



The Breeze of Park Point

Lafayette Edible Garden

Sunday, October 16th,
5:00- 7:00 p.m. potluck dinner
Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Community Club

Tuesday, October 18th,
6:30 p.m. coffee & treats
7:00 p.m. PPCC monthly meeting
Guest Speakers:

Dr. Lorena Rios: Microplastics in Lake Superior
Andrew Slade: Sky Harbor Beach & Restoration
Project

Park Point Garden Club

Thursday, October 27th,
Contact: Harriet Meagher
722-6762

Get Ready for Election Day!



Newcomers will want to know, and old-timers may need to be reminded, that the polling place for all of Park Point is the **Lafayette Community Center, located at 3026 Minnesota Ave.**

If you've not yet registered by election day, Minnesota law allows for same-day registration onsite. A call this week to the City Clerk's office confirmed that the following forms of identification are permitted under state law:

- A Minnesota Driver's License or State of Minnesota ID, updated to show your Park Point address (the simplest and easiest, according to Charlene Shimmin, Chief Election Judge for our precinct)
- A passport or Military ID with current address
- A friend or neighbor who is *currently registered in this precinct* may vouch for you.
- Any of the following:
 - a current lease or rental agreement
 - a bill or invoice showing your Park Pt. address - such as a utility, cable or phone bill - so long as it is *dated within the last 30 days*.

Any one of the above will suffice, although it never hurts to bring more than one, just in case there's some confusion. (*Please note: these items are *required ONLY for those who have not yet registered*. If you are already registered to vote in this precinct, no identification is necessary under current Minnesota law.)

Alternatively, voters may register and/or vote at the Duluth City Clerk's office, located in the Duluth City Hall, Room 303. The office is open from 8:00 - 4:30, Mon.-Fri. It is recommended that you arrive no later than 4 o'clock, to ensure time for a thoughtful process. Early voting has already begun in Minnesota, and present law includes a "no excuses" policy; i.e., you need not state a reason for your absentee ballot. For further information, call the office of the City Clerk @218-730-5500.

Source: Office of the City Clerk, Duluth

Message to Citizens of Park Point:

This is a particularly important announcement, with all the blowdown in your surrounding area.

Emerald Ash Borer Informational Meeting
Wednesday, October 12, 2016 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Rice Lake City Hall - 4107 W. Beyer Road, Duluth, MN 55803

In addition, please remember these rules:

- Don't transport firewood. Buy firewood locally and burn it where you buy it; the only safe way to move firewood is heat-treated MDA/USDA certified firewood. The EAB emergency quarantine now makes it illegal to transport any hardwood firewood to areas outside the EAB quarantine area. This means that *no wood can be removed from Park Point!*
- Be aware of the quarantine restrictions. All who live in quarantined counties should be aware of the restrictions on movement of products such as ash trees, wood chips, and firewood.
- Watch your ash trees for infestation. If you think your ash tree is infested, go to www.mda.state.mn.us/eab and use the "Do I Have Emerald Ash Borer?" guide.

We really want to ensure that the public is aware of the risk of moving storm debris and firewood out of quarantined areas.

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The Breeze

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Submissions for the November issue are due by Thursday, 10/27/16.

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Thanks, John!

You and Ruth will be missed.

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Letter from the PPCC President

Hi Neighbors,

Hope to see you on October 18th at our next social and meeting. There are several programs in the works, but I believe we will have guests from the City on tree planting with grant money, possibly a scientist on the harmful effects of microbeads on our ecosystem.

I wonder if you grow tired of my messages of gratitude for the beautiful, dynamic island we live on & our great community members? This month's gratitude spot focuses on the Alspachs and the crew of *Radio Flyer*. I was invited to ride along on the "Fray on the Bay" on September 17th. If you saw a parade of boats of all sizes that afternoon, that was the Fray. I was taking note of the experience of the sailors and their guests on this last race of the season for the yacht clubs. Folks on *Radio Flyer* report their appreciation for an educational sailing experience in a calm and nurturing environment. I took a lot of photos of the very fun mix of boats and sailors and will post a few on our website. Thanks again to Ed and Ellie Alspach and their crew! Thanks to the organizers, cooks and hosts of the event at Barker's Island, as well.

If you would like to show your appreciation for two community members who have worked as advocates for water quality issues affecting Northern Minnesota for years, consider attending Save Lake Superior Association's annual meeting at Lafayette Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at 9 a.m. Len and Bethel Anderson will be receiving the SLSA's Award of Excellence in Achievement. After the award presentation, guest speakers will address issues that relate to a lifetime of work and dedication shown by the award recipients. Speakers are to begin at 9:15 a.m.; here are the details if you would like to attend:

Laura Gauger - Environmental degradation at Wisconsin's Flambeau Mine
Nancy Schuldt - Protecting Anishinaabeg Resources from the Headwaters to the Big Lake

Nelson French - Restoring and Protecting the Great Lakes

Sharing thoughts with area elected officials - 11:30 a.m. to Noon
Picnic and informal discussion - 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Please RSVP to Sally Munger - sallymunger43@gmail.com or munger@mungerinn.com.

Thanks to our neighbor Kate Van Daele, who works for the City of Duluth in the Planning Department, for presenting on the Comprehensive Plan at our September PPCC meeting. She and colleague Steven Robertson informed us on how we can get involved in continuing city planning processes. Neighbor Andrew Slade, who works for the City's Parks and Recreation Department, told us about upcoming improvements to Lafayette and the Beach House.

Happy fall to all; hope to see you out and about!

Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

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.



Community Planning

Dear Park Point Neighbors and Residents,

First of all, I would like to thank Dawn Buck for allowing my colleagues, fellow planners Steven Robertson and Andrew Slade from our City of Duluth Parks Department, and me to present at the September Community Club meeting. In our presentation, we discussed our beginning efforts to update the City's Comprehensive Plan which has been titled, "Imagine Duluth 2035." In June, the Community Planning Division launched the plan with a summer full of more than 65 community events. Within that time frame we also created a needs assessment survey that to date has been completed by over 4,000 residents.

On September 21st, we held our Kick-off event at Denfeld High School, and I was thrilled to see so many Park Point residents there. We had over 250 citizens join us for community chili and conversation. At the event, we had several small group discussions to talk about big ideas, health, and fairness. Our department is in the process of dissecting the comments from those conversations and we will have the results on our website (www.imagineduluth.com) by October 7th. Please visit our website and our Facebook page called Imagine Duluth for updates on our findings, ways to get involved, and next steps in our process.

It was mentioned at the Community Club meeting that there could be more communication from the City to Park Point residents. I am more than happy to answer questions that you may have, in addition to having a regular column in the Breeze. Again, we appreciate the opportunity to visit with you, listen to your concerns and address issues as they arise. My email is kvandaele@duluthmn.gov. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Looking forward to working with and learning from all of you!

Sincerely, Kate Van Daele - Planner I, City of Duluth Community Planning Division

Aerial Lift Bridge

Ooops! It's come to our attention that the Breeze has mistakenly listed the wrong phone number for the Aerial Lift Bridge over the past several months. The correct number is 72THREE-3387, rather than 72EIGHT-3387. It's a good number to keep close to your phone. Ryan Beamer, former Lift Bridge Supervisor, delivered this caveat at a PPCC meeting several years ago. In a true, Life-and-Death emergency, your first call is to 911...your second is to the Lift Bridge.

While it's nearly impossible to stop an approaching freighter, of course, Lift Bridge operators generally can hold off on raising the deck for smaller boats when an ambulance or fire truck is en route. A call to the "Bridge Shack" this week confirmed that - while both ambulances and the DFD generally alert them when they're on their way - it's never a bad idea to double up. Do remember that this is for serious, life-threatening situations only. Don't bother calling them because your pipes just burst and the plumber's on her way! For situations like that, you'll just have to take your chances.

Environmental Report

The trees planted by volunteers last spring are doing well...they had a good summer. Those planted in previous years are having a dramatic effect on the many environmental systems here on the Point, especially bird habitat and the problem of blowing sand.

Bird migration is in full swing; if they are hitting your windows, please hang a picture of an Owl or Hawk in the window, or consult with a birding expert on how to stop them from dying or coming through your windows. No sign of Beavers this year; the DNR trapped them from Hearing Island, and 20% of the Timber Wolves' diet is said to be Beaver.

