

— Skyline Planning & Preservation Alliance —



The View from Skyline

Skyline Parkway, Duluth, Minnesota - Roger's Boulevard - Lester River to Jay Cooke State Park (now Beck's Rd)

Two programs you won't want to miss

Please join us.
Free and open
to the public.

November 18th (Tuesday)

Laurie Mattson from Tour Duluth, a new business that offers tours of Skyline Parkway and other historic sites as well. She will bring the tour bus for your inspection. Laurie will talk about growing up on the western section of Skyline Parkway and how she became involved with Tour Duluth. Her love of the parkway and Sam Snively are reflected in her scrap book. Laurie has also explored sites that have been a banded and uncovered some treasures. Come hear stories about Skyline and Mayor Snively's connection to Cornucopia, Wisconsin.

December 9th (Tuesday)

Joe Litman from LHB and **Cari Petersen** from the city of Duluth Engineering Dept. If you haven't seen the bridges on Seven Bridges Rd lately then you must come to this program. This will be a Power Point presentation about the repair and reconstruction of all the bridges on this treasured part of Skyline Parkway.

Both programs begin at 6:30 pm at the
First United Methodist Church (Coppertop),
230 E. Skyline Parkway.

SHOOTING SKYLINE
Photo Contest
Winners Announced
on Page 3.

**10/31/08 Comment from
Congressman Jim Oberstar**

Skyline Parkway is a place where the most beautiful scenery of one of our nation's most beautiful cities is on display for all to see. It is truly a national treasure. I am always encouraged when I see grassroots community groups like the Skyline Planning and Preservation Alliance take a leadership role in managing a resource like Skyline Parkway. Their hard work and forward thinking action will ensure that generations of Americans will be able to view Lake Superior from the dazzling vantage point of a restored Skyline Parkway. They are carrying on the visionary work that began over 100 years ago.

Congressman Oberstar is the Minnesota 8th District (Arrowhead region) representative. He serves as the Chair for the Transportation Committee.

Skyline Planning & Preservation Alliance Mission: To be actively involved in short-term and long-term planning for protecting and preserving the aesthetic, environmental, and historic character of Skyline Parkway.
Visit www.SkylinePPA.org to learn more about our activities or to become involved.



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To report significant trash
dumpings along Skyline
call the Fire Dept at
(218) 730-4380
Call 911 if you have
specific information
(license #, etc)

Informative Website
www.amitycreek.com

Stay connected with
SPPA events, news and
announcements. If you
would like to be added to
the **SPPA email list**, send
an email message to
info@skylineppa.org.

Do you have information to
share about Skