



The Breeze of Park Point

Park Point Five-Miler Thursday, July 13th

**Lafayette Edible Garden
Monday, July 17th,
6 to 8 p.m. potluck dinner
Lafayette Community Center**

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting
Tuesday, July 18th,
6:30 p.m. Coffee Social
7:00 p.m. PPCC monthly meeting**

**Park Point Garden Club
Thursday, July 27th
Dinner Out
Contact: Liz Mackay
722-1834**

A HUGE THANK YOU

I want to thank each and every volunteer who helped make the 47th Art Fair successful. It takes about 70 wonderful helpers to make things run smoothly. In spite of the rain and wind, everyone who signed up arrived and seemed to enjoy their time spent setting up, welcoming guests, assisting artists, keeping the grounds clean and helping to clean up at the end of the Fair. Park Pointers are wonderful and they make my job easier.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
HELPED.**

Submitted by Diane Gould

National Night Out

The community of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church invites you, our neighbors and friends, to celebrate National Night Out with us on Tuesday, August 1st, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Brats along with all the fixings, side dishes, fruit, desserts and beverages will be provided. Come join us, rain or shine, for a relaxing evening with your friends and neighbors. Optional inside or outside eating.

The sanctuary will be open for mini tours, as well as the entire building.

Two years ago, approximately 170 people stopped by to visit with neighbors, get acquainted with new friends and enjoy a meal. Five police officers, - two of them from the Mounted Patrol and one from the Bicycle Patrol - stopped by toward the end of the evening. Plan to stay for the whole evening if you want to have a chance to pet the beautiful horses. Mayor Emily Larson, City Councilor Em Westerlund and School Board member Nora Sandstad have been invited to attend, along with our Community Police Officers.

If you have any questions, please call Sandra Carlson at 723-1181 or The Reverend Marta Maddy, at the St. Andrew's Church office, 727-1262. St. Andrew's is located at 2802 Minnesota Ave.

We hope to meet many of you during this opportunity for St. Andrew's to give back to you, as together we share the world's longest freshwater sandbar.

Submitted by Sandra Carlson



Park Point Five-Miler Coming Soon...

...to the roadway in front of your house!

Whether runner, walker or spectator, it's time to gear up or pull up a chair to view Minnesota's longest-running road race. The race begins on Minnesota Avenue near Sky Harbor Airport, then extends northwest to a point near 24th Street before returning back to the park.

Race Date: Thursday, July 13th, 2017 (A reminder: the race day was recently changed to Thursday, rather than the traditional Friday of prior seasons.)

Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Free Kids' Races; 6:30 p.m. 5-Mile Run; 6:35 p.m. 2-Mile Walk

Entry Fee: (non-refundable): \$25 Pre-registration (through Wednesday, July 12th) \$35 Late registration. Kids' Races are free for children 14 and under.

Packet Pickup: Wednesday, July 12th (Day Before Race), 2 p.m.- 7 p.m. at Green Mill in Canal Park (340 South Lake Avenue); Thursday, July 13th (Race Day), 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. in the south picnic pavilion (the one nearest the Beach House). Race day registration available.

All net proceeds from the Park Point 5-Miler benefit the Young Athletes Foundation (YAF), which was developed by Grandma's Marathon in 1990 to assist with the promotion, development and growth of youth athletics. The group supports young athletes and locally under-represented sports programs in Carlton, Cook, Douglas, Lake and St. Louis Counties. Among its projects are grants for local projects supporting healthful, active lifestyles and "the shoe program," which supplies running shoes to those who cannot afford this expensive gear.

The time to beat? Jeremy Polson, in the first of three successive race wins (2003-2005), clocked 24 minutes, 28 seconds. (He later won races in 2007 and 2008, as well.) Representing the women, Jan Houk took top honors at 27:50, in 2010. She likewise logged three back-to-back wins, having finished first in both 2008 and 2009. Last year, Scott Behling won with a time of 26:14, and St. Cloud's McKenzie Holt claimed the women's title at 31:27. Behling, of Duluth, also took first place honors in 2014, with a time of 25:46.

For further information, contact the Grandma's office at 218-727-0947, or visit their website, at www.grandmasmarathon.com.

The Breeze

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Letter from the PPCC President

Hi Neighbors,

A quick note this month - so much to do and the sun is shining! I just received word that the little kiddies arrive tomorrow from California for a few weeks at Granny's Beach Camp in the Pines. All of the pines around our place were planted by my grandparents, as the previous trees were harvested for heating purposes during the lean times of the past.

