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Recreation and Special Events

Hartley Nature Center Celebrates 10 Years

Duluth's Hartley Nature Center will kick off a yearlong celebration, in observance of its 10th anniversary, with an open house and birthday party on Thursday November 14, 2013 from 2:00pm to 6:30pm. The public is invited to attend the open house, which will feature special displays, tours and birthday cake for everyone.



Celebrating 10 Years in our great facility

Please join us as we kick-off our
10 Year Celebration
with a Birthday Party Open House!
Thursday, November 14th, 3:00pm - 6:30pm
cake • coffee • hot apple cider

**HARTLEY
NATURE CENTER**
HARTLEYNATURE.ORG

*Discover the past, present and future of Hartley Nature Center with
guided tours of the facility and grounds, including the newly built Yurt!*

Hartley Nature Center is proudly supported by these fine sponsors:









The event will focus on the past, present and future of Hartley Nature Center, which opened in 2003, in Duluth's 660 acre Hartley Park. Tours to see the nearly constructed yurt on the grounds of Hartley Park will be available to anyone who attends. Information will be available about the Hartley Nature Center Preschool, set to open in September 2014. The school will meet an increased demand for early environment and nature learning programs.

In its first year of operation, over 16,000 visitors participated in programs at Hartley Nature Center. Since then, over 14,000 children a year attend nature camps or field trip events at the Center, while hundreds of visitors enjoy many other activities offered in the park and through Hartley Nature Center. Winter snowshoeing and cross country skiing bring visitors to the park all winter. During the summer, visitors fish for trout in Hartley Pond or Tischer Creek. The Hartley Nature Center building is a model of green building technology. It was built using a multitude of green building materials, over 13kw in photovoltaic solar panels, and a ground source heat pump.

The Hartley Nature Center is a private non-profit organization. Hartley Nature Center provides opportunities for understanding, appreciation and stewardship of the natural world. More information: Tom O'Rourke 218.724.6735.



**Open November 23rd - December 28th
5-9 pm Sunday through Thursday 5-10 pm Friday & Saturday**

Bentleyville Tour of Lights Opens Saturday, November 23rd “Celebrating 10th Anniversary”

Everyone will experience the magic of over 3 million lights illuminating Bayfront Festival Park located on the shores of Lake Superior during the Bentleyville Tour of Lights. The largest holiday light show in the Midwest comes to life every evening from Saturday, November 23rd-Saturday, December 28th. Bentleyville will be open from 5:00-10:00 PM Friday and Saturday and 5:00-9:00 PM Sunday-Thursday. Admission is free.

This year everyone will experience the magic of over 3 million lights illuminating Bayfront Festival Park located on the shores of Lake Superior during the Bentleyville Tour of Lights. The largest holiday light show in the Midwest comes to life every evening from Saturday, November 23rd - Wednesday, December 28th. Bentleyville will be open from 5:00-10:00 PM Friday and Saturday and 5:00-9:00 PM Sunday-Thursday. Admission is free.

Highlighting the 2013 Bentleyville Tour of Lights are new displays such as Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Santa’s Workshop, complete with Island of Missfit Toys, Sesame Street, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Thank you to our Military, Santa’s Big Show (carnival), new 320’ lighted tunnel from 5th Ave West, 50’ x 12’ Joy to the World, and an expanded Camping Christmas Display

Bentleyville will once again present its signature lighting display which is a 8 feet wide ball with 28-3 foot LED blue spikes placed at the top of the twelve story tall steel Christmas tree in the center of Bayfront Festival Park. Laden with over “now” 100,000 sparkling LED lights the 120 ft. giant tree will be shining

brightly in the crisp evening sky. Synchronized to music, this LED trimmed Christmas tree will dance with images to holiday tunes throughout the season. Visitors will also be greeted by the spectacular Bentleyville castle as they enter Bentleyville which stands 24 feet high and 78 feet long and the Cookie House where visitors are welcome to complimentary hot chocolate, coffee and cookies as they stroll through the park. A dazzling lighted tunnel leads you to Santa, 15 fire pits for roasting marshmallows and the Polar Popcorn Hut. Everyone will be amazed at the local displays of the Aerial Lift Bridge, Tall Ships, a replicate of a thousand foot ore boat and Enger Tower.