Please stop feeding the Foxes! Not only is feeding wildlife, other than birds, illegal; what happens when you leave town? Especially in the winter, when they become most dependent. People are reporting seeing foxes that appear to be suffering from mange. This is a common ailment that kills off many of them as they become overpopulated.

I have been seeing a few Piping Plovers on the beach. They seem to be passing thru while migrating. There are Raccoons starting to show up on the Point, as well, which seems to be a first.

The days are getting shorter, so have fun while you're out and about!

Submitted by Dick Gould



PPCC Meeting Minutes - September 20th, 2016

The September 20th Park Point Community Club Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dawn Buck.

The business meeting agenda suspended its normal progression due to four speakers representing various departments of the City of Duluth. Kate Van Daele and Steven Robertson, both from the Duluth Planning Department, spoke on the **Comprehensive Planning process** currently in progress. The Comprehensive Plan is supposed to be updated every 10 years, in order to see how the City is growing and what elements established in prior versions of the Plan ought to be altered or otherwise updated. There will be four focus group sessions held throughout the City of Duluth. The first group will meet at Denfeld High School on Wednesday, September 21st @ 4:30 p.m., with Mayor Larson speaking at 5:30 p.m.

The third speaker was Andrew Slade, of the City's Parks and Recreation Dept., who spoke about the **new public bathroom** to be built at Lafayette Square, as well as plans to revamp the **Beach House** in the Recreation Area, near the end of the point. Weather damage on the lake side of the building is one reason for the proposed work.

The fourth speaker was **Officer Meghan Jones from the Duluth Police Department**. She had nothing new to report. She did mention that if areas of high foot traffic were noticed on the Point, we should please call 911 with this information. Also, she explained that 'strike' letters have been sent to some rental property landlords. Each time a rental unit has a complaint to the Police Department, strikes are placed against that residence. When three strikes are noted, a fine is levied on the landlord for payment; multiple strikes can result in an owner's loss of rental license, whether vacation or long-term rental.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the **PPCC Minutes** as they appeared in the September issue of the Breeze. Membership votes were all ayes.

Treasurer's Report – Al Robins

Beginning Balance as of 8/1/2016	\$35,968
Ending Balance as of 9/1/2016	\$27,262

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Membership votes were all ayes.

Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

The 2016 Lafayette Summer Youth Program received favorable results to its survey. The PPCC originally allocated \$2,000 for the program. However, when all figures were compiled, there was an amount of \$541 outstanding, in part because of the late start in 2016, with the result of fewer enrollees than usual. A motion was made and seconded to pay the extra \$541. Membership votes were all ayes.

Art Fair – Carla Tamburo

Nothing new to report, as little work has begun yet for the 2017 Art Fair, which is scheduled for June 24th and 25th.

Program Committee – David Poulin

Dave told about four possible programs he is looking into for future PPCC meetings.

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

Pam was not present, but Dawn reported on her behalf that no cards were required over the past month.

Rummage Sale – Dave Lavamaki

Nothing new to report; 2017 Rummage Sale planned for June 9th & 10th.

Neighborhood Watch Committee– all of us

Nothing new to report.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

Nothing new to report.

Breeze – Natalija Walbridge

Nothing new to report.

Hospitality Committee– Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thank you for the coffee and chocolate chip "Civility cookies." They are always appreciated.

Old Business

Coral McDonnell from **The Lafayette Community Edible Garden** group reported this past growing season was very good.

Charlene Shimmin, Chief Election Judge for the precinct that includes all of Park Point, reminded us to let new voters know that if they are new to the Point, it's generally much easier to register them on **Election Day** if they already have updated their driver's licenses. [See cover story.]

