



# *The Breeze* *of Park Point*

## **Park Point Rummage Sale**

Friday & Saturday,  
June 12 & 13th

## **Park Point Community Club Meeting**

Thursday, June 18th,  
7 p.m.  
Social at 6:30  
Lafayette Community Center

## **Grandma's Marathon**

Saturday, June 20th

## **Lafayette Edible Garden**

Monday, June 22nd  
6 to 8 p.m.  
potluck dinner  
Lafayette Community Center

## **Park Point Garden Club**

Thursday, June 25th  
Contact Harriet Meagher  
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## **45th annual Park Point Art Fair**

Saturday & Sunday,  
June 27th & 28th

## **Park Point 5 Miler**

Friday, July 17th

## **PPCC presents 45th Park Point Art Fair**

The Community Club's signature event returns to the Park Point Recreation Area on June 27th and 28th. This year, it's anticipated to be bigger and better than ever, thanks to a 2015 Festival Support Grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board that allows for new interactive sights, sounds and textures, and as always, thanks to the PPCC and its dozens of volunteers who help welcome 10,000+ guests for the weekend. The 45th annual festival will be held rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., both days. Admission and parking is free.

The main feature: juried fine art and craft by 115+ visual artists from the local area, upper Midwest and beyond. Artists display and sell work in media such as ceramics, glass, jewelry, painting, photography, woodwork and sculpture. While visual art is the showcase, there's more art to experience as you stroll a pine-lined path tucked between Lake Superior and the Superior Bay.

### **New activities**

- Saturday visitors can witness and participate in an iron pour by Common Language art collective (opportunities for 60 people to make a metal tile).
- Sunday visitors can participate in printmaking with the Minnesota Center for Book Arts.
- An Emerging Artists Tent will feature work by up and coming artists, including students from area high schools and colleges.

### **Live music**

- Saturday music stage performances by award-winning Grand Marais singer songwriter Michael Monroe (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) ; Twin Cities jazz guitarist Briand Morrison, whose father George famously painted Lake Superior landscapes (2-4 p.m.); and Duluth rock-a-billy band, the Hankies (4-5 p.m.).
- Sunday stage performances by Duluth's Jamie Ness (11 a.m.-12 p.m.); mandolin player Eric Berry of Trampled by Turtles(1-3 p.m.); and bluegrass band the Clover Street Cronies (3-4 p.m.).

### **Tried and true**

- Food vendors selling everything from BBQ and gyros to kettle corn and ice cream.
- Free family make-and-take art area where visitors can delve into the fun.
- Artist demos offer a closer look at forming hot glass, fiber arts, woodturning, drawing and other processes.

See [parkpointartfair.org](http://parkpointartfair.org) for the latest information, including attending artists, photos, videos, blogs and more.

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## **The Breeze**

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Submissions for the July issue are  
due by Monday, 6/27/15.

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Congratulations Park Point Graduates!

**Jennifer Ouellette-Schramm**

received a doctorate (Ed.D) from Hamline University

**Zoe Mushkat**

received a BS Psychology, Summa Cum Laude,  
from College of St. Scholastica

## **Park Point Rummage Sale - June 12 & 13**

### **Guidelines**

1. All rummage sales and food vendors must be set up on private property. Sales are not allowed on public property (streets, sidewalks, "S" curve, etc.)
2. All food vendors must be currently licensed for Duluth.
3. Please support the Park Point Art Fair, June 27 & 28, by not holding rummage sales that weekend.

Think good weather!

Dave Lavamaki, Rummage Sale Chairman 729-8925

### **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.



## Letter from the PPCC President

Hi Neighbors,

If you are seeking clarity on your property tax statements and your piece of paradise's taxable market value, you might want to mark your calendar for Thursday, June 11th, at 7:00 p.m. Cory Leinwander, Assistant County Assessor, has accepted the program committee's invitation to share the new tax model with us. He will bring Park Point sales data, will explain how the numbers are computed, and then will answer questions. The assessor's office has been deluged with phone calls and emails, so if you are waiting for a callback, please be patient.