Bentleyville Tour of Lights is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization. **The community mission of this event is to raise non-perishable food items and new unwrapped toys for families in need. Bentleyville Tour of Lights is an official drop off site for the Salvation Army. Please make a donation.** For more Bentleyville Tour of Lights information: www.bentleyvilleusa.org

Trail Flood Repair Update

Repair of trail damage update: extensions have been filed with FEMA for 14 trail and bikeway projects and most likely all will be completed in 2014. These include Chester, Mission, Lester, Congdon, Kingsbury, Snowmobile Trails East and West, the DWP and more.

The Irving Bikeway to Grassy Point has been restored.

The ski bridge in Chester is now under construction and is expected to be completed by mid-winter.

2013 Holiday Banquet and Bentleyville Tour of Lights

Tickets are currently on sale for \$16 for the 27th Annual Holiday Banquet and Bentleyville Tour of Lights on December 10 at the DECC. Sponsored by the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Division and the AEOA Senior Dining Program, this popular event can easily become one of your holiday traditions. Ticket sites include the Parks and Recreation office (City Hall – Ground Level), and are available through the December 2 deadline. Attendees are primarily age 55 and over, although younger adults will often accompany a parent or grandparent for a special evening together. Delicious turkey with all the trimmings is served. Following dinner is Bentleyville, seen in the warmth and comfort of the indoors via a "DVD virtual tour" produced by photographer Dennis O'Hara that is set to holiday music. Also part of the evening is entertainment by musician Todd Eckart and his trio performing music from the Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra era, lots of door prizes, and ending on a high note with a fun sing along. Call 218.390.9429 or 730.4306 for more information.

Parks and Recreation FREE - DECC Skating Parties

It is time to get those ice skates sharpened and head down to the DECC for the annual Parks and Recreation skating parties. The skating parties will be held in the DECC Arena or the AMSOIL Arena. This is a great event for families. Skaters can enjoy cookies and music provided by Shelly's Mobile Music Machine. There will be free door prizes for the kids. DECC concessions will also be open during this time period. All skating parties are free and open to all ages. Kids under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants need to bring their own skates.

The skating party dates:



WINTER SKATING PARTIES 2013-14 • DULUTH, MINNESOTA

- ▶ **Sunday, December 1 AMSOIL ARENA..... 3:00-5:00 PM
SKATE WITH THE BULLDOGS DAY!**
- ▶ **Sunday, December 22 DECC 3:00-5:00 PM**
- ▶ **Sunday, January 26 DECC 3:00-5:00 PM**
- ▶ **Sunday, February 23 AMSOIL ARENA 3:00-5:00 PM**

All Skating Parties are FREE!
Bring your own skates • No tag or skating fast
No chairs, sticks, pucks or shoes on the ice
Prizes for kids • Music provided
Kids 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult



Come one, come all to a beautiful Duluth Wedding

The growing trend in outdoor weddings is bringing couples from all over the United States to Duluth, MN. The beautiful parks, our fantastic Lake Superior, and countless streams have offered picturesque sites for “destination weddings” or for those returning “home” to celebrate their special occasion. The Parks and Recreation Division is noticing an increase in wedding permits issued on top of an already steady flow of inquiries- with fall engagements keeping us busy well past summer! To date, wedding permits for 2013 have generated \$25,410. Wedding

reservations for 2014 are expected to surpass this year's issued permits substantially as the division is well on its way to meeting this goal. Wedding event permits for next year have already accumulated \$16,425; over half of what 2013 has generated. All of the hard work going into maintaining and beautifying our parks has obviously been noticed beyond local residents! Weddings are just one of many things that generate income by bringing visitors to Duluth and this trend is worth noticing. Hats off to all involved as we continue to offer quality venues of all sorts in our beautiful northland city. For more information contact Gail at gwalkowiak@duluthmn.gov

