



The Breeze

of Park Point

Lafayette Beach Clean-up

Tuesday, August 16th,
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Gloves and bags for clean-up
will be provided.

Park Point Community Club Meeting

**Our August 16th meeting
will be held at the
Sky Harbor Airport!**

6:00 p.m. coffee & treats

7:00 p.m. PPCC regular
monthly meeting

Park Point Garden Club

Thursday, August 25th,
7:00 p.m.

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Field Trip on MN Point

Tuesday, August 30th
6:30-8:00 p.m.

(more details on page 7)

Lafayette Edible Garden

Monday, September 19th,
6:00- 8:00 p.m. potluck dinner
Lafayette Community Center

Duluth Rowing Club Summer News



Lots of activity has been taking place at Park Point's home of the Duluth Rowing Club these past weeks. Most readers of The Breeze are familiar with and have been following the construction of the new Joseph M. Krmpotich Boathouse. The last pieces of steel siding, final installation of the three metal doors, installation of the windows and egress doors, and the setting up of the Rotary Club's donation of boat racks were all finalized by the first week of July.

July 15th saw dedication of the new boathouse, with members of the Krmpotich Family traveling to Duluth. Also in attendance were members of the Duluth press, many Park Pointers and rowers from years ago, current junior and master scullers and sweepers, and Duluthians of all ages. In addition to a proclamation of Duluth Rowing Club Day by Mayor Larson, there were short speeches by DRC historian Mike Cochran, head coach Bonnie Fuller-Kask, and Olympic silver medalist Dave Krmpotich, brother of Joe. The evening finished with dedication cake and many formal and informal stories by all in attendance.

Saturday, July 16th dawned sunny, warm, and - most importantly - with calm winds for the start of the 58th annual Duluth International Regatta. There were approximately 300 rowers in attendance. The calm waters held for most of the day and allowed for 28 different races, from singles to eights, juniors, open, and masters, to finish their respective 2000 meter races. The Duluth Rowing Club won the total point standings for this year's regatta, finishing first in the junior men's 8 and coxed four, along with first place finishes in the master men's quad, master men's double, and master mixed quad. In addition, there were many second and third place finishes. The large, 125 member junior rowing program has been a big part of this year's DRC successes.

With Phase One of the Duluth Rowing Club's Duluth Rowing Center done, Phase Two will take place when the old boathouse is dismantled, in early/mid winter. Phase Three will see the building of the DRC Clubhouse, once sufficient funds have been raised. The Clubhouse is needed for men's and women's locker rooms, a classroom, and room for rowing shell storage and repair. Almost 70% of the total funds for the entire project have been raised to date. For those who have donated to this community-wide project, again, many thanks.

With the rowing season in full swing, Park Pointers can look forward to seeing rowers of all ages on the water. There are the 6:00 a.m., mostly master (ages 30 - 75) bunch; the 8:00 a.m. junior rowers (ages 13 - 19); some mid-day and evening learn-to-row candidates; and 6:00 p.m. to sunset recreational people pulling on their respective oars. Upcoming regattas include Tops and Bottoms in Kenora, Ontario, then on to Kenora again on August 18th and 19th to the Northwest Rowing Championships; the 25-kilometer "Death Row," on September 18th; and head races on the Mississippi, the Charles River in Boston, and the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia.

The DRC wants to thank all Park Pointers again for their support and patience during regatta times and, more importantly, for the financial and material help with fundraising that have allowed the newest boathouse in the U.S. finally to be realized. Remember, too, that your shiny paper is still being collected, with proceeds going to the junior programs. There are also Tunnel Passes still available that support both PPCC projects and DRC programming.

Submitted by Tom Rauschenfels



The Breeze

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Letter from the PPCC President

Hi Neighbors,

Hoping to see you at our August meeting, which will be held at Sky Harbor Airport on Tuesday, August 16th. Airport manager Brian Madsen has invited us down to check it out.

