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Lakeside—Lester Park
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Community Service by Students

Duluth East Key Club is a student led organization that prioritizes helping and volunteering in our community. The club has around 150 members and so far members have volunteered for over 20 local events this 2024-2025 school year, with many more to come. Upon completion of their volunteer hours requirement, usually around 50 hours of service, members receive a letter. Key Club is part of Kiwanis International, which is also a volunteering organization that puts the community first. One recent successfully project was making holiday cards for the residents at Ecumen. The majority of events are hosted from non-profit organizations that are in need of volunteers. Key Club members sign up and then help where they are needed. The club members work closely with the Duluth Public Library, Bentleyville, and Duluth elementary schools.

Students serve in the community throughout the year. The key Club is part of Kiwanis International and is the biggest club at East.

Students partnered with Friends of the Lakewalk and have helped maintain and take care of the Lakewalk.

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Knitting Together

A Ladies Knit group meets on Thursdays at Yarn Harbor. Some attendees have been meeting since the original Yarn Harbor opened in Mount Royal twenty years ago. The ladies often wear things they have made. Everyone works on their own projects, such as shawls and sweaters. Knitting or crocheting projects are welcome. The scarves pictured were a project a few years ago and have each row's color representing the low temperature per day for a year.

A Review of Activities from Our City Councilor

Hello Lakeside - it has been a great honor to be your District 1 City Councilor this past year! I love being connected to my community through conversations and stories. I've attended a few neighborhood backyard meetings to learn about immediate concerns on your blocks. I've also enjoyed coffee at Amity with many of you to learn more about Duluth's needs and wants.

Of recent activities, I attended a great meeting about the childcare crisis at Hartley Nature Center organized by Executive Director Amy Demmer and County Commissioner Patrick Boyle. It was attended by Daniel Fanning of the Chamber of Commerce, Rep. Liish Kozlowski, Rep. Natalie Zeleznikar, and Senators Jen McEwen and Grant Hauschild. We listened to childcare providers speak about the barriers and hardships they face as well as Dr. Julia Ernst on the benefits of nature-based childcare programs. I look forward to partnering

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Susurration

Literary word for the sound sea waves make when they lash the shores

Cavities are Good!

Cavities in trees created by woodpeckers may also be used for other birds, such as chickadees, nuthatches, squirrels, deer mice, raccoons & tree frogs.

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***March 12**

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McCulloch Street Musings

from the Editor

THE NEW YEAR is rolling along. Days are getting longer. Isn't the snow beautiful when it's white and fresh? And with a blue sky? The area has had its share of no snow or even water in a liquid state. When it's cold enough you can see all the activity in the daylight and in the evening at Portman ice rinks. Trails and the temporarily closed portion of Seven Bridges Road have bikers, hikers and dog walkers.

Did you stop in at Bentleyville ? It's nice to see lights, listen to music and say hello to the special characters on site. I took videos of the closing fireworks. Now the lights are packed away until next year.

This time of year is good for reading and storytelling. My pile of books is pretty high but there are more books out there to read. Learning about local topics, history, and a bit of travel topics to learn via the web and library books. We did a mini getaway to Ely and got to ski on their trails with the trailhead lined with flags from many countries.

My car alternator conked out causing my battery to not work. It's fixed now. I did more walking to places during that time because we only have the one car now.

How are your new year's resolutions going? Usually the gyms are extra busy now. Indoor or outdoor workouts - unlimited possibilities to fit into your day. Apps can be helpful to track your steps/miles and calories burned. Cold weather is good for warm foods. What is a favorite cold time of year food you enjoy? Share a spring recipe? Healthy options are plentiful. I've taken local plant-based cooking classes and am trying out ordering Misfits. It's always fun to experiment. This newsletter also is fun to learn about and share community activities. We blew bubbles in the minus 15 temps. They form and crack. Beautiful frost patterns are on our windows.

Do what you love.
Your neighbor, *Wendy*

SHARE IT

Submit a photo of your art made in Lakeside. Email wendyupnorth@gmail.com

Below is a print Floral Heart made by Jon Hinkel.

FLOWER TRIVIA

The **rose** is the state flower of New York, North Dakota, Iowa, and Oklahoma. It's also the national flower of the U.S. —a title given by President Ronald Reagan in 1986 to symbolize love, beauty, and devotion.

CHALLENGE
Try to say or think the word LOVE 5 times a day each day in Feb.