BIKE LANES for Duluth's Bikeway System: Proposed for your review and comment

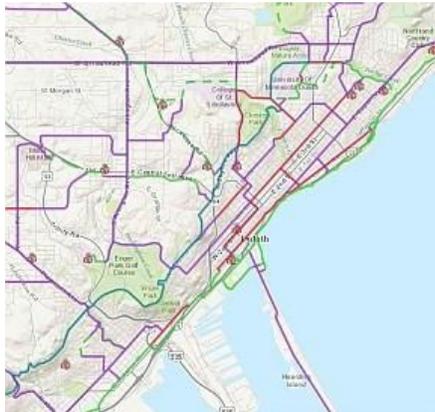
Ways to give us your input: Attend the Public Meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2013

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Clyde Iron located at 2920 West Michigan Street

View Map and Comment Online Go to www.dsmic.org/bike to review and comment by December 1.

Contact Us Directly: Call or email James Gittemeier at (218) 529-7556 or jgittemeier@ardc.org

Bicycling is an important and growing transportation option in Duluth. The City of Duluth and the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) have been gathering ideas and insights from area bicyclists to create a safe and connected urban bikeway system that will include new bike lanes along selected routes throughout the city.



The map of the proposed system is available to view online at www.dsmic.org/bike

Senior Fall Special Event Schedule

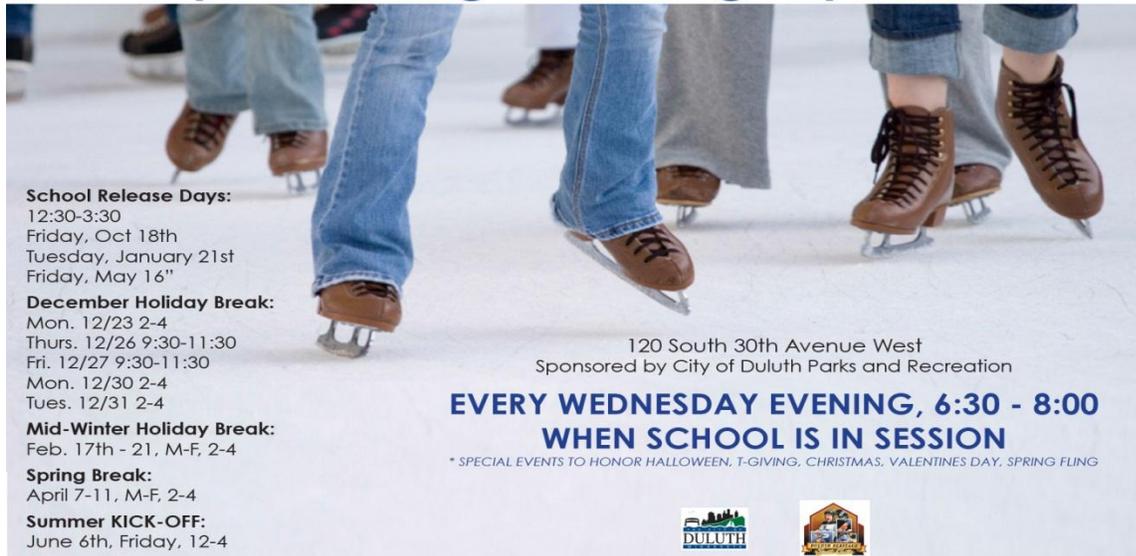
- Evergreen Senior Center - 5830 Grand Ave
 - AARP Defensive Driving Classes
 - 1st Time class (2 days) November 13 and 14 (Wed & Thurs 5-9 pm)
 - Refreshers: November - Tuesday 19th, 1-5 pm
 - December - Tuesday 17th, 1-5 pm
 - Bingo- Thursdays at 12:30 pm
- Portman Senior Center - 4601 McCulloch St
 - AARP Defensive Driving Classes
 - Refreshers: November - Thursday 21st, 1-5 pm
 - December - Thursday 19th, 1-5 pm
 - Bingo-Mondays and Fridays at 12:30 pm