New Business

Due to the **recent fire** on Park Point that resulted in substantial damage to two homes, Tom Lyle voiced his concern, as did several others present, about no fire facilities on the Point.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Membership votes were all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

At our September 19th potluck dinner meeting, we had about 40 people join us to feast and learn. Minneapolis chef Joan Donatelle, author of *Astonishing Apples*, (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2015), gave an entertaining presentation on the development of new apple varieties in Minnesota and apple lore. Joan provided samples of new apple varieties from the Minnesota Arboretum to taste. Cindy Jurgensen, a recipe developer from Minneapolis, and local Chef Arlene Coco were also on hand to share their cooking knowledge about apples, and they prepared apple recipes from Joan's book for potluck contributions. Everyone seemed interested in the subject – even the children in attendance stayed and listened, instead of heading outside to play.

If you missed this fun, informative event, try to make our next potluck dinner on Sunday, October 16th. For more information, contact Coral @727-6455.

What the heck are those?

Perhaps you have seen the 3-foot-long vegetables hanging on the chain-link fence along the street-side of the garden and wondered what they are. They are pale green “LONG DE NICE TROMBONCCHINO” French courgette summer squash zucchini. One of the oldest green courgette varieties, this long, trailing, sprawling, variety produces lots of straight-shaped zucchini with bulbous ends. It can be left to trail along the ground like a pumpkin plant or can be trained up a trellis in a small garden where space is limited. Very productive and early, it can grow several inches in one day, so keep picking. There are very few seeds, which are contained in the bulbous end. Perfect either cooked or grated raw in salads, or sliced for BBQ kebab vegetables.

Just for fun:

Each month I will provide you with a food-related question to expand your knowledge of the culinary world. The answer will appear in the next issue of the Breeze. October's question: What is a geoduck?

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, October 16th, 5 to 7 p.m. - monthly potluck dinner and program about preserving the harvest through the winter, with Dan Kislinger and Paul Treuer from the Duluth Community Garden Program.
- Sunday, November 20th, 5 to 7 p.m. - monthly potluck dinner and program about the endangered piping plovers that we hope will soon, once again, nest along the wilder portions of Park & Wisconsin Point beaches.

Submitted by Susan Peters

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Creative Hands, October 22

The Park Point community is invited to bring your latest handiwork to our monthly meeting at St. Andrew's on Saturday, October 22, from 9:30 - 2 pm.

For more information please call the church office number below.

Chum Share the Love Concert, November 6

Save the date! Cool weather brings our annual Share the Love Concert. Please join us Sunday, November 6th starting at 3:30 p.m. with yummy desserts, music at 4:00.

Enjoy great music by Laurie and Bill Bastian and desserts courtesy of St. Andrew's members. Bring your family and friends to this enjoyable event which raises money, through a free will offering, for our CHUM meal programs.

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish Has Distinction of Being Island

(Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Duluth)

Our Lady of Mercy Parish holds a distinction that few other parishes hold. It is an island. The island is Minnesota Point or, popularly, Park Point, a part of the city of Duluth.

It became an island when the Duluth ship canal was cut through near the mainland in 1871. Minnesota Point is the important strip of sand and rock that forms and protects the Duluth-Superior harbor.

It was the site of Indian villages before the arrival of the White man. The French voyageurs portaged over it on their way to the trading post at Fond-du-Lac.

They called it the "Little Portage," distinguishing it from the "Grand Portage" far up the North Shore of Lake Superior. The first priest explorers and missionaries very likely first set foot on its shores.

Today, with the advent of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway, inhabitants of Park Point have choice seats from which they watch the development of the farthest inland seaport of the nation. Four hundred of these residents are parishioners of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy—so named when it was incorporated in 1930.

LONG HISTORY

The history of the parish goes back many years before its incorporation. From Duluth's beginnings it was a part of the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish.

With the increase of the number of residents on Park Point and because of the difficulty in getting to the mainland when the old suspension aerial bridge was operating, it became necessary as early as 1916 for priests from Sacred Heart to offer Sunday Mass regularly on Minnesota Point.

This arrangement continued until 1921, when the Our Lady of Mercy and St. Joseph Parishes (Duluth Heights) were, together, placed in charge of the Monsignor Buh Mission House.

For two short periods, however, they were independent of the mission house: First, when Father Walter Remmes was their administrator; and second, when Father Joseph McGranahan was their pastor.

Many priests served Our Lady of Mercy Parish both from the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish and from the Monsignor Buh Mission House until Sept. 17, 1926, when Father John Begley was appointed pastor of the companion parishes.