Speaking of the past, Nancy Nelson and Tony Dierckins, authors of *Duluth's Historic Parks*, were recently at Lafayette presenting pictures, stories and facts about Park Point history. One slide nicely illustrated our sandbar as "a penciled eyebrow on the face of nature," as described by The Duluth News Tribune in 1900. Several audience members said they learned something new about Park Point, and were eager to dig in and read all about Duluth's parks and the people possessing the passion and vision for their creation. Thank you, Nancy and Tony, for sharing your research with us at historic Lafayette Square.

At our June 20th meeting, Officer Angela Robertson listened to Park Pointers' ongoing concerns about speeding and reckless driving during the very nice, long summer evenings. The vehicle speed reader was parked near Lafayette for a couple of weekends and I've seen a traffic counter down near 24th Street. Coincidentally, I was reading an old Breeze article from July, 1991 and noted the tragic hit-and-run Fourth of July fatality of fifteen-year-old Alyssa Geisler on the Point. Then fourteen-year-old Gaby Long contributed a piece on the shocking and profound loss of her friend. I am hoping that we might all remember Alyssa's zest for life and slow down and pay attention (please put your cell phone in your trunk!) while buzzing about town this summer.

Thanks to everyone who supported the 48th Park Point Art Fair over the weekend. Meeting and chatting with the artists and visitors is always a pleasure. Thanks also go to Greg Haapala, Race Director for Grandma's Marathon, who attended the June meeting to express his thanks for our community's support of the Park Point Five-Miler. This year's race will be held on Thursday, July 13th. [See story on Page 1.] A reminder: Minnesota Avenue will be closed from approximately 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on that day from 2328 Minnesota Avenue to the south side of the ball fields. Good luck runners and walkers!

Thanks to Kevin Chederquist and Karen Boynton, who are running the very fun Summer Youth Program at Lafayette. Stop in and play kickball or meet up with the kids about town on their adventures. Today, they're headed to the pier for some sailing with the Duluth Superior Sailing Association (www.sailingforall.org.) Their calendar of activities is on our website, parkpointcommunityclub.org.

The permanent beachside restrooms at Lafayette are finally in the works. Groundbreaking is expected in July if all goes as planned. Stop in and check out the wonderful gardens planted at Lafayette, thanks to the Park Point Garden Club and the Community Edible Garden. The Edible Garden group hosted a thank-you dinner for the Rowing Club in celebration of their old metal panels, which were re-used in the making of new beds. Thanks also to students at Harbor City International School and their teacher, Alyssa Elliott, who moved dirt and mulch in support of the new garden configuration. Their work was included as a part of their spring symposium course, called "Garden Conspiracies."

That's all for now, as the warm breeze is calling.

Best wishes for extraordinary summer living on Park Point,
Dawn & Klaus, canine companion

p.s. I was delighted by the return of the cheerful Brown Thrasher on the evening of June 1st. I was getting worried, but a Park Point birder encouraged me to remain optimistic for this songbird's return. Patience is a good thing.



The Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order by Dawn Buck, President, on 6/20/2017, at 7:00 PM.

The regular business meeting agenda was suspended to allow for guest speakers. Rick Updegrove is running for **Duluth City Councilor-at-Large**. He spoke to the group about his goals should he be elected.

Judy Dwyer and Charlene Shimmin spoke of planning a future **Park Point Family Fun Day**, tentatively scheduled for 9/10/17. Possibilities include dancing, a baseball game and games for the entire family.

Greg Haapala, Grandma's Marathon Race Director, spoke about the upcoming **Park Point 5-Miler**, scheduled for July 13th, 5:30-7:15 p.m. A portion of Minnesota Avenue will be closed during approximately one hour of that time span.

Duluth police officer **Angela Robertson** spoke, asking for input on any new problems on the Point. She reported nothing exceptional at this time.

A motion was made and seconded to approve **minutes from the 5/16/2017 meeting** as they appeared in the Breeze. Membership votes were all ayes.

Treasurer's Report – Al Robins

Beginning Balance as of 5/1/2017: \$22,962

Ending Balance as of 5/31/2017: \$43,507

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

Committee Reports

Art Fair – Carla Tamburro

Park Point Art Fair scheduled for 6/26 and 6/27/2017. Diane Gould said more volunteers were needed to set up and tear down. She reminded us the Artists' Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Saturday (5:30 social), and is open to all PPAF volunteers.

