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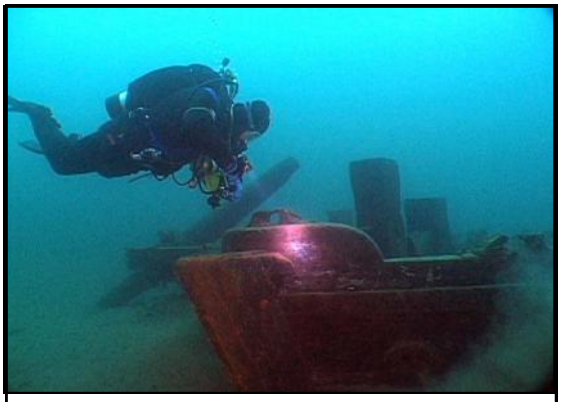
Lakeside—Lester Park
bi-monthly newsletter

SHIPWRECKS NEAR LESTER RIVER

Not far from the mouth of the Lester River, not one but two sunken ships are at rest. One is the scow-schooner, the Mayflower, and the other is the tugboat, A.C. Adams. The Mayflower was built in 1889. It was a 147-foot 230-ton vessel. She sank in a storm on June 2, 1891 as she was heading to Duluth's shipping canal with a cargo of sandstone to be used to build Duluth's High School. Due to a storm and possible premature lowering of the sails the cargo shifted when the ship broached. The captain died with the ship but the three crew men were saved. The vessel is lying in 90 feet of water about a mile and a half from the shore off of Lakeside. The Mayflower was discovered in 1991 and is a rare example of a relatively intact scow-schooner. She was added last fall to the National Register of Historic Places.



Shipwrecks are located barely a mile from the mouth of the Lester River. This one is the Mayflower. Find out what she was carrying when she went down in a storm in 1891. She is on the National Register of Historic Places. *Photo by Captain Ken Merryman.*

The A.C. Adams was built in 1881 in Buffalo, New York. She was 62-foot long, made of wood, and steam-powered. The tug was named after one of the owners. She had roughly a 40 year career and changed owners multiple times over that period. She

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Playing games at Lakeside Lester Park Community Club

Several of these fine folks are LLPCC board members.

Card and board games are for adults, too. A fun way to spend a winter evening.

EAST HIGH THEATRE

After successful runs of *The Curious Savage* and *Aladdin*, the third show of the 2012-2013 theatre season at East High School is in full rehearsal. It is the non-musical adaptation of the Victor Hugo novel, *Les Miserables*. The long running musical and now the hit movie version of *Les Miserables* suggested that this might be a good time to produce this show. As in all of the high school

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What do you love about Lakeside-Lester Park?
From new subscribers to this publication.

"This newsletter and Portman" **-LS**

"It is a very caring community!" **-JC**

"Being close to the lake." **-BL**

WANTED:
announcements, neighborhood news, Lakeside history, thank-your-neighbor notes, ads

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Next Deadline:
May 15
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MCCULLOCH STREET MUSINGS FROM THE EDITOR

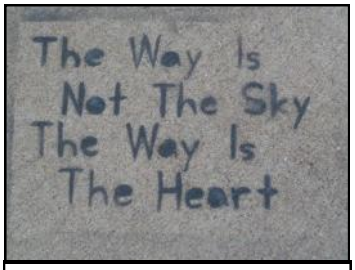
Spring in Lakeside. Will this be the year the Lakewalk is extended all the way to Brighton Beach? What will the new playground at Lester Park be like? New things are ahead. Perhaps some people are wondering if the weather will be good for golfing or hiking nearby. Meanwhile, people have used the Lakewalk in Lakeside year-round. It won't be long until the popular train whistle from the North Shore Scenic Railroad will be sounding and bringing visitors to and through our neighborhood.

With more daylight now, it's a good time to take walks in the neighborhood and see the variety of older houses. Many 100-year-old homes are here, especially below the railroad tracks and along upper London Road. The house I'm in has only a few more years until its centennial birthday. It made it through the Fires of 1918 that burned down Northland Country Club and parts of Lakeside/Lester Park.

I hope you enjoy this issue. Please share it with others.

