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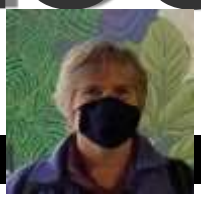

Lakeside—Lester Park
bi-monthly newsletter

Caring Crews Continue

Some people's work came to a quick temporary closure as events and workplaces were closed during the first two months of the pandemic. Some people started working or studying at home.

Some people's work kept going—people caring for people, serving at grocery stores, delivering goods, medical care, drivers, media, and more people behind the scenes creating virtual opportunities for worship, fitness, schooling, and other services. Messages in windows saying we care or miss you and bears and other stuffed animals added to neighborhood walks.

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER.

Celebrate and Thank with Signs

Duluth East graduate's names was listed on the sports field fence and yard signs were put up in the yards of seniors. Lawn signs for graduates from Denfeld, Harbor City International School, Proctor High School and Hermantown School could also be seen in Lakeside.

Besides cancelled graduations and special events being cancelled numerous fundraisers could not take place. Lester park Elementary PTA sold lawn signs as a fundraiser to make up for several fundraiser events that didn't take place due to the pandemic. It also was a way of spreading a message: "Always together even when we're apart."

Congrats Class of 2020

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THE LOOK AT LAKESIDE NEWSLETTER BEGAN LATE SUMMER 2012 SHARING LAKESIDE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS. THANK YOU ADVERTISERS, SUBSCRIBERS AND READERS!

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July 14
Please Submit Ads & News by the deadline

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Honoring the lives lost and struggles due to COVID19.

*Lift Bridge lit up purple
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COVID19 (as of 5/27)
Known cases (actual is likely higher)
..in St. Louis County 115
..in Minnesota 22,947
Highest # in 20s age grp
Deaths ..in St. Louis County 13
.. in Minnesota 977
.. in the U.S. 102,531
..in the world 359,242

McCulloch Street Musings

Ahh, summer is here. Plenty of daylight is available for outdoor time. Dig into the soil to plant flowers and vegetables. We have the warmest temperatures in months. The COVID-19 pandemic continues but some restrictions have been lifted. Measures are in place for opening businesses. Virtual services, meetings, school, exercise classes, and more have been part of our life. Some people have had much (much) more time at home.

A bonus of living in Lakeside is that we have had food available nearby and we have plenty of places to walk outdoors – along Skyline Parkway and Seven Bridges Road (closed to cars during these months to create more non-traffic walking space), neighborhood streets, and to hop over and visit the Lake.

It was/is hard to believe that a pandemic is happening. I was overseas visiting family and our flights were cancelled March 19. The last newsletter was prepared and finished in New Zealand as we were delayed 5 weeks before returning as the country went into lockdown. Four flights were a bit scary on the return. Don't know when we'll fly again.

People will certainly remember the spring and summer of 2020. Retirement parties and birthdays as car parades or with signs to honk to share in the celebration; plus the school graduations without the whole school is something we hope wont happen again.

Thanks for reading LAL online or the paper version. Email me to be on the notice list for when the enews is updated. This issue marks 8 years (48 issues). Lakeside info. links, photos, and history at www.LookAtLakeside.com

Your neighbor, *Wendy*

Lakeside Presbyterian Church
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Summer Sunday Worship will begin
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Renewing? *U-**betcha*** ***Nope, I'm new*** ***Years in Lakeside*** _____

Mail to Look at Lakeside, 4005 McCulloch St., Duluth MN 55804 THANK YOU.

***If you don't want to cut this slip out**—just enclose your name and info on a piece of paper.*

Current LAL distribution sites

Marshall Hardware
Local gas stations
SuperOne

Distribution at the >20 other Lakeside area locations will resume once the businesses reopen.
Issues are online.

Smelting at Lester River

Smelt have been in Lake Superior since 1946. Hey days of smelting along the Lester River were heavy in the 1970s. This year the run came in late April and early May. Fisherman gathered by the mouth of the river starting at about 9 pm. and stayed into the night. Over 40 people swept their nets through the outflow of the river to catch fish on their way upstream. Other popular streams are Knife, Gooseberry, Split Rock, and more up the shores. Some streams are closed to smelting. There is no season or limit. Some local restaurants had takeout available, including Vanilla Bean and Tappa Keg Inn.

"Got one!"

More photos at www.LookAtLakeside.com of hopeful fisherman showing up in the darkness to catch what they can. According to MDNR fishing licenses are up by over 45% with over 350,000 licenses sold.

