



**Parks & Recreation  
Division  
2009  
Annual Report**

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## ***Parks and Recreation Division***

### **Mission Statement**

***Fulfilling the essential recreational, educational, cultural, and environmental needs that create a dynamic community.***

### **Vision Statement**

***We are valued for our commitment to recreational programs and facilities that contribute to the health of the people and the earth. We will achieve financial stability by inspiring and engaging the community.***

# Parks & Recreation Commission

## Vision Statement

- ◆ To preserve a naturally beautiful city, our vision is to provide innovative and quality Parks and Recreation programs and facilities that will sustain a dynamic quality of life for everyone.

## Mission Statement

- ◆ Our mission is to act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, City Council, the Parks and Recreation Division, and other agencies and organizations in matters that relate to Duluth Parks and Recreation programs and facilities.

## Park Commission Members

<i>Voting Members</i> served during all or part of the year		<i>Non-Voting Members</i>
Karen Erickson, President Nick Lansing, Vice President Patti Nadeau, Secretary Susan Beasy-Latto Joel Braun Elizabeth Mackay	Carol Newkumet Kristin Ridgewell Barb Stark Jim Topie Erik Viken	Jeff Anderson -City Council Liaison Judy Seliga-Punyko -ISD 709 Representative Dennis Fink -St. Louis Cty Representative

## Annual Meeting Priorities

1 youth	3b Skyline Parkway improvements (repaint lines)
2a restrooms in parks/ADA accessible	4a bigger parking lot at Piedmont trailhead
2b more trash receptacles in parks	4b develop more mountain bike trails
2c extend Western Waterfront Trail from	4c Wade Stadium maintenance and brick work
3a Piedmont Trail land ownership (finalize)	4d improve the DWP Trail railroad grade near Spirit Mountain

## Committees

### Administrative

Chair, Karen Erickson - Nick Lansing, Patti Nadeau

### Parks and Trails

Chair, Nick Lansing - Barb Stark, Erik Viken

### Youth Programming

Chair, Liz Mackay - Carol Newkumet, Kristin Ridgewell

### Recreation

Chair, Karen Erickson - Nick Lansing, Liz Mackay, Barb Stark

- ★ The Commission provides the opportunity for public process to determine how the needs for parks and recreation and the community are met.
- ★ Through motions, recommendations are made to the Mayor and Administration.
- ★ In-depth discussion always follows a motion before a vote is taken to assure that the recommendation is beneficial to our community.

## 2009 Statistics

*Estimated total for all usage and events*

Permitted Facility Use	Attendance
~ Private & Public Park Events	97,658
~ Indoor Facility Private & Public Events	74,754
Special Events	
~ Citywide & Kids	11,800
~ Senior Programs	772
~ Summer Concerts	6,810
~ Movies in the Park	16,300
Recreation	
~ Senior Programs	20,163
~ Special League	2,307
~ Bayfront Skating	5,947
~ Heritage Center Skating	6,700
~ DECC Family Skating Parties	1,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>244,311</b>

### City Wide & Kids' & Seniors' Special Events

*These events were sponsored or co-sponsored by  
The Parks & Recreation Division*

Event	Attendance
10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Warmer By The Lake	1,500
Sand Modeling Contest	300
25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival	10,000
Chester Creek Concerts	6,010
Rose Garden Concerts	800
DECC Family Skating Parties	1,100
Movies in the Park	16,300
Billiard Tournament Finals	50
Senior Appreciation Days	225
100 Year Birthday Party (10 guests)	210
Holiday Banquet & City Lights Tour	287
<b>Estimated Total Attendance</b>	<b>36,782</b>

*~ Once again, we would like to thank all of the individuals, organizations, and groups that played such an important part in making these events so successful by donating their time & energy, food, prizes, equipment, or dollars.*

# Indoor and Outdoor Permitted Facility Use

some attendance numbers are estimated

Site	Permits	Events	Attendance
Bayfront	7	11	1,125
Brighton Beach	33	35	1,835
Central Hillside Park	3	2	2,100
Chambers Grove	21	21	1,720
Chester Bowl	23	19	7,299
Community Recreation Centers	231	1,290	45,954
Endion Station Beach	1	1	15
Enger Golf Course	1	1	2,000
Enger Park	51	51	3,953
Fairmont Park	17	10	828
Harrison Park	1	1	85
Hartley Park & Trail	5	5	451
Lake Avenue & Superior St	1	1	45
Lakewalk	20	17	4,201
Lake Place Park	1	1	Peregrine watch
Leif Erikson	51	32	8,425
Lester Park	49	43	7,430
Lincoln Park	2	2	260
Magney Park	1	1	200
Park Point	14	16	2,266
Park Point Beach	1	1	275
Portland Square	1	1	75
Rice's Point	1	1	9
Rose Garden	47	50	5,463
Trails	10	10	1,644
Washington Center	21	7	28,800
~ Alcohol consumption permits	23	~	~
~ Busking permits	23	~	~
<b>Totals</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>126,458</b>

<b>Chester Creek Concerts</b>		
<b>Group</b>	<b>Type of Music</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Sweet Grass	Power Folk	580
Rock-A-Billy-Revue	Country Folk	600
Fish Heads	Blue Grass	700
Bill & Kate Isles Band	Acoustic Duets	550
Pot Bellied Stallions	Variety	380
McInnis' Kitchen	Celtic	800
Park Avenue	Variety	450
Sh-Boom	50's & 60's Show Band	1,100
Busterville	Blues Rock	450
Mark Sowl	Variety	400
	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>6,010</b>

#### **Rose Garden Concerts**

Four concerts, with an estimated 800 in attendance, were performed by the "Duluth Community Band" and the "Windjammer Big Band." The concerts were free and open to the public.

<b>Special League</b>		
<b>Sport</b>	<b># of Teams</b>	<b># of Participants</b>
Basketball	8	64
Bocce	18	160
Flag Football (youth)	13	130
No-Check Hockey	9	162
Softball	97	1,455
Volleyball	42	336
<b>Total</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>2,307</b>

## Adopt-A-Park Program

The Adopt-A-Park Program was created in 1992 to provide citizen groups an opportunity to become directly involved with the care and maintenance of a City park or other public outdoor area. In 2009, there were 375 volunteers.

### Group

Stowe Elementary School  
McCabe Chapter  
Lamar Advertising Agency  
Community Volunteer Family  
First Presbyterian Church  
Fond du Lac Friends  
Chester Bowl Improvement Club  
148<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing  
Duluth Preservation Alliance  
Irving Community Club  
Lake Superior Zoo Green Team  
CHOICE, Unlimited  
Trillium Services  
Susan Coen State Farm Agency  
Nortum Lodge #16 Sons of Norway  
1st Lutheran Gardeners  
Beta Lambda PSI  
Lincoln Park Citizens Patrol  
Interim Health Care TBI  
The Waters Edge  
Northwoods West  
DAMAGE  
Disc Golf Volunteer Group  
Northland Vietnam Veterans Assoc.  
Norton Park Community Club  
Duluth Noon Optimist Club  
Junior League  
Altrusa International  
Neighbors & Families  
Woodland Hills Lakers  
Northwoods Children's Home  
Downtown Duluth Lions Club  
Duluth Hospitality Partners  
Gary New Duluth Community Club  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
YMCA

### Park

Birch Park  
Brighton Beach  
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Cascade Park  
Central Hillside Park  
Chambers Grove  
Chester Bowl  
Chester Park  
Enger Park  
Irving Park  
Lake Superior Zoo  
Lake Place Park  
Leif Erikson Park  
Morgan Park  
Leif Erikson Park  
Upper Leif Erikson Park  
Lester Park  
Lincoln Park  
Lincoln Park & Trail  
Memorial Park  
Merritt Park  
Midtowne Park  
Miller Creek Disc Golf Course  
Northland Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
Norton Park  
Park Point Recreation Area  
Playfront Park  
Russell Square  
Seven Bridges Road  
Skateboard Park  
Skyline Parkway  
Skyline Parkway Overlooks  
Twin Ponds  
Unity Park  
Western Waterfront Trail/Indian Point  
Woodland Park



