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**SUBJECT: Sandmodeling Contest and Water Safety Expo Tomorrow at Park Point**

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**(Park Point Beach House Swimming Resumes Today)**  
**Annual Park Point Sandmodeling Contest**  
**Summer Beach Bash**  
**“New” Water Safety Expo**  
**Thursday, July 19 • Park Point Beach**

The Minnesota Health Department tested the water at the Park Point Beach House area today and has announced the water is now safe for swimmers. Parks and Recreation will hold the Annual Sandmodeling/Summer Beach Bash and new Water Safety Expo as planned tomorrow, Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-5:00 PM.

**Annual Sandmodeling Contest 11:00-1:30 PM**

Sandmodeling teams are invited to create their own works of art in the sand from 11:00-1:30. Bring your shovels, pails, creativity and build a work of art. A panel of judges will review all the sand sculptures with prizes given in several categories. The YMCA will be on hand to coordinate activities such as a beach tug of war, hula hoop contest, water balloon toss, treasure hunt, beach volleyball, field games, and face painting.

**Water Safety Expo will be held from 2:00-5:00 PM**

The event will take place at the Park Point Beach House which is located at 45th Street and Minnesota Avenue. The Water Safety Expo is free to the public. There will be informational booths, games, with several demonstrations on safety topics such as rescue boards, throw rings, life jacket fittings, and more.

Other demonstrations will include weather safety, rip currents, and kayaking. Various organizations will provide guests with tips on how to stay safe at the beach this summer, including information about severe weather, hypothermia, and, of course – rip currents.

Organizations will include Duluth YMCA Lifeguards, Northland Red Cross, Amateur Radio Club, Duluth Fire Department, National Weather Service, Duluth Power Squadron, Minnesota and Wisconsin Sea Grant, Essentia Health/SMDC, MN Department of Health, Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project, UMD Recreational Sports Outdoor Program, US Coast Guard Duluth, USCG Auxiliary

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