Breeze – Natalija Walbridge

Nothing new to report

Environmental Committee – Dick Gould

There have been complaints about beavers on the Point, with damage to trees noted on Hearing Island and Harbor Point Circle. Dick said geese and gulls near the end of the Point are still being fed by people, and that the goose population is up dramatically. It was recommended that one way to keep the geese away from yards, docks, etc. is to put up objects that flutter, which scares them away.

Hospitality Committee – Diane Gould & Ted Buck

Diane provided refreshments for our meeting and once again she came through with delicious cookies. Thank you, Diane.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – All of us

Nothing new to report

Program Committee – David Poulin

Nothing new to report

Rummage Sale – David Lavamaki

The rummage sale went well. Thank you, David, for your good work.

Lafayette Summer Youth Program – Sally Buck and Rhonda Strum

Twenty-four students are enrolled in the program. To date, everything is going well.

Sunshine Committee – Pam Griggs

Nothing new reported.

Old Business

Gay Hooper and Dave Johnson spoke about the pulling of **Pontiana Woods** from St. Louis County's listing of Tax-Forfeited Properties for Sale. After much negotiating, the County has sold the property to the City of Duluth for \$100,000. This area, which is located on the Bay, will not be considered part of the Duluth Parks System but will be left in its natural state, having the classification "Wetlands Preserve."

New Business

The **postcard sign at the S-Curve** should be back in operation soon. Repairs needed to be made to protect the integrity of the sign.

Dawn Buck brought up an article in the Duluth News Tribune (6/12/2017) entitled the "**Facelift Envisioned for Canal Park.**" A \$200,000 grant was awarded for this project.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Park Point Community Club at 7:55 PM. Membership votes were all ayes.

Submitted by Sheryl Robins

How to Kill Backyard Songbirds and Grow Champion Mosquitoes

Huh? Who'd want to do *that*? It seems unimaginable, yet thousands of people right here in greater Duluth and throughout the North Country unintentionally accomplish both dubious feats each season:

- 1) Keep old bird food on hand, even after you've noticed white powder covering the seeds. The powder is mildew, and it can be lethal to birds.
- 2) Scatter seed on the ground in big piles even in the summertime, when moisture can help both mold and bacteria multiply. Likewise, leave last winter's seeds there to rot. Try not to clean your feeders more than once a month, as soggy, moldy seed settling into the bottom of your tube feeder is a great host for bacteria and a host of avian diseases. All dislike suds and bleach.
- 3) Keep a bird bath, but don't change the water more than once or twice a week. Never scrub the sides or bottom, in order to ensure providing both mosquito eggs and bacteria a solid base. Whether they are *Culex*, *Culiseta*, or *Anopheles* mosquitoes - all of which thrive here in Minnesota - mosquitoes can grow from eggs to pesky, blood-feeding insects in as little as 48 hours, completing their four-stage cycle several times in a single week. Heat is a factor, as well. Eggs laid on an 80-degree day, or sitting in a hot-water birdbath, hatch twice as fast as they do at 70; at 90 more quickly than 80. Mosquito-filled water may well be a great food source for goldfish or koi, but any stagnant pond or tub garden that does not have fast-moving water, such as a waterfall or active bubbler, will grow skeeters in abundance. Absent such predatory fish, a birdbath or tub can produce many thousands of mosquitoes in a single season. Pay no attention to those old bike tires, wheelbarrows, children's toys, or unused flower pots you might be keeping under your deck that capture and retain water after a rain. Mosquitoes love those, too.
- 4) Ignore the Duluth City Ordinance that requires you to keep your beloved kitty indoors. Although they, too, can be subject to mosquito bites and subsequent infection, adult cats are extraordinarily efficient hunters. While some cat-lovers dispute published statistics, estimates of the total number of feline bird-kills in the US range from as few as 20 million to a high of 4 billion annually. Despite those wide-ranging statistics, nearly all experts agree that the number of birds killed per "outdoor cat" is enormous, and much higher than previously believed. One way or another, that's a lot of songbirds.