## Adopt-A-Trail Program

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Chester Park Trail</li> <li>•Chester Trail (section of)</li> <li>•Congdon Park Trail</li> <li>•Grassy Point Trail</li> <li>•Hartley Park Trail</li> <li>•Kingsbury Creek Trail</li> <li>•Lakewalk</li> <br/> <li>•Lester Amity Trail</li> <br/> <li>•Lincoln Park Trail</li> <br/> <li>•Mission Creek Trail</li> <li>•Park Point Trail</li> <li>•Piedmont Trail</li> <li>•Western Waterfront Trail</li> </ul> | <p>Dan Proctor<br/>           Carol Andrews Family<br/>           Boy Scouts Troop 43, Charley Kendall<br/>           Judy Gibbs Volunteer Group<br/>           Kurt Lange (Bike Trail)<br/>           Jerry Smith<br/>           Trillium Services, Nadine Carlson<br/>           SEH (Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.)<br/>           Ski Hut, Christ White<br/>           Girl Scout Troops 54 and 55, Lou Anne Siefert<br/>           Lincoln Park Patrol<br/>           Interim Health Care, TBI<br/>           Sharon Robertson and Karen Lehto<br/>           Optimist Club, Mike Pennington<br/>           Glenn Nelson &amp; Neighbors<br/>           Thrivent Financial for Lutherans<br/>           Various Groups</p> |
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### “Pick a Day Volunteer Program”

One thousand hours were worked by a total of 600 volunteers.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Lakewalk</b> ~ Endion Station ~ 10:00 AM Mulching flowers and shrub beds, weeding flower beds, painting benches, trash pickup	<b>Rose Garden</b> ~ Gazebo ~ 10:00 AM Deadheading roses, weeding flower beds, watering annuals, mulching, and trash pickup	<b>Trail Projects</b> ~ Call 730-4490 for trail projects and locations Trail resurfacing, bridge repair, trail realignment, signing, and trash pick up	<b>Enger Park</b> ~ Parking lot ~ 10:00 AM Deadheading and weeding flower beds, watering annuals, mulching, and trash pickup	<b>Park Point</b> ~ Beach House ~ 10:00 AM Sweeping the beach for trash and debris that has washed ashore	<b>Special Projects</b> ~ Call 730-4490 for more information Designed for large groups of people who want to concentrate their efforts on a specific one-day project

Citizens interested in giving back to their community now have an easy way to access City of Duluth volunteer opportunities. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, one specific day of the week will be dedicated to bringing volunteers together at one site to keep our city clean and beautiful. Volunteers can simply “Pick a Day,” show up at the work site and work for a few hours. Citizens who volunteer will be contributing to the community and will help keep our environment clean. All volunteer days will be staffed and supervised by a City of Duluth Park Maintenance employee.

~ For more information, please call 730-4312.



# Pick a Day

to help make a difference!

## Various Volunteer Groups

• Duluth Garden and Flower Society	400 hours
• Junior League: Playfront	200 hours
• Marshall School: 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	450 hours
• St. Scholastica	225 hours
• UMD	450 hours
• Dan Proctor: Chester Bowl	650 hours
• Judy Gibbs Volunteer Group	500 hours
• Chester Bowl Improvement Club	400 hours
• Park Point Community Club	100 hours
• Irving Community Club	200 hours
• Duluth Area Catholic Schools	150 hours
• Drift Topper Snowmobile Club	200 hours
• Over the Hill Snowmobile Club	200 hours
• Duluth Cross Country Skiing Club	150 hours
• St Louis River Citizens Action Committee	100 hours
• Skyline Planning and Preservation Alliance	250 hours
• Sentence to Serve Program	2400 hours
• Northwoods Childrens Homes	250 hours
• Lincoln Park Neighborhood Watch	300 hours
• SCVNDA	200 hours
• Northland Vietnam Veterans Association	50 hours
• Army National Guard	50 hours
• Friends of Tennis	100 hours
• Arrowhead Youth Soccer Association	200 hours
• Duluth Preservation Alliance	100 hours
• Youth Hockey Organizations	400 hours
• Youth Baseball Organizations	400 hours
• Downtown Rotary	100 hours
• Michael Franklin	50 hours
• Duluth Lions Club	400 hours
• United Way of Duluth	100 hours
• East Hillside Patch	50 hours
• East High School Green Club	50 hours
• Boy Scouts	250 hours
• Girl Scouts	200 hours
• Zoological Society	400 hours
• Woodland Hills	200 hours
• Hartley Nature Center	300 hours
• Harbor City School	250 hours
• COGGS	500 hours
• Duluth Secondary Technical Center	100 hours
• Gitchee Gummi Soccer Club	50 hours
• Friends of the Park	200 hours
• Friends of the Lakewalk	600 hours
• Pick a Day Parks Volunteer Program	1000 hours

