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Lakeside—Lester Park
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Fresher Air This Fall

There were days in Duluth this summer when the sun appeared as a strange color and the particulate level from smoke in the air ranked as dangerous to breathe as the wildfire smoke made its way into Duluth from Canada. A color scale is used as a measurement of Air Quality. Orange ratings of the Air Quality Index were announced when air was unhealthy for sensitive groups and Red AQI index was considered unhealthy where everyone may begin to experience some adverse effects. The Purple level—very unhealthy—occurred in some parts of the Northland—as a definite health alert with health effects increased for everyone. News stations kept us informed and people could also look up the air quality through the Minnesota Pollution Agency and the EPA AirNow app and website. Some active outdoor events were canceled. With warming climate more wildfires are expected each year during the dry season.

In 2025 in Duluth
FIVE Days were Orange AQI
(unhealthy for sensitive groups).
EIGHT days were Red
(unhealthy for all) due to wildfires affecting air quality.

On 11/20 at 6 pm, UMD Campus Medical School room 142 there will be talk about wild fire smoke exposure effects. To register call 218 726-8551.

A large Weeping Willow Tree stands tall over 43rd Ave E. Trees help improve air quality.

Wednesday Mornings at Portman

Men's Coffee & Chat

There is a weekly hangout place for men to chat together. The group has been called ROMEO (retired old men eating out.) Some live in Lakeside and others come from other areas of town. It's held at Portman Community Center at 9 a.m. every Wednesday (except holidays). Attendance ranges from about 5 to 20 people. Several regular attendees are in their 90s. The men chat about their younger years and some say they know everything (;-). The gathering began about 25 years ago. At this meeting in late summer a guest visited from Norway commenting that he enjoys the area and the weather as it reminds him of home. Coming together—eating a doughnut or two and seeing the same people or meeting new people has been what the group is about. Afterall, there are always plenty of topics to talk about—like Lake Superior, astronomy, and ships.

Give what/when you can

Local organizations are part of the GiveMN—a way to support Minnesota causes you care most about. November 20 is the 17th year of Give to the Max. More than $355 million has been given to over 14,000 nonprofits and schools. You can use that platform anytime to give. Or give directly to your favorite organizations. Winter wear and food are also needed in the community this time of year. Thanks for sharing.

Recycling = Donations

An aluminum can recycling cart is located in the parking lot of Good Hope Church, 1814 51st Ave. E. Save your cans and drop the cans off there—it supports **Animal Allies.**

Why is orange a Halloween color? Because it is associated with fall.

History Walking Tour at Forest Hill Cemetery
A tour is being planned. A date will be announced on the Look at Lakeside Facebook page, Perfect Duluth Day and other places.

Was the Edmund Fitzgerald longer than a football field? See page 4.

Full Moon
10/6 11/5

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***Nov 12**

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day trips, local art & gift fairs
live dulcimer music
local history and travel presentations, and more.

McCulloch Street Musings
from the Editor

WE ARE 3/4 through with 2025. Each month offers if it's own weather to enjoy and — handle.

The last summer months were spent with some time up in Canada at the folk festival in Red Rock and an amethyst area. There Is an abundance of amethyst in that area and cool to see large boulders of it.

Went to see the Jolly Green Giant.

We went a couple times down to the beach at 42nd Ave. E. and it was crowded on the hot days. One day there were at least 70 people there.

I like to learn more about the state of Minnesota and went down to a MN Historic Society site called Jeffers Petroglyphs which has about 5,000 markings from people up to 9,000 years ago. We stayed in a tipi at Blue Mounds State Park and one in Hinckley called Gabeshiwin. Both were great. My day trip to the Mn State Capitol tour didn't have enough people so was cancelled. My husband and I took the tour ourselves. The capitol tour covered main decision making rooms, the marble dome, historic paintings, and going out after climbing 62 stairs to stand next to the quadriga (full size 4 horse chariot). The 1905 building serves as the 3rd capitol for our state (the previous 2 burned). There is a symbolism in most everything there. A gathering was out on the lawn with the governor celebrating 11 news flags that will be up permanently - representing 4 Dakota/Sioux and 7 Ojibwe bands in the state. Only one other state—Montana—has tribal flags up at their state capitol. We also did a trip to the Big Top—great shows!

Did you see the Lakeside Professional Building become a pile of brick and debris? Did you see the voyageurs at the Rendezvous at Lester Park? Have you eaten local apples and harvest? Do what you love.