All tongue-in-cheek kidding aside, there is little doubt that the number and severity of mosquito-borne illnesses afflicting North Americans has been growing exponentially over the past several years. *Please practice good backyard hygiene by keeping feeders well-cleaned and replacing bath water daily...and hold your family cats safely indoors!*

Submitted by Ellen Dunlap

[Sources: American Mosquito Control Assoc., National Public Radio (2/3/13), and www.sciencenews.org.]

Community Fall Fun Day

We are looking for ideas and volunteers to help plan a Community Fall Fun Day on Sunday, September 10th.

What would you like to do at a community gathering?
Where would you like to hold it? Lafayette Community Center, or the Beach House (just renovated?)

Please send your ideas to: parkpointer@gmail.com, or join the discussion at July's Park Point Community Club meeting!

Submitted by Judy Dwyer and Charlene Shimmin

Lafayette Rentals

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News from the Lafayette Community Edible Garden

At our June potluck dinner meeting, we learned about the historical roots of our community garden and how we can be responsible caretakers of the land. Did you know that according to an 1856 account by Alfred Merritt, Indians lived in wigwams scattered along both Minnesota (Park) and Wisconsin Points? A further account, in 1895, describes them as having their own houses and occupying their time with farming, making birch bark canoes and beadwork. Lyn Clark Pegg shared these passages from *An Ethnographic Study of Indigenous Contributions to the City of Duluth* (Turnstone Historical Research, 2015.) LeAne Rutherford read excerpts from "Two Cultures Meet" in *Resettling Duluth*, (Duluth Energy Resource Center, 1986.)

Sarah Holst, our guest speaker, reminded us to consider that our community garden on Minnesota Point was once Ojibwe land; to ask ourselves what the land looked like before white settlement; and to consider what the land needs in order to be healed in a way that reconciles the natural ecology with our community's needs.

We community gardeners are proud to be carrying on the traditions of the indigenous peoples by tending to our verdant plots at Lafayette Square. Our garden's new beds come thanks to the generous contribution of salvaged metal siding from the old Rowing Club building and the hard assembly work by Denny I-Can-Build-Them-By-Myself Johnson. At the June 19th dinner, we presented the Duluth Rowing Club with \$500, in thanks for their many contributions to the LCEG. As for Denny, we will honor his efforts by keeping the new beds planted and maintained for years to come.

Following the dinner, we adjourned to the garden where Sarah and Nathan Holst led us in a celebration of our new garden beds. We blessed the new plants and acknowledged the power of the summer solstice.

Welcome to our newest members, Abby and Kris Robin and Chelsea Hammersborg. If you are interested in becoming a garden member or learning more about the Lafayette Community Edible Garden, contact Coral at 727-6455.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 17th, 6 to 8:00 p.m. - Monthly potluck dinner and meeting. This month we will learn to identify the plants growing in the garden and review proper watering techniques.

Just for fun:

June's question: What is the oldest of all man-made foods? Cheese!

Submitted by Susan Peters

PPCC Summer Youth Program

The Park Point Summer Youth Program began June 12th. We now have 28 children registered, ranging from 5-12, with the majority either coming from Park Point or grandchildren of Park Pointers. Approximately half are registered fulltime for the nine week program, Monday-Thursday.

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 they have implemented for the summer program, including some new field trips to the Duluth Playhouse, sailing with Duluth Superior Sailing Association, jumping at the new Trampoline Park, visiting the Wrenshall Food Farm and "Tech Time."

The Program includes gardening at the Community Edible Garden, going to the beach, field trips, educational sessions, crafts, sports, community service and activities at Lafayette.

The cost for the nine week program is \$450.00 for the first child per family, \$350.00 for any child thereafter, same family; or \$60 per week / \$20 per day. Field trip costs are additional, and are the responsibility of the child's family. Please confirm with Sally Buck at timnsalbuck@gmail.com before registering. Forms and the calendar are posted at: <http://www.parkpointcommunityclub.org/>

Submitted by Sally Buck



Gregg Peterson, President of the Duluth Rowing Club, shown with photo of the re-purposed siding from their old building. (Photo courtesy of Charlene Shimmin)



*A people on the Way
to knowing, loving and serving God.*

Saturday Night Worship July 15, 22, 29 at 5 pm

Biennial National Night Out at St. Andrew's

August 1 from 5 to 7 pm

We hope you will stop by for a relaxing evening
with neighbors and friends.

Brat and Book Sale a Success!

The two day brat and book sale raises \$2,806 for our youth and transportation for CHUM Headstart. A huge thank you goes to all who enjoyed brats and bought books.