Hoping that your deep summer days have been wonderful. The beach has been busy and I have noticed that the trash level has been pretty good for how much fun has been happening down here. Several neighbors sent me photos of overflowing garbage cans and dumpsters over the 4th of July weekend, which I shared with the Parks and Recreation Department. Club members also asked the Park Rangers who attended our last meeting if they would be willing to help monitor the trash levels and help keep our community safe and looking good. City staff have been very responsive to requests for help at Lafayette in support of the youth program; I am grateful for their support.

Park Pointers were spared the destruction and power losses of the recent storm. I am wondering if the lake somehow buffered us and deflected the worst of the winds away? Thanks to everyone who helped clean up and hosted family members and friends who could not stay in their homes due to damage and power problems.

Coming up at September's meeting, Kate Van Daele, a new Park Point neighbor who is also a city planner, will speak on "Updating the Comprehensive Plan which serves as a blueprint for the future of Duluth. As a part of our planning process, city planners are reaching out to community clubs like yours with the hope of informing groups of the Comprehensive Plan process, discussing the adopted and proposed Governing Principles, and providing an opportunity for members of your group to participate in our process." The city is collecting data for the plan and you can get involved by taking this survey, link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y5223B7>.

I am thankful that my summer work schedule allows for more screen free and device free living and more time for puttering around the family homestead. Repairs on our old garage built by my grandfather and his brothers in the 1930s have been very interesting. My grandpa was obviously a pioneer of the "shanty2chic" movement. He worked on the railroad, and our little building showcases his recycle & reuse value set of, "Fix it up, wear it out, make due, or do without." I am fortunate to have several family tenets posted in my grandpa's shop in the basement. This one is at the top of the list, which unsurprisingly aligns nicely with my grandma's diary entry from that timeframe that begins with two words, "Mostly broke."

Speaking of shanties, my very favorite this summer was this Park Point tiny house. Photo here. I also saw a sand minion with fabulous detail. Nice work, beach artists!

Have you noticed clever and artistic beach crafts on your stretch of park? I love encountering the creative crafts of beach-going enthusiasts and I would like to post photos of beach creations on our website, so send on any photos that you would like to share.

Looking forward to seeing you out and about on our glorious island,
Dawn & Klaus (canine companion)



National Night Out Photos



Gathering at Baypoint Apartments



PPCC Meeting Minutes - July 19th, 2016

The Community Club meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Club President Dawn Buck. The normal business meeting agenda was suspended to accommodate speakers from **Duluth Park Rangers** Keegan & Spencer, as well as Josie Nichols & Lilly Reilly from **Girl Scout Troop #4174**.

Keegan and Spencer are assigned by the City of Duluth to patrol the Rose Garden, Canal Park and Park Point. Their duties include checking for fires in these areas, illegal parking, etc. Their hours of patrol are from 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. from June 1st to the end of August.

Josie and Lilly are Girl Scouts involved with a beach clean-up day to be held on August 16th. (See accompanying article on page 7.) They also spoke about invisible pollutants (micro-beads and other plastics, lotions, etc.) and the damage they pose to the water and fish. They brought a photo display showing the visible pollutants (plastic, trash, etc.) that were collected on last year's clean-up day.

Minutes from the June 21st meeting

No errors were noted. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as they appeared in the July issue of the Breeze. Membership votes were all ayes.

Treasurer's Report – Al Robins

The Park Point Community Club account balance as of 6/1/2016 = \$34,520. Ending balance as of 7/1/2016 = \$45,047. The increase, Al pointed out, largely reflects fees for artists' booths and other items related to the Park Point Art Fair, before debts are paid. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Membership votes were all ayes.

Art Fair Report – Carla Tamburo

Carla reported that the Art Fair was successful and well attended, and that artists felt the attendees were purchasing more this year. The weather was the downside to the event. Nine artists lost their tents during Saturday evening's storm. Carla said the Art Fair Committee would be looking into alerting the participants about securing tents based on Park Point's weather and unusual setup conditions. The Committee also will put into place a Weather Plan next year, including the possibility of closing the Art Fair due to inclement weather, alternatives for Artists' Dinner, etc.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

Dick reported that the trees on Hearding Island are growing well. He also spoke on two juvenile eagles that he has been watching on the island.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould

Refreshments for the meeting were provided by Diane Gould. Again, thank you.

