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Detours Ahead *2026, 2027

On February 12 about 200 people gathered at Duluth East's auditorium to learn more about the London Road roundabout projects at 26th Ave. E. (to come 2026) and 40th Ave. E. (to be built in 2027). There will be enhanced intersection improvements (left turn lanes, raised pedestrian refuge islands), drainage improvements, pavement resurfacing, replacing of all sidewalk to meet ADA standards, roadway lighting improvements and more. Due to the added left turn lanes there will be a decreased number of parking spaces on London Road between 40th Ave. E. and 60th Ave E.

The well attended meeting had many people asking questions, especially about parking in the street and garbage truck access.

While the project is being worked on detours will go in effect. Northbound traffic will continue to be on London Road. All southbound traffic will be directed to Superior St. Temporary traffic lights will be added at 26th Ave. E. and 60th Ave. E. on Superior St. More information on the project is at dot.state.mn.us and search London Road. There is also a link on the LookatLakeside website. Easement access is being worked on this year.

Thank you to people who donated can tabs through Look at Lakeside's collection for Ronald McDonald House.

Collecting Sap for Syrup. Several trees in Lakeside have added spouts for the delicious sweet nature treat.

5 ants rented an apartment with another 5 ants. Now they're tenants.

Share It

Leslie Hughes has painted numerous barn quilts. Some of her art projects has been put up at Lakeside businesses: Marshall Hardware, Lakeside Lumber, Sammy's Pizza, and Matildas. Where is this one?

Claryce Swensen has been practicing the Norwegian art of rosemaling for decades. She had an exhibit up at Ecumen Lakeshore with an array of her work.

Jim Mattson shared a charcoal drawing he made. He enjoys drawing maritime themes, cartoons and other things.

Gina LaFond used water color pencils to create this image of her cat, Tilly.

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FOR THE JUNE/JULY ISSUE—SHARE WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKYARD? DEADLINE MAY 12.

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and more.

McCulloch Street Musings

from the Editor

FLOWERS will be emerging soon. Bushes, trees and straight from the ground will come alive. Colors and shapes. It will be nice to even see more green after our winters.

The meeting on the Roundabout at 40th Ave E. and 26th Ave E. brought in a good turnout at Duluth East on Feb 12. Detours are coming. A new way of going through intersections on London Road is coming.

A parade of 100+ "Dolly Parton" people as part of a parade in New Orleans during Mardi Gras

My husband and I snuck in a short vacation in late Feb/early March. February is my birthday month so I like to do some sort of outing then and it's the right time for a little break from winter. We went to 5 states: Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee in a week. Sunshine in New Orleans, white sand Gulf beach in Mississippi, alligators, Mardi Gras parade, Civil Rights Institute and sites, wildlife refuges, bath-row in Hot Springs, one of the oldest civilization sites in the U.S. from 3600 years ago (Poverty Point), Johnny Cash's grave, and more. Maybe I'll do an Armchair Travel program somewhere on it.

I was pleased to have a good turnout for a local Duluth history program I put on. I'm always adding more info as I learn it. I like to research and come up with programs to share.

What are you looking forward to in upcoming months? Gardening? More outdoor recreation? Or just the warmer weather and longer daylight?

Hope to have you attend a day trip or see you around.

Do what you love.
Your neighbor,
Wendy

April 10 Bunco Night

It's a fun old-time dice game that's easy to play.

5:30 p.m. Potluck
-bring a food item to share
6:30-8 p.m. Play Bunco.
No experience necessary.

$5 for game time.
$ to LLPCC.

Lakeside Lester Park Com. Club
106 N. 54th Ave. E.

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A Handful of Events

One Book Northland

Where Rivers Part: A Story of My Mother's Life by Kao Kalia Yang

Author talk Wed, April 23. UMD Bohannon Hall 6:30-8p.m.

The One Vegetable, One Community for 2025 is the Radish

Keeping Folk Arts Alive

Duluth Needle Art Guild
Lake Superior Modern Quilt Guild (MQG)
N. Shore Basket Guild
Duluth Fiber Guild
Arrowhead Hookcrafters
Knotty Carvers of the North (Proctor)
Forging Community

Some host host member meetings/ demos. Each has a website.

April 2-9 Twin Ports Festival of History Duluth/Superior locations. Z.umn.edu/TPFH

April 3 Growing Vegetables for Everyone 6 p.m. Online event. Check at the Duluth Public Library FMI

April 5 Storytime and Dragon Dance Performance Main library. 10:30 a.m.

April 5 Seed Starting Indoors Eco 3 Urban Farm at Lake Superior College, 2101 Trinity Rd. 11 a.m. 218-336-1038

April 6 Community Earth Day Concert with Douglas Wood First United Methodist Church, 230 E. Skyline Parkway. 3 p.m. Freewill donation accepted.

April 12 Astronomy Day Alworth Planetarium at UMD. 6-9 p.m. Free hands-on activities. Telescope viewing (weather permitting), free planetarium shows. Fun for all ages.

April 25 Songs of the Earth CSS Mitchell Auditorium. 7:30 p.m.