SMELTING EQUIPMENT: A NET, A BUCKET, AND WADERS.

STAY SAFE *How is your hairdo? What new hobbies have you tried out? Is your house tidier?* ***Share*** *what you did during the Stay Home time. We all look forward to all places reopening.*

New Biz: Liquor Store

Stokke's Liquor Store opened at 5631 E. Superior St. on May 9. The 2,200 sq ft store specializes in fine spirits, craft beer and aggressive pricing. Inside you'll find fourteen cooler doors, a beer cave, and plenty of stocked shelves. The store is open Monday through Saturday 8 AM-9PM and Sundays 11AM-6PM.

The Stokke's family also operates a meat processing plant in Adolf. Meat is sold at their other locations, including up on Jean Duluth Rd and is made into burgers at the Anchor Bar in Superior.

Walt Aplin is the manager of both Stokke's liquor stores.

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Practice Physical Distancing

Wear a Mask * Sanitize

Stay Home if You are Sick

Daily reports from the governor and health department, local news tv and radio stations give updates. The balance of economic and health are a challenge in these times.

Gas stations remained open during the start of the pandemic and greater sanitation practices went into effect (& gas prices dipped down to $1.59 in April). One-way aisles, physical spacing, instruction marks on floors, sneeze guards for staff and customer protection at stores.

PROCEED WITH CAUTION

OPEN (in a new way)
Outdoor eating at restaurants
Take Out at Restaurants
Shops, Fishing
Medical facilities

SLOWLY/SOON TO BE OPEN
Churches
Exercise facilities
Library (curbside for now)
Depot & Zoo (July 1)
Offices (work at home, if possible)

NOT OPEN OR CANCELLED
Lester Park Golf Course (financial)
Senior living—restricted visits
Grandma's Marathon, Blues Fest, MN State Fair and many other events.

ADT LONDON RD

ADT (**average daily traffic**) on London Road in Lakeside (as counted by loops in the pavement) is **20,700**.

The information is from the traffic engineer department at the MN DOT for 2019. The numbers the past months have been reduced due to Stay at Home orders.

A Lakeside garden statue wear a mask. Photo by Bill.

HELP OUT

The Gitche Gumme Garden Club welcomes people with a passion for flowers to help maintain the public garden area by 60th Ave. E. in University Park. 218-428-7546.

Do you sew? Face masks wanted for numerous groups. Donate.

FROM THE PAST—MR STEVENSON'S POTATOS!!

Between connecting and installing electric wires James Stevenson of 427 Forty-first avenue east has succeeded in becoming one o the most successful homecrofters in this city. Mr. Stevenson owns a 50-foot lot, and on the plot in the rear of his house he decided to have a garden. So far Mr. Stevenson has obtained fifty bushels of large potatoes and ten bushels of rutabagas. The potatoes are unusually large, many weigh from one to three pounds. Oct 16, 1912 *Duluth Herald*

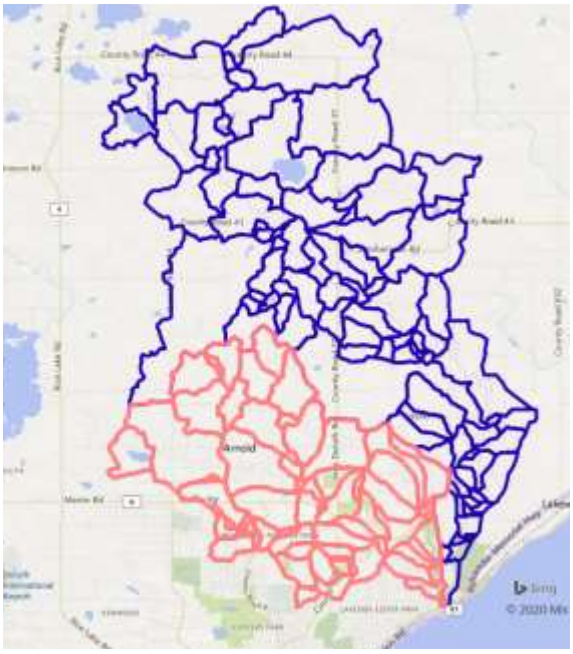
A Little More About Lester River and Amity Creek

One of about 300 rivers that enters Lake Superior.
19 miles long. 58 sq mi basin.
Begins north around Co. Rd. 44 and east of Rice Lake Rd.

