



The Breeze *of Park Point*

Lafayette Edible Garden
Monday, May 15th,
6 to 8 p.m. potluck dinner
Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Community
Club Meeting
Tuesday, May 16th,
6:30 p.m. Coffee Social
7:00 p.m. PPCC monthly meeting

Park Point Garden Club
Thursday, May 25th
Preparing Lafayette
for Planting
Contact: Liz Mackay
722-1834

Park Point Rummage Sale
Friday & Saturday,
June 9th & 10th

Park Point Art Fair
Saturday & Sunday
June 24th & 25th

Park Point Summer Youth Program

The Park Point Summer Youth Program registration is now open. Registration forms are posted on the PPCC website. Please remember that space is limited; first priority is given to Park Point residents and relatives of Park Pointers. Confirmation will be sent as registrations are received. Payment is due upon first day of attendance.

The new staff for the Program are Kevin Chederquist and Karen Boynton. Kevin is a teacher at Duluth Denfeld High School and Karen is a student at UMD, studying education. They have many fun ideas for summer and are excited to lead the program.

The Summer Youth Program is designed for children ages 5 years old (completed Kindergarten) thru 12 years old, and kids who want to have an especially amazing action-packed, super summer from June 12th thru August 10th (CLOSED July 4th.) The Program opens at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and is located at the Lafayette Community Center, 3026 Minnesota Ave. Plan to spend the entire summer, or just a few weeks or days; the choice is yours. The Program includes gardening at the Lafayette Community Edible Garden, going to the beach, field trips, educational sessions, crafts and other activities at the Community Center.

The cost for the nine week program is \$450.00 for the first child, \$350.00 for any child thereafter within the same family; or \$60 per week/ \$20 per day. Field trip costs are additional and are the responsibility of the child's family.

Questions, please contact Sally Buck at timnsalbuck@gmail.com or <http://www.parkpointcommunityclub.org/>

Submitted by Sally Buck



MAGIC SMELT PARADE Sunday, May 14th

3:30 Presentation of the Smelt Queen
at Maritime Visitors' Center
Second Line Parade on the Lakewalk
WEAR SILVER!

5:00 Smelt Fry and Party at Zeitgeist Cafe

Thanks to the PPCC for its support of this unique event!
More information at: magicsmelt.com



Park Point Rummage Sale - June 9th & 10th

Here it comes once again! Our annual kickoff to the busy tourist season! Although you still have another month, it is not too early to start looking around the house to see what you may want to price and put on display during the Annual Park Point Rummage Sale.

Portable toilets will be located at the Eighth Street pumping station, the s-curve parking area, and 17th, 20th, 23rd and 30th Streets.

Please remember that the Rummage Sale is to be held separately from the Art Fair. The desire to reduce traffic and help support our community's largest source of funding was the original reason for beginning this annual event.

Please support our very important Park Point Art Fair by not having any garage/rummage sales on Art Fair week-end, June 24th-25th. If you have new neighbors, please speak with them so they'll know when not to have a sale and why.

IMPORTANT: All sales must be located on PRIVATE PROPERTY only. This includes any and all food vendors. There will not be any public property available for rummage sales held by private parties or groups.

Submitted by Dave Lavamaki, Park Point Rummage Sale Chairman -
729-8925

The Breeze

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Submissions for the June issue are due by Saturday, 5/27/17.

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Hi Neighbors,

As the 2017 smelting season wanes and the essence of late night smoldering embers lingers, I am hopeful that you might be willing to consider adopting respectful and responsible recreational fire etiquette for the upcoming season. If you are thinking killjoy here, please don't jump to assumptions. I have some good memories of the smelting phenomenon and I enjoy seeing families continuing this Park Point tradition. My role in the smelt party, however, has evolved to the beach clean-up of the "morning after" which I call "Smelting Forensics." This year was pretty good for garbage levels; I always find something noteworthy and am happy with my current role in the spring ritual.