Wendy

Thank you to **Steve Arnold** for plowing driveways of neighbors on Jay St.
—Norma Johnson



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History Corner:
Veterans' Housing in Lakeside

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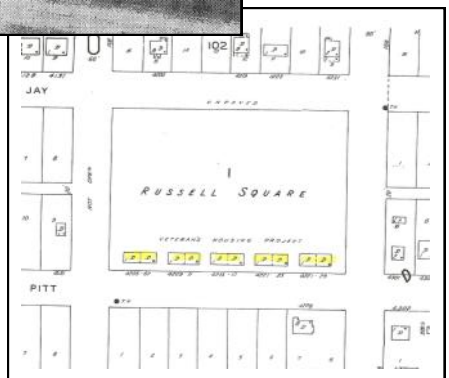
During the later years of WWII and up until 1946 the Federal Government built a number of temporary housing units in Duluth to accommodate the families of military veterans returning home from the service. Lakeside received twelve of the two-family units. Five were placed at Russell Square on the upper side of Pitt Street between 42nd and 43rd Avenues E. Some of the old steps still remain. Seven were built on Colorado Street, two on the upper side and five on the lower side, between 50 and 51st Avenues E. The buildings chosen for Lakeside were one-story corrugated metal with wood floors elevated three to four feet off the ground. The buildings were built in Baton Rouge, LA and shipped up to Duluth.



Veteran housing in Russell Square in the 1950s. *Photo: Duluth Herald 8/11/55*

Each building consisted of two units (one family per unit). All the units had two bedrooms, bath, small living area, and kitchen. The Federal Government provided a cooking stove, ice box, and a heater. It was up to the city to provide other necessities.

In 1946 when this program was approved we didn't plan on the Korean Conflict of the early 1950s. And once again these buildings provided temporary housing for the return veterans of the Korean Conflict. By the early 1960s all the buildings were removed and their history would fade into the past.

Written by George Lewis

COMPOSTING IN LAKESIDE

Lester Park Elementary School collects leftover food scraps from their school. Leftover food is picked up weekly by WLSSD which turns it into Garden Green Compost. Students are encouraged to bring snacks that can be composted, like fresh fruits and vegetables.

East High School and St. Michael's School do not currently have a food waste compost program.

SuperOne Lakeside has a separate food waste receptacle which is sent out for composting.
One of WLSSD's food waste collection sites is in Lakeside at Marshall Hardware. An average of 863 pounds is picked up there per week.

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WALLS & WINDOWS

Name the locations these photos were taken in Lakeside/Lester Park.
Answers below.

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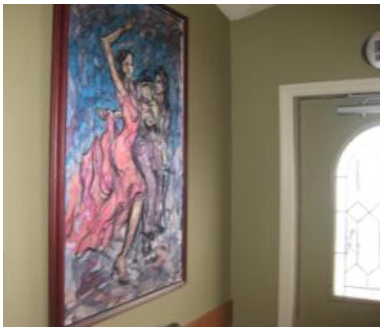

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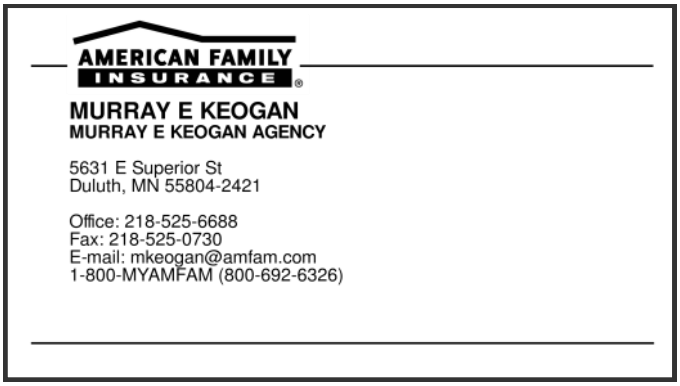

Answers from the photo activity above : Walls & Windows

1. *This beautiful window is at St. Luke's Lester River Clinic.*
2. *These cabinets are in the kitchen at Lester Park United Methodist Church painted by Darrell and Carol O'Day (see article on page 7).*
3. *This mural is located in the lower level of Portman Rec. Center.*
4. *This is artwork by local silk painter, Lee Zimmerman, hanging in the waiting area at Tangles A Salon.* ***5.*** *The fish mounts are at Pete's Barber Shop—all caught by Pete himself.*

YOUTH & SCHOOL NEWS

YWCA GIRL POWER!

Girl Power! art from their Girl's Bill of Rights project.

The YWCA's Girl Power! program follows the mission of the YWCA to eliminate racism and to empower women (and girls). Their Girl Power! programming runs in Woodland Hills, Lester Park, and 5 other schools in Duluth.