In early May, UMD student Erik Halgren presented a study on urban planning at Lafayette to about fifteen Park Pointers. His group looked at the Park Point Small Area Plan, intrigued by the availability of public dockage on this picturesque island. He pointed to the example of the State of Washington's Bainbridge Island as similar to our own situation. Their street end water accesses are designated as public property, and are well maintained. The Bainbridge Island website actually has something called a "Transparency Portal" which seems like a great feature! Thank you to Erik and also to Lyn Clark Pegg, who facilitated this opportunity. Thanks also to the Park Point Small Area Plan participants for sharing their experiences.



Senior Chief Parker R. Daugherty,  
Captain Steve Teschendorf,  
Master Chief Robert C. Pump

Senior Chief Parker Daugherty assumed command of our local Coast Guard station from outgoing Master Chief Robert Pump on May 15th. Please welcome to Duluth Senior Chief Daugherty and his family - including wife Gina and children Rylee, Connor, Natalie & Josie. Master Chief Pump enjoyed his tour in Duluth and was fondly recognized for his "Pumpisms" that were shared by Captain Teschendorf at the Change of Command ceremony:

Stay in the boat.

Boats don't belong on land.

Humans beings don't make good bumpers, they pop.

Neighbors Tom and Liz Mackay, David Poulin, Nancy Olson, Gary Glass & I attended and bid Master Chief Pump bon voyage to his next assignment in Massachusetts and the CGC Hammerhead.

Wishing you all a great pre-summer, and hoping to see you soon at our June festivities!

Dawn and Klaus, canine companion





# PPCC Meeting Minutes - 5/21/15

President Dawn Buck called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Minutes from last month's meeting approved without dissent.

**Police Report:** Neither of our local community police officers were available this evening; however, they did report to Dawn that calls over the past month were both minimal & routine; most complaints focused on beach fires or speeding.

**Secretary's Report:** Club is still without a secretary to fill the remainder of Deb Strange's term.

**Treasurer's Report:** Al Robins reported a slight drop in the main account to \$38,629; Art Fair Account at \$22,966, for a total \$61595. Al is concerned that the numbers look deceiving to City Councilors and others, and reminds all that the accounts go up and down dramatically thru spring and summer months, due to grants, fees and expenses in and out for both Art Fair and Youth Program. Motion to approve report; seconded and passed without dissent.

Membership agreed to suspend rules in order to accommodate guest **Pamela Page, Rec. Specialist with Parks & Recreation Dept.** Pamela reported on upcoming activities and events at locations throughout the city. She highlighted Chester Park Family nights, which begin Tues. evening, June 2nd, and continue each week thru Aug. 4th, as well as the summer skating schedule, each Wed. at the Heritage Center. The latter also hosts "Champions Building Champions," a recreation/mentorship program hosted by Men as Peacemakers. Pamela reminded people of free play equipment available at the Bayfront Family Center Mon.-Thurs. from 11-4. Located near the stage, they have croquet, disk golf, frisbees, bocce ball kits, kites and other items for use at no cost to the borrower. Finally, she noted the annual start-up of "Whipper-snapper Races" for kids, which run weekly at various locales around town beginning June 19th. For more info. on these events & others, see the Parks & Recreation section of the City's website.

**Youth Program:** Liz Mackay reported that fewer than 15 kids have enrolled so far, down from this time last year. Layfayette program was not accepted for a City of Duluth grant this year for two reasons: 1) They were unhappy with our application, and 2) according to Chuck Campbell, Facilities Manager, "the Park Pt. program has received too many grants." Pamela Page clarified that money for these grants is limited,

and the program does indeed try both to spread the money around town and ensure that no group becomes dependent on these monies for regular operation of its program.

