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Lakeside—Lester Park
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Spaces to Enjoy the Day - Duluth Parks

Borealis Blades, a local fencing organization, has a goal to get more people doing more historical European martial arts (HEMA). The participants use flexible, blunt training swords shaped like people would have used 100 to 500 years ago. It's an exercise for the mind and body. Some members compete with other clubs. FMI borealisblades.org

On one of the sweltering 95+°F days in July Brighton Beach was the place to be. All ages of people were in the water and some played on the large rocks. The breeze off the lake and a splash of water gave some relief from the heat that persisted even into the later evening. People used the benches or brought their own lawn chairs to spend time near wonderful Lake Superior. Did anyone see the innertube that blew away from the shore?

NNO ... 1st Tues in Aug

Aug 4

National Night Out

Lakeside locations

Meet your neighbors. Stop by 1 or more. Often a fire truck and/or police officers visit the block parties so you can meet them.

4320 Luverne St, 5:30-9pm Brats provided. Potluck.

4501 Glenwood St, 5-8pm Bouncy house, free food, live music, prize drawings, cake walk.

4532 Tioga St 5-9pm DJ music. Bring a dish to share.

5422 Juniata St, 5:30-8:30pm Line and swing dance lessons. Live music. Potluck.

5200 block Otsego St. 5pm-8pm
Live music from 6 –7pm. Potluck. Mains provided. Lakeside Trivia. **FOOD DRIVE** for *Feeding Hearts for the Holidays*. Collecting calorie dense foods, soft granola bars, canned fish/ meat.

57th Ave E betw. Otsego & Oneida St., 5:30-8:30 pm. Hot dogs, freezies, lemonade provided. Potluck.

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR.

Shapes in Summer

It was an airshow year. Different planes flew in arrangements together, upside down, and drawing shapes in the sky. A heart outline was created as planes flew straight up and then dipped over and around.

Raindrops on irises. The plants weren't blooming yet but the drops formed in different sizes on the long leaves. Welcomed rain after a dry spell. Photos by the LAL editor.

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Next Deadline *Sept 12

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McCulloch Street Musings
from the Editor

WE HAD A COOL START to summer. Lake Superior usually keeps it cool. Hardy plants still bloom in the neighborhood. Then came the heat. Wow—good for jumping in the lake but not so good for people in houses and apartments with no a/c like our house. We slept in our unfinished basement for some relief for 3 nights.

Paddling in a kayak to the end of Park Point. Gulls and cormorants hung out on the entry wall.

It was fun to play the dulcimer at Grandma's Marathon on London Road and both days at Downtown Duluth Days. My husband and I have hiked more sections of the Superior Hiking Trail and went on *Schooner Charley* on Lake Superior. We went to the Glensheen Concerts on the Pier on a beautiful evening in early July. Their 2nd concert was cancelled, as well as many other events, due to the wild fire smoke and resulting bad air—worst in the world for awhile. During the time my jasmine plant bloomed adding a bit of a nice thing to the tougher time. Multiple fires in the Boundary Waters produced smoke reducing air quality from the Mid-West to the East Coast. BWCAW campers were evacuated. Summers with hot days and nights and smoke seem to be more frequent. Keep a mask on hand and adjust activities.

The 26th Ave. E. roundabout construction is moving along. Next comes the intersection at 40th Ave. E. and London Road. The space looks very open now. We will still have increased southbound traffic on east Superior St for awhile! Hang tight!
Do what you love,
Your neighbor, *Wendy*

B O A T S
on Lake Superior over time.

~ Schooner ~ Whaleback ~ Wooden steamer ~ Tug ~ Passenger steamer ~ Propeller ~ Sidewheeler ~ Steel Freighter ~ Gunilda

..Schooner Charley..

The original *Charley* was a 61' square stern wooden schooner that transported goods up and down the North Shore during the late 1800s. Built in 1863 in Michigan it was bought by a family in Beaver Bay and was the first vessel enrolled in Duluth as Port of Entry after the ship canal opened in 1871. The North Shore mailman John Beargrease is said to have been a deckhand onboard.

TODAY Sail on the modern *Schooner Charley* with Liv and Matt. The boat outings depart from Loon's Landing in Superior. Schoonercharley.com

Arts, music, history, nature in the Northland.

Day Trips

Wendyupnorth.com
Up North Excursions
Coach bus.

Aug 27	**MN State Fair**	Register by Aug 10
Sept 27	**MN Renaissance Fest**	Register by Aug 30
Dec 13	***Miracle on Christmas Lake***	Plymouth Playhouse

Music Together IN THE VALLEY

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Great concert! Linda Turpening on piano (age 91) accompanied Elias Mokole baritone voice who sang Stephen Foster songs from 200 years ago. A glimpse into early America. The duo has presented the program in Farmington, MN and will head to Las Vegas in early August to perform the songs.

DONATIONS WELCOME

Have an extra bike or two? Donate to ***People Powered Bike Project.*** Bikes will be repaired and distributed. Inquire if you are in need of a bike. erin@zeitgeistarts.com

Resources / Online

mnbeaches.org Health status of local beaches.