Back to my public service fire plea for the upcoming season: Safe and polite fire etiquette in the glorious evenings to come (definitely NOT tonight as the ice pelts the windows and my canine companion is happy to luxuriate by the fireplace) will most likely result in happy and neighborly dialogue discussing the weather, traffic and good grill fare. Bad feelings, police calls and/or a fire truck out front would certainly mar our already too short summer season and maybe tank your relationships with your neighbors. I have listed a few basic Fire 101's, after thinking about observations & conversations over the years.

Would you be willing to consider these basic guidelines/points before striking your next match?

a) It's all about the wind direction: If you live on the lake side, don't have a campfire if the breeze is out of the east, for the sake of your neighbors. The inherent smoke inevitably enters their homes. Some neighbors can't tolerate smoke for health reasons. If you live on the bay side, you likewise shouldn't have a campfire if the breeze is out of the west, using the same logic. Both are a matter of neighborly courtesy.

b) If the breeze could rightfully be renamed a "wind," don't have a fire! Common sense, please. Basic rules from the Fire Department exist; follow them for best results: <http://www.duluthmn.gov/media/247604/Recreational-Fires.pdf>. Also, carefully consider who is tending the fire.

c) Most fires on the beach are unlawful and might result in a fine if you're caught. If you choose to build one anyway: kicking a little sand over your beach fire doesn't put it out. This keeps the coals smoldering long into the night. If a wind comes up, it could well result in a serious fire in the dunes; if only the coals remain, it risks people and their pets enduring terrible foot burns the next morning. Do not put your cans and bottles in the fire! Take them home to your recycling bin.

d) Park Point no longer has a fire station. A small fire in the dry dunes could easily consume numerous homes before sufficient firefighting equipment arrives, if the bridge is up. I saw the results of two dune fires last year at 24th and 34th Streets.

e) If you are having a gathering in your yard around the fire pit, consider inviting your neighbors; a beer and a brat just might build bridges. See you at the fireside; I'll bring the S'Mores! Thanks for considering.

Other happenings on Park Point:

Members of the Minnesota Point Preservation Society (the sister 501c3 of the PPCC) put together a comprehensive list of suggested improvements for the park and are working with the City to apply for grants.

Several Park Pointers have volunteered to adopt a Rescue Ring station, beach side, and will collaborate with the Fire Department to keep swimmers safer this summer.

Thank you!

The Youth Program is now registering kids for another awesome summer at Lafayette. Forms are available at parkpointcommunityclub.org. Register early to secure your slot. (See article on Page 1 of this month's Breeze.)

Reminder about gutters and storm drains - they are for rainwater/runoff, not sand, dirt, gravel, leaves, chemicals, paint etc. Thank you for keeping those items out of the lake!

The Lafayette restrooms are in the works, with a few changes to the plans. Watch for more details as they become available.

Want to help with the plantings in the rain gardens at the end? Contact Erica Strom (Green Infrastructure-Stormwater) 730-4088, estrom@duluthmn.gov, who will be working on the installation. Thanks to Erica and Todd Carlson from the City of Duluth, who checked in at the April meeting.

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Letter from the PPCC President continued...

The Park Rangers will be out in Canal Park, the Lakewalk area and on Park Point, as extra eyes and ears for the Duluth Police Department. Thanks to Ken Zwak from the Duluth Police Department for telling us about the Rangers' duties at our April meeting. Thanks to Dennis Hoelscher and David Poulin for working on the programs for the April meeting.

We've invited Tony Dierckins and Nancy Nelson to Lafayette on Thursday, June 22nd at 7p.m. to tell us about their new book, *Duluth's Historic Parks*. Stay tuned for confirmation of that date; check the Postcard for details.

Enjoy your day on our fab island,

Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

P.S. Don't forget your extra trash bag; thanks!

PPCC Meeting Notes April 2017

The April 18th, 2017 Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order by Club President Dawn Buck at 7:00 p.m. The normal order of the business meeting was changed to accommodate speakers from the Duluth Police and Fire Departments.