The group meets and participates in art projects, learns about leadership, women leaders in history, and brings women leaders from the community in to talk to the girls about their story.

Recently, the girls took a critical look at Barbie and GI Joe and how those toys reinforce gender stereotypes. They came to the conclusion that Barbies were not realistic and actually hurt girl's self esteem. They then had the chance to create their own ad for a new type of doll that would be a positive influence on young girls or boys. The Lester Park group will be taking a field trip to the Lakeside CHUM food bank site to help assess the needs of our community.

We encourage girls to ask questions and be themselves. We also encourage them to take action to make the community they live in a better place.
-Alice Jacobson,
Girl Power! program leader, Lester Park & Lowell Elementary

Email LesterPark@ywcaduluth.org if you would be willing to come visit with the girls as an academic "wo-mentor."

Cont'd from front page. **Theatre** productions we strive to provide challenges to the students as they seek to increase their knowledge and their acting skills. The theatre program adds to what they are learning in their academic classes, it sharpens thinking skills, develops confidence in speaking and being in front of an audience, and also broadens the student's world view. Playing a peasant in France in the 1800s, helps history come alive for the student actor. High School Theatre is, after all, an educational experience.

These students find they learn skills which may be helpful as they enter the work world.
-Rod Dahlquist

There are many more facets to the theatre program. Beside the seventy plus actors who have been on stage this year, dozens more students are involved with set building, costume construction, sound and light design, make-up design, choreography, props, running crew and student directing. For many, these "behind the scenes" jobs provide as much of a learning experience as what the actors are getting. They also find an open and accepting environment in which to try new things. Theatre is a place where a wide variety of students find their niche. One often hears someone say that they don't know how they could manage high school without their theatre friendships. They would love for you to come and enjoy Les Mis this spring.
(See calendar on back page)

Written by Rod Dahlquist,
East H.S. Director of Theatre

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New Time Line on the Lakewalk Extension

April 1 Start construction of Phase 5 of the Lakewalk extension, including a tunnel under Hwy 61 to Brighton Beach. Complete by June 19.

June Construction of Phase 4, which includes a new bridge over the Lester River. Complete in late Summer.

Late July Complete trail through the tunnel

Info from Matt Decur

ROCK RIDGE SCHOOL

Two public meetings have been held recently regarding the Rock Ridge School site. Over 40 people attended each meeting and included neighbors and people from the School District, City of Duluth, and elected officials.
The discussion continues.

Recognition of 100-Year-Old Homes

The Duluth Preservation Alliance is seeking nominations of houses that are turning 100 years old. Their annual awards meeting is held in May. Learn more at Centennial Home Recognition at www.duluthpreservation.org.

Continued from front page—Shipwrecks

The Mayflower sank in a storm in 1891 while loaded with sandstone to build Duluth's High School.

The anchor and chain of the A.C. Adams was found during the search for the infamous barrels in 1990.

The A.C. Adams tugboat

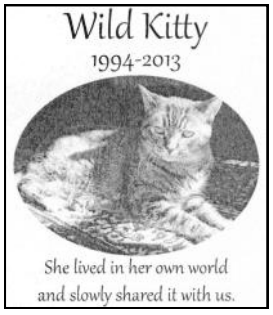
was involved in several rescues or attempted rescues on Lake Superior. The tug was used as a floating workshop between 1906 and 1912 and abandoned in 1923. Sometime after that time she was scuttled (intentionally sunk) and rests about a mile from the shore, near the mouth of the Lester River.

Captain Ken Merryman, owner of Superior Trips offers diving trips in Lake Superior and is a member of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society. He has been to both of the wrecks near Lester River. In fact, he was the first person given permission to dive to the A.C. Adams at her resting site in 118 feet of water. His underwater photos are at the website listed below.

Corey Daniel is an advanced recreational diver living in Duluth. He has also been to both shipwrecks and his father has written a book on shipwrecks along the North Shore. He is fascinated by diving in Lake Superior in the Duluth area and along the North Shore. Corey recalls seeing the anchor and pick axes of these boats clearly just as when people used them for their jobs. As a diver, he treasures that you see something that most people don't.

