



# The Breeze of Park Point

## WHY SAVE TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 2nd???

This is the thirty-third year of National Night Out. In Minnesota, it is now called Minnesota Night to Unite. (Google "nite to unite 2016.")

This first Tuesday of August has been an inexpensive and enjoyable event to promote neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships, with the goal of creating safer communities. Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities and neighborhoods celebrate with a variety of events and activities such as: block parties, flash-lite walks, bike parades, visits from local police and fire departments, and youth programs.

Here on Park Point, where "neighborhood" stretches for over forty blocks, there are many such gatherings along the Avenue each year. Neighbors are encouraged to organize events in their surrounding blocks. For ideas and help, see Minnesota Night to Unite at "goldenvalleymn.gov."

For many years, one annual "block party" of neighbors on Park Point has been held at Baypoint Apartments. You will see 150-200 apartment neighbors join their friends and families under a big tent as they visit with each other. Also, they enjoy a huge catered buffet sponsored by Melhus Management Co., which has managed the apartments since 1982. "We appreciate all the residents, and National Night Out is a good time to unite with our neighbors," said Cathy Gunderson, Manager of Baypoint.

In 2009, the then-new Edible Garden Club started a Night to Unite potluck picnic at Lafayette Community Center, inviting all Park Point neighbors. The PPCC has partnered with them to sponsor this community party at Lafayette for the past few years. Last year, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church invited all Park Pointers to join them at the church for the event.

In addition to participating in your block events, all are invited again this year to join your neighbors at Lafayette:

### POTLUCK PICNIC

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

(Beverages, paper plates/cups, and live music sponsored by the PPCC)

Let us know if you can help to set up tables/chairs and the food area about 5 p.m. Otherwise, you may choose to help welcome and host during the picnic or assist with clean-up at the end. Email: [all.that.we.share@gmail.com](mailto:all.that.we.share@gmail.com)

Submitted by Judy Dwyer

**We would like to do a photo story for the August Breeze on all the NNO gatherings that take place on Park Point. Please send digital photos with names and locations by August 3rd to [ppbreezeditor@gmail.com](mailto:ppbreezeditor@gmail.com).**

### Park Point 5-Miler

Thursday, July 14th

### Lafayette Edible Garden

Monday, July 18th,  
5 to 7 p.m. potluck dinner  
Lafayette Community Center

### Park Point Community Club Meeting

Tuesday, July 19th  
6:00 p.m. coffee & treats  
7:00 p.m. monthly meeting

### Park Point Garden Club

July 28th  
7:00 p.m., dinner out  
Contact: Harriet Meagher  
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### Another Successful Park Point Rummage Sale!



Hugh & Annie Bishop

## **The Breeze**

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## **Letter from the PPCC President**

Hi Neighbors,

Hoping to see you at Lafayette on Tuesday, August 2nd for National Night Out. If you have new neighbors, consider reaching out and bringing them along to the event.

Thank you to the Duluth Rowing Club members who hosted our June 21st meeting in their new boathouse. Our neighbor and long time rower, Jenny Peterson, welcomed Park Pointers and other guests; tour guides were on hand to show off the building and describe how the Duluth Rowing Center will be finished next year with the addition of a clubhouse and landscaping.

Watching the project move forward, with quick hands away and slow slides of course, has been very exciting and long in coming to reality. Kudos to the long time members, coaches, volunteers and community members for working for decades to rebuild the sport of rowing in Duluth. To find out more about the fascinating history of Duluth rowing, add Michael Cochran's book, "Invincible: History of the Duluth Boat Club" to your summer reading list. Also, I've heard that "The Boys in the Boat," by Daniel James Brown - which focuses on the American rowing team competing in the 1936 Berlin Olympics - is a good read.