Fire Department Captain Brent Consie spoke to the group about a program called **'Adopt-A Station' ring rescue stations**. The throw ring rescue stations are to be placed at four locations along the Point: the Corps. of Engineers' lawn by the Aerial Lift Bridge, the 'S' curve at 12th St., Lafayette Square and the Beach House in the Recreation Area. The Department has asked for volunteers to sign up for one location each, and to visit the location (ideally) every day. Any items missing would be reported by phone call or email. The Fire Department will come on a regular basis (weekly) to inspect the stations, as well. If they are informed of missing rings, etc., they will come at that time to restock the station. If anyone would be interested in helping out, please call Captain Brent Consie at 730-4601, Ext. 5802. Fire Department experts will train.

Next on the meeting agenda was a visit from the Duluth Police Department concerning the **Park Ranger Program**. Sargent Ken Zwak spoke to the group about what is expected from Park Rangers. People hired for these positions are usually interns in the Police Department training program. Their pay comes from our local tourist tax, and they are not hired to perform the duties of the Police Department. Park Rangers will be patrolling the Canal Park area, as well as along the Lake Superior shore on most days from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If they observe any suspicious activities, they report them to the City of Duluth Police officers on duty for follow-up.

The final speakers for the evening were Todd Carlson and Erica Strom. They spoke about the federal **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant** that was received to help with rain water run-off into the bay within the Recreation Area. Boulders have already been placed in that section of the park. A drain to help eliminate the standing water in the park area will also be installed. City workers will then plant trees to help with the run-off problem. Members mentioned their frustration regarding continued poor communication from the City of Duluth. The grant was applied for and accepted without input from long-time environmentalists who have guided, and done the work for, numerous such projects on the Point. Dave Johnson noted that he had met with Project Coordinator Chris Kleist several months ago to express his concerns regarding the location of plantings, among other issues.

Minutes from the 03/21/17 PPCC meeting.

One correction discussed concerned the number of participants for the Summer Youth Program. It was noted that a total of 40 participants could be registered in the program, rather than 30, as previously reported. (Although this number was listed in a Breeze article, not the minutes.) A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as printed in the April Breeze; membership votes were all ayes.

Treasurer's Report – Al Robins

Beginning balance as of 2/1/2017 - \$21,108

Ending balance as of 2/18/2017 - \$19,372

A motion was made and seconded to approve the report as given by Al Robins. Membership votes were all ayes.

Art Fair Committee – Carla Tamburro

Art Fair planning is progressing. The date scheduled for the Art Fair is June 24th and June 25th. Anyone interested in volunteering for a couple of hours, please call Diane Gould at 727-4067.

Breeze – Natalija Walbridge

Nothing new to report.

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

Migrating birds are going through at this time. The soil where Bayside Market was located is scheduled to be cleaned of contaminants soon by the State of Minnesota. The parcel will then be sold, zoned as commercial property. In mid May, tree planting here on the Point will take place. Anyone who would like to volunteer their time should call Dick Gould at 727-4067.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould and Ted Buck

Thank you for the wonderful cookies you provided. They were exceptional.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – All Present

The major concern was beach fires. The smelting season causes problems for those people who have allergies, etc. It was recommended that people should call 911 if a fire is started and the smell is causing health symptoms. Park Rangers or police officers would then come down and ask violators to extinguish their fires. With the exception of smelt season, beach fires are unlawful in most situations.

Program Committee – David Poulin

Nothing new to report.

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PPCC Meeting Notes April 2017 continued...

Rummage Sale Committee – David Lavamaki

Nothing new to report.

Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

Second vote was taken to approve up to \$2500 for additional expenses that might be incurred due to the Summer Youth Program (first vote taken at the March 21st PPCC meeting.) The motion was seconded; membership votes were all ayes. Kevin Chederquist has been hired to be the Director of the Program; Karen Boyton will be his assistant. On May 2nd, there will be an open house from 5:30 to 7:00p.m., in the lower level of Lafayette Square. There will be both distribution of information and the chance to let people meet the two individuals who will be in charge of the Program.

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

One thank you card and two sympathy cards were mailed out in February.

Old Business

None

New Business

Minnesota Point Preservation Society was set up for the protection of Park Point. The **Lafayette Square restroom project** has had some changes made. Dawn will publish this information in an upcoming issue of the Breeze. Another question brought up was regarding the **City of Duluth Tourist Tax** of about \$13 million per year, and how much of that money is allocated for Park Point.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m. by Dawn Buck. Membership votes were all ayes.

