coming along. I was lucky to meet JoAnn who was watering the garden. She gave me an impromptu tour. Their crops are truley inspiring! Stop by and take a look if you have a moment. Maybe you'll also meet a friendly neighbor.







As the season's change, it seems like good timing to take on this new challenge of editing and producing the Breeze. The transition has been easy due to Alan's organization and encouragement. I'm sure we'll hear from him again soon!

The Breeze was a little late this month as Dawn and Ted have been checking with the mayors office and the Park Point Small Area Plan Committee to gather all the details for the Street End article and chart. This is a very important proposal for our neighborhood, so it's good that we have the Breeze to share information.

The Breeze is our community gathering place, so I'd like to invite all neighbors to let me know if you have an article or an idea for a story. Visual elements like photos, cartoons or drawings are also welcome.

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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:

Community Police Officer Craig Lindberg 730-5727 clindberg@duluthmn.gov

Parks Maintenance Division: 730-4491 (after hours 730-4150)

City Councilor Sharla Gardner: 724-4701 sharla.gardner@gmail.com