**Sunshine Committee:** Pam Griggs reported no sunshine (or dark skies) this month! Hence, no cards sent.

**Environmental Committee:** 1) Dick Gould noted that this was a GREAT year for tree planting, weather-wise, as it was both wet and cool. All trees have been planted, including 25 by a group of "Daisy Scouts" (younger than Brownies), who were introduced to the concept of dune/woodland care & restoration. Dick also reported active populations of beaver, deer, eagles and - gulp - wood ticks on both Hearing and the "main island" of Park Point. Foxes are down substantially from last year. Dawn again reminded us of the monofilament recycling drop site near the DSSA & boat launch. [See more details in last month's issue.]

2) Pontliana Woods: Dave Johnson thanked members for their unanimous vote of support for the project at last month's meeting. Recent developments include: A) St. Louis County Board agreed to hold off on selling the larger, northernmost portion of the proposed P. Woods parcel until October. Promoters (that's all of us) need to line up additional support by then in order to continue our "stay of execution," as Dave put it. The southern portion, between Harbor Point Circle and the apartment complex, is already "approaching the guillotine" - scheduled as it is for auction in June. B) The Duluth Parks Commission approved the Woods preservation plan by unanimous vote.

C) Residents have already written to City Councilors and the Mayor in support; more letters/emails are needed to continue the pressure, as letters of this type give them reason to add their support. Councilor Russ has walked the property and gave an enthusiastic thumbs up to making permanent the parcel's current wetlands designation.

4) The Duluth Reader did a front page story on Pontliana Woods in its May 7th issue - which may have helped turn the tide among local leaders and organizations.

The team is also seeking any photos or research which shed additional light on the history of this portion of the Point.

## PPCC Meeting Minutes - 5/21/15 continued

**Art Fair:** Report given by Diane Gould. Primary focus at this point is the need for volunteers, esp. Friday afternoon (6/26) set-up and Sunday p.m. clean-up/take down. Volunteers also needed in 2-hour increments for greeting, artist relief, trash bag hauling/replacement, Children's Make 'n Take area, and POSTER DISTRIBUTION. For the last item, call/email Carla; all other volunteer opp's., call Diane Gould @ 727-4067.

**Rummage Sale:** "All under control," according to Dave Lavamaki, via Dawn. Several people expressed distress that dates were missing from both the May Breeze calendar and Dave's article in the same issue. [The notetaker can see this is a major problem, as it is such a little-known event, frequently experiencing low attendance.]

**Watch Committee:** 1) Dawn reported there has been a change of command at the Coast Guard; new at the helm is Senior Chief Parker Daugherty. As always, Pointers are encouraged to stop in for a visit.

2) Sky Harbor Airport: Brian Madsen reported on their expansion project; the environmental assessment is close to being finalized. There have been high water issues at the ramp, as well as the parking lot; both need repairs. Beaver Air Tours (plane rides) will begin shortly. Dave Haavik questioned Brian on rules & regulations re. beach fly-overs. He responded that pilots are "discouraged" from buzzing the beach; minimum height is 500 feet above ground. Brian encourages us to report violators; catch tail # if possible.

### Unfinished Business:

1) Working Group Report: Chelly Townsend - Members recently set up individual meetings with City Councilors Hanson, Filipovich and Russ. At the May 8th City Study Group meeting, PPCC resolutions were presented "with no fanfare...that was that." Working Group had previously selected Bob Swanson & Judy Dwyer as their spokespeople (Chelly Townsend of the WG previously selected by Planning Dept.), with Dave Poulin as alternate. City basically ignored those suggestions, randomly selected Heather Rand, John Schmidt of Parks Commission, Kinnan Stauber (environmental interests), Rory Strange (Street End Coalition) and John Wiegen to represent us, in addition to City Planners Judd & Hamre and Councilor Gardner to represent the interests of all. Hamre indicated that there would be no new vacations of street ends until all the legal issues had been further investigated. Swanson & Townsend brought up that the PPCC has many questions along those lines, and presented a list of such concerns. Judd reported that 150 "cease and desist" letters had already been prepared to explain

that blocking pedestrian access to unvacated street ends would not be allowed, but that those letters are being withheld until more questions have been answered and a plan determined. Next Study Group meeting is scheduled for May 27th and will be reported on at next month's PPCC meeting. David Bacchus questioned what will happen if legal concerns are not addressed sufficiently. Response was that this had been discussed by the Working Group, and it was decided that cooperation - no matter how frustrating or disheartening - must continue. Several PPCC members asked questions that demonstrated the extensive confusion surrounding the City's present positions and future plans; Working Group agreed, and indicated they felt the entire situation is very much in flux. The May 27th meeting should be enlightening, to say the least; members are encouraged to attend, although only the "approved" Study Group representatives will be allowed to speak.