Submitted by Sheryl Robins

News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

“Onions, onions, la, la, la.” Speaking at the April potluck, Shannon Laing spoke lovingly and informatively of our Vegetable of the Year, the onion. She warned us of the consequences of excluding onions from our cooking. “Banish the onion from the kitchen and all pleasure of eating flies with it.” Of course, there is little danger of that, given the almost universal and international use of onions in the mighty triumvirate of carrots, celery, and onion or some combination thereof. An onion aficionado, she sang the praises of onions of all shapes and sizes, from scallions to her favorite, ramps (wild leeks.)

From a practical perspective, she demonstrated the most effective technique for cutting an onion from the root end to the top—not through its girth. Shannon also suggested planting them as soon as you can work the garden, but not below 20 degrees. Think of onions as a leaf crop, not a root crop, planting them in full sun - not shaded - in well-drained soil. Give them an inch of water per week. When you harvest them, dry them on a screen and store at 50 degrees. There is no danger that onions will be excluded from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden.

Great progress is being made on our new garden beds. Brooks Anderson and Denny Johnson cut all the metal sheets in half, and Denny dismantled most of the old beds. The City's Parks Maintenance workers have taken away most of the old rotting beds. Garden tools have been placed out, so when you have some time and want to get your hands dirty, you can go over and pull weeds and grass out of the beds before the new beds get placed and more soil and manure is added. There will be some buckets there for the weeds and grass. Just so you know, it is usually warmer in the garden when the big wind is off the lake, as it is protected by the high dunes.

Reminder:

Our compost piles need your leaves, grass clippings and kitchen scraps. Please start saving items for our June Rummage Sale.

Upcoming events:

Monday, May 15th at 6 p.m. - monthly potluck dinner. Denny Johnson will give an update on the new garden beds. Bring your favorite garden tool, or a description of it, for our Favorite Garden Tool Show and Tell.

Just for fun:

April's question: What are sweetbreads? Answer: the pancreas and thymus glands of lamb, beef and pork.

May's question: What food is made from the roots of a poisonous plant known as bitter cassava? The answer will appear in the June Breeze.

Contact:

If you have ideas for us or just want more information about our local community garden, call Coral McDonnell at 727-6455.

Submitted by Cornelia Dacey



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Please contact:

*Natalija at ppbreezeeditor@gmail.com
Or call Tom Mackay at 722-1834.*

Thank You!

PPCC Membership Additions since April Breeze List

Chadwick, James
Hill, Carol
Harrison, Heidi
Malyuk, George
Nelson, Glorian
Ouellette, Valerie
Ouray, Jim
Pegg, John and Lynn
Peters, Susan
Sahlberg, Kathy
Schmidt, John
Sola, Steven
Townsend, Carol

Park Point Community Club Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Number of Memberships _____ X \$5.00 _____

Please mail checks to:

Park Point Community Club PO Box 16326
Duluth MN 55816-0326

The Park Point Community Club publishes a list of member names (w/o contact details.)

☐ Check this box if you agree to be included on the list.

☐ Check this box if you prefer to remain anonymous.

**New Members
are welcome
to join
anytime!**



Happy Mother's Day!

Lafayette Rentals

Lafayette is a great place to hold weddings, reunions, parties, meetings, workshops, etc...

Rental fees are as follows:
up to 50 people - \$100.00
50-100 people - \$200.00
100-125 people - \$300.00

There is a damage deposit of \$100.00, which is refundable, after cleaning & inspection.

Hours available are 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Contact: Missy LePage at
218-208-9545 or by e-mail at
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June 9 and 10 Brat and Book Sale

We will have our annual St. Andrew's brat sale fundraiser June 9 and June 10, during the Annual Park Point Rummage Sale. This year we will be adding a book sale inside the church! Half of all proceeds will go towards youth programming at St. Andrew's and half will go toward programming for youth in Duluth. Come and try our famous St. Andy's breakfast brat. We will have places to sit outside and inside the church as you take a break from your treasure hunting. Buy a brat and a book for good causes!

