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Lakeside—Lester Park
bi-monthly newsletter since 2012

Look at Lakeside

10th Year Anniversary ***Already?!***

60th issue* Glad to be pulling together Lakeside news and history.

Solar Energy in Lakeside? Yes!

It wasn't a tough decision by Lakeside residents Deb Hannu and Pat Thomson. They've had solar panels at their small CSA farm for 6 years and are thrilled with them. The panels are at work every moment there is light outside.

When the Lakeside couple open their power bill the balance is negative nearly 75% of the time. Often, they generate more power than they use.

The City is required to inspect a site before a system goes active. In 2020, All Energy Solar installed the solar array panels on their garage in Lakeside which was at the ideal angle for maximum solar gain. The panels have a 25 year warranty. The solar panels rest in a rack system attached to the roof. Federal energy grants covered a percentage of the cost. Instead of paying for power, they are paying for the solar system that makes the power. Once the loan is fully paid, that power-generating system belongs to them and will continue to generate electricity that they continue to

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How Safe Are Our Pipes?

Lead in the Lines in Lakeside

Lakeside and Lester Park are well known for their water issues. Remember the Inflow and Infiltration issues from back in the 1990s? The city was forced by the EPA to build those massive underground tanks to capture the run-off so it didn't all run straight into Lake Superior.

The new water issue for all of Duluth, including Lakeside and Lester Park, is the toxin lead found in drinking water. Houses built before the 1930s are likely to have lead service lines, meaning that the water coming into the house picks up the neurotoxin lead. Lead causes a slew of health issues, including neurological damage, kidney damage and more. There is no safe level of lead exposure.

At Minnesota Environmental Partnership, we've helped dozens of families understand and begin to clear up their exposure to lead in drinking water. Eastern Duluth Representative Jen Schultz and Duluth Senator Jen McEwen have stepped up to support funding for

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Dog Library

Cute. At 43rd Ave. E. just below the tracks is a library just for dogs. It's next to a Little Free Library (books for humans).

Summer Time

Take time to relax in between projects.

Most smiles are started by another smile.

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Next Deadline
July 14

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McCulloch Street Musings
from the Editor

EVERYDAY IS SPECIAL. Did you get the chance to watch the total lunar eclipse May 15? Did you stand or sit by a rushing river this spring? Do you remember your first sighting of a hummingbird this year?

When it's a warm day it feels good to bask in the sun after our long winters. We know we'll have chilly summer days but overall the warmth is here. Need to cool off? Dip your toes (or more) in Lake Superior or a stream.

I was able to do something I hadn't done before this spring—go up in a hot air balloon. Did you know the first passengers in a hot air balloon was a sheep, rooster and duck in France in 1783? It was interesting to float in a big basket with 14 passengers and the pilot up in the air and watch the sunrise from a different angle.

Once again I purchased too many seeds. Our yard only has so much space to grow food and for flowering plants. And, flowers and botanical diversity in other people's yards or on the community plots extend the enjoyment. (not necessarily food-wise).

It was fun to watch a fish leap up on part of the rushing spring waterfall on the Lester River viewed from the Lakewalk.
It kept on trying.

I love the smell of the soil after a rain. I learned there is a name for it. It's called **petrichor**—the word's background is that it is the ethereal fluid that is the blood of the gods in Greek mythology. That smell, the smell of watermelon, roasted corn—I'm in.

Nature's burst of colors are still to come—lilacs, lupines, crabapple trees, and yes even dandelions. Summer sports and activities at Portman, in other parks, on Lake Superior, and around town are ready to amp up.

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(1) **Rhubarb Festival helper.** Help wanted for set up/tear down, rhubarb harvesting, bake sale, selling merchandise, serving at food booths, children's activities, kitchen support, first aid.
www.chumduluth.org/rhubarb festival

(2) **Become traincrew.** Railroad knowledge and railroading experience not required to join the crew. 733-7531 North Shore Scenic Railroad. All aboard.

(3) **Water quality monitor.** June-Oct. Sign up at z.umn.edu/water-c-sci

Portman Community Center
(218) 730-4310
Noon-3 p.m. **Mon.** Bridge
9-11a.m. **Tues** Mens' Coffee
1-3:30 p.m. **Wed** Mahjong
10a.m. - noon **Ev. Oth. Wed.** Community Conversation

Lakeside Lester Park Community Club (218) 525-0845
After school time 2:15-6:30p
Supervised youth space.
Rent space for parties.