The new boathouse will be named after Joe Krmpotich, a Duluth rower who was the benefactor for about half of the project. Joe died in 2011; his brother David was a silver medalist in rowing at the 1988 Olympics. The Rowing Club is conducting a campaign to raise funds for the clubhouse and the finishing touches. If you love watching the shells glide by and would like to preserve and promote this quiet, synchronistic water sport that can be enjoyed for a lifetime, consider visiting [duluthrowing.org](http://duluthrowing.org) or contacting Jenny at [jennypeterson@charter.net](mailto:jennypeterson@charter.net); (218) 722-0668. Rowing can change your life, and it is never too late to try it. Several of our neighbors started rowing at about age 70!

Rowing is part of my Park Point "Trifecta"; my Park Point "Triple Crown." The perfect Park Point Day for me involves paddling, sailing and rowing, which occurs when the forces of nature optimally align for favorable wind and water for an entire day of fun. When I can pull it off, the experience creates one of the "happy places" I'll flash to when it's forty below, the car won't crank, the ice scraper crumbles on the icy driveway, and you're locked out of the house in a T-shirt and flannel Grinch pants.

More thank you's are in order to the 2016 Art Fair Committee, led by Carla Tamburo, and to the large volunteer crew who created yet another very successful Art Fair. Congratulations to Mark Elden, chosen as the Fair's Outstanding Volunteer (or the "VD," for "Volunteer Dearest" - which is how Mark described his title).

If you were in the park pavilion for the Artists' Banquet when the black wall and churning winds descended, you would have witnessed an admirable spirit of support and camaraderie when the tents started tumbling into the air. Artists and volunteers raced to help each other out and pick up the pieces. The post-storm calm brought a sense of relief, and all enjoyed the food, beverages and some good stories.

The PP Summer Youth Program is well underway now, after a soggy start on June 13th. Stop by and check out the joyful energy of the kids as they play and meet new friends. Chloe and Abi are keeping the kids busy with many outdoor activities and interesting guests and programs. Thanks to the Lafayette Community Edible Garden volunteers for doing Monday gardening activities; today was scarecrow day.

Happy summer to you and see you on the water!

Dawn & Klaus, my canine bow (wow) commander in the kayak

# Neither Rain Nor Sleet Nor Dark of Night?

Oh, wait....that's the Post Office, not the Art Fair.

For several hours on Saturday afternoon of the Park Point Art Fair, it did seem as if the elements would rule all. Those orchestrating the event had kept a careful eye on weather radar throughout the day, trying to plan for all contingencies. Would the artists make it through a full day of sales without having to shut down? (They did.) Would we be able to pull off the Artists' Award Picnic - always a favorite part of the week-end - outdoors, where any self-respecting picnic finds itself, or would we be forced to move it all indoors? (Well....mixed results on that one.) If we asked the caterer who'd just spent more than two hours setting up in the Recreation Area to move and start all over again, would there even be anyone left to enjoy the dinner? Would the artists, who voiced overwhelming support for staying put, be willing to leave their tents and their wares, with an incoming thunderstorm on the horizon?

In the end, despite lots of soggy sandals and caterers soaked to the skin, as the sky opened up just as serving began, well over a hundred people nonetheless enjoyed a cozy, even joyful event jammed together under the shelter of the picnic pavilion. [See list of award winners below.] Artists reported good sales - up from last year - and the stage was set for a brighter, if still very windy, second Fair Day on Sunday.

On the downside: During Saturday's brief, if intense downblast, ten artists suffered collapse of their pop-up tents, in a few cases losing some of their work, as well. Our own Breeze editor, Natalija Wahlbridge, was among those hit. A noble cast of PPAF volunteers quickly sprang into action, joining the ever-loyal, ever-tight community of artists with clean-up, tear-down or whatever was necessary, some working up to midnight. As Diane Gould has noted elsewhere in this issue, each year brings repeated compliments regarding how well the PPAF is run. On Sunday morning, comments on the order of "Awesome!" and "You guys rock!" punctuated the common refrain we've all come to expect, "This is my favorite show on the circuit...you all treat us so very well."