Iqair.com Live air pollution map

Nifc.gov/fire-information/maps

A Handful of Events

>> **Aug 11 Primary Election** 7AM –8PM. Pollfinder.sos.mn.gov Check for what's on the ballot, polling place, & more.

>>**Aug 13 Operation K-9** Wessman Arena, Superior. 4:30PM-8PM. Family-friendly activities and K9 demos.

>>**Aug 14 Adventure Book Club** *Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte McConaghy. 10AM-Noon.Brighton Beach.

>>**Aug 14-16 Bayfront Blues Fest.**

>>**Aug 16 Grit & Gratitude** Bike ride to raise funds for pediatric cancer. Register gritandgratitude.live

>>**Aug 23 Dragonflies of the North Woods** 6PM. Hartley Nature Center.

>>**Aug 23 (Sun) Resched. Date. Concerts on the Pier** Due to the dangerous air quality in mid-July a concert was rescheduled at Glensheen.

>>**Aug 26 Battle of the Badges** Wade Stadium. Doors open at 5PM. Charity softball game between the Duluth Police Dept and Duluth Fire Dept.

>>**Aug 27 Scoops with Jams** 6:30PM. St. Andrew's by the Lake Church, 2802 Minnesota Ave. Ice cream. CHUM free will fundraiser.

>>**Sept 12 Lake Superior Harvest Festival** Bayfront Park. 10AM-4PM Fresh produce. Live music. Food.

>>**Sept 18-20 Hawk Weekend Festival** Bird field trips, guest speakers. Activities for all ages. Register online at hawkridge.org

>>**Sept 24 Objects of War: A Storytelling Circle** 6-8:30PM. Veterans, service members, families, and refugees share stories behind the personal items connected to war and conflict. Lakeside Lester Park Community Center,

Full Moon 8/28 9/26

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Perseid meteor shower peak Aug 12/13

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REMINDER: Speed Limit on the Duluth Lakewalk is 10 mph.

A FEW FARMERS MARKETS—*Fresh Produce*

—Duluth Farmers Market, 1320 E. 3rd St. / WED 2-5PM, SAT 8AM- noon

—Civic Center Market, 100 N 5th Ave., THURS 11AM –1PM

—Twin Ports Roots Market, Harrison Park, THURS 3-6PM

—Downtown Superior/1200 Block of Banks Ave./WED 10:45AM-2PM

—Barkers Island/ SATURDAYS 8AM- noon

—Clover Valley Farm Trail — ~12 farms. SUN Noon-5PM. Some are open on Saturdays. Clovervalleyfarmtrail.com

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Cool Cars on a Hot Evening

Shiny red, robin egg blue, bright yellow or green could be seen with the 20+ classic cars in the parking lot at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd on a sunny evening June 25. People enjoyed sharing specifics and stories about their collector cars. Some people are devoted to keeping the older cars running well and looking sharp. Visitors were able to view cars' exterior, interior, and under the hood. Ahh! Some car encounters brought up memories for the visitors.

Modern cars have more safety features, fancy electronics, but some old cars had more class.

What did you do this summer?

Find an agate

Go for a dip

Plant and care for a garden

Watch butterflies

Go for bike rides/ walks

Picnic

Read a good book

Smile

A long dash skipper stops for a meal.

Enjoy the rest of summer!

Thank you to LAL advertisers and subscribers for supporting the newsletter. Part of this issue's income went to getting a new computer hard drive. Fortunately, files were all saved/restored.

Treaty Borders View an **Interactive Map** at **pbsnorth.org** and look under Education, then MN First Nations. Do you know the border of 1854 Treaty? View other Minnesota treaties earlier and later than 1864. The map shows the borders and dates. There are links to past Native Report shows that highlight information on native people in MN.

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^ ^ Lakeside BIZ/COM BITS ^ ^

****Siiviis Gallery,** 512 N. 45th Ave. E. brings Northland art to Lakeside. The space also now has digital printing. Shane Pehrson manages the printing. The gallery shop is open Thursday through Monday. Amanda Clark also owns Siiviis in Canal Park since 2022.

***** Hawk Ridge** does live on-site and virtual programs. Learn about counting for conservation. An average of 90,000 raptors and hundreds of thousands of other migratory birds are counted annually during the spring and fall migration in Duluth. Songbird banding was held during the summer to learn about life on the wing.

***** Smoke!** On July 15-17 **MN Pollution Control Agency** reading of hourly fine particle concentrations from wildfire smoke measured by monitors in MN were over 900—the highest measured in the history of MN.

***** Red, white, and blue engine #250** of the North Shore Scenic Railroad debuted on the tracks.

******* An early summer annual **litter pickup is** regularly done on Glenwood St incline area by the LAL editor. 'New' garbage was picked up—vaping equipment. The evolution of trash?

***** London Road roadwork**—driveway removals are underway, renovation of storm sewer structures. Traffic impacts expected through the fall. 26th Ave. E. roundabout is moving right along. For specific questions contact London.Road.DOT@state.mn.us Weekly updates are given.

***** Growing garlic.** A small plot next to Matilda's Dog Bakery yields several kinds of garlic. Scapes are also harvested. Only a small area is needed to grow garlic.