**Total Volunteers Hours = 11,250**

## Volunteering for Special Projects

• Clean and Green	4,500 hours
• Beach Sweep	500 hours
• Adopt a Park	2,500 hours
• Adopt a Trail	1,200 hours
• Duluth Area Catholic Schools Service Day	1,000 hours
• National Trails Day	200 hours
• Rose Garden Winterization	600 hours
• Hartley/Chester Buckthorn Removal	400 hours
• Western Waterfront Trail Buckthorn Removal	200 hours
• Chester Hiking Trail Repairs and Maintenance	500 hours
• Congdon Hiking Trail Repairs and Maintenance	400 hours
• Kingsbury Creek Hiking Repairs and Maintenance	400 hours
• Lincoln Park Hiking Trails	200 hours
• Mission Creek Trail Improvements	500 hours
• Hartley Bike Trail Maintenance and Re-alignment	100 hours
• Garden Maintenance in Neighborhood Parks	1,000 hours
• Hartley Hiking Trail Repairs and Maintenance	100 hours
• St Scholastica Community Day	800 hours

Total Volunteer Hours = 15,100



## Lake Superior Zoo Admission Report

Paid Admissions	Price	Number Sold	Total
Adult (13 yrs and older)	\$9.00	40,947	368,523.00
Adult & Children Group	\$7.50	3,601	27,007.50
Adult, ½ off reciprocating member	\$4.50	1,787	8,041.50
Children 3 -12 yrs old	\$4.00	14,377	57,508.00
Children 3 -12 (group)	\$3.00	7,726	23,178.00
Children, ½ off reciprocating member	\$2.00	1,122	2,244.00
Use of 2501 \$1 off coupons			(-2,501.00)
<b>Totals</b>		<b>69,560</b>	<b>\$484,001.00</b>

Gratis Admissions	Number	% of Admissions
Lake Superior Zoo Members	12,519	13.7
Other Members (excluding ½ off reciprocating member)	498	0.5
Free Admission (2 and under/coupons)	9,029	9.9
Total number of Gratis/Membership Admissions	22,046	24.10
<b>Total Paid Admissions: 69,560</b>		<b>Total Admissions: 91,606</b>



Lake Superior Zoo ~ Major Events		
Date	Event	Attendance
4/11/09	Easter Egg-stravaganza	1,914
10/10 & 10/17	Boo @ the Zoo	7,666
<b>Estimated Attendance</b>		<b>9,580</b>



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## 2009 Golf Season

Season Passes	#Sold		
Unlimited	239		
Sr. Unlimited (62+)	310		
Sr. Family Dual	25		
Young Adult (19-24)	110		
Junior Unlimited	142		
Family	63		
Patron Card	160		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1049</b>		
Green Fees	#Sold		
18 Hole	6520		
9 Hole	14264		
Add 9 Hole	410		
55+ 18 Hole	1239		
55+ 9 Hole	4493	Cart Rentals	#Sold
Junior 18	265	7 Day Unlimited	35
Junior 9	1505	5 Day Restricted	18
Junior Add 9	40	Season Private	36
Twilight	1415	18 Hole	1868
Fall Unlimited	1028	18 Hole 1/2	5867
Fall 9	1887	9 Hole	2519
Patron 18 Hole	798	9 Hole 1/2	7155
Patron 9 Hole	1362	Add 9 Hole	23
Patron 55+ 18 Hole	214	Daily Private	18
Patron 55+ 9 Hole	690	Twilight Cart	217
Patron Jr. 19 Hole	3	Fall 18 Cart	44
Patron Jr. 9 Hole	0	Fall 9 Cart	48
Patron Twilight	97	Fall 18 1/2 Cart	196
Patron Fall Unlimited	110	Fall 9 1/2 Cart	248
Patron Fall 9 Hole	288	Coupon Use	1411
Coupon Use	1515	Season Cart Round	4500
Pass Rounds	47560	Estimate Private Cart Rnd	3600
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,703</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>27,803</b>

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