2) Breeze - Managing Editor contract - Second vote on last month's unanimously-passed resolution to approve \$300/mo. stipend requested, in recognition of the complexities and volume of work required to produce our newsletter. Lisa Bechtel questioned whether a 2-month probation period might be prudent. Al Robins said the Executive Board had discussed this and decided that setting the initial contract at one year would best allow us to enter into a stable relationship to the benefit of both editor and membership; review would occur at the conclusion of year one. Lisa and Patty Kuzler further questioned, "Why the Breeze? What distinguishes this function from other difficult, time-consuming work, such as PPCC President?" Difference between elected positions vs. other volunteer tasks was noted; Al pointed out that paying for Breeze production was not unlike contracts currently rewarded financially, such as running the Youth Program, scheduling/maintaining the Lafayette space, and coordinating the Art Fair. Bob Swanson noted, that "there is supposed to be a Breeze Committee." Ellen Dunlap clarified that, while the by-laws indicate the Breeze Editor is to head up any such committee, they do not specifically proscribe the establishment of one, nor what its goals ought to be, if one exists. In recent years, she indicated, the membership at large - with guidance from the Executive Board - has served that function. Lisa reported having been pleased to read in last month's issue that some specific guidelines had been laid out. Point of Order made that the 1-yr. proposal was currently on the floor, requiring a 2nd vote, one way or another. Motion to approve made and seconded; passed by voice vote, 3 votes of "nay" recorded.

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Which tone do you think Jesus took when he told the rich young man, "Come, follow me"? It seems it was spoken like a generous offer. The scene must have impressed the apostles, because a tiny detail was passed down, which Mark included in his story: "Jesus, looking at him, loved him" (10:21). He was filled with compassion for this man.

Whether you feel you know what God is asking of you or you are struggling to know his will, one solid, undeniable truth still holds: Jesus is looking at you with love. He loves you, even if your track record for following him leaves much to be desired. Let that love warm your heart today. Let it move you and help you overcome whatever hurdles you may be facing today. Let that love help you accept the invitation to follow Jesus more closely and confidently.

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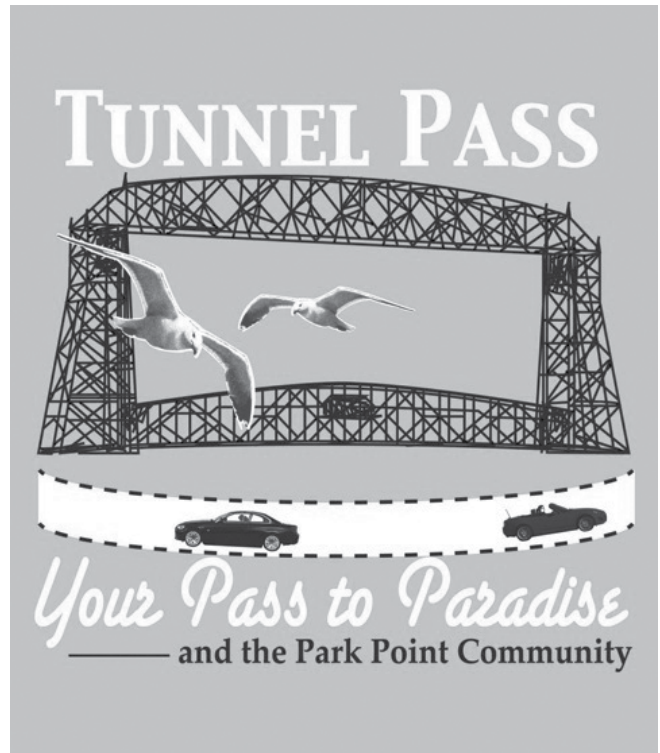
## PPCC Meeting Minutes - continued