***** Golfers** at Northland Country Club golf even during the high levels of smoke and hazardous air. The air looks eerie and sky darkened even hours before sunset. It looked like fog but our burning eyes and throats confirmed it wasn't.

***** Keeping pets safe.** Provide plenty of clean fresh water for pets (and wildlife.) Stay indoors with pets during excess heat or bad air. How far did you pets stretch out to try to cool themselves? Before we know it it will be keep your pets (and ourselves)

Migration Time Ahead

From mid-Aug through November View **Raptors in Flight ID guide** at **hawkridge.org** Go to: Plan Your Visit. Fall. Can you tell these apart? What should you look for?

Accipiters
Buteos
Falcons
Eagles
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Young children are especially vulnerable because even small amounts of lead can affect brain development, learning, behavior, and growth. The good news is that lead poisoning is entirely preventable.

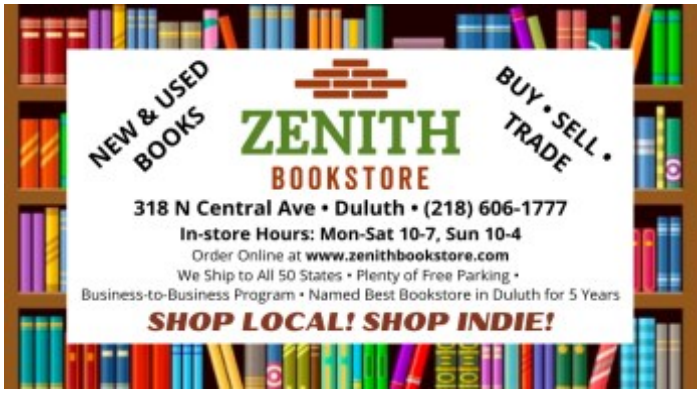
Here are a few simple ways to reduce exposure:
-Wash children's hands and toys regularly.
-Wet-wipe windowsills and damp-mop floors to reduce lead dust.
-Avoid dry scraping or sanding old paint during home projects.
-Remove shoes at the door to avoid tracking contaminated soil indoors.
-If your home was built before 1978, use lead-safe practices during renovations.
-Parents of young children should also talk with their healthcare provider about lead testing. In Minnesota, all children enrolled in Medical Assistance are required to be tested at ages 1 and 2, and other children may need testing based on where they live or other risk factors.

Lead-lessons.com ◇ has more information to learn about protection from lead.

If you're planning a home improvement project or have questions about lead hazards, St. Louis County Public Health offers information and resources to help families stay safe. Learn more by visiting www.lead-lessons.com or calling St. Louis County Public Health.

A few simple steps today can help protect a child's health for a lifetime.

By Jenna Davis, RN, PHN, IBCLC, St. Louis County Public Health



Fall begins
Sept 22
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* Dancing * Learning * Chillin' in Lakeside

Ballet and lyrical jazz classes were held at Portman Center for youth from ages 3 to 9 years old (two classes held to split the age groups). Youth dancers learned sautes, leaps, chaines, chasses, and more. The class had interactive songs and movement, across-the-floor progressions, and improvisation exercises. Each session concluded with a themed final performance where friends and family were invited to see what the dancers learned.

The classes were listed in the Duluth Parks and Rec catalogue and taught by ***218 Dance Project.***

StitchCraft Quilt Factory holds sewing project classes. These zippered pouches were made in a July class. The Bitsy boxes can work to hold $, toys, snacks, or many other things. Participants selected the inside and outside fabrics and zipper colors.

Hammock racks are part of the new version of Brighton Beach. BYOH. Have a hammock? Spend time by the lake in ease. Plenty of benches to sit on to catch a lake breeze.

FROM THE PAST : In the late 1950s. A teenage center was set up where the movie theater had been in Lakeside. Myrtle Marshall was the driving force and the kids held a "Myrtle Marshall Sock Hop" dance there.

Thanks to the LAL reader who shared this.

BIG

The largest Lake Superior agate on record was found in 1979 in the Carlton/ Moose Lake area. It weighs 108 pounds. The super size agate is on display at the First National Bank of Moose Lake.

Moose Lake State Park has a room filled with agates on display.

Lester Park Golf Course land and future — Signatures from a petition relating to the Lester Park golf course land future were submitted to the city. The signatures are being evaluated. If enough are certified it could result in the land's future being part of the 2026 general election ballot in November.

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Fence Greetings @corner of 47th Ave E. & Glenwood St.

"H A P P Y" letters are used frequently and are part of most of the greetings. Jenni has a special system to organize letters needed for each message throughout the year. She stores all the letters and image signs on her property.

Jenni Shafer began using her corner lot fence for messages last fall starting with "Happy Halloween." As more seasons and holidays came and went she changed to a new message. Her father cuts the letters and she prepares and cuts seasonal images, mostly made from selected pages of coloring books. She projects the image, traces it, then cuts the shape, and hand paints the image. Whether a gnome gardening or a turkey peaking around the fence she has cut and painted the images for neighbors and cars driving by to see. Large letters and colorful characters add fun to the corner. Take a look as you pass by.

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