The books that did not sell were brought up to Savers Thrift Store where they were weighed. Savers pays 10 cents per pound and there was about a 1000 pounds of books. The money gained from this transaction will go to towards the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 6, Duluth.

Sunday Eucharist Service at 9:45 a.m.

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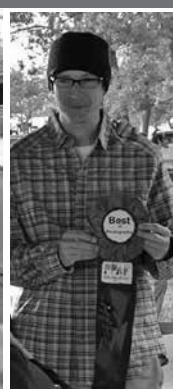
The Park Point Art Fair was a great success, thanks mostly to the volunteers who helped artists find their spaces and take breaks throughout the day, as well as those who served dinner and pitched in to clean up. Special thanks to the brawny volunteers who moved picnic tables and the brainy ones who figured out how to get power to all the food vendors, the stage and the Children's Make and Take Area. The positive feed back we received from artists was overwhelming; your help was very much appreciated. I could not do this job without all the great support of many volunteers.

This community shows its best side when we all come together to support our local and regional artists on Art Fair weekend, so if you haven't become involved up to now, please consider doing so next year. If you'd care to help in the planning stages, please contact Carla at 428-1916. The Committee and I will start the process of planning for 2018 in the fall. We invite you to meet and discuss the future.

Carla Tamburro
PPAF Coordinator



Best of Show: Jonathan and Allison Metzger
Ceramics: Peder Hegland
2-D: Claudia Faith
Fiber: Natalija Walbridge
Glass: Douglas Becker
Jewelry: Joyce Fritz
Photography: Eric King
Sculpture: Robert Michaels
Wood: Anna Bailey
Volunteer of the Year: Mary Kapsner
Special recognition to Bill Silver and Tom Ward -
We'll always remember these special volunteers



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Got (non-emergency) issues you'd like to discuss, but don't know whom to call?

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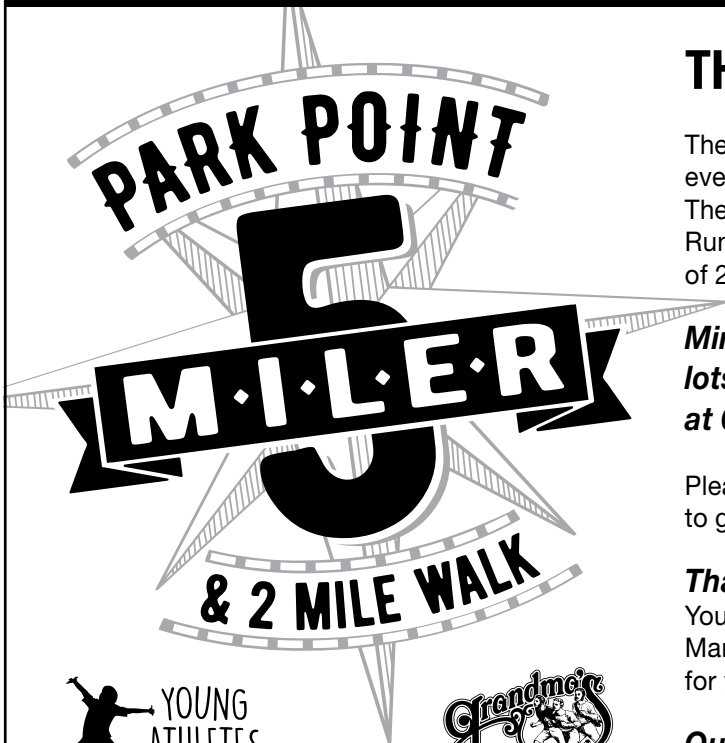
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City Councilor Em Westerlund: (218) 355-1137 ewesterlund@duluthmn.gov

NOTICE: PARK POINT TRAFFIC DELAY



THURSDAY, JULY 13 | 6:00-7:30 P.M.

The 46th annual Park Point 5-Miler race will be held Thursday evening, July 13, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Minnesota Avenue. The race will begin on Minnesota Avenue near Sky Harbor Airport. Runners will come north on the roadway to the turnaround south of 22nd Street, then back to the park to finish.

Minnesota Avenue between 22nd Street & the parking lots at the end of Park Point will be closed beginning at 6:00 p.m. until approximately 7:30 p.m.

Please check your schedule. Travel adjustments will be necessary to get where you need to be, and we want you to have time to plan.

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