The Amity Creek watershed (land that drains into it) is over 10,000 acres and the Lester River (east branch, Amity goes west) is ~23,000 acres.

Amity Creek flows just beyond Forest Hill Cemetery (the cemetery land flows into the Tischer Creek watershed) and flows under the bridges of Seven Bridges Road.

Lester River is known as *Basaabikaa-ziibi* in Ojibwe or "Rocky Canyon River" Another translation is "River that comes through a worn hollow place in the rock."



The watershed of Amity and E. Lester River. MNWetlandRestore.org —interactive website.

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It's Time

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Time to enjoy the trees and stones through all sorts of weather, day, dusk, and moonlit nights.

Large rocks are heading to the shore along Brighton Beach to add time to the shrinking shoreline. The protective 'armor" will reduce effects from storms. The history sign by the Lester River is dwarfed by the pile.

Lakeside Critter Spotting Checklist

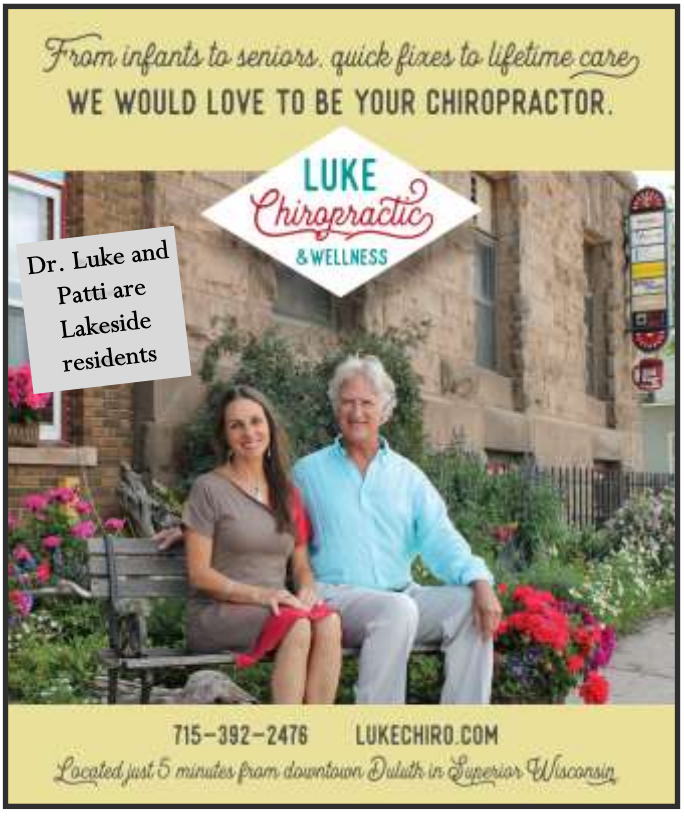
- ☐ Black bear
- ☐ Raccoon
- ☐ Skunk
- ☐ Raven
- ☐ Fox
- ☐ Red squirrel
- ☐ Dragonfly
- ☐ Hummingbird
- ☐ Monarch
- ☐ Mosquito!
- ☐ Smiling Person

MAKE IT : Homemade Fruit Sorbet

Put a cup of cut up fruit in the freezer (or use purchased frozen fruit). Blend in blender. Add a touch of lemon or lime if you wish or toss in a little Greek yogurt. Sweeten with maple syrup or honey (optional). Eat. Store extra if there is any in the freezer.

Oasis Del Norte Authentic Mexican Food on Wheels food truck started in April coming to Lakeside near 45th Ave. E. by Deluxe Insurance Grp **on Thursdays**. Tortas, burritos, quesadilla, and more. Cactus is on the menu, too.

== Lakeside Chum Food Shelf Mon 11AM -1PM
Faith Building, Glenwood/51stAv. E.
== Lakeside Lester Park Com. Club 525-0845
== Portman Senior Center - City of Duluth
4601 McCulloch *For meals 727-4321 AEOA*
Programs on hold / Portman is temporarily closed.



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Day Trips

Sorry we can't go to the Mn State Fair as it won't be held this year.

Contact me if you want to know about trips that may be offered after it is safer to go places and to events again.

Day trip plans were for a pow wow/rendezvous, cranberry fest, theater events and barn quilt tour. Updates on Facebook and the web.

Stay Safe.