Your neighbor, *Wendy*

Day Trips

Pop-up local outings will be added

***10/5**

Bayfield Apple Fest
63rd year. One of the top fall celebrations. Vendors, food

***11/30**

It' a Wonderful Life
Phipps Center for Arts, Hudson, WI Meal included.

12/21 The Wiz
Orpheum Theatre, Minneapolis
Meal included.
Reserve theater trip by Oct 15.

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Duluth Fiber Guild
Annual Fiber Fair & Sale

Saturday, November 15 10am-3pm

First United Methodist Church (The Coppertop)
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These stockings made by Teresa Clayton

Visit: https://duluthfiberguild.org/fiber-fair-sale/

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Lakeside Presbyterian Church
4430 McCulloch Street, Duluth, MN 55804
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10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Pasties go on SALE, Oct 6th (fresh)
Stroganoff Lunch - Oct 12th
Harvest Sale (local artists) - Nov 1st 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Sunday Worship or Stream on Youtube from our web page.
www.lakesidepreschurch.org

A Handful of Events

Clock change Nov 2

Thru 10/31 >Pumpkin Palooza-Duluth's Largest Artistic Pumpkin Patch 45th Ave. E/Superior St. Duluth Studio Market.

10/4 > Slovenian Fest

Depot. Music. Food.

10/4 >Apple Cider Fest
Spirit of the Lake Community Arts 10:30AM-1PM

10/4 & 10/18 Public Owl Programs 8 PM Must pre-register. Hawk Ridge. org

10/19 >Potato Bar Fundraiser
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. 10:30 - noon Proceeds to Laundry Love

11/4 > Fallfest Craft & Bake Sale
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. 9AM-3PM. Proceeds to Laundry Love.

11/4 >General Election
Polls open 7AM-8PM. **11/5 > Orchestra Café Concert** 7PM Duluth East

11/11 >Veteran Band Concert 7PM Duluth East.

11/21 >City of the North Parade
6:30-8PM

Bentleyville Time is Coming.
Deck the Waterfront.

The Halloween Capitol of the World is Anoka, Mn. The town has held a Halloween parade and community celebration. since 1920.

Duluth area has **Halloween events** : Boo at the Zoo, Scarium at the Aquarium, Haunted Ship, and more. More things to check out: 10/10-10/12 *The Legend of Sleeping Hollow* at Duluth Playhouse Youth Theatre at NorShor 11/8 All Souls Night at Clyde Iron Works.

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TNC Plants Trees in Lester Park

In spring 2024, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) planted 100 trees on City of Duluth land just north of Lester playground between the Lester and Amity Rivers. Each tree had a metal fence installed around it to protect it from hungry deer. They planted a mix of white pine, yellow birch and white cedar. TNC has planted more than 13.2 million seedings on public land in northern Minnesota since 2005, including 2.5 million trees in the spring of 2025. To learn more about the work TNC is doing to keep Minnesota's forests healthy, visit nature.org/

100 Trees Planted!

Compare

(from display on the William A. Irvin ship museum)

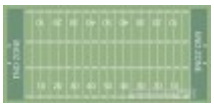
William A. Irvin 610'

Edmund Fitzgerald 729'

Paul R. Tregurtha 1013'

RMS Titanic 882'

Football Field 360'



Step into a bygone era where family, faith, and community turned hardship into unforgettable stories of strength.

If *Little House on the Prairie* or *The Waltons* spoke to you, you'll love the narrative nonfiction in ***Blooming Hollyhocks; Tales of Joy During Hard Times***.

Author Naomi Yaeger is the former editor of the *Hillsider, Duluth Budgeteer,* and nowadays she writes for *Duluthian*, *Positively Superior*, and *Northern Wilds*.

Join us for the launch: Tues., Oct. 28 · 6:30 p.m. · Wussow's, 324 N. Central Ave, DuluthDetails: naomiwriteswords.com cohosted by Zenith Bookstore

^ ^ *Lakeside* BIZ/COM BITS ^ ^

******** Zach McAlear started **Solhund Bread Co.,** a micro-bakery in Lakeside specializing in sourdough and whole-grain focused breads. Whole-grain focus using stone -milled flours. Pick-up location is SOLCA and a couple other locations. Email solhundbreadco@gmail.com to learn about orders. Favorites are polenta-rye bread and oatmeal-porridge sandwich bread. His mother also makes baked goods—cookies, cakes, and scones.