Mega-thanks to all who volunteered, especially Dave Johnson, Mark Elden and all the other "hard labor" crew who performed back-breaking work throughout the three days of set-up and tear-down, as well to our capable leader, Carla Tamburo.

Submitted by Ellen Dunlap

**Best of Show - Mary Johnston (2D Painting & Printmaking)**

**Special Judges' Award - Emily Lavalier (Mixed Media)**

**Merit Winners:**

**Ceramics- Richard Gruchalla & Carrin Rosetti**

**Fiber - Toni Bergeon**

**Glass - Dan Neff**

**Jewelry - Kerri Norman**

**Painting - Jan Killian**

**2D - Betsy Bowen**

**Photography - Ryan Tischer**

**Sculpture - Crysten Nesseth**

**Wood - Jesse Gerhard**

**2016 Volunteer of the Year - Mark Elden**

Thanks to the many (over 60) volunteers who handled the challenging weather to make this another successful Park Point Art Fair.

Many of the artists thanked me for all the help and the warm welcome the visitors received. I heard from many artists that this is their favorite Art Fair and they are treated better by us than at any other Fair they attend all year. The reason they are so pleased is that you, the volunteers, are so helpful and go the extra mile. Thanks from Carla and all of us on the Park Point Art Fair Committee.

Submitted by Diane Gould

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Park Point Art Fair possible. I cannot stress enough how important you all are. Many artists commented on the strength and knowledge of the volunteer base. You did not go unnoticed. From greeting the attendees, to booth sitting for artists, to the grunt work of lifting and lugging, your help was essential to the success of the event.

Thanks to you, the Club will raise at least \$5,000 for civic minded projects such as planting trees and the Summer Youth Program.

Submitted by Carla Tamburro

## 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.

## PPCC Meeting Minutes - June 21st, 2016

The monthly Community Club meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Dawn Buck. The meeting was held this month at the newly built Duluth Rowing Club building.

The first order of business was a welcome from Jenny Peterson of the Duluth Rowing Club. The new building, which will be used for boat storage, is Phase I of their project. Phase II will be removing the old building, followed by the addition of bathrooms, showers and locker rooms.

**Minutes** from the May 17th, 2016 meeting

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as they appeared in the June issue of the Breeze. The membership voted all ayes.

**Treasurer's Report** – Al Robins

Park Point Community Club account balance as of 5/1/2015 = \$23,744; ending balance as of 6/1/2015 = \$34,520.

The membership list should now be complete, with all members listed. If you do not see your name listed, please call Al Robins.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The membership voted all ayes.

**Committee Reports**

**Art Fair** – Carla Tamburo

The Park Point Art Fair is scheduled to be held on June 25th & 26th, 2016. Diane Gould reported that we were still in need of volunteers. The Artists' Award Banquet is held at 5:30pm; volunteers are also welcome.

**Environmental Committee** – Dick Gould

Dick cautioned club members regarding poison ivy on the Point. He also said there were more Park Rangers on the Point this summer than in past years.

**Hospitality Committee** – Diane Gould

Refreshments were provided this month by the Duluth Rowing Club. Thank you for hosting our meeting and the terrific treats.

**Program Committee** – David Poulin

No formal programs will be scheduled during the summer months. In September, regular programs will resume.

**Rummage Sale Committee** – David Lavamaki

The Rummage Sale went off without any problems. Nothing new to report.

**Sunshine Committee** – Pam Griggs

One sympathy card mailed out to Diane and Dick Gould.

**Lafayette Summer Youth Program** – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

The Youth Program began on June 13th. Sally Buck provided the following statistics on the program:

- 25 registered students
- 19 children from Park Point
- 14 boys, 11 girls
- Average age is 9 years

On Mondays, the group gardens; Tuesdays, library visits; Wednesdays usually include a guest speaker. On Thursdays, the group takes field trips to such places as movies, bowling, the Great Lakes Aquarium, etc. The Youth Program runs for nine weeks, and we all wish the children a fun summer.