April 27 Law Day 5k Duluth East High School. Lakewalk. 9 a.m. 5k run/ walk supporting Justice North, formerly known as Legal Aid Service of NE MN. Prizes. Justicenorth.org

May 1 Lion's Club Pancake Day! DECC Pioneer Hall 6a.m. —7:30 p.m. $8 in advance/ $10 event day. Free parking. Free vision screening 4-7 p.m. Free diabetes screening 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

May 12-16 Duluth East Plant Sale. Flowers, Herbs. Outside Front Doors of East. Support Plant Science Classes. 8AM-4PM

May 23 Duluth Dylan Fest 2025: Singer-Songwriter Contest Sacred Heart Music Center. 7 p.m. $10

May 24 Duluth Garden Flower Society Plant Sale Rose Garden parking lot. 8a.m.-10a.m.

May 26 West Duluth Memorial Day Parade 12:30 p.m.

Explore Vegan Club Meets monthly at Mt Royal Library. Last Friday each month. 10:30 a.m.

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Small public gardens are in Lakeside at 3 locations :

...on the NE corner of 45th Ave. E. and Superior St. It has a magnolia tree.

Lake Aire since 1975

....on the west corner of 45th Ave. E. and Superior St. It has a tree, bushes, and perennials. More recently native plants have been added.

Gitche Gumee since 1999

....University Park along 60th Ave. E. and London Road. The garden will be reduced in size as road improvements are made at that intersection. If you are interested in being involved with this garden please contact afink@charter.net. There is a possibility it could expand into the park to replace the space that will be removed in front of the cottonwood tree.

Plants in the Gardens

Liatris, Magnolia, milkweed, forsythia, spirea, climbing hydrangea, coral bells, Russian sage, bleeding hearts, and more!

20+ garden clubs are in Duluth and part of the Duluth Garden Flower Society (DGFS). DGFS help improve the look of our neighborhoods and learn from fellow gardeners who have experience and knowledge of the local growing climate. Get active. Get outdoors. You'll dig this group. dfgs.org.

Fleur-de-lis

The fleur-de-lis is an **iris**, an emblem of French royalty and was on the family coat of arms of King Louis XIV of France when Louisiana was named. It's become a symbol of Louisiana and is found on city signs and flags and religious art.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!
Let the good times roll!

Often mentioned around the Gulf Coast where Mardi Gras is celebrated.

High 5! To community flower garden caretakers. Weeding, watering and planting is work. The flowers and plants beautify areas throughout the growing season. Thank you.

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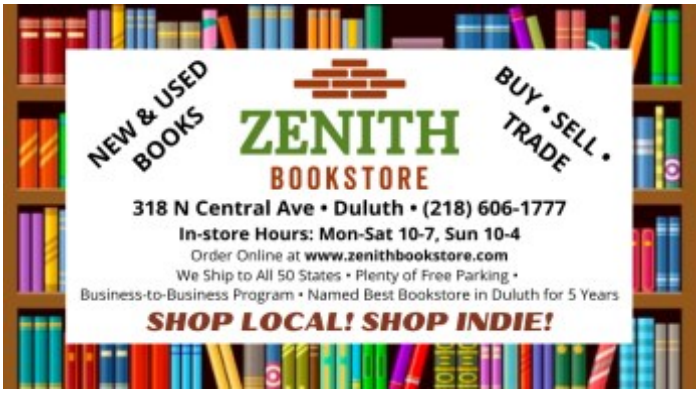

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^ ^ *Lakeside* BIZ/COM BITS ^ ^

- **North Shore Dental**, dentist Dr. McCollough has closed the location at 4707 E. Superior St. E-Bike Duluth will relocate there.
- **Duluth East student career center** have had recent career guest talks with a police officer, cosmetologist, paramedical tattoo worker, and physician assistant giving students more options for fields of study to focus on.
- Scalzo Architects moved into the **Mason building** at 4731 Gladstone St in 2021. Since then they have added parking in the back, rebuilt the steam boiler, replace windows, They will be adding a one-story addition on the east side. Heavy rains last June resulted in a wet lower level and efforts have been made for a restoring of that level. The monumental stairs in the front of the building are being worked on to the original look. Restrooms have been upgraded to code. The first floor (ground level) is being renovated for future retail space rental (could a restaurant move in?). The top floor will be rented for offices.

- **Farmers Market in Lakeside?**
  One may being formed to be held weekly this summer.
- **Rummage sale** season begins. Lakeside Lester Park Community Club (former Lester Park branch library) is available for rent for sales, grad parties, showers, etc. Llpcc.org

Last Pickup at Lakeside Postal Station

M-F 2:00 PM
Sat 12:30 PM

The main p.o. and Mt Royal have different last pickup times.

Real ID deadline is May 7.

Check drive.mn.gov for details or call/stop in a local office.

Safer Water In Your Home

Use cold water from your faucet if you have an older home that likely has lead **pipes**. If you need hot water, heat up the cold water instead of getting hot water from your sink.