**New Business:** 1) Taxes - Much discussion regarding the dramatic increase in tax assessments. Cory Linewander of the Co. Assessor's Office will be at Lafayette to discuss their process at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 11th. Tom Rauschenfels expressed his shock over the newly assessed value (the Rauschenfels' underwater lots went up by over 600 percent); he also said that he had discussed this with county workers who seemed oblivious to the fact that such lots were effectively "unusable." He encourages people to begin the appeals process, and also noted that those who have only recently purchased underwater lots on the bay side will not find changes to assessed value until next year.

2) Tunnel Permit - Production of a new "tunnel pass" is now in process; proceeds set to go to both the Rowing Club and the PPCC at large. For questions, please contact Tom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Dunlap, who's STILL just the notetaker, not the secretary!



Tunnel Passes will be here in the next couple of weeks. They will be approx. 3.5 x 4 inches, three colors, and are a decal that can be stuck on the inside of a window, looking outward. Both Al Robins and I will initially have them for a \$5.00 price. Proceeds to be split 50/50, with the PPCC and the Duluth Rowing Club as fundraisers.

Contact:

Al Robins, 722 Minnesota Ave., 720-6518;  
or Tom Rauschenfels, 3711 Minnesota Ave., 722-7643.



Pontlana Woods, as seen from just offshore on Superior Bay, bracketed by the Bayshore Nursing Home (left) and Harbor Point Circle (right.) This photo underscores another very significant reason for the protection of the woods: public access. On the Lake Superior side of the Point, access to the beach is relatively easy, and of course runs the entire shoreline. This is not the case along the bay. Pontlana Woods represents access both to and from the water, providing a safe and recognizable landing spot for both kayaks and canoes.

Photo credit: David Haavik and Willie the Dog.

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## Tree Planting - Daisy Style!



THANKS to everyone who planted trees!! Two Hundred and seventy-five trees arrived on Thursday, May 14th and by Sunday, the 17th all the trees were either in the ground or with a Park Pointer who would get them into the ground. Weather conditions were not ideal for the planters, but were great for the trees. The most eager tree planters were the Daisy Girl Scouts for Congdon Park School. These were Kindergarteners and first graders, along with their younger siblings. Dick dug 25 holes, and within 20 minutes the trees were in the ground. The girls had a lot of fun, and were extremely proud of their accomplishment. One tree can hold up to 2000 pounds of carbon dioxide while emitting pure oxygen!

Submitted by Diane Gould

Photos by: Caro Linn, Co-Leader - Troop #4039



## Park Point Garden Club Suggests "Northern Gardener"

The speaker at the Duluth Garden and Flower Society yearly luncheon was the editor of "Northern Gardener." She spoke about her process in making decisions about the cover of each of the six yearly editions published by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. This magazine covers many topics, such as landscaping, perennials, trees, shrubs, house plants, vegetables, diseases and lawn care. To get an idea if this magazine is for you or a gardener you know see <https://www.northerngardener.org>. The Park Point Garden Club meets the 4th Thursday of every month. Visitors are welcome. Please call President Harriet Meagher at 722-6762 for more information.




Submitted by Kristelle Miller

### But For The Nature Inside of Me

The soil blindly looks up to the grass  
and wonders  
why not me?  
The grass leans  
to the tall flower and whispers envy.  
The flower  
swoons beneath  
the tree  
blossoming the same jealousy.  
The tree,  
in all its solid strength, groans in lust  
to the unheld bird above.  
The bird,  
in all its winged fatigue,  
flares at the endless sky of rest, sadly chirping as it  
flies.  
And the sky, beside itself, in sorrow  
of its infinite space,  
drops tears  
to the firm soil, an opposing place it yearns to love.  
And this is the way  
it will always be,  
but not for the nature I see,  
but for the nature inside of me.