Lakeside BIZ/COM BITS

E-bike Duluth has opened where Serendipity was at 4407 E. Superior St. The rental fleet will be about 20 bikes and e-bikes will be for sale. The business opened in June 2021 and moved to Lakeside this spring. Customers have been mostly from Minnesota but tourists have come from around the country. The most popular rides are up Seven Bridges Road, Skyline Parkway overlooks and along the Lakewalk. Renters have ranged from ages 15 to 75. It's owned by Jim Cosier. The business is open 10a.m. –5p.m. daily. It is open year-round. The upstairs will be a velotel, bicycle motel. (218) 206-3659

Lester Park Golf Course is closed for the 2022 season. It will be open for 2023 for its final year. The land is minimally maintained and is used by walkers, dogwalkers, and running athletes.

Parks in Progress Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve Education Facilities Master Plan 6/8 Presentation to Parks board, 6/27 City council action. Final Draft Plan on City of Duluth site and Look at Lakeside web / Resources section.

What's Comin' & Going'

Boat Watchers hotline

(218) 722-6489

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replacement of all lead service lines in Duluth…including yours if you have them.

Lakeside is not one of Duluth's hotspots for lead contamination. Testing shows that infants from families in the Central and Eastern Hillside, and in Lincoln Park, have elevated blood lead levels.

Lead in drinking water has proven to be a classic example of environmental injustice, with the effects of lead contamination borne disproportionately by low-income people and families of color.

If you have infants or toddlers in your home, and if your home was built before 1930, you should definitely test your drinking water for lead. Visit the City of Duluth lead web page at www.duluthmn.gov/public-works-utilities/utilities/water/lead-water-education/ for more information or to request a free inspection of your water line.

Written by Andrew Slade, Great Lakes Program Director, Minnesota Environmental Partnership, andrew@mepartnership.org

Paid Volunteer Opportunity for Mentoring Students

Lutheran Social Service of MN is seeking volunteers for our Foster Grandparent Program. Duluth area schools are welcoming back volunteers for the 2022-23 school year. Volunteers serve 10 or more hours per week for tax free stipend and travel reimbursement. *Contact Michelle at 218-529-2280 or michelle.miller@lssmn.org for more information and to make an impact in your community!*

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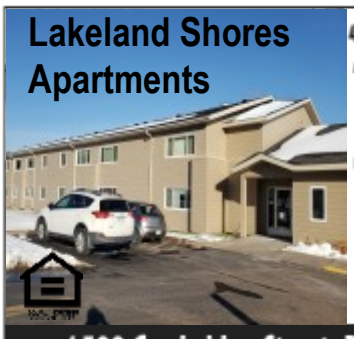

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A Handful of Events

June 4
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June 11
Pollinator MarketPlace
First United Methodist Church. 10a.m.-2p.m. Resources on plants and gardening for monarch butterflies, plant sale, children's activities. Tour a butterfly garden. Free.

June 13-16
Book Sale
Duluth Public Library. June 13—Member only. June 16 Bag sale.

June 25
Rhubarb Festival
10a.m.-3 p.m. Stella Maris Academy/Holy Rosary Campus. Benefit for CHUM. Come hungry.

July 13
Sidewalk Shuffle 5K
duluthymca.org

Glenwood/Jean Duluth Detour Coming. Expect re-routing starting in June as a roundabout is put in at that intersection.

Chester Creek Concert Series Tuesdays. Starts 6/14.

Movies in the Park
July 8-Aug 26. Fridays.

Pop-Up Play. 4-6 p.m.
June 30 Washington Square. July 7 Lester Park. Yard games and activities at parks by city parks crew. Free. More Thursdays at other parks.

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The Duluth Public Schools East and Denfeld High School Construction Technology students have been busy this year building garages, sheds, and decks. It was a long and cold winter… This year approximately 40 students from both schools, grades 9-12, have been busy applying their math, reading skills, and learning career development skills for the building trades and related occupations.

