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Lakeside—Lester Park
bi-monthly newsletter

Sew and Sow

The **Lake Superior Modern Quilting Guild** formed last fall. It is a chapter of an international organization. The monthly meetings include guest demonstrations. Meetings are at the Lakeside Lester Park Community Center on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Over 40 members have joined so far who come from all over Duluth but also from other locations including Bayfield, Hibbing, McGregor. The club also has periodic sew-ins.

The pool table at Lakeside Lester Park Community Club is the reviewing ground for several Lake Superior Modern Quilting Guild members to show some of their pieces at their March meeting. The club which began last fall meets monthly. More information on the club at lakesuperiormqg.com or their Facebook page.

Faith Community Garden will break ground this summer. The **sowing** of seeds may be a couple months away but now is the time for preparing and coordinating this community project. Call 525-2779 or go to lakesidefaith.com to offer to volunteer. Visions for the garden include supervised time for children, organize specific activities for set-up, planting and maintenance, provide produce to those in need and to the schools and have classes for children and adults.

Planning meetings are held on the first and third Mondays each month, 6:30 p.m at Faith Lutheran Church, 1814 N. 51st Ave.

See page 4 for more garden events.

April = Smelt Run

Lester River has been the habitat for millions of smelt. Smelt are native to the Atlantic Ocean but came to Lake Superior via the Great Lakes chain. In the1970s some streams were so filled with smelt it was as if the river was boiling. A dip net (seins are used on Park Point), waders and bucket are the tools for catching the fish at the mouth a river. The time for the run is when stream temperatures are at least 40 degrees over night.

The typical annual smelt run is in mid-April. Several decades ago thousands of fisherman would gather in the evening at the mouth of Lester River catching tons of smelt.

What do you like about Lakeside?

Here are some responses from new Look At Lakeside subscribers:

I lived here 40 years. It was a great place to raise kids.
- K.H., now lives in New Prague, MN

The people and the family atmosphere of love. -C.E.

I love the neighborhood 'feel' of Lakeside, folks are so friendly. I love the business district and I especially the lake. –B.H.

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Next Deadline May 15

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People, places, happenings and history of Lakeside-Lester Park, Duluth, MN

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MCCULLOCH STREET MUSINGS FROM THE EDITOR

ONE MORE. The U.S. has one more U.S. citizen—my husband. In March Terry, born and raised in New Zealand officially became a U.S. citizen. Now he can vote (he already has been paying taxes). We went to the Naturalization Ceremony in Minneapolis in March which had over 140 people from over 40 countries officially becoming citizens of the U.S. The ceremony was short but marked a change.

Another change coming up is that it will be SOON be time to say goodbye to snow, and hello gardens, flowers, birds, and rummage sales.

Wendy

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Dulcimer Day in Duluth fest
May 3

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In June LAL will announce a tour of St. Michael's Catholic School (originally Lakeside School). If you'd be willing to share some memories of the school or the building architecture, call 525-5098.

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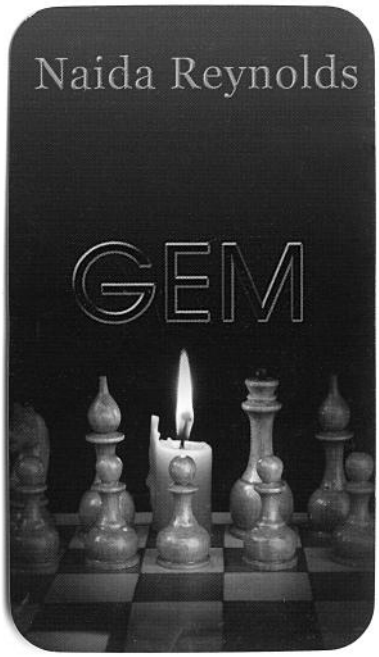

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Rockridge

It was the early 60's in Lester Park. A time of growth, new housing. And a new school. Growth included apartments proposed for the new Norwood Street. The Board of Realtors in supporting this rezoning, stated the "new school" yet to be built could serve the children of the future apartments. With strong opposition from the neighbors, City Planning Commission denied this rezoning, 9 to 1.

The new school, Rockridge Elementary School, would be placed on a shelf of land overlooking Lake Superior in the distance, tucked beneath a stone ridge at the rear of the school. Its location would be on a seam between land uses, separating the developed neighborhood from the above green space, which included the historic Skyline Parkway and the soon to be established Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve. It would be a low slung brick and timbered structure, fitting into the northland landscape with architecture akin to a park lodge.

As part of its preparations the school district had easements and road rights of way vacated by the City to facilitate construction of the new school, including their representation that Norwood should not be connected through to Glendale as it would interfere with the playgrounds for the new school. With no street to provide access to the new school, the City and the school district split the cost of $27,000 for a temporary Ivanhoe Street, with 1/3 the cost by the school district. The school district noted in presentations to Planning Commission that it did not buy more land than necessary for the school building and its recreation areas. The new school would include three kindergarten classrooms, offices, library, gym/cafeteria playgrounds, and a skating rink with a warming shed, which in time became a soccer field. Construction began in 1964, with classes in 1965. In 1991 plans were completed for a building expansion with the school now totaling eleven classrooms .

