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Lakeside—Lester Park
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Four-legged Workers

A special work group came from Poplar, Wisconsin to do important work in Russell Square, a park at 43rd Ave. E and Pitt St. Thirty-four goats from Drifty Acres Farm were brought in by the City of Duluth Parks Department. Jake Williams and his wife own the goats. These goats were hired to work at Billings Park in Superior earlier this summer and were brought to Lakeside for about a week in late June/early July. After the week a significant amount of buckthorn, a problem invasive plant, is gone. This effort won't keep the buckthorn from growing back as there is a definite seed source in the area. Jake said the goats like sunbathing and even purr in the spring as warmer sunlight arrives. The goats are fed a mineral but their main food is brush, no grain. The herd of goats eat and ruminate all day. The goats stood on two legs to reach branches up toward 5 feet. Occasional gentle sparring each other with their heads/horns could be seen. Besides being invasive plant eaters the goat's milk is collected by the owners to drink and make cheese and yoghurt.

GOATS AT WORK

Seven kids (young goats) were part of the herd. The kids still were nursing from their mothers but also observed the other goats and nibbled on leaves.

Brown, white, and brown and white goats roamed the woods at Russell Park. Some stood up to reach higher when eating.

1890s Building—Years and Years of Building Youth Education

Today the main occupant of the grand red brick building on the corner of 47th Ave. E. and Pitt St is Lakeside Early Learning (LEL). Over 80 children have been coming to learn. LEL is licensed for infants, toddlers, and pre-school aged children. A school-aged summer program is going on now that includes several field trips throughout the summer—Lester Park Story Time, Great Lakes Aquarium, Duluth Public Library, etc. All children get outdoor time. Many of the children attend full-time, but there are part-time enrollment options. The school has a full cafeteria, gym and library space.

The brick building at 4628 Pitt St. was built and opened as Lakeside Elementary Sept 1893—one year after "Old Central". Additions and changes were made over the years. The photo is from 1914. Today learning and young ones are still a big part of the activity inside and outside the 132 year old building. Photo credit: UMD Kathryn A. Martin Library

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Go Fly A Kite

We went out on a windy July day to the grassland of Lester Park Golf Course to fly 3 kinds of kites. An eagle-shaped kite worked the best and was 100'+ in the air creating a tug on your hand to hold it so it didn't fly away. The smaller kites didn't make it up as high.

Skippers on a dandelion at Lester Park golf course

Already?

It's the **13th anniversary for Look at Lakeside.**

Celebrate and come fly a kite on Monday **Aug 4** See calendar. Hope for good wind.

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McCulloch Street Musings
from the Editor

SUMMER is short in the Northland. A breeze off the lake and a little warmth in the air can be just perfect combined with long day lengths. What favorite memories do you have this summer?

One of my favorite was hiking sections of the Superior Hiking Trail just past Duluth and seeing many fireflies.

I brought my hammered dulcimer down to London Road during Grandma's this year. As I played my watch buzzed and buzzed again. When I got home about 4 hours later I read the steps on my watch and it said over 29,000 steps which is over 14 miles - more than a half marathon of music. Other entertainment along London Rd during the marathon were Duluth East musicians. Further along the route were Zumba exercisers from SNAP. An orange 'blur' of volunteers near Ecumen passed out water to the runners. People from around the nation and world came through Lakeside because of the marathon or on trips up the shore.

It's nice to have the Lakewalk here. It's transportation path (my husband uses it every day for work) or great to head out on it for a walk or bike ride. On some rides we continue on to old Superior St above the tracks and return on the scenic highway. On the return on a bike ride we stopped at a youth lemonade stand on 43rd Ave. E. which also offered facepainting. We supported them with both of their offerings. We biked a day in the Bike. Build. Home 500 Habitat for Humanity bike ride out of Collegeville, MN staying on St. John's campus. It raised $$$ for housing and we worked on a house build for a family of 8. We also went to our first polka mass. It was held in Avon. Oom-pah! Meanwhile church bells in Lakeside sound lovely. Do what you love.
Your neighbor, *Wendy*

Aug 21
MN State Fair Day Trip
8:30am-8:30pm
REGISTER >3 weeks in advance.

