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***Twin Ports Collaborates for Coastal Clean-Up***

*The cities of Superior and Duluth are hosting beach clean-ups during September and October. Join your friends and neighbors in keeping the Lake Superior watershed clean alongside international partners!*

[Duluth, MN] - The cities of Superior and Duluth are partnering to clean up our rivers and lakes! Volunteers are needed to help keep our rivers and lakes clean! The public is invited to join efforts at Barker's Island, Wisconsin Point or Canal Park Brewing in Duluth at the designated date and times to help pick up trash along the Lake Superior shoreline. Public Events are being held at:

- Cleanup Kick-off with Mayor Larson and Mayor Paine on Barker's Island on Wednesday Sept. 12, 2018 from 3-5 PM along with the CEO of Alliance for the Great Lakes.
- Wisconsin Point on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 between 10am-12pm. A blue City of Superior registration table will be set up at the first parking lot on Wisconsin Point for volunteer sign-in.
- Canal Park Brewing Saturday, Oct. 6 9:30-noon. Register at: [www.duluthmn.gov/parks/volunteer/volunteer-calendar](http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/volunteer/volunteer-calendar) First 100 registered volunteers will get a t-shirt, free pint from Canal Park Brewing and a copy of "Duluth Historic Parks" – a book documenting the first 160 years of the Duluth park system

At all events, please dress for the weather and wear appropriate shoes. To save on disposable materials used in the clean-up, participants are encouraged to bring their own gloves and buckets for collecting trash if they can. Garbage bags, gloves, and other clean-up materials will be provided as needed.

"I am thrilled to be part of this cleanup effort with Mayor Jim Paine as coastal Twin Ports communities that understand the significance of collaboration, shared resources, and the preservation of our critical Lake Superior Watershed. We can also be proud of the work being done today which helps to sustain and maintain a healthy shoreline which feeds the health of our communities tomorrow," said Duluth Mayor Emily Larson.

By participating in the Superior Coastal Clean-Up 2018, volunteers in the Twin Ports will be acting locally on a global event. This event is part of a global project called The International Coastal Cleanup. Since the Cleanup began in 1986, nearly 12 million people – all volunteers – from more than 90 countries and 55 US states and territories have taken hands-on action to clean shores around the planet. All of the debris collected will be documented and the data is used to target pollution prevention programs for our region.

While there are public events to attend, volunteers may also choose their own location and date/time to clean up. Not just limited to beaches, volunteers can clean up garbage from riverbanks or along frontage of homes and businesses (preventing debris from entering storm drains that flow directly into Lake Superior).

Organizations currently participating in the Twin Ports Coastal Cleanup include: Alliance for the Great Lakes, American Lung Association, City of Duluth, City of Superior, Boys and Girls Club, Enbridge, Epicurean/Loll, Great Lakes Elementary, Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve, Midwest Energy Resources, Regional Stormwater Protection Team, St. Louis River Alliance, St. Luke's Mariner Clinic, Superior Sunrise Rotary, YMCA of Douglas Co, Duluth Public Schools and the Duluth Y, UWS, WITC, and WI Sea Grant.

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