Program Committee – Dave Poulin

Dave was absent from the meeting, but Sky Harbor Airport Manager Brian Madsen invited all to join them at the airport for the August 16th PPCC meeting.

Rummage Sale Committee – David Lavamaki

Nothing to report at this time of year.

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

Pam was absent, but reported through Dawn that two sympathy cards were sent since her last report; one to Dave Poulin, and the other to Brian & Mary Grover. Thank-you notes were also sent to Robert DeAngeles and Dan Nelson for their exceptional work in helping out at the Art Fair, especially considering that neither of them live on the Point.

Lafayette Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

No one from the committee was at the meeting; however, it was reported that the program is going well so far.

Watch Committee – all of us

Nothing was reported as different or new. It was suggested that residents go on the Police Department website to see where incidents are occurring within the City.

Breeze Committee – Natalija Walbridge

Nothing new to report.

Old Business

Judy Dwyer, chairperson for the **PPCC-sponsored National Night Out** celebration, reported on progress of the event, which is scheduled around the country for the evening of August 2nd. She recommended that it be held at the Park Point Beach House, rather than Lafayette, where such gatherings have been held in the past. The cost for holding it at the Beach House would include \$100 to rent the building from the YMCA, \$100 to set up the building, and a \$150 clean-up fee, unless we agree to do our own clean-up and tear-down. A musician for the event could also be hired for \$150. A motion was made and seconded to approve expenditures for the event of up to \$500. The membership votes were all ayes; the picnic & potluck will run from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

PPCC Meeting Minutes - continued

A second vote was required to approve paying for a **Worker's Compensation Insurance** policy. A motion was made and seconded to approve payment of \$445.

New Business

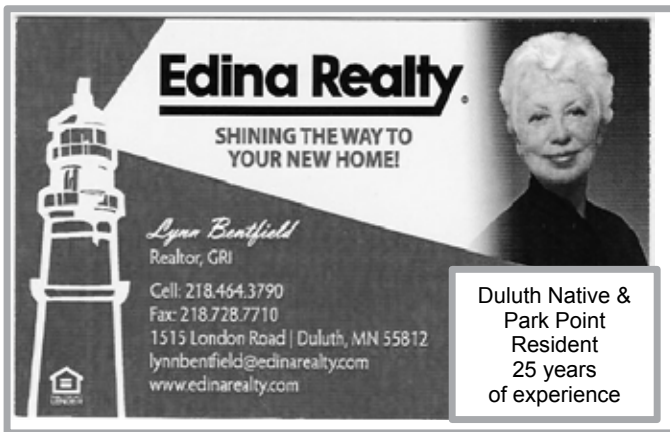
WDSE recently sponsored a **Garden Tour** at various locations throughout the city. The Lafayette Community Edible Garden and the Park Point Garden Club displays were toured by 58 people. A plaque was given for both locations; these plaques can be seen at the two sites.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The membership votes were all ayes, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Meeting notes recorded by Sheryl Robins

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.
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Like the horizon, God is beyond us.

Like water in a pitcher, God is in the pouring out of us.

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And the blessing of our gracious God

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— Author unknown

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In Loving Memory of Dick Gajewski

God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around him
And whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away

Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

- Author Unknown

*We all will Miss You and Love You Forever
from the Gajewski family*



Dick Gajewski
April 26, 1939 to July 29, 2016

As the Breeze went to press, we learned with sadness of the July 29th death of Richard Gajewski, retired owner & proprietor of Park Point's Bay Side Market.

The community joins his family in remembering him fondly.

Rest in peace, Dick.
Our condolences to Mel,
your children and the entire
Gajewski family.



News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden



How does our garden grow? We found out at our July 18th potluck dinner and meeting. Garden members gave status reports on the vegetables in our garden, and while little other than greens and herbs are ready to harvest now, more is soon to come. All the rain and the new irrigation system Denny Johnson installed ensured that plants are getting plenty of water, and the long sunny days encourage the plants to reach for the sun. Future potluck dinners are sure to include lots of our home-grown veggies. If you have not yet been to a community garden potluck dinner, this fall would be a great time to join us. For more information, contact Coral at 727-6455. **Note:** There will be no potluck in August, because everyone will get their fill of great vittles at the August 2nd National Night Out event.