Parks and Recreation Heritage Skating

Wednesday evening **Open Skating** has been growing and growing and GROWING! Normal attendance is between 100-200 people per session. LUCKILY, the Park Fund has allowed a 2nd part time staff to be hired to help oversee operations and assist participants. We have two new Rink assistants, Ava and Alex, both UMD students with superior enthusiasm and customer service skills, as well as very adequate skating abilities! A special thanks to Ava for consistently modeling the current safety-fashion in helmet attire! We are also lucky to have an EXCELLENT volunteer, also from UMD—Thanks Kyle for showing up for free and thanks to Cheryl Skafte for recruiting this very valuable resource to help us.

The Parks and Recreation sponsored skating sessions held at the Heritage Sports Center have begun! Skating will be held from 6:30-8:00 PM every week until the end of May. The Heritage Sports Center is located at 120 South 30th Avenue West. These sessions are free and open to the public for pleasure skating. Please bring your own skates.

Free Open Skating at Heritage Sports Center



School Release Days:
12:30-3:30
Friday, Oct 18th
Tuesday, January 21st
Friday, May 16"

December Holiday Break:
Mon. 12/23 2-4
Thurs. 12/26 9:30-11:30
Fri. 12/27 9:30-11:30
Mon. 12/30 2-4
Tues. 12/31 2-4

Mid-Winter Holiday Break:
Feb. 17th - 21, M-F, 2-4

Spring Break:
April 7-11, M-F, 2-4

Summer KICK-OFF:
June 6th, Friday, 12-4

120 South 30th Avenue West
Sponsored by City of Duluth Parks and Recreation

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING, 6:30 - 8:00
WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

* SPECIAL EVENTS TO HONOR HALLOWEEN, T-GIVING, CHRISTMAS, VALENTINES DAY, SPRING FLING



Parents and Pre-school Children Invited to Participate in Play Gym at Duluth Heights

Play Gym at Duluth Heights is alive and well! After a lull in Summer participants, in part due to our long-time Parent Lead, Sara Kramer, moving to Cambridge... and the subsequent moving-on of Ray Lopez (who generously stepped up to temporarily fill her shoes), the Super-Parent team of Hannah and Adam Johnston (both AmeriCorps Alumni) have graciously stepped up to keep the program open and running every Wednesday, from 9-11:30.

Halloween "Skate & Scare"

The *inaugural* Halloween "Skate & Scare" went very well. This is a new event, centered on the Parks and Recreation's weekly Open Skate and conducted by several different non-profit groups. The City of Duluth recruited volunteers who greeted people, assisted skaters and did a wonderful job painting more than 100 faces. The Duluth Heritage Sports Center staff took care

of conducting the Costume Contest, did set up/clean up, and all building logistics. The Boys and Girls Club had games in their program area, as well as “haunted” the hallways and locker rooms (very scary!). The Children’s Museum had a table where they conducted hands-on experiments with dry ice and “slime”. The Duluth Figure Skating Club had an information table as well as an art project for participants to do. Attendance was approximately 300 participants, based on the 200 treat bags that were handed out to children as they left... which ran out before the end!

A special thank you to all involved, especially the volunteers from Duluth East and Duluth Denfeld Key Clubs, and youth from the Duluth Playhouse Children’s Theatre group.

Upcoming.....Recreation Events

- On Wednesday, November 27th, a similar *first-time event* will be held in honor of Thanksgiving, with plans to hold a “Frozen Turkey” bowling contest.
- On Wednesday, December 18, we will hold our 2nd annual “Santa Skate”, which will feature Santa, on his reindeer-fueled Zamboni.
- Bayfront Skating Rink will be opening December 26th – and will be open 7days a week (weather permitting)! Once Bentleyville is moved out, it will revert back to its exquisite picturesque state, with a natural Winter Wonderland twist. Friday Bonfires, free hot-chocolate and snow-equipment available for quiet public use will be featured for the 4th season.