by Paul McGlynn



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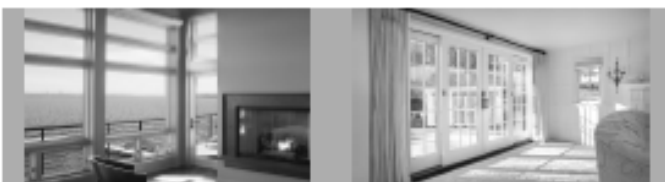
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## Lafayette Community Edible Garden News

Our garden beautification continues with a generous donation from our garden neighbor, Bob Swanson, who delivered some additions to the garden, including a beautiful stone table and benches and an awesome frame around our hugelkultur experiment bed. Thank you, Bob!

Back in the mid '80s, a book called Resettling Duluth envisioned a new kind of future for our area, including regional and neighborhood food production. LCEG members Brooks Anderson and Jan Cohen were part of the process that produced the book. At our June 22nd potluck dinner, they will share their experience and suggest a similar visioning process that could be useful today. Copies of the book will be available for browsing, or you could obtain one for a \$5 donation to the LCEG.

It's time to build the 2015 garden scarecrows with the children participating in the summer program at Lafayette Square. If you have any gaudy and glitzy clothing we could use for this project, please drop it off at the Lafayette Children's program after June 8th.

If you have any questions about our monthly potluck dinners or community garden, call Coral at 727-6455.

### **Garage Sale Donations:**

Our Lafayette Community Edible Garden needs more than seed money to succeed. We test soil, buy tools when we break them with our vigorous efforts, hire an arborist for advice, purchase organic soil additives....If you would like to donate items to the garage sale to support the LCEG, please drop off your contributions during the week before the sale—June 5th-11th—at LeAne and Bruce Rutherford's, 3205 Minnesota Ave. Just put the articles you are contributing in front of the garage door, and we will do the rest, but please price your items. Best sellers are garden- and food-related things such as cookbooks, garden decorations, or kitchenware. No clothing wanted, but we'll take anything that will help us raise a bumper crop this summer. If you are not a donor, you might be a consumer! Stop and drop or stop and shop! The LCEG sale will be held on Friday, June 12th, only. If you want to assist with set up, stop by on Thursday, the 11th, around noon. We welcome your help!

Submitted by Susan Peters

The Lafayette Summer Youth Program runs June 8 - August 6, Monday -Thursday, from 8:00 - 4:00. For kindergarten graduates thru 13 years old . Fees for the program are as follows:

- \$400.00 for 1st child in family (9 weeks)
- \$300.00 for each additional child per family (9 weeks), or
- \$60.00 per week per child (4 day week)
- \$20.00 per day per child

Bus fare for field trips is included in the fee; however, additional costs for field trips are the responsibility of the participant.

First priority will be given to Park Point residents and their relatives, with remaining openings based on the date postmarked on the registration form. Form available on the Park Point Community Club website.

Mail to: Park Point Summer Youth Program, PO Box 16326, Duluth, MN 55816-0326. Please do not send payment with the form. Registration open thru May 15, 2015. Notification of acceptance will be sent via e-mail.

Submitted by Liz Mackay





## City of Duluth Fire Department

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Dear Editor,

In lieu of my regular monthly column, I am hoping you have space in the June issue of the *Breeze* to print the entire Q and A letter I received from Fire Chief Bryan Bushey. I believe he was as forthright as possible in reflecting the position/directions from his superiors in the city administration.

In his defense I must state I respect his response based on his duty to follow their directives whether or not he personally agrees with them. He, after all, is the professional in determining what is the best action in protecting the lives and property of Duluthians. Are the credentials of his superiors comparable?

Sincerely, Glenn C. Maxham

April 23, 2015

Mr. Glenn Maxham  
1902 St. Louis Ave., Apt. 319  
Duluth MN 55802

RE: Park Point response

Mr. Maxham,

First, let me apologize for the delay in responding to your questions. I wanted to make sure I had a chance to review all of Chief Strongitharm's information regarding Park Point before I responded. I will do my best to respond to each of your questions below:

1. *Does your department believe that no lives will ever be lost from fires on the Point due to blockage of access by a raised Aerial Lift Bridge and/or fatalities in medical emergencies resulting from lack of an EMT assigned to the Point?*

While Park Point is unique due to the bridge and possible delays, we have the potential for a delay anywhere in the City. For that matter, any fire department or other public safety agency can have delayed responses.