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Treasures of the Earth
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Game Time Together

Portman Community Center

Mondays—Bridge (competitive) Noon to 3 p.m. Portman Community Center. A group of about 16 ladies regularly meet to play this card game.

Wednesdays—Noon-3 p.m. Puzzles and games.

Twin Ports Chess Club

Wussow's Concert Café 6-9 p.m. Mondays

Learn to Play Chess

March 20 5-7pm West Duluth Branch Library/Evergreen

.

Loch Café has game nights

Duluth Community Ed Ordean East

Let's Play Bunco—Feb 4

Duluth Folk School—Game Night. 5-8p.m. Wed. Cribbage & more.

Evergreen Center—Duluth Parks & Rec. Hand and Foot, Mahjong

(which used to meet at Portman but moved to Evergreen during the road construction time of the Glenwood roundabout—it has stayed meeting at Evergreen)

A Handful of Events

Feb 1 Cold Front Bayfront Park. Noon - 6PM coldfrontduluth.com

Feb 19 Antique Appraisal Free. Noon-3PM. Depot. SLCHS.

March 1 Rally Fun Match Fundraiser supporting Emily & Liam of Transfurmation Training and Grooming. They lost their home, vehicle, & pets to a house fire. Raffle, rally, obedience fun match, lunch, snacks. 8AM-5PM 5153 N. Tischer Rd

March 4 Q&A Menopause– the science behind the transition CSS 7 PM. Room TBD.

March 9—Spring Forward Daylight Saving Times Begins.

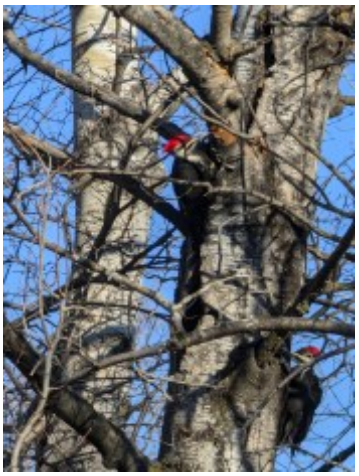
March 10 Babaa-Ayaang Chigami-Ziibiing Going about the St. Louis River Ojibwe Place Names. 6PM Morgan Park Community Center.

March 14 Bingo Lakeside Lester Park Community Club. Doors open at 6PM. Games 6:30-8PM. Suggested card donation $2 ea, 3/$5.

March 27 Kindergarten Meet & Greet Lester Park Elementary. Fun event for families that will be, or may be, enrolling their child in the 2025-2026 Kindergarten program. Sign-up for a 30 min time. lesterpark@isd709.org

April 3 Feeding Our Community Fundraiser Greysolon Plaza Ballroom 4:30-7PM Benefits Damiano Center Kids' Kitchen. Live music, food, drinks, silent auction, raffles, speakers. $25 in advance, $30 at the door.

Wonder Wednesday Discounted rate at Great Lakes Aquarium. Only $6 entry. Wed thr Feb 26. Have you seen Fitz the octopus? Sea dragons?



Splash Open Swim, Ordean East

Wed 6:45-8:15PM, Sat 11:15AM-1:15PM
$5 or buy a pass. Closed on school holidays.
Learn to swim program avail thru Lake Superior Swim Club.

We've Got Birds

Not all birds have migrated away. Are you spotting the Great Grey owls, hearing woodpeckers, seeing bird tracks in the snow? Email over your favorite bird pics you've taken. Here are a couple pileated woodpeckers pecking away off 40th Ave. E on a chilly, sunny January day.

Lakeside Presbyterian Church
4430 McCulloch Street, Duluth, MN 55804
218-525-1967
Worship - Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Ash Wednesday Pancake Dinner 5:00 p.m.
& Worship 6:30 p.m. - March 5th
Pasty Bake - Feb. 24th-25th
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Key Zone @ Lester Park Elementary

K.E.Y. Zone—short for Knowledge, Enrichment, and Youth Development—is a collaborative program between the Duluth Area Family YMCA and Duluth Public Schools Community Education. This program provides a safe, engaging environment for youth in kindergarten through 5th grade, offering afterschool care, break-day activities, and summer programming. While afterschool and summer programming has been a staple at Lester Park for many years, the official partnership between ISD 709 and the Duluth Area Family YMCA to provide K.E.Y. Zone began in 2012.

Lester Park's K.E.Y. Zone is one of the largest sites, serving ~190 registered youth.