City of Duluth Golf Courses Closed for the Season

The last day open at Lester Park Golf Course was Sunday, October 27th and the last day of operation at Enger Park Golf Course was Wednesday, October 30th. A special thanks to everyone who helped make this a great golf season by attending Lester and Enger events and participating in our golf program. The weather strained the start of the season but the summer and fall were great for golf. The public's support is appreciated. The golf courses will be open before Christmas for your golf holiday needs. Hours will be posted on www.golfinduluth.com and another reminder email will be sent out. Gift certificates are always available online on the website. Have a short and safe winter.

Lester Park and Enger Park Golf Courses

Paul Schintz, PGA Golf Professional
paulschintz@aol.com
218-525-0828

Administration

Duluth Awarded “Bronze-Level Bicycle Friendly Community”

On October 15, Duluth was awarded a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community designation by the League of American Bicyclists. Duluth joins 9 other cities in Minnesota who have earned this designation.

A community recognized by the League as Bicycle Friendly welcomes bicyclists by providing safe accommodation for cycling and encouraging people to bike for transportation and recreation.

Encouraging bicycling is a simple way toward improving public health. With more people bicycling, communities experience reduced traffic demands, improved air quality and greater physical fitness.

Building such a community can translate into a more connected, physically active, and environmentally sustainable community that enjoys increased property values, business growth, increased tourism, and more transportation choices for citizens.

Best Adventure Hub Runner-Up: Duluth, Minnesota : *Outside* chooses the top vacation spots of 2013



This hilly, forested, 26-mile-long city on the southern tip of Lake Superior is a magnet for aerobic fiends who train year-round on the city's 72 miles of Nordic ski trails, the epic Willard Munger paved cycling trail, 81 miles of running and hiking trails, and 30 (and growing) miles of urban mountain-bike trails. At the southern end of town are two brand-new 500-vertical-foot, IMBA-designed downhill flow trails at [Spirit Mountain](#) ski resort. Offshore there are three quadrillion gallons of Lake Superior water, shipwrecks, and salmon and trout. Book a lakeside room at [Fitger's Inn](#) (doubles from \$135). Two hours north are the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, one of the worst-kept but least-spoiled secrets in the country.

<http://www.outsideonline.com/adventure-travel/travel-awards/Best-Adventure-Hub-Runner-Up-Duluth-Minnesota.html>

Duluth is destined to become the mountain biking Mecca of the Midwest

TheAngry Singlespeeder: Riding Way Up North in Duluth, Eh? By Kurt Gensheimer

<http://reviews.mtbr.com/the-angry-singlespeeder-riding-way-up-north-in-duluth-eh>

If you've seen the movie Fargo, then you probably have this image in your mind of what Minnesota looks like; a barren, ice cold, God-forsaken tundra of nothing but white stuff as far as the eye can see, which in the middle of a blizzard is about six inches.

And that image you have in your mind wouldn't be far off, except for that fact that Minnesota does have some spring, summer and fall where the weather can be quite pleasant. And when it is pleasant, the locals pull their mountain bikes out of hibernation and go riding.

This past week, The Angry Singlespeeder was invited by Salsa Cycles to ride their new [Spearfish](#) and [Horsethief](#) way up north in the fledgling mountain bike destination of the Midwest – Duluth, Minnesota.

Set on the shores of Lake Superior, or as the locals call it, the Canadian Ocean, Duluth has seen some tumultuous economic ups and downs like many cities in the Rust Belt. After a long run of prosperity, in the 1950s Duluth began its decline, when high-grade iron ore ran out in the nearby Iron Range. Once U.S. Steel shuttered in the 1970s, so did all of their local suppliers and thousands of jobs.