Rockridge School site is still used for snowshoeing, dog walking, nature hiking, birdwatching, children playground, connect to Hawk Ridge, soccer practice, and more.

In 1968 the school district asked for and received City assistance in acquiring 5.6 acres of Tax Forfeiture Conservation lands west of the school property for recreation, supplementing the outdoor play spaces as part of the original school plan. The school property would be enlarged to 18.5 acres.

So, a school was built with outdoor resources complimenting the classroom learning of the children. This in turn provided a neighborhood park (as school playgrounds are want to do) with swings, slide, basketball courts, a baseball/ soccer field, and green spaces, all utilized year round. The Friends of Rockridge and the Lakeside Citizens Patrol monitor the school property, keeping it more secure.

Over 50 years the school was closed intermittently, housing a church and a day care facility during these times. Presently with the school building closed and the site for sale as part of the school district's Red Plan, the school district has proposed a rezoning of the 18.5 acre site, which could allow apartments, potentially of a significant height and intruding into the view shed of the Skyline Parkway. This magnitude of development would also impact the migratory airspace of the many thousands of raptors that for eons have annually visited Hawk Ridge, a prominent nationally known flyway critical to the life cycle of these and other birds.

Neighbors and Friends of Rockridge have encouraged this public school site be appropriately developed, and therefore have opposed any rezoning that could result in such an imposition, diminishing this important, environmentally sensitive community resource.

Much is at stake for its future. How and who to speak of this concern? How to be heard? Stay tuned…

- By Tom Ryther with Friends of Rockridge FMI go online to forockridge.weebly.com

Tenebrae Service . 4/17

Lakeside Presbyterian Church, 4430 McCulloch St., will have a special **Tenebrae Service** on **April 17**, 7PM. This Easter season, think about making a pilgrimage to Lakeside Presbyterian Church for a Communion and Tenebrae service. Tenebrae, which is Latin for "darkness or shadows" is a special service held on Maundy Thursday. The ceremony of Tenebrae involves the gradual extinguishing of candles interspersed with readings from the Gospels which describe Christ's journey from the Last Supper to his death on the cross. When the last passage has been read the church is completely dark, recalling the days when Jesus was in the tomb.

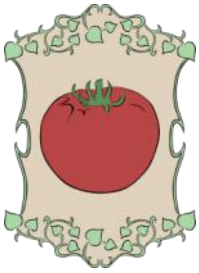
You are invited to this special, moving time of worship which is such a blessing as we take time to consider Christ's sacrifice for us. You may find Easter Sunday to be all the more meaningful when you take the time to hear Scripture readings, observe the Last Supper, and listen to Lenten music provided by LPC's choir.

The St. John's Boys Choir from Collegeville, MN sang at St. Michael's Catholic Church on March 16 at their 8AM and 10:30AM masses. About 40 youth's voices presented songs of praise.

Learn more about plants GROW

April 3 at 12:15 PM **Herbs to spice up your garden.** Free program by Master Gardeners at the Duluth Public Library Green Room.

Duluth Community Garden Program 2014 Fruit Tree and Shrub Sale: Order by April 15 is recommended. Blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, elderberries, Cornelian cherries, honeyberries, cold-hardy peaches, and more. Order form at duluthcommunity-garden.org. Call 722-4583 or 218-310-4156



May 24—Plant Sale at the Rose Garden parking lot. Many local garden clubs sell plants to raise funds for the community flower gardens.

May 31—Altrusa Club of Duluth Garden Affair. Plants and more for sale. 4302 Oneida—garage faces 43rd Ave. E. 8 AM

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

NANCY SHULDT

Nancy Schuldt (Costa) moved to Duluth in September 1997. As she was just finishing her masters degree at the University of Kansas she was hired by the Fond du Lac Band in Cloquet for environmental project work relating to water. She was born in Kansas but was an 'Air Force brat' and moved around living in different places in the East Coast and Ohio.

Nancy works for the Fond du Lac Band—and helps protect our local waterways.

Her college work took her to Toolik Lake in Alaska which is a Long Term Ecological Research site. She went there to help her professor with research on zooplankton ecology and fish feeding behavior. Her current work with the Fond du Lac Band as Water Projects Coordinator has had her working with local, regional, national and bi-national groups representing Great Lakes research and protection. She has broken ground in creating the band's water standards and been a part of building their water quality monitoring program. She been a part of helping to protect and restore wild rice, reducing mercury in fish, and helping to delist the St. Louis River as an Area of Concern. Protecting water is what she does.

When at home, Nancy enjoys the challenge of gardening here in the Northland, creating stained glass pieces, and venturing out for neighborhood walks or skiing at Lester Park at night after work. She's married to Jeff Schuldt, an avid hunter and fisherman, who teaches biology at UWS. Her two grown children live in Kansas.

