

Good News from PARKS AND RECREATION

DECEMBER 2014



Parks and Recreation Resources and Links

Parks and Recreation Website

www.duluthmn.gov/parks

Trail and Bikeway Plan

www.duluthmn.gov/media/116291/Duluth_Bike_Report_Edited_October_2011.pdf

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

<http://www.duluthmn.gov/parks/parks-planning/>

DNR 10/25 Parks and Trails Legacy Plan

legacy.leg.mn/funds/parks-trails-fund/plan

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RECREATION

HERITAGE SPORTS CENTER



Wednesday, 6-8:30 pm, Skating at the Heritage Center continues through the new-year when school release hours are not in effect. The holiday season special sessions will be held on Friday, December 26, 2-4 pm, Monday, December 29 and Tuesday, December 30, 10:30-12:30 pm and Friday, January 2, 2-4 pm.

The 2nd annual “Gobbler Glide”, was held November 26th. Participants were able to make Thanksgiving table decorations in the lobby, play fun games up in the Boys & Girls Club and bowl with a frozen turkey in the middle of the ice rink for a chance to win one of three turkeys that were given away at the end of the evening. Our own DJ playing fun tunes with synchronized lighting made ice-skating extra enjoyable, and a healthy treat was handed out as participants headed home.

Skating with Santa and Rudolf, the final Heritage Center skating event of the year, happened on December 17th. The Duluth Children’s Museum was on hand to do ‘cool’ winter science demonstrations! There was cookie decorating and ornament making in the lobby and great activities up in the Boys & Girls Club. Our DJ brought a sparkling and festive music program to get everyone in the mood for this holiday season!



BAYFRONT

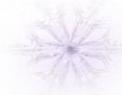
For those wanting to get outside for fresh air and exercise, the outdoor rink at **Bayfront** will soon be ready to enjoy - weather permitting. The Family Center will revert back into a warming house and officially open to accommodate skaters on Monday, December 29th from 1-8 pm. Holiday hours: December 29th and 30th, 1-8 pm, December 31st and January 1st, 1-5 pm, January 2nd and 3rd, 1-8 pm. Sunday, January 4th, ushers in the return of regular hours for the rink and warming house: Sunday 1-5 pm, Monday – Friday, 4-8 pm, Saturday 1-8 pm. Hours will be extended for school release days. Firelight Fridays (featuring free hot chocolate), free use of skates, snowshoes and cross-country skis, as well as a bigger and better sliding hill will give families even more reason to bundle up and GET OUTDOORS!



PLAY GYM



Our pre-school PLAY GYM, Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 am, at Duluth Heights, is gaining speed again, fueled by the increasingly colder weather and the need by parents to find an indoor area to let their little ones run off some energy. Wednesday sessions December 24th and 31st will be canceled due to the Holidays. Play Gym will resume on Wednesday, January 7th, 9:30-11:30. Parent Volunteers to help with opening and closing duties are still needed in order for this program, now in its’ 5th year, to continue. We look forward to seeing you in 2015!



SENIOR SERVICES

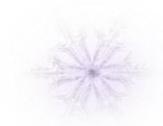
BINGO



To celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas, seniors at Evergreen, Morgan Park, and Portman hosted special bingo games awarding winners with gift certificates to area businesses.

AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES

People 55 and over are encourage to attend **AARP Defensive Driving Classes**- certificate of completion may entitle you to reduced car insurances rates! Check with your insurance company. Pre-registration is required, call **218-730-4319**. Fees are \$ 15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members.



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

2014 FALL COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM GRANT AWARDS

The City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Commission voted on their recommendations for the 2014 Fall Community Parks and Recreation Program Grant Awards. These recommendations were presented to, and given final approval by, the City Council at the November 24, 2014, meeting.

2014 FALL NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT RECIPIENTS	
Chester Bowl Improvement Club	
• Chairlift Seat Replacement	\$4,400
COGGS	
• Trail maintenance and construction	\$5,000
• Trail signage	\$5,000
Duluth Cross-Country Ski Club (DXC)	
• Lester-Amity (Lakeview) Chalet heating equipment	\$5,000
• Snowmobile for Spirit Mtn. XC trail grooming	\$5,000
Friends of Dog Parks (Friends of Keene Creek Dog Park)	
• Observation Dog Park	\$5,000
GND Development Alliance	
• Recreation Center siding installation	\$5,000
Lake Superior Zoological Society	
• Snowblower attachment purchase	\$5,000
Valley Youth Center	
• Memorial Ice Rink 2014-2015	\$5,000
Wheels on Trails Organization (ARC)	
• Upgrading Grassy Point boardwalk accessibility upgrades	\$4,400
Woodland Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA)	
• Woodland ice-skating rink maintenance free boards	\$5,000