Written by Wendy Grethen

Learn more at www.superiortrips.com/MN_North_Shore_Shipwreck_List.htm



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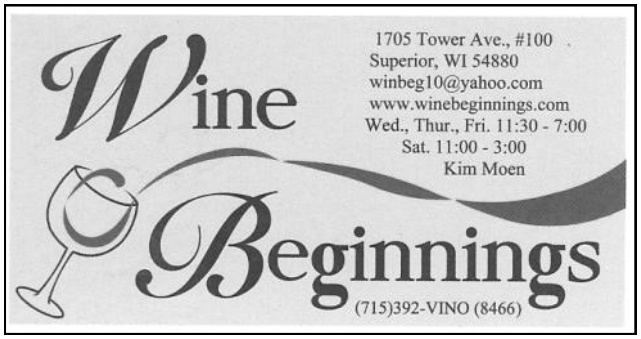

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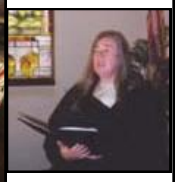
MEET A NEIGHBOR: THE O'DAYS

Two familiar faces in Lakeside are husband and wife, Darrell and Carol O'Day. Some of their presence - or maybe "presents" - in the neighborhood is the sharing of their musical talents. They are both choir directors at Lester Park United Methodist Church (UMC) and Darrell is the accompanist on the organ. They have been with the Lester Park UMC since 2000. Darrell plays on the church's Wurlitzer pipe organ which was made about 100 years ago and installed in 1926. The organ was called a "theatre organ" because it was played live in theaters across the nation. Now only two are left in churches in Minnesota with one being here in Lakeside.



Music is a large part of Carol & Darrell's lives. They co-direct Lester Park UMC choir and the Swedish choir.

Darrell plays the organ, piano and sings. He also plays other instruments. In fact he was in the U.S. Navy Band for 30 years as a clarinetist. He played in the President Kennedy funeral parade and has played for 10 presidents at the White House and in Washington, D.C. The Navy Band toured throughout the nation and one year when he was on tour in Duluth he met Carol. Carol was born and raised in Duluth. She is the daughter of Dr. Robert Ekstrom, who was a popular singer at many weddings and events in Duluth. Carol moved to the eastern U.S. to be with Darrell and she sang and directed church choirs.

When they moved to Duluth (returning for Carol), reviving the Swedish choir became their project. The choir dates back to the 1800s and was a male chorus. In the 1960s, Carol's father was the director. The choir stopped meeting from 1968 until 1999. Darrell and Carol brought it back to life and turned it into a community choir (open to men and women). It is associated with the Swedish Cultural Society of Duluth. The group, Svenska Sångarna (means Swedish Singers), sings in Swedish and English and has two main performances per year as well as playing at assisted living places. The choir sings at the annual Lucia festival in downtown Duluth in December and has a Spring Concert on the 3rd Sunday in May at Gloria Dei Church. About 25 community members make up the choir and practice weekly at Lester Park UMC.

Darrell played clarinet in the U.S. Navy Band in the President Kennedy funeral parade and has played for 10 presidents at the White House and in Washington, D.C.

For several years Darrell played with the Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra. In their spare time they enjoy painting. They have decoratively painted cabinets in the Lester Park UMC kitchen, depicting a Swedish storyboard of the history of the Methodist Church as it relates to Lakeside. Darrell and Carol have two sons and three grandchildren. Everyone in their family is musical in one way or another. Carol and Darrell enjoy living in their 100-year-old house in Lakeside. It's their retreat when they are not traveling or out and about in the community.

Written by Wendy Grethen

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APRIL 20/RUMMAGE SALE Portman Rec Center. 8 AM-1PM

APRIL 20 & 21/LLPCC RUMMAGE SALE Sat 9AM-4PM, Sun 11AM-3PM. Lakeside Lester Park Community Club. 54th Ave. E. & Tioga Donations welcome. 525-0845

MAY 2,3,4,9 and 10/ Les Miserables East High School Auditorium. Shows begin at 7PM. Tickets $5

MAY—Date TBA Help install the new Lester Park playground. 730-4334

JUNE 1/ALTRUSA PLANT SALE. 43rd Ave. E and Tioga. Supports local giving in our community.

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Alternate parking schedule is in effect yearround in Duluth. Shaded weeks indicate park on odd-numbered addresses. Change sides Sundays 4-8 pm

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Rates at LookAtLakeside.com

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Over 10 cars were lined up on a mild March day at the car wash on Superior Street near 60th Ave. E. Time for a bit of spring clean-up.

MAY 4

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