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Meet a Neighbor

Leslie Hughes

Leslie was born in Hector, Minnesota west of the Twin Cities. While still in grade school, her family moved to Lakeville MN where her dad could work his day job in construction and evenings and weekends work his 40 acre hobby farm recreating his childhood. The family had vegetable gardens and limited farm animals. Her father planted cucumbers and all the kids in the family became the harvest crew to collect them for the Gedney pickle factory. She also was busy in 4-H with sewing and cooking projects.

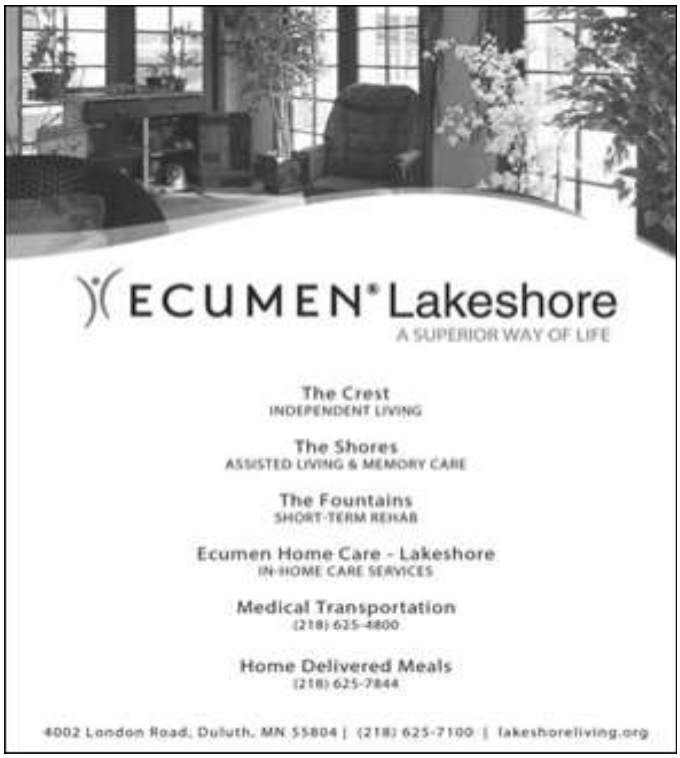
We like living in Lakeside, a mini town in Duluth. Most everything we need is within walking distance and our neighbors and businesses are the best.

Leslie's garden areas include a mini-shed, barn quilt art she made, clever planters (even a bathtub and a boot) and plants that give a show of color and shapes throughout the season. Her yard was one of the stops on the Lakeside garden tour last year.

Later in life, she lived in Michigan and moved to Duluth around 1980. She has been in the same house in Lakeside since then. She worked for the Postal Service and retired in 2005. Since 2006, she has been working part-time at the EPA by the Lester River. She and her husband Dennis have three daughters, 7 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

She has been through many hobbies but always in the summer gardening in her yard and helping maintain other gardens have been her favorites. In the winter, she quilts and reads. She enjoys walks. She's run 4 Grandma's Marathons and 5 half marathons. She and her husband have been active in church councils and for many years sorting and hauling for St. Michael's Used a Bit store which raises money for the community.

—Writeup by Wendy Grethen, LAL editor



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The hummingbird's delicate grace reminds us that life is rich, beauty is everywhere, every personal connection has meaning and that laughter is life's sweetest creation.

Plants for Pollinators @ Washington Park

Duluth Monarch Buddies (DMB) applied for and was awarded a grant from Monarch Watch for free milkweed plugs (common, swamp, & butterfly). The plugs will be planted tentatively on Monday, **June 8**, by volunteers from DMB, Wild Ones, Harbor City students, and Lakeside at Washington Park, 43rd Ave. E. and E. Superior St. Native plants will also be planted, donated by Leaning Pine Natives (closed in Superior).

Pollinators are attracted to and prefer native plants, in all their life cycle stages. Monarch butterflies lay their eggs only on milkweed and their caterpillars only eat milkweed leaves.

Approx. 100 milkweed plants and 200 native plants & grasses will be planted.

The plan is to creating perfect pollinator habitat! The designated planting area in Washington Park is approx. 1/4 acre and will include the wetland and surrounding slopes, plus the small area around the park sign.

Duluth Monarch Buddies and Wild Ones are on Facebook.

Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline 651-201-3920. Additional resources www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/.

Keeping Our Roads Tidy

One way for areas to be cleaned is to be part of the Adopt a Highway Program. Since London Road is a state road it is part of the program. A section of the road in Lakeside is being kept clean by the Surges Family. David Surges, passed away in 2016 from Parkinson's Disease caused by exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam.

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