AROUND TOWN

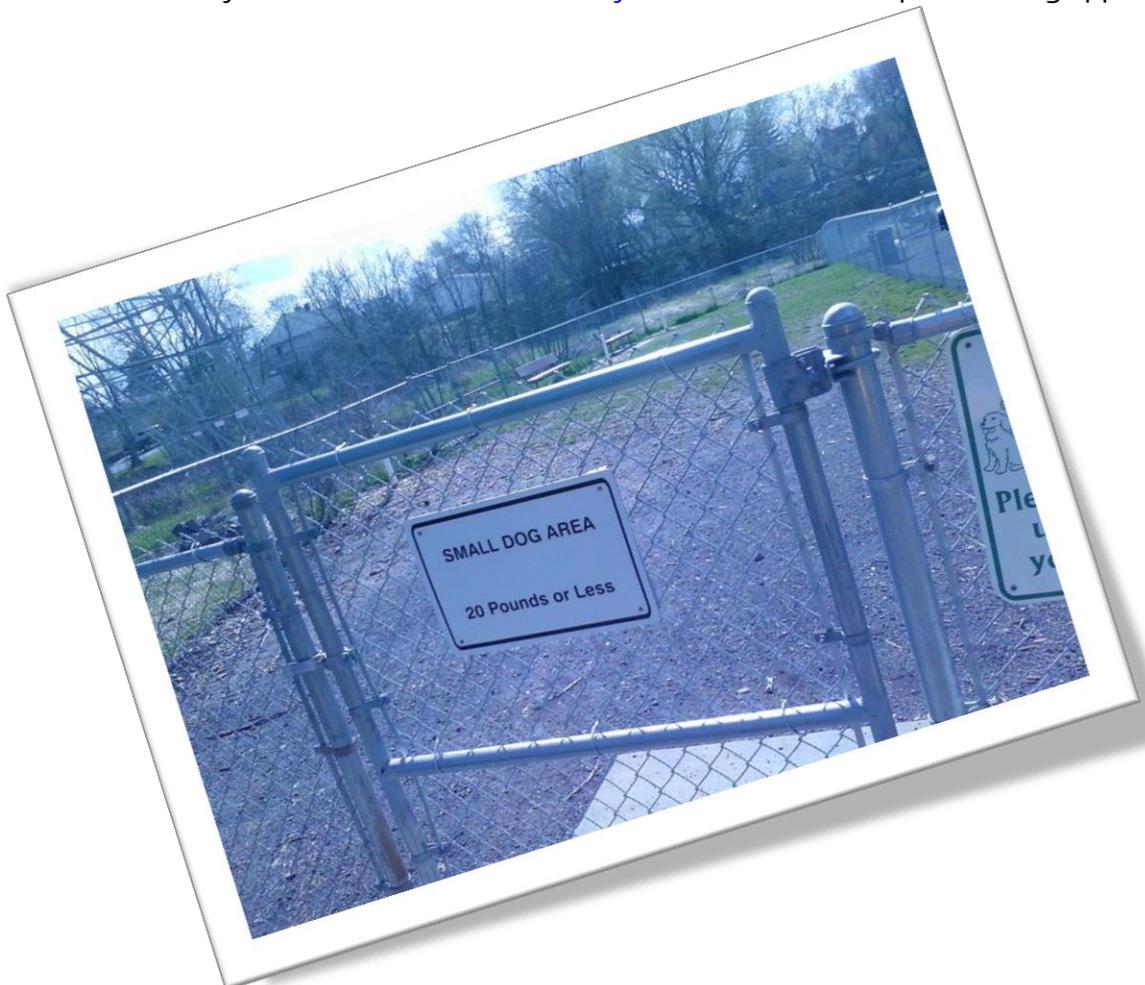
Observation Dog Park – OPEN!!!

The City of Duluth announces the opening of another fenced, off-leash dog park at Observation Park. Features of the new dog park include double-gated entry - to safely remove leashes before entering the dog park, a separate small dog area - for dogs 20 pounds or less, and off-street parking - at the 10th Street dead end. Observation Dog Park is located on West 3rd Street between 9th and 10th Avenue West.

The Observation Dog Park is the second such park in Duluth. The first, Keene Creek Dog Park, located in Keene Creek Park in West Duluth on Grand Ave and 62nd Ave W, was opened in 2006. Denette Lynch, an active volunteer and advocate for public dog parks, led the effort for the Observation Park location. She, along with other volunteers, contributed well over 500 hours of service to prepare the new site, working with City staff and neighbors, as well as coordinating fundraising events to pay for the development of the dog park. Between grants and individual donations, over \$12,000 was raised to support new dog parks.