However, unlike other Rust Belt cities, Duluth has some remarkably beautiful country and natural resources that have enabled it to draw tourism and a constant influx of younger people. One of those forms of tourism as of lately has been mountain biking. Thanks to a number of local riders and volunteers who have worked tirelessly for years to put Duluth on the mountain biking map, the word is finally starting to get out – Duluth is destined to become a mountain biking mecca of the Midwest.



The rocky terrain and lush green forests make Duluth an ideal place to ride.

I know what you're thinking. Mecca? In Duluth? Gimme a break. That's exactly what I thought until I pulled into town and saw a beautiful, rock and tree-laden ridgeline towering 700 feet above the city, where an entire network of rocky, technical singletracks known as Piedmont Trails are located. The views of Lake Superior and the city of Duluth are simply stunning and the riding is anything but flat and boring. The trails are more like the middle of Pennsylvania, not the middle of the Midwest.

Spirit Mountain, a ski resort no more than 10 miles from downtown Duluth has gotten on board with mountain biking too, recently building two flow trails named Candyland and Smorgasboard. Candyland boasts nearly two miles of jumps, berms and tabletops suitable for riders of all skill and experience levels while Smorgasboard appeals to more experienced riders, with ramps, drops, rocks and technical berms. I must have ridden Candyland at least six times in three hours, and could have ridden it another six without getting bored. It was that fun.

But the big project is the Duluth Traverse, a 100-mile long trail through the entire city that Mayor Don Ness envisions to be the premier urban mountain biking system in the world. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Duluth-area native and IMBA Midwest regional director, Hansi Johnson and Cyclists of Gitchee Gumees Shores (COGGS) chairman Dr. Adam Sundberg, Mayor Ness saw the enormous possibilities that mountain biking can bring to the local economy.

And once the city took notice, money for trail projects started flowing in. With hundreds of thousands of dollars in the COGGS coffer, Sundberg is hiring two full-time trail builders and buying their own trail building equipment. They're also hiring Progressive Trail Design out of Arkansas to help create two nine-mile sections of the Duluth Traverse trail by end of summer.

All of this sounds great, but the big question probably lingering in the back of your mind relates to the weather. What about the weather? I asked that exact question to Mayor Ness when he spoke with us briefly during dinner at Tycoons, a brew pub located in the historic Duluth City Hall – one of several new brewpubs in town.

His response was very matter-of-fact. He told us that yes, the weather in Duluth can be brutal. You have to be a special person to live in Duluth. You have to be strong, tough, positive and persevering, and that's what makes the people of Duluth so genuine. Mayor Ness is a youthful 39-years-old, but his recent re-election after running unopposed speaks multitudes – citizens love the vision Ness has for the city of Duluth.

And even when there's three feet of snow on the ground, Hansi and his COGGS buddies still ride. Fatbikes in Duluth are like fixies in San Francisco; they're everywhere. Hansi showed us pictures of him riding frozen creekbeds in winter, opening up a whole new realm of riding possibilities. As the locals say, "there's no such thing as bad weather, only bad gear."

Fatbikes in Duluth can even be used in summer, cruising the sandy shores of Lake Superior. Salsa hosted a midnight fatbike beach ride for us one evening, and it was so much fun. Until last week I never understood the point of fatbikes. I thought they were just a stupid novelty. But after riding in Duluth, I get it. Without fatbikes, people in Duluth wouldn't be able to ride at least six months out of the year.

So whether you live in the Midwest or you're just looking for a unique and affordable mountain biking destination, put Duluth on your short list. And if you decide to go, look up Hansi and Sundberg. They'll be happy to show you all the great trails, brewpubs and fatbike rides that Duluth has to offer. Thanks guys. I'll be back again.