Visit the garden:

Located in what was an old hockey rink at Lafayette Square, the Lafayette Community Edible Garden was established in 2009 by a group of twelve Park Point families wanting to unite the community through the activities of growing food and dining together. Today we have thirty-four working member families. There are outreach components to the garden that include donating a portion of our produce to Duluth agencies that feed the hungry, and serving as an educational tool for the Park Point Summer Youth Program. A group of WDSE Great Gardening supporters recently toured our garden and expressed how lucky we were to have such a wonderful community resource. Neighbors are welcome to stroll through the garden and enjoy its beauty, too, but only working members are invited to harvest.

New weeding protocol:

Please do not place weeds in our compost bins any longer. Our compost system does not get hot enough to kill the weeds' seeds. Instead, bag weeds in the brown compostable bags found in the garden or in a plastic bag. We will take the weeds to WLSSD for proper composting. Trimmings from our garden plants can still be added to the compost bins - except for tomato plants, which need to go into the weed bags.

Upcoming Events:

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

Girl Scouts Organize Beach Clean-Up



Girl Scout Cadettes from Troop #4174 presented their project plan for earning the Scouts' Bronze Award at the July 19th Park Point Community Club meeting. Lilly Reilly and Josie Nichols told people present about the two parts of their plan to help reduce Visible and Invisible pollution around the Lafayette Beach area. The troop will work on keeping our beaches clean by picking up the visible pollution. They are also working with Dr. Lorena Rios, at UW-Superior, to learn and educate everybody about invisible pollution like microplastics that are now found in the Great Lakes. Microplastics are the tiny little beads of plastic that are in some beauty products, as well as small fragments of all sorts of plastic that end up in the water. The Cadettes will be teaching people to use plastics responsibly.

The Girls Scouts invite you to help clean up Lafayette Beach on Tuesday, August 16th, from 4-6 p.m. Please meet at Lafayette Community Center at 4:00 p.m. – gloves and bags for clean-up will be provided.

Submitted by Josie Nichols

Field Trip on Minnesota Point - Tuesday, August 30th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Rebecca Holmstrom, MN DNR Biologist, will guide us through the native plant communities that live in the natural areas near the tip of Minnesota Point. Meet at the Sky Harbor Airport parking lot. Wear hiking shoes and long pants. No rain date.

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Park Point Art Fair



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Volunteering



Boomchucks sounded great!

Park Point Art Fair 2016 went off with a bang! The Fair was a success, with artists reporting good sales and the Community Club profiting more than anticipated. I particularly enjoyed the music, art making activities, strolling musicians and the cooperative painting duo from Bagiry Studios. The art work was of stellar quality, with a nice mix of returning and new artists. KUMD switched up their programming this year, creating a tent lounge where fairgoers could color, recline in couches and listen to tunes. The only complaint would be the wind and lightening.

The severe weather held out until Saturday night, when one huge gust of wind took down nine artists' tents, three PPCC tents and five portable toilets. Despite the downturn in events, the Art Fair had a successful, yet windy ending on Sunday. Artists in front of the open field had trouble keeping things from literally flying off their shelves, though. The Art Fair Committee will be working on providing a Tent Facts Sheet for artists and volunteers for next year, to help everyone secure tents properly under sandy conditions. I will also create a Severe Weather Plan to assist us in dealing with any of the future issues that arise.

Thank you again to all our volunteers. We count on many of you to show up and put tents together or clean pavilions, move picnic tables, greet fairgoers, relieve artists, dump garbage, get supplies, and run the electric setup. The Art Fair's success would not be possible without this huge community effort. If you have not volunteered for the Fair before and are interested in doing so, there are a number of new opportunities available. Please call us or email coordinator@parkpointartfair.org.

Submitted by Carla Tamburro



Fiber art booth



Booth sitting



The Breeze

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