IN PRIVATE HOMES

Prior to 1922 Masses were offered on Sundays in private homes and in a cottage acquired for the purpose in 1919. When Our Lady of the Rosary Parish no longer needed the Duluth Little Theater, where it held its first services, the Catholics of Park Point purchased the building.

They had it moved from its site across from St. Luke's Hospital to its present site on Minnesota Avenue and 20th. For this, the building was cut in half and moved in two pieces across the ice of Lake Superior. Mass was first celebrated in the reassembled building June 28, 1922. This is the church that is still in use.



MINNESOTA POINT, DULUTH

Father Begley cared for Our Lady of Mercy and St. Joseph's parishes until he was killed in an auto-bus accident June 26, 1937. He was succeeded by Father Thomas O'Donoghue, who was pastor of both parishes until Sept. 21, 1945.

Since Father O'Donoghue lived on Park Point for a time—until a rectory was built in Duluth Heights—he can be called the first resident pastor. Father William Hennebray was his successor during the ensuing five months, and Father James Ballemans, O.S.C., was administrator until Jan. 6, 1947.

EDITOR-PASTOR

On this date, Father Joseph Hughes, then editor of the Duluth Register, was appointed pastor of the two companion parishes.

He obtained week-end help from the Crossier Fathers of Onamia and introduced needed second Masses on Sundays in both parishes. Father James Chisholm, who had succeeded Father Hughes as editor of the diocesan paper, succeeded him as pastor of the two parishes March 30, 1950.

In August, 1952, Bishop Thomas A. Welch separated the two parishes, appointing a resident pastor for the Duluth Heights and naming Father Chisholm resident pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy.

Plans for a rectory on Park Point were drawn by Chester Lachecki of St. Joseph's Parish, and work on the building began almost immediately. It was completed on the corner lot next to the church March 6, 1953.

During this construction period necessary repairs were made on the church. In more recent years the installation of a new furnace and a complete paint job have put the old church in as good shape as possible.

TRUSTEES

Present trustees of the parish are John Sullivan, treasurer, and Jerry Royer, secretary.

Holy Name Society officers are Mr. Royer, president; Jerome Malone, vice president; Runar Gustafson, Sr., secretary; and Carl Costello, treasurer.

Officers of the Guild are Mrs. Dennis Mahoney, president; Mrs. John Stabe, vice president; Mrs. Jerome Schroeder, secretary; and Mrs. Jerome Malone, treasurer.

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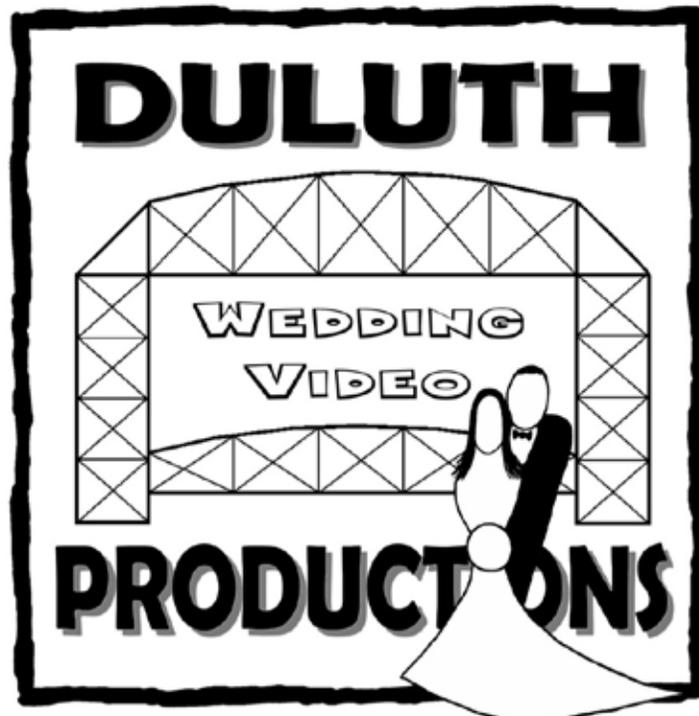
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Community Police Officers: 218-730-5656 or email at cnagorski@duluthmn.gov

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