*****Seeing Blue**—A record # of blue jays were tallied flying through Duluth. Over 15,000 were counted on Sept 9 by Hawk Ridge counters.

***** School buses** are now equipped with camera. Be sure to watch for children. Do not pass a school bus when it's Stop-Arm is out.

NEW : Minnesota has a state fossil

It's the Giant Beaver (*Castoroides ohioennsis*). The Giant Beaver was a massive, bear-sized rodent that lived in the region during the Pleistocene Epoch. Remains have been found in the Twin Cities area and southern Minnesota.

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Pickin' in Lakeside

1. Apples

As part of the City of Duluth edible landscaping Washington Park has multiple kinds of apple trees that the public can pick, including Honey Crisp. The trees are larger now and have more apples per tree. Good for eating, applesauce and baking. Apples can get picked over quickly though—start early next year.

2. Pumpkins

Pumpkins are growing at Spirit of the Lake (SOLCA) at 54th Ave E. and Superior St. Pretty cool to carve a pumpkin you grew….

3. 3. Rocks — not just at the beach

You can pick through rocks in the alleys (watch for cars!) Agate hunters were sifting through rocks in our alley and finding interesting rocks. Look closer and see what you find.

Learn more about Lake Superior agates.

High 5!

Gravestones Cleaners

Kathleen Cargill in Lakeside organized Rice Lake Boy Scouts and CSS students to clean (remove dirt, lichen, debris) over 100 gravestones at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Local honey!

Visit www.nectarpig.com for local honey and skin care products.

Nectar Pig

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

1325 N. 45th Ave. East. 218-525-1922
Sunday Worship 9:30a.m. in person and online

Oct 11, 9-3—Fallfest Craft & Bake Sale
Oct 19, 10:30-noon, Potato Bar Fundraiser
(All proceeds to Laundry Love Program)

ELCA

www.lcgsduluth.org
All are Welcome!

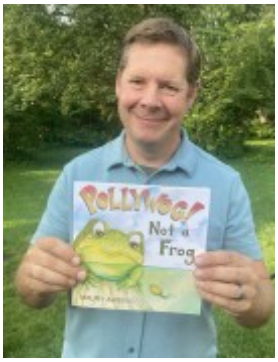
Meet a Neighbor Maury Aaseng

Maury grew up in Eau Claire, WI and spent his childhood playing outside and on bikes with neighborhood kids. He went to UMD and then moved to San Diego for 5 years. After spending time in So. California, he realized that Duluth was a place he wanted to settle down in longer term. He has lived in Lakeside for 13 years and works from home as a freelance illustrator, which as been his full time job for 20 years. He has illustrated medical textbooks, botanical signage for wildflower sanctuaries, logos, patient care guidelines, a series of How to Draw and paint wildlife books, custom watercolor artwork, and many more scientific and technology illustration. He lives with his wife Charlene and daughter Ainsley (10) and Carver (7).

Maury has volunteered in the community in various ways in the community including hawk banding at Hawk's Ridge, volunteering with LSS, serving meals at CHUM, shoreline restoration projects at Boulder Lake, face painting at the Lester Park Elementary Carnival, and helping teach Sunday School at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. But the most meaningful volunteering he says he has ever been a part of was hosting drawing and pizza nights with the young residents of Renaissance House, who were often disadvantaged and had been experiencing homelessness. Watching them open up and shine while sharing the simple act of making art together while chomping some pizza was magical and truly humbling. Recently Char's and his life has been filled with running their kids around and helping with their various activities.

What do you love about Lakeside?

"I love the walkability this neighborhood has—to the world's great lake, to the doctor, to my gym, post office and more. I also love the natural beauty that is here—deer, merlin falcons, butterflies. I love best the warm people I keep meeting here who truly make Lakeside feel like home to me and my family. "



Maury works as an illustrator and now has written and illustrated a children's book.

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One Less Building

in Lakeside

The roof, the stairs, the floor, the rooms, the chimneys are gone. The removal came to a stop for awhile. Bricks were scattered behind the fence, broken windows had views of the debris, and the bluestone foundation remained.

A person in Indiana broke the Guiness Book of World Record for the tallest sunflower this year. It grew to be over 35 feet.

October CHALLENGE
Look for at least 10 species of birds on your block.

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