**Watch Committee** – All of us

Theft of lawn ornaments was reported, as well as car break-ins. (It was suggested that residents lock their vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.) An unknown person untied the workmen's barge at the Rowing Club. The barge was located across the bay.

**Breeze Committee** – Natalija Walbridge

Nothing new to report.



## Old Business

Gay Hooper spoke on the **Pontlana Woods** property. St. Louis County wants to sell the property for development, whereas the City of Duluth supports our efforts to leave it as a sanctuary. Gay had a petition with her and asked for signatures. The petition will be sent to the Mayor to indicate our support. [See the Park Point Community Club website for documents concerning this property and the long history that is on the record concerning maintaining it in conservation status.] It was also suggested that individuals email the Duluth City Council to voice their opinions.

## New Business

**National Night Out** is scheduled to take place on August 2nd, but needs to be organized if there is to be a PPCC-sponsored gathering. It could be held at Lafayette Square, but we are in need of someone to chair the event. One person is willing to co-chair but wants another support person to help organize.

A proposal was brought up by Al Robins to obtain a **workers' compensation policy** for the Club. A motion was made and seconded to obtain a WC policy. The membership voted all ayes. A second vote will be taken at the July, 2016 meeting per Club by-laws, as the expense exceeds \$200.

Clarification is being sought on the correct protocol for usage of the **recreation lane** on the Point.

**Sky Harbor Airport** Manager Brian Madsen spoke about a \$500,000 grant they received from the DNR. A part of their agreement stipulates that a portion of the airport property be turned over to the DNR. Brian added that they would like to have the Community Club come to the airport for a future monthly meeting in order to see the progress they have made.

Charlene Shimmin, Chief Election Judge, suggested that new voters in our precinct should have **updated driver's licenses** prior to voting. This makes for much easier registration on Election Day.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The membership voted with all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

## Summer 2016 Lafayette Summer Youth Program



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Paul writes, "Let us make sure that we do not just hold love as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original." Galatians 5

• Thanks for your support of our Brat sale. It was a huge success. Our youth and the youth in the community will reap the benefits.

**The Rev. Marta Maddy**

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## News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

At the June potluck dinner, LeAne Rutherford and Carol Kondrath led us on an exercise to help us recognize the weeds in our gardens. Based on the results, many of us discovered that we didn't even know the plants we were shown were weeds. Therefore, the program at the July potluck will be showing us leaves from the edible plants we are cultivating, so we can recognize them as good plants and not weeds that need to be pulled. Come join the fun and test your skills at recognizing what's in your garden.

Thank you to all the folks who donated items for us to sell at our garage sale and to those people who provided labor to make our sale a success. We now have a jumpstart on our fundraising efforts for this year. Our dream of renovating our raised beds is closer to coming true.

The children's garden program is in full swing, and children participating in the Park Point Summer Kids' Program planted a garden, made trellises for peas, and will be making the scarecrows that have become a tradition in the community garden.

For more about our Park Point community garden located at Lafayette Square, or for information about our events, call Coral 727-6455.

### Upcoming Events:

Monday, July 18th, 6 to 8 p.m. - Monthly potluck dinner and program on identifying what's growing in our gardens.

Monday, August 15th, 6 to 8 p.m., tentative - Monthly potluck dinner.

Monday, September 19th, 6 to 8 p.m. - Monthly potluck dinner and program by Minneapolis chef Joan Donatelle, author of *Astonishing Apples*, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2015. She will talk about cooking with apples.

Submitted by Susan Peters

### Summer Reading & Discussion Group

We live in a beautiful neighborhood on an amazing public park / island with waterways.

Let's get together this summer to read and discuss: *All That We Share*, [www.yesmagazine.org/happiness/all-that-we-share](http://www.yesmagazine.org/happiness/all-that-we-share).

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