RECIPE Famous Lemonade Scones

Submitted by Shannon Laing - meet her on page 7 Recipe influenced by the **Play, Bake, Smile** recipe

1/2 c heavy cream
½ c lemon-lime soda (7-Up/Sprite)
pinch of salt, optional
1/4 c sugar (try castor)
2 c self-raising flour
1/2 c - 3/4 c add-ins (berries, etc.)
T. milk (for brushing)

Preheat oven to 400F. Lightly flour an 8" x 8" square cake pan and set aside. Place soda and cream into a bowl. Add salt and caster sugar. Mix to combine. Sift in self-raising flour and use a knife to fold it through until only just combined (the mix will be sticky).

Place the dough onto a lightly floured board. With floured fingers, press the mixture down to a thickness of 1" (do not over-work the dough).

Using a 3" biscuit or scone cutter, cut rounds from the middle working outwards and place into the lightly floured pan (press scones up against one another to help them to rise). Gently move the remaining dough together and cut out extra scones. Brush tops of scones with milk.
Bake 12-15 min. Scones will be ready when they're golden on top. Serve warm with your choice of fillings.

Have a great summer!

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sell back to the power company.

Panels are a relatively simple technology. Through monitors they can see how much power any given panel is producing on any given day; and even translate that into the amount of carbon saved.

During winter, snow can cover up the panels and interfere with their operation. The problem is solved using a roof rake. The dark panels heat up quickly melting the snow. In the winter with no leaf shade – more light comes through. When there is light -it doesn't need to be a sunny day - power is being generated. The longer daylength in the summer leads to higher production.

Deb remarks "We honestly can't think of a 'downside' to solar, outside of the investment. But considering that the cost of energy rarely goes down, being able to produce your own and sell it back is a pretty sweet deal." Typically a system pays for itself in 12-15 years.

Most people's energy generation is simply not sustainable – over 60% of power is still generated by fossil fuels nationally, with over 21% of that coming from coal. Energy conservation efforts and renewable energy are part of a healthier future.

Deb & Pat are 'solar ambassadors' with All Energy Solar.

About Deb & Pat's Solar panels

- Size: 7.8 kW
- Production ranges from over 1,000 kWh/mo. (summer) to as low as 100 kWh/mo.(winter)
- generates over 8,000 kWh/yr, or ~ $1,200 worth of electricity

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..in Minnesota 1,488,325
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Meet a Neighbor Shannon Laing

Shannon Laing grew up in Hastings, MN and has lived in Duluth since 2002. When she was ready to downsize a few years ago, the housing market was already tight. I hadn't been looking in Lakeside, but someone I knew was selling her house by owner and she gave me the first look. The house is small, but the yard is big.

Living in Lakeside is much quieter than my last house, which was very near Woodland Avenue. I also have some terrific neighbors and I love being able to walk or ride my bike to the grocery store. My favorite thing though is probably the great morning sun I get through my east facing windows.

She is the Main Street Lincoln Park Program Director for Ecolibrium3. Her current passion is the Lincoln Park Art Walk which is mainly murals. You can view the art and learn more about each artist from information plaques located by each art work or by going to the Walk via the Ecolibrium3 website.

She started fostering dogs during the pandemic - Jazzy is the third one and is very sweet.

Shannon also serves on the Food Advisory Committee at CHUM.

She has always enjoyed cooking, but during COVID shutdowns, she started to concentrate on baking. At first, it was something to do while being isolated, but she discovered that due to the concentration it takes to bake things like pastries, the mindfulness of baking helped her mental health. It also allowed her to give away treats to friends because that was something else she could do while physically distanced.

Shannon has done much more cooking and baking since Covid and has shared her creations with friends.

You might spot Shannon out biking and walking the a dog this summer to take off some pounds added since baking.

She enjoys gardening - the smell of freshly turned dirt makes her so happy - the history of Duluth, art (we have fantastic local artists!), knitting, reading, exploring new things in our area, and a great game night with friends.

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LAL CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

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Congrats To **Graduates** *Class of 2022*

To **Newlyweds** June is one of the top months for weddings.

High 5!

TO: People Helping Keep Duluth and the Lake Superior watershed clean!

Way to go for the crew of 50+ volunteers on 4/23 who cleaned up Lakeside, Lester Park, and Brighton Beach sections of the Lakewalk & North Shore Scenic Railroad right-of-way. The Earth Day event was coordinated by **Friends of the Lakewalk**. The temps were in the mid-30sF, high winds off the lake, thunderstorm, and lightning ! Woo!

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