August 1 Neighborhood Night Out at St. Andrew's

Save the date and plan to join us.

Sunday Eucharist Service at 9:45 a.m.

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Editor's note:

Are you sponsoring a Park Point Rummage Sale that benefits a local community group, sports booster club, church, or other non-profit charitable fund or philanthropy?

If so, email ppbreezeeditor@gmail.com, including the address of the sale, and we'll list it in the June issue of the Breeze.

Park Point Breeze Ad Rates

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\$10 month / \$100
year

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\$35 month / \$350
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1/2 page size
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Vacation Rental By Owner (VRBO) - A Quiz

Of the 60 VRBO's (Vacation Rentals by Owner) that will be permitted at this time in Duluth, all but a few have been granted, and 25% are here on Park Point. How much do you know about how VRBO's operate? Circle your best guess to the items below, then check at the end for current information.

1. Are there minimum and/or maximum night stays in a Duluth VRBO?
A. 1 night -1 month B. 2 - 29 nights C. No minimum, no maximum
2. Which of the following must VRBO owners have?
A. Fire inspection, but no Health Department review
B. Health Department inspection, but no Fire inspections
C. Fire and Health inspections and a Hotel/Motel Lodging License
3. VRBO parking
A. No requirements
B. Off street requirements proportional to number of rooms available
C. Exceptions for parking can be made on request
4. Notification to neighbors when a VRBO permit is granted:
A. Neighbors on either side of the VRBO will be sent a letter, with contact information for the property manager
B. Property manager is not required to make contact information available
C. Neighbors within 100' of the VRBO will be given contact information for the property manager
5. Lake Superior beach access*
A. Owner must inform guests in writing of the nearest legal beach access location
B. There are no requirements for owners regarding beach access information
C. Owners may direct guests to the nearest street end access
6. Quiet hours for VRBO guests:
A. Owner must inform guests of quiet hours, from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.
B. Quiet hours for guests is midnight to 6:00 a.m.
C. Guests are exempt from City quiet hours

*Note: Currently, VRBO's, which average three bedrooms on Park Point, must inform guests of the nearest legal beach access; motels (one of which, locally, has 68 bedrooms) do not have this guideline and can legally direct their guests to an unimproved access that has neither trash receptacles nor a Safety Station with rescue ring.

Answers to VRBO quiz: 1:B, 2:C, 3:B, 4:C, 5:A, 6:A

Source: City of Duluth VRBO Planning Staff Report. For further information, contact: kdeming@duluthmn.gov

The questions/answers above reflect only some of the regulations governing VRBO's. Many additional guidelines exist regarding fires, trash and licensing. Occasionally, owners and/or guests do not comply with City of Duluth regulations, leading to ongoing neighborhood disturbances. Last year, a process was instituted for neighbors to deal with such disturbances. According to Keith Hamre, City Planning Director, "All complaints about noise and trash should be called in to the Police Department. We contact the PD every quarter regarding complaints on Vacation Dwelling Units. The Police know that after the second call we start the enforcement process with a hearing in front of the Planning Commission regarding a remediation plan. The third call to that address would then start the revocation process of the Interim Use Permit. The Police Department has access to the list of Vacation Dwelling Units."

For additional information on VRBO's:

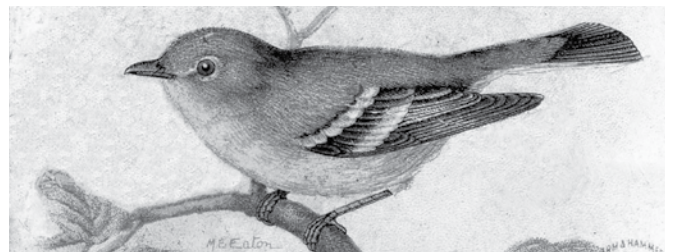
<http://www.duluthmn.gov/media/540783/vacation-dwelling-vs-home-share.pdf>

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Submitted by Jan Karon



*Spring
has
Sprung!*



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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: Dave Campbell 723-3387

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

Dog issues: clane@duluthmn.gov

City Councilor Em Westerlund: (218) 355-1137 ewesterlund@duluthmn.gov



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