More trips
Sept 13 ***Minnesota Capitol Tour*** *and open house at* ***MN Orchestra Hall***

Oct 1 (Fri) ***Mall of America*** *&* ***MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge***

Oct 3 (Sun) ***Bayfield Apple Fest***. *Parade.*

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Trains

Many sold out North Shore tourist trains have passed through Lakeside this season. The trains have up to 75 riders on the basic rides. The 1st class dome car fits 50. Pizza trains, summer Barb-B-Que, elegant dinner train, Two Harbors train, murder mystery express, and more coming through rain or shine.

9/10 Car Show

at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1325 N. 45th Ave. E. beginning at 4 p.m.
Food sale donations go to CHUM. Last year about 50 vintage and/or unusual vehicles were on display.

Catch a Duluth East football game
Go Greyhounds

Home games
Sept 5, 12, & 26, Oct 10

Another goat pic…. The goats were fun to listen to and watch at Russell Park. Here a goat is chilling in the sun and ruminating - digesting the buckthorn. Will they return next year?

A fresh smile has been painted on rocks beside the swimming hole on Lester River along Seven Bridges Rd.

A Handful of Events

Aug 1-3 Finn Fest
Free access to Tori (market) 9a.m –5p.m. DECC FMI finnfest.us

Aug 2 Duluth Monarch Waystation Garden Tour
Coppertop Church. Begins @ 11 a.m.

Aug 2 Story & Play
The program introduces young children to books, rhymes, music promoting early literacy skills. Geared to children 0-5. Portman Park. 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Aug 4 Fly a Kite
Lester Park Golf Course. Bring your own. Some available to borrow. 6 p.m.

Aug 5 1st Tues NEIGHBOR-HOOD NIGHT OUT
Plenty of places in Lakeside are hosting. Search NNO on Duluth Police website. Gatherings listed so far:
4532 Tioga St,
4320 Luverne St,
4005 McCulloch St,
4501 Glenwood,
1326 N. 45th Ave.,
630 N. 60th Ave. E.
Visit with your neighbors.

Aug 12 Primary Election Polls open 7.a.m.-8 p.m

Aug 21 & Sept 4 Pop-Up Play
Yard games, craft projects and activities. Every Thursday at a new park during the summer. Pop-Up Splash Pad 3-5 p.m. Play until 6 p.m.
8/21 Washington Park
9/4 Portman Park

Sept 12-13 North Shore Inline Marathon

Sept 19-21 Hawk Ridge Weekend Festival FMI and to register hawkridge.org

Sept 27 LESTER RIVER RENDEZVOUS
10 a.m.–5 p.m. Lester Park. Voyageurs, Craft vendors, Food. Education days held prior to the fest. Lesterriverrendezvous.com

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Nice to See Them While They are Here

Robust assorted peonies decorate lawns in Lakeside. Shades of pink and white, or even yellow one are spotted in the neighborhood. Blooming time varies for yards due to distance from the cooler Lake Superior air or sunshine amounts.

A wren perches on a brush pile ready to feed her babies in the nest box. Multiple robins eat the berries from the trees next to Yarn Harbor and Essentia Clinic parking lot.

Parking Distances

On street parking—
should be 7' from alleys and driveways
10' from fire hydrants
20' from crosswalks
30' from stop signs
City of Duluth

Rules listed on the parking pass that residents near Duluth East must purchase and use during the school year (residents may purchase limited guest passes from the City of Duluth)

It's been a whopper year for maple seeds. The little helicopters were plentiful—in some places seeds stacked up inches deep. Ash trees also produce samaras.

Aug CHALLENGE **Play a game with a neighbor. Croquet? Cards?**

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^ ^ Lakeside BIZ/COM BITS ^ ^

Check Out the Art
—*Brad: The Determined Sheep and His Lake Superior Adventure* children's book has been published and tells the story of the sheep that escaped from Two Harbors and tried to find his way back to his original home in Carlton. Some of his nights on his 'trip' were spent in Lakeside. The illustrator is James Mattson of Lakeside. The author is Maria Vollom, a reporter at FOX 21 local news. —Lakeside artist Aaron Kloss's Aurora Borealis art is up at the Great Lake Aquarium gallery through August. —Annmarie Geniusz glass artwork was spotted at the Science Museum of MN in St. Paul.

Northland Country Club Zoning Notice
From 6/10 Planning Commission meeting minutes. Requested to rezone 13.4 acres of Northland Country Club land to create two family dwellings (22 units), 4 single family homes, and 2 bed and breakfast sites (4 units). About 4 acres next to 40th Ave Creek will be kept in preservation. Approved.