During the school year, K.E.Y. Zone operates Monday through Friday from 2:15 p.m. to 6 p.m., with extended hours on select non-school and summer days, running 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. Each day, participants enjoy a variety of activities. Students are provided with a nutritious snack and have time for physical recreation, often outdoors. Students receive homework help or participate in engaging "brain time" activities designed to stimulate their minds. They also explore interests through enrichment activities and clubs while having opportunities for free choice and creative play.

In the summer, K.E.Y. Zone offers a program filled with weekly themes, daily themed activities, field trips, and visits from community partners. There are opportunities to collaborate with community groups that can bring valuable experiences to youth. Whether it's a craft project, cultural activity, or educational presentation, Key Zone welcome opportunities to enhance programming and broaden students' horizons. For more information or to discuss potential collaborations, please contact kcorbett@duluthymca.org

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Members work with the elementary school kids at Lester Elementary whenever there is an event they need volunteers. This year members helped out with their craft night where volunteers helped set up, take down, and assist with craft stations. In the spring club members usually help out on walk and bike to school day at Lester Park where members hand out stickers and help out where needed as kids arrive at school. Members also help at Congdon with similar activities!

We have been very involved in the community this fall and have many events to come throughout the rest of the year. A few of our favorite events from this past fall include:

-Condon Elementary Walk,
-Lake Walk Clean Up,
-Haunted Shack, and
-Superior Nightmare 5K
-Bentleyville
-Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Special Olympics Bowling is coming up."

- Clare Murray, senior at Duluth East and publicist for the club.

The opportunity to engage in community service and volunteer in the Duluth area allows members to connect and give back to the community. Six student officers help guide the club and Mrs. Lafontaine is the advisor. The students meet every other Wednesday before school to go over upcoming events. [Thank you to Clare]

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^ ^ *Lakeside* BIZ/COM BITS ^ ^

- **StitchCraft Quilt Factory** has opened at 4511 E. Superior St. Hannah Johnson was run by Janet for 16 years. The space has a fresh new layout thanks to **Asher Estrin-Haire** the new owner, more classes, and sewing machine repair services are offered plus inquire about more available. One class is to make tote bags as shown on the top shelf in the background. www.stitchcraftquiltfactory.com
- **Ritual Salad** is coming to Lakeside in the former driving school place at 45th Ave. E. and E. Superior St. Construction will be later this spring.
- **Sami Cultural Center** is looking for a new home due to the Lakeside Professional Building by St. Michael's Catholic is being scheduled to be taken down.
- Lakeside Children's book author **Linda Glaser** read her book at the Great Lakes Aquarium this fall and will do so in upcoming months as well. She has written multiple books with topics about immigrant tolerance, Jewish life and Earth as our home.
- **Psycnsew Creations** officially opened in April of 2013 as a new business at 6015 E Superior St. Psycnsew Creations is a private practice Psychology business. Jennifer White is the practice owner and sole provider. Offerings include individual therapy for both situational and long term mental health treatment. Specialties include trauma recovery work and addictions. She has three plus decades experience treating victims and perpetrators of abuse. Therapy modalities include hypnotherapy, NLP, Past life Regression Therapy using hypnosis, 12 Step, and traditional talk therapy.
An outdoor labyrinth is in the backyard area for spiritual meditation and journey. The business name hints that Jennifer sews. She used to sew stage clothes for a band and the lead singer gave her the psycnsew name since she also is a psychologist.
- **Community Song Circle** at Spirit of the Lake Community Arts, 5401 E. Superior St. gathers on the 3rd Thursday from 4-5:30 p.m. Oral tradition songs are taught and sung. Many have positive messages. Suggested donation $5-$10.

Mayor Jim Paine proclaimed 2025 as **Year of the Fitz** in Superior. Events will be scheduled to remember the lost crew of the Fitzgerald. Donations are being collected for a marker to be put on Barkers Island in Superior—the last port of call for the ship. Send donations to DCHS, 1101 John Ave. Superior WI 54880. Fitz Marker. Or donate via Venmo or PayPal—Friends of the Fitz.