For example, if we have a fire in western part of the city, and a medical call comes in for the Fond-u-Lac neighborhood, we might see a response delayed as long or longer than a bridge raise with the response coming from as far away as our UMD or Lakeside station.

2. *Is there a consensus in the administrative level of your department that Park Point residents, having chosen to live there, should accept your decision to eliminate an on-site fire hall and personnel trained as first responders to fire alarms or medical emergencies?*

I respect those on Park Point that have concerns about police, fire, and ems response to their neighborhood. Each citizen in our community has a right to express his/her concerns about the service we provide.

3. *As you are no doubt aware, the bridge is raised several thousand times in any given year. The majority of these lifts are for small watercraft and may require less than 5 minutes in a raised position. However, hundreds of lifts are necessary during the commercial shipping season. Have you factored in your "no fire hall for Park Point" decision the average number of minutes your emergency vehicles would be delayed at the bridge when responding to an alarm? Did you develop a worst case scenario and arrive at a figure for the longest delay when the bridge is raised for two or more lakers?*

Double raises are infrequent. It is important for our rigs to be sure the bridge operator knows immediately if we have a response to Park Point. The bridge operator, depending on the ship location can request a slow down or hold. Ultimately it is up to the Captain to make that decision.

If we arrived at the bridge at exactly the time they were committed to a lift, and if that lift was a double, and if the second ship could not hold, it is theoretically possible for a 25-30 minute hold. Please remember this would require the confluence of several unlikely situations. And again, I could provide scenarios anywhere in the city (or any other community/area of your choosing) where similar delays could occur with multiple responses stacked on top of one another.

4. *Would there not be a further costly time delay for your rigs to reach a lifted bridge on a hot summer day when tourist traffic may stretch from the bridge backed up to almost Superior Street?*

We encounter traffic challenges on a daily basis throughout the City. If traffic is backed up due to a bridge raise, we are often able to travel unimpeded down the north bound lane. The bridge operator allows us to cross from the northbound side of the bridge and holds all traffic both directions for us.

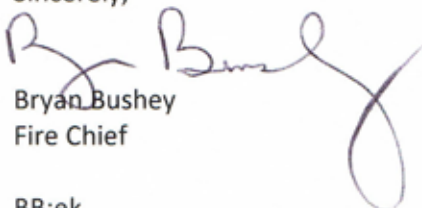
5. *Is there any concern there might be insufficient water in the pipe system to douse a large fire should one occur in a nursing home, apartment complex, or hotel on Park Point. Would you rely on water from bubblers in the Bay. I have noted that the one off 19th is frozen over on very cold days.*

I believe all the building types you mention are fully sprinklered on Park Point. We do have some dry hydrants on Park Point that are designed to supplement fire flow. These hydrants are the responsibility of private property owners. I have asked the Fire Marshal to investigate the systems and the features that are supposed to be in place to prevent freezing at the intake of the pipe.

6. *Has a water storage tank on Park Point ever been considered?*

The Fire Marshal has informed me there has been discussion about water supply on Park Point. There is no pending plan that I am aware of for any changes at this time.

Sincerely,

  
Bryan Bushey  
Fire Chief

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# Working Group Report

The City Planning Department conducted the second Study Group meeting on Wednesday, May 27th. At the first meeting, it had been determined that legal issues needed to be addressed before the group could begin the work of selecting Tier 2 sites. City Planners said they would ask City Attorney Gunnar Johnson to review our legal questions and report back at the next meeting. The City Attorney declined to address the Study Group, which was very disappointing. City Planner Keith Hamre responded only to the questions that John Schmidt and Chelly Townsend had sent. He gave brief answers to those questions. Other people had sent questions and the city planners at the previous meeting took notes of questions that we asked during the first meeting. They answered only the questions John and Chelly had emailed. They would not comment on case law questions that residents had sent.