Local Grown Clovervalleyfarmtrail.com has map to farms north of Duluth. Open Sunday afternoons.

Tai Chi practice at SNAP Fitness on Thursdays
Participants practice balance and slow meditative movements including Parting the Wild Horses Mane, Golden Rooster Stands on One Leg, Wave Hands Like Clouds, White Ape Offers Fruit, 8 Form and more.

Fresh New Puzzle Library
The puzzle library has been rebuilt on the street in front of Lakeland Shores Apartments on 45th Ave. E. Puzzle with 300 to 1000 pieces. It's a good place to donate puzzles or swap.

A New Restaurant Opens in Lakeside **Ritual Salad & Apothecary,** 4501 E. Superior St., has salads, bowls, & magic. Open 11 a.m. –7 p.m. Fall hours may change. Indoor and outdoor seating. The restaurant relocated from Lincoln Park. Welcome.

1st Friday Morning E-Bike rides through E-Bike Duluth in Lakeside. 218-206-3659

Edibles in Lester Park
A sold out Foraging class through Duluth Folk School was held at Lester Park in July.

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10:30 a.m. Beginning September 7th
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Continued from Front Page, Learning

The former Lakeside School building continues as a place of learning for young ones. Lakeside Early Learning cares for the building - halls, rooms and playground—and children where skill- building is abundant. Lakesideearlylearningdirector@gmail.com

Kate Nelson DeShaw is a board member and parent of two children who attend the school and remarked "We (the board) have full confidence in our ability to grow our program and provide an exceptional place for children to feel loved and supported and a place for educators to feel valued. We also hope to strengthen our relationship with the local community and plan for opportunities for engagement, such as annual fundraising events and building tours."

Two other occupants in the building include an art studio and a professor who had been renting space at the Lakeside Professional Building (building will be demolished).

Words and giggles fill the day.

Music on the Ship

William Irvin Thursday nights in Aug. 7pm. Event by DECC

Summer outdoor music at Glensheen, Lincoln Park, Pier B, and in Superior.

The minister at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Church has been organizing summer Wednesday walks. The walks start at 9 a.m. at the church. Exercise and community. Age 0 to 115.

Fall Migration starts in August. See bird counts @ hawkridge.org

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Meet a Neighbor Mischa Lewis-Norelle

Mischa has a strong passion for trains—ever since he was young. As an adult he continues his love for trains and has built an outdoor miniature train track in his yard.

Mischa built a train track and runs an electric miniature train in his yard for hours during the day while he is home. He also has a Little Free Library with train magazines. View his trains running on the track he built at 4901 Peabody St.

Mischa grew up in Madison, WI and then moved out west to Portland, OR for about 10 years and returned to the Midwest about two years ago. He chose Lakeside neighborhood in Duluth to settle in. He works from home as a software engineer. Much of his spare time involves two main things— trains or mushrooms. He has a small steam train (run on distilled water and butane) and a trolley car. The trolley lights up and even runs in the snow. He has used the train to deliver candy treats to trick or treaters.

What do you love about Lakeside?

"It's lovely to walk in the neighborhood and see interesting yards and where there is not too much traffic."

He volunteers as a North Shore Scenic Railroad brakeman. He also is a part of the North American Railcar Operators Association (NARCOA) that hosts multi-day excursions with people gathering using their speeder or railcar. He owns one (see photo to the right) and is ready to travel on full size tracks again soon in it with people who also share a love a trains and enjoy this special way of travel.

He owns a speeder/ railcar and drives it on rails on multi-day outings through the North American Railcar Operators Association (NARCOA).

Mischa plans to sell mushrooms commercially as his production increases.

In his yard he grows shitake mushrooms on logs and winecap mushrooms in another area. He plans to expand growing mushrooms and sell to Lake Superior Brewery and other restaurants and places. Like other gardens he needs to add fencing because the deer love to eat the mushrooms! The mushrooms will grow up and then disappear quickly eaten by deer. He has also built a catio—an outdoor safe place for his cats.

Is he a cool neighbor, or what?

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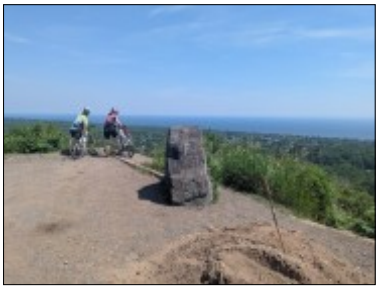

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