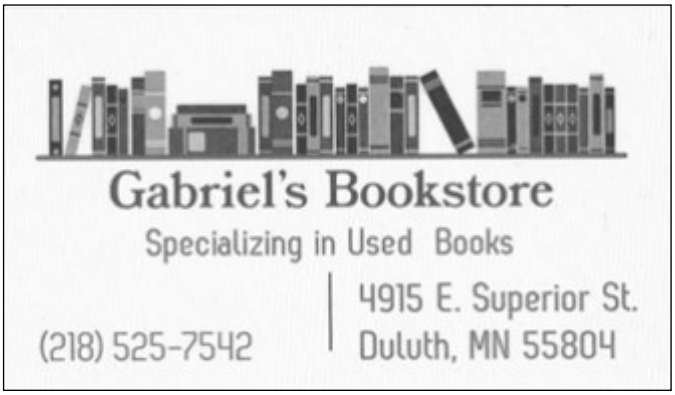
A Bit of A Drive

Celebrate Winter Feb 6-16 Ely Winter Festival. Amazing snow carvings, tours of Listening Point/Sigurd Olson place, Kicksled demos, Kuub tournament and more. Elywinterfestival.com

Feb 8 Candlelight ski, snowshoe & walk Jay Cooke State Park 6-9PM. Reduce waste—bring your own insulated mug for hot cocoa & cider. Please leave pet dogs at home.

High 5!

Duluth East High School Student Government held a Winter Festival behind Marshall Hardware. A silent auction, food sales, and fire pits were available. $ raised went to Life House. It was a blustery, chilly day but the event went well.



Day Trips+

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April 12 ***Mary Poppins*** Musical. Paramount Center for Arts, St. Cloud.

May 8 **Gangster Tour** and time on 7th St. Minneapolis Interesting history

May TBD **Two Harbors Tugboat Tour** A port near the Twin Ports. LOCAL

June 8 **Two Twin Cities Art Museums** American Museum of Art, Weisman. Picnic on the Mississippi

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Meet a Neighbor - Anna Kovanen

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Anoka, MN. For college I moved to Grand Forks, ND, and shortly after graduation, moved to Duluth.

How long have you lived in Lakeside? And why did you move here?

Anna moved to Duluth in 2011. Initially she lived in Central Hillside, and my first house was in Lincoln Park. When I was planning to have kids, I relocated to Lakeside which was back in 2018. I love the close knit community feel, and I wanted to raise my kids in a place where parks, playgrounds, shops, and beaches were easily accessible by walking or biking.

What do you do in the community (work, hobbies, volunteer)?

I am an intensive care unit nursing supervisor. Nearly my entire nursing career has been in ICU. Before kids I managed the pottery studio at Duluth Makerspace, a fantastic place I hope to return to someday. My hobbies are playing various instruments and creating music, cross-country skiing, anything artsy fartsy, and spending time outdoors with my kids all year round. I also enjoy an occasional cold water plunge in Lake Superior, especially in the winter!

Anna works in intensive care and enjoys the outdoors year-round. She's lived in Lakeside since 2018.

What do you like about living in Lakeside?

I love feeling like my kids and I are part of the community. We have the best neighbors anyone could ask for. I am looking forward to watching my kids grow up and learn to love the nature and beauty of Lake Superior, Brighton Beach, and Lester Park. I know that when they look back on their childhood as adults, they will feel lucky to have grown up in a place like this.

East Nordic Ski Team

Head Coach Bonnie Fuller-Kask

The Team currently has 120 skiers, including both boys and girls from 7th to 12th grades. Races are in Minnesota State High School League Section 7 which includes up to Grand Marais, over to Ely, Grand Rapids, Mesabi East and down to Mora, Cloquet and all the Duluth area schools.

The East Nordic Team has been very successful. Two years ago both the Girls and Boys teams won the State Championship and last year the Girls repeated as State Champions and the Boys were 2nd.

In Minnesota, having both the Boys and Girls teams of one school winning the State Nordic Ski Championship in the same year, has happened only 8 times since the MSHSL started Girls Nordic Skiing in 1976. Duluth East has four of those double Championships. two of them under former Coach Dave Johnson and two times during Bonnie's coaching. Four other schools have done it one time each.

Have you seen the new MN flag?

On its left side, the flag contains a dark blue background with a white, 8-point star. One of the points of the star points north, representing the state's motto "L'étoile du Nord."

The dark background is a stylized shape of the outline of the State of Minnesota, representing the land of Minnesota.

The remainder of the flag is a solid, bright blue, representing water. Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes, the home of the Headwaters of the Mississippi River, Lake Superior, and the start of the Great Lakes Basin.

In 2023, the Minnesota Legislature created a State Emblem Redesign Commission to reimagine the state's seal and flag. The commission received 2,128 flag design submissions from Minnesotans.

The historic flag was retired, and the new MN flag was adopted 5/11/24.

DULUTH PARKS AND RECREATION

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Duluth Parks & Recreation

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with these leaders to resolve the crisis in our community.

I also enjoyed attending the Duluth Federation of Teachers' Winter Social to learn issues that make teaching a challenge. While listening to the teachers in attendance, I learned that the number one hardship in the classroom is the overwhelming addiction to phones and the withdrawal teachers witness throughout the day. Just a gentle reminder to work to reduce screen time as much as possible at home. I know I personally need it as well.

I was also honored to attend a meeting of the Cub Scout Pack 748 in Lakewood to speak with 4th graders. It was a joy to speak with these cuties about my activities as an elected official, the importance of voting, and the importance of getting involved with your local government.

A celebration for the Stepping On Up's youth emergency shelter project that was newly constructed in Peace Church in Central Hillside was a joy to attend in mid-December. As the church's choir pianist for over a decade, I was proud to see them provide a safety net for un-housed young adults partnering with this program. A recent Maxfield report states that the need for Market Rate Developments has been met in our community as of April of last year, while the need for Affordable Developments is still at 2812 units. That dire statistic emphasizes the great need for this program. I'm happy to send statistics on request.

Please feel free to reach out! Email: wdurrwachter@duluthmn.gov to get a conversation started.

I've enjoyed getting to know the employees that run our city to partner with them in solving issues brought forward by constituents. I was proud to support these AFSCME employees as they were preparing to go on strike. I'm pleased to see that AFSCME was able to negotiate a fair deal for the people who keep our city running smoothly, such as utilities operation workers, street maintenance crews, sewer maintenance crews, snow removal crews, engineers, librarians, and many more.

There has been a couple of topics that have caused me to be an independent vote at council meetings based on my research, letters I've received from District 1 constituents, and my own conscience. Whenever I have been compelled to do so, I also made a strong effort to clearly state my reason. If you have questions or opinions about the way I've voted this past year, I'd love to hear from you and engage in discussion.

I'm also interested in finding ways for neighborhoods to come together in communal spaces. I believe that the most thriving neighborhoods are the most connected. I welcome your ideas on how to assist with this!

Wendy Durrwachter
District 1 City Councilor

Duluth City Council meetings are 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month in the council chambers, 3rd floor of City Hall. See calendar of all meetings and watch meetings Live via the City website.

To contact all City Councilors
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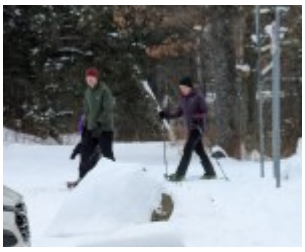
LET IT SNOW

Snow gives the opportunity to get out and enjoy winter recreation. Skiers and snowshoers head to Lester Park. It's easier to keep warm being active.



Duluth Station 6

There is a new piece of equipment at the fire station at 1051 N. 51st Ave. E.—a battery powered "Jaws of Life." The tool will help in situations, especially car accidents. Also, the station will be temporarily adding a 4th person due to high call rates. The fire station has been serving since 1911—fires, falls, accidents and more.

WHERE DO OLD FIREHOSES GO? (Not a joke). Thanks to a West Duluth fireman, some hoses go to the zoo. The lemurs and bears at Lake Superior Zoo have features in their 'habitat' thanks to very durable retired hoses.

It's so cold that . . .

-the snowman is begging to come in to get warm.
-I'm drinking hot sauce instead of coffee.
-We cut up the piano for fire wood. We only got two chords.

Full Moon
Feb 12 March 14

Thoughts go out to people affected by the L.A. fires.

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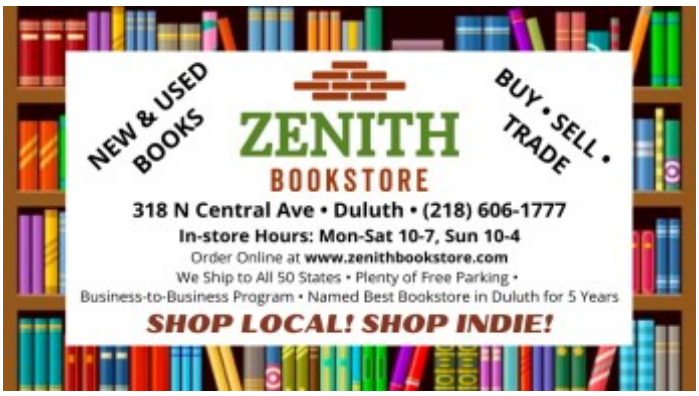

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