“Better exercised and socialized dogs have fewer conflicts with other dogs and humans and are less likely to be abandoned or brought to shelters,” states Lynch, responding to why dog parks are important to the community. “Humans enjoy going to dog parks for their recreation as well. They are low cost and low maintenance parks that are heavily used year round.”

Individuals interested in supporting Duluth Dog Parks are encouraged to email Lynch at duluthdogparks@yahoo.com. Users of Duluth’s dog parks are encouraged to follow the proper etiquette and rules posted at the entrance of the park, including picking up pet waste and only using the park between the hours of 8AM and 10PM. Additionally, the Duluth Police Department encourages all pet owners to license their pet in accordance with City Ordinance 6-11. Visit the [City Clerk’s](#) website for a pet licensing application.



OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

MOUNTAIN BIKING IN DULUTH

Mountain biking in Duluth is a fun and challenging adventure. We currently have 30 miles of single-track biking in Duluth with trails located in Piedmont, Hartley Park, Brewer Park, Spirit Mountain, and Lester Park. Mont du Lac Recreation Area also has mountain bike trails. To download a mountain bike trail map go to the COGGS (Cyclists of Gitchee Gummi Shores) website at <http://www.coggs.com/trails.php>

TAKE A HIKE! ON DULUTH'S CITY TRAILS

Chester Park Trails --- 1800 East Skyline Parkway
Congdon Park Trails --- 32nd Ave E & Superior St
Grassy Point Trail --- end of Leisure Street
Hartley Park Trails --- 3001 Woodland Ave
Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve --- 4000 E Skyline Pkwy
Kingsbury Creek Trail --- Dead end of Waseca St
Lakewalk --- Canal Park to Brighton Beach
Lester Park Trail --- 60th Ave E and Superior St

Lincoln Park Trail --- Lincoln Park Dr and W 3rd St
Magney-Snively Trail --- 1/4 mile west of
100th Ave W and Skyline Pkwy
Park Point Trail --- end of Minnesota Ave
Piedmont Trail --- Adirondack & Hutchinson Rd
Western Waterfront Trail --- 7300 block off
Grand Ave/Pulaski St

SKATEBOARD PARK AT WHEELER FIELD ATHLETIC COMPLEX

The skateboard park is open for use 7 days a week, weather permitting, until 10 pm. Skateboarders, in-line skaters and bikers are all welcome. Indoor vending machines and bathrooms are available. Deck observation and seating areas are also available. The skateboard park is located at 35th Avenue West and Grand Avenue. Skate ramps are also located in Gary New Duluth, Keene Creek Park, and Midtown Park.

DISC GOLF COURSE

People wanting to play disc golf can use the nine-basket course at Miller Creek Disc Golf Course by Lake Superior College (2101 Trinity Rd) and a nine-basket course at the Morgan Park Community Recreation Center (1242 88th Ave W).

PLAYGROUNDS

Bayfront Festival Park / Playfront Playground---
South 5th Ave W & Railroad St
Blackmer --- Beverly St & 84th Ave W
Cascade --- 6th St & 1st Ave W
Central Hillside --- Lake Ave & 4th St
Chester Bowl --- 1800 E Skyline Parkway
Duluth Heights --- 33 W Mulberry St
Endion --- 1602 E Second St
Fairmont --- 72nd Ave W & Grand
Fond du Lac --- 131st Ave W & 5th St
Franklin --- 12th St & Minnesota Ave
Grant --- 901 E 11th St
Grosvenor Square --- Pitt & 49th Ave E
Harrison --- 3002 W Third St
Hillside Sport Center --- 408 E 8th St
Irving --- 20 S 57th Ave W
Keene Creek --- Bristol St & 63rd Ave W
Lafayette --- 3026 Minnesota Ave
Lester --- 61st Ave E & Superior St

Lilliput --- 315 E 5th St
Lincoln --- 25th Ave W & 5th St
Memorial --- 5315 Grand Ave
Merritt --- 4017 W 7th St
Morgan Park --- 1242 88th Ave W
Morley Heights --- Morley Pkwy & Spear Ave
Munger Park --- 11th Ave E & 8th St
Norton Park --- Coleman & 81st Ave W
Observation --- 914 W Third St
Park Point --- 45th St & Minnesota Ave
Piedmont --- 2302 W 23rd St
Portland Square --- 4th St & 10th Ave E
Portman --- 4601 McCulloch St
Riverside --- 55 Cato St
Washington Square --- Superior St & 43rd Ave E
Wheeler Field --- 35th Ave W & Grand Ave
Woodland --- 3211 Allendale Ave
Washington Center --- 310 N 1st Ave W

Parks and Recreation can provide additional information concerning recreational activities, maps, and updated schedules for special activities by going to our website at www.duluthmn.gov/parks. Please use the phone numbers listed or call the Parks and Recreation office at 218-730-4300.