Important highlights:

City Planners confirmed that the City, in accordance with the Jewell 1990 resolution, would no longer approve full vacation requests to residents living on street ends. We asked how this could be codified. Councilor Gardner and Keith Hamre reported that they are working on additional language to the Jewell resolution that would describe in detail a plan for “neighborhood pedestrian access” to the beach and bay, and that the plan for no full vacations would be included.

The City believes that all street ends are closed unless they are “improved” in some way. This is contrary to what we had believed to be true.

The City also believes that the Jewell resolution is not considered applied legislation, even though it has been the only clear legislating document for twenty-five years.

Councilor Gardner and City Planner Keith Hamre promised that no action would be taken on street ends until Tier 1 site issues were addressed. They thought this could take up to five years. In the meantime, they want us to evaluate the sixteen street ends and have a plan for the time when additional street ends will be opened for public access.

We reminded them of the Tier 1 issues:

- Inadequate signage – visitors don’t know which sites are currently designated as public access.
- Parking issues at Franklin and Lafayette, again due in part to lack of signage.
- Under-utilized beach house area, because visitors don’t know how to find it.
- Inadequate garbage facilities causing debris that residents usually clean up.
- No plan for emergency medical services.
- Environmental damage due to inadequate signage and lack of oversight.

At the next two City Study Group meetings, we’ll tour and review street ends.

Wednesday, June 24th, at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 25th, at 4:30 p.m.

Questions and comments are welcome.

Submitted by Chelly Townsend



## PPCC presents 45th Park Point Art Fair continued

For four decades, visitors, artists and volunteers have come together in a truly unique setting on the shores of Lake Superior. Artists and patrons of the arts praise the high quality and accessibility of this show, and appreciate that it's a grass-roots effort that reinvests so much into our local community. The PPAF is presented by the nonprofit PPCC, which supports people, parks, civic-involvement and more—to the benefit of not just the local neighborhood, but the larger Twin Ports region it belongs to.

“Whether you want to make a fun summer splurge or a discerning art purchase, we’ve tried to curate a show with something for everyone. Really, this is a special year, building on the MSAB support we got in 2014. We’re proud to connect people with artists and art experiences. It’s why we invest in sharing unique hands-on activities, live music and the next generation of artists. Grant funding matched the significant investment that the PPCC made this year and last—and we believe visitors will feel it,” says Carla Tamburro, in her 10th year as PPAF coordinator.

Submitted by Jake Kaspner, PPAF Committee Chair

### !!! HELP !!! PARK POINT ART FAIR NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for the PPAF. On Friday, June 26th we need people to set up and check in artists. On Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th we need people to greet the visitors and booth sit while artists take a quick break. Also needed are people to help in the children’s or adults’ make and take areas.

We can also use people willing to keep the fairground clean both Saturday and Sunday. We are only asking a minimum of two shifts.

Sign up early to get the hours you prefer. All volunteers are invited to the Artists’ Dinner on Saturday evening.

Contact: Diane Gould at 727- 4067

More volunteer opportunities

- Photographers: Enjoy capturing the moment? Help the PPCC document the PPAF by shooting photos and video during the weekend event.
- Social media champions: Help share the excitement before and during the event by sharing on Facebook and other social media channels.

Sign up by contacting Jake Kapsner, PPAF Committee Chair, at [jakekapsner@yahoo.com](mailto:jakekapsner@yahoo.com) or 218-428-7730.



## ***The Breeze***

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Duluth, MN 55816-0326



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:**

Lift Bridge Supervisor 728-3387

Community Police Officer: Craig Lindberg 730-5727 [clindberg@duluthmn.gov](mailto:clindberg@duluthmn.gov)

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

Dog issues: [clane@duluthmn.gov](mailto:clane@duluthmn.gov)

City Councilor Sharla Gardner: 724-4701 [sharla.gardner@gmail.com](mailto:sharla.gardner@gmail.com)



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