She comments "I first saw Lake Superior as an eight year old. It always fascinated me and it's very powerful to me." She feels the rocky shoreline, bluffs and beauty of north woods is all right here in Lakeside. She has a a view of the Lake everyday from her home and says "What's not to love about being here."

"I first saw Lake Superior as an eight year old. It always fascinated me and it's very powerful to me."

Written by Wendy Grethen,
LAL editor

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ROAD NEWS

Driver Improvement Program for Drivers 55+

April 22 (4Hr Refresher Course)
8:30am-12:30pm Lakeside Pres. Church
May 17 (8Hr. First Time Course)
8:30am-5:00pm Portman Com. Rec Ctr

To register call 1-888-234-1294 or go to www.mnsafetycenter.org

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In the foreground is a place for youth to come to play at Brighton Beach on suitable days. If you look more closely about 8 ice huts are in the photo's background—places where adults hangout and maybe catch some fish. Over 50 ice huts were out along Brighton Beach and near Lester River as single digit temperatures still in March created the right conditions to head out on the frozen water.

Women in Lakeside dig into different hobbies, interests, and for some, businesses. Pictured above is a card made by Sara Curwin of Grace Press Design. She makes unique hand-embellished invitations, announcements, and commemoratives suitable for framing. The card has a quote from Lao-Tzu *"Just remain in the center, Watching. And then forget that you are there."*

A New Theater for Lester Park

After weeks of issues on land purchase, neighborhood concerns, and special interest problems, the city council has cleared the way for a group of Duluth businessmen to purchase the property abut the Lester Park Golf Course from 63rd to 65th Ave. East. The entrance/exit would be off the east side of the Lester River Road connecting to the frontage road, Oneida St. The total investment would be over $75,000 and would employ 12 people. The theater plans to open in early spring with its first feature movie "APRIL FOOLS 1953." Although the theater never happened, in the early 2000's it made it much easier for the golf course expansion, the building of the Lester River Clinic and Diamond Willow. Submitted by George Lewis.

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YOUTH & SCHOOL NEWS

TOMATO MAN PROJECT Students at East will host Congdon Park Elementary students for a lesson on growing plants from seed. The plants will be grown on the school's rooftop greenhouse.

Construction Tech students at East will build raised garden beds. If you have a small building construction project such as a shed that student's may be able to construct contact Tony Leone at 336-8975.

Drivers' Ed… Duluth East is home to driver education classes sponsored by the Duluth Public Schools' Community Education Program. New classes are offered each semester and include 32 hours of classroom instruction that prepares the student for the permit test, followed by 6 hours of behind the wheel training. At the conclusion of behind the wheel students receive a certificate of completion that allows them to take the road test for their license provided they are 16 years old, have had their permit for at least 6 months and have their parents/guardians permission if under 18. Registration for summer classes at East will begin in early April and are open to students ages 15 and above. For more information you can contact the driver education office at East by calling 218-336-8760 ext. 3.

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Sample of Spring Athletics at Duluth East

Two upcoming sports seasons will arrive soon. Baseball Season. No charge. The community is welcome to attend. Season starts when the snow is gone. Games scheduled on April 28 at 4PM, May 20 at 4 PM and 5:30PM and May 22 at 4:30PM

Track & Field event will be held on May 3 at 11:00AM at Ordean Stadium. This invitational includes students from schools from Grand Rapids, Hibbing, North Branch, Princeton, St. Francis, Forest Lake, Andover, Anoka, Cambridge as well as Duluth Denfeld.

RUMMAGE SALE & CARNIVAL IN MAY

May 16 & 17 will be a Rummage Sale fundraiser for St. Michael's School at the church. St. Michael's School Carnival will be held May 31 from noon to 3 PM.

Lakeside Lester Park Community Club

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APRIL/MAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 4-6 RUMMAGE SALE Lakeside Lester Park Community Club, 54th Ave. E & Tioga. 9AM-4PM Fri, Sat, 11AM-3PM Sunday. Sales supports the club. Bring items to donate prior to this event. Arrange by calling 525-0845.

April 16 & 17 Talent Show 7PM. Duluth East Auditorium.

May 2, 3, 8 & 9 Spring Play 7PM Duluth East Auditorium.

May 15 Spring Choir Concert 7PM Duluth East Auditorium

May 20 Concerto Concert 7PM. Duluth East Auditorium

MAY ? Lester Park golf course opens.

ONGOING.....

— **Food Bank** *Mondays* 11AM-1PM, Faith Lutheran, 1814 N. 51st Ave. E. —**Faith Community Garden meetings** *1st and 3rd Mondays*, Faith Lutheran—**Citizen Patrol** ***3rd Thursdays*** 6:30PM Faith Lutheran Church. — **Lunches for seniors at Portman –***Mon-Fri* 11:30AM call 525-0838 —-**Second Saturday Market Place** Lakeside Lester Park Com. Club 10AM-3PM

Alternate parking schedule is in effect year-round. Shaded weeks indicate park on odd-numbered addresses.

Change sides Sundays 4-8PM.

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