The City of Duluth has been checking for lead pipes (very common in older homes), giving complimentary filters, and putting in new water meters. About 90% of the city has been changed to the new meters. 218-730-5101

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Oct 3 Fri — **M&M** Mall of America (Sea Life option), MN Valley Nat'l Wildlife Refuge

SEEKING SUPPORT

1. Help send robotics team students to Houston

At the recent state tournament, two students from Duluth East H.S. (Lakeside residents) won individual awards. Two Devildogs teams: Cora (freshman), won the Youth Mentor Award from High Tech Kids and her sister Lily (junior) is a Dean's List Finalist will be competing among 11th-12th grade students from around the world for a $10,000 scholarship. At the state competition, the Devildogs won the 2nd place Inspire Award. **The Inspire Award is the top award at this level of robotics.** The other FTC team, Rogue Cats, were a part of the winning alliance. Because of these accomplishments, the two FTC teams have advanced to the FIRST World Championship in Houston this April. Minnesota only advances 4 teams from the state.

One of the FLL Challenge teams, Spaceotics, has also advanced to the FIRST World Championship. They won the 1st place Champions Award (the highest award at that level) at their state tournament. Minnesota only advances 2 teams from the state at this level. 3D Robotics Duluth, a 501(c)(3) community-wide robotics organization, was started in 2021 with two robotics teams, the Devildogs and Spaceotics. Three years later, 150 families area involved across 20 teams, workshops, and summer camps. The students meet at the lower level of church next to Northland Country Club. **GoFundMe** campaign aiming to raise $15,000. To contribute, visit: gofund.me/34ec82eb.

2. Keep the Warm Welcome! LPC Boiler Replacement Campaign

Lakeside Presbyterian Church has been a place of warmth, fellowship and spiritual growth since 1889. Unfortunately, the boiler, which has faithfully served for 102 years, is now beyond repair. Visit lakesidepreschurch.org and click the donate button if you would like to give to the boiler replacement or stop in the office to make your donation. All donation amounts will be graciously appreciated. It only takes a spark to get a fire going so Pass It On!

3. **Car Tune** in Lakeside has a GoFundMe to help them purchase land in Lakeside and build a permanent business site.

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Disease Prevention

Students in East Duluth schools are well protected against vaccine preventable diseases. Overall, immunization rates for school-required vaccines in eastern Duluth schools have increased or remained level since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the same period, statewide school immunization rates have declined in Minnesota and nationally. The percent of students that have received two doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine in eastern Duluth schools this school year are:

- Lester Park Elem – 96.9%
- Lakewood Elem – 96.5%
- Ordean East Middle – 95.8%
- East High School – 96.2%

These rates exceed the national goal of 95% MMR vaccination coverage for students. They also exceed the herd immunity estimate for measles. **Herd immunity** is the concept that when enough people are immune to a disease, those that can't be vaccinated are indirectly protected because outbreaks are less likely to occur. This is good news, especially now as the U.S. is currently seeing a resurgence of measles, which was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000. People sick with measles will typically have a rash, cough, and fever. Measles can lead to severe complications such as pneumonia, brain swelling, and death.

Communities with low MMR vaccination rates have seen outbreaks of measles in recent years. The Twin Cities metro area had an outbreak of **52 measles cases** last year. West Texas is currently experiencing the largest measles outbreak of 2025, with 198 cases reported as of March 7th, and tragically the first measles death in a child since 2003. Measles is not the only vaccine preventable disease that has caused recent outbreaks. In 2024, Minnesota reported over **3,000 cases of pertussis**, commonly known as whooping cough. Pertussis is a contagious disease that infects the lungs and airway, and can lead to violent coughing fits. Pertussis is especially severe for infants that are too young to be vaccinated. Of the 3,000 Minnesota cases, **132 were in residents of St. Louis County**. Adolescents aged 11-17 had the highest rate of pertussis in Minnesota last year. The diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis vaccines (DTaP and Tdap) are **required** for school-age children in Minnesota. The DTaP vaccine is required for all elementary students, and the Tdap booster dose is required for students in grades 7-12. The Tdap booster dose is important because the protection from the initial DTaP doses can weaken over time. During the 2024-25 school year, Tdap booster rates for East Duluth schools were 88.8% for Ordean East Middle School, and 95.2% for East High School, while the statewide coverage level for students grades 7-12 was 92%. In addition to being required for adolescent students, a dose of Tdap is recommended for all pregnant people during each pregnancy to protect themselves and their newborn babies. The Tdap booster dose can also be given every 10 years to adults that are due for their tetanus booster dose, as Tdap protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis. Vaccines such as MMR, DTaP, and Tdap remain the best prevention tool to protect yourself and our community from vaccine preventable diseases.

Herd immunity—
when enough people are immune to a disease those that can't be vaccinated are indirectly protected because outbreaks are less likely to occur. ....

- By Minnesota Dept of Health for LAL

A goldfinch acts as the keeper of the Ojibwe language and represents the vitality of Ojibwemowin. Duluth East room names are listed in Ojibwe keeping the language alive.

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