Volunteer Events and Information

Duluth Invasive Species Council: *Working to educate the community, to eradicate invasive plant populations, and to restore habitats to their native roots.*

Thank you to all the volunteers who showed in for the Buckthorn Brigade events in October and early-November. We removed loads of buckthorn from Hartley, the Lakewalk, Chester Park, Keene Creek and the Western Waterfront. Watch for more Buckthorn Brigade events in early-Spring.

Parks and Recreation received a \$1,500 grant from the Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation to support the tracking and mapping of buckthorn density throughout Hartley Park. The effort, led by Invasive Species Management Intern, Steph Gibeau, is nearly complete, with around one-third

of the segments left to be tracked. Results of the tracking project are expected to be shared in February 2014. Thank you to the volunteers who have served as Buckthorn Trackers throughout these summer and fall months. The tracking project is expected to give Parks a framework for future mapping, as well as a baseline to measure against as we tackle removing buckthorn in Hartley Park.

Interested in getting involved in the Duluth Invasive Species Council? Email Cheryl Skafte at cskafte@duluthmn.gov to learn more. Volunteers are currently needed to help develop community education materials and signage.

Clean and Green: *Keeping Duluth beautiful through clean-up and green-up projects.*

As the weather turns cold and our first significant snowfall is just around the corner, Parks and Recreation is busy doing final clean-ups. Volunteers are still needed for Clean and Green projects this year! Sign-up your group or family for a clean-up by contacting Cheryl Skafte at cskafte@duluthmn.gov

A special thanks to Parks partner, Duluth Cross Country Ski Club (DXC), for all their hard work in prepping the ski trails for winter. Their “green-up” projects include trail brushing at Piedmont, Magney, Chester and Lester. Additionally, DXC members have assisting in leading volunteer groups out on the trails to ensure that the trails are nice and smooth for winter use.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped put the Rose Garden to bed this year! The annual “tipping-of-the-roses” happened on October 19 and 22. Community members can still support the Rose Garden by donating their bagged leaves. Please bring your bagged leaves to the Rose Garden parking lot. Donations accepted until enough leaves have been collected.

Let’s Grow – Edible Duluth: *Working to develop, support and sustain edible public landscapes*

The Duluth Public Library officially announced that they’ll be starting a Let’s Grow Seed Lending Library. Patrons will be invited to “check out” seeds in spring 2014. At the end of the growing season, patrons will harvest the seeds to return to the lending library. Learn more at <http://www.duluth.lib.mn.us/programs-events/duluth-public-seed-lending-library/>

The Let’s Grow-Lincoln Park Emerald garden, developed in partnership between the City of Duluth and the Duluth Community Garden Program, wrapped up their season with a Harvest Celebration on Thursday, November 7th at the Harrison Community Center. Despite a tricky spring full of unfavorable growing weather, the new garden, located on a formally vacant lot produced lots of fresh food for Lincoln Park families and neighbors. Over 100 volunteers donated time throughout the growing season to support the building and maintenance of the new garden space. Congratulations to the gardeners of the first Let’s Grow community garden. Thank you to Cities of Service for providing funding for the project through their 2012 Impact Volunteering Fund grant program.

Community Partnerships

This fall, Parks and Recreation hosted three site visits for Julie Ernst's Outdoor Recreation (REC3330) class at the University of Minnesota – Duluth. The class was focused on learning how different agencies manage land for outdoor recreation opportunities. The students were invited to visit the Let's Grow-Lincoln Park Emerald Garden, Hartley Park and the Rose Garden. It was a great way to provide a hands-on learning experience for our friends at UMD. Thank you to all involved for making it a successful experience.

Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

Chester Bowl Downhill Skiing: [Time to get your season pass](#)

Located in the heart of Duluth at 1800 East Skyline Parkway, Chester Bowl Ski Hill offers a wide variety of downhill skiing experiences. Daily lift tickets for all ages are \$5.25/per day. Besides being affordable, Chester Bowl is a great place to learn how to downhill ski for people of all ages. For more information go to <http://www.chesterbowl.org>

Take a Hike! On Duluth's City Trails

- Chester Park Trails - 1800 East Skyline Parkway
- Congdon Park Trails - 32nd Ave East and Superior Street
- Grassy Point Trail - end of Leisure Street
- Hartley Park Trails - 3001 Woodland Ave
- Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve - 4000 E Skyline Parkway
- Kingsbury Creek Trail - Dead end of Waseca Street
- Lakewalk - Canal Park to Brighton Beach
- Lester Park Trail - 60th Ave East and Superior Street
- Lincoln Park Trail - Lincoln Park Drive and West 3rd Street
- Magney-Snively Trail - 1/4 mi west 100 Ave West and Skyline Parkway
- Park Point Trail - end of Minnesota Ave
- Piedmont Trail - Adirondack and Hutchinson Rd
- Western Waterfront Trail - 7300 block off Grand Ave/Pulaski St

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 at 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>

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 area are also available.

Location: The skateboard park: 35th Avenue West and Grand Avenue. Skate ramps are also located at Gary New Duluth, Keene Creek Park, Midtown Park, and the Depot parking lot.

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).

Soccer Fields

Arlington --- 601 S Arlington Ave
Chester Bowl --- 1800 E Skyline Parkway
Duluth Heights --- 33 W Mulberry St
Irving --- 20 S 57th Ave W
Jean Duluth (Lake Park Fields) --- Riley & Jean Duluth
Park Point --- 45th St & Minnesota Ave
Piedmont --- 2302 W 23rd St
Rose --- Rose & Livingston St
Woodland --- 3211 Allendale Ave

Softball Fields

Blackmer --- Beverly St & 84th Ave W
Chester Bowl --- 1800 E Skyline Parkway
Duluth Heights --- 33 W Mulberry St
Lafayette --- 3026 Minnesota Ave
Memorial --- 5315 Grand Ave
Merritt --- 4017 W 7th St
Norton Park --- Coleman & 81st Ave W
Park Point --- 45th St & Minnesota Ave
Piedmont --- 2302 W 23rd St
Portman --- 4601 McCulloch St
Wheeler --- 35th Ave W & Grand Ave
Woodland --- 3211 Allendale Ave
Central Hillside --- Lake Ave & 4th St
Fond du Lac --- 131st Ave W & 5th St

Baseball Fields

Duluth Heights --- 33 W Mulberry St
Gary/Stowe --- 801- 101st Ave W
Como Park (Glen Avon) --- 2403 Woodland Ave
Wade Stadium --- 35th Ave W & 1st St
Wheeler #5 --- 35th Ave W & Grand Ave
Woodland ---3211 Allendale Ave

Basketball Courts

Gary New Duluth --- 801-101st Ave W
Grant --- 901 E 11th St
Harrison --- 3000 W 3rd St
Hillside Sport Center --- 408 E 8th St
Irving --- 20 S 57th Ave W
Lafayette --- 3026 Minnesota Ave
Lincoln Park --- 25th Ave W & 5th St
Memorial --- 5315 Grand Ave
Merritt --- 4017 W 7th St
Morgan Park --- 1242-88th Ave W
Norton Park --- Coleman & 81st Ave W
Observation --- 914 W 3rd St
Portman --- 4601 McCulloch St
Riverside --- 55 Cato St
Woodland --- 3211 Allendale Ave

Tennis Courts

Endion --- 1602 E 2nd St
Fond du Lac --- 131st Ave W & 5th St
Harrison --- 3000 W 3rd St
Irving --- 20 S 57th Ave W
Keene Creek --- Bristol St & 63rd Ave W
Lafayette --- 3026 Minnesota Ave
Longview --- 326 N 25th Ave E
Wheeler --- 35th Ave W & Grand Ave
Woodland --- 3211 Allendale Ave

Playgrounds

Bayfront Festival Park / Playfront Playground--- South 5th Ave W & RR 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 2nd 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 3rd 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
Norton Park --- Coleman & 81st Ave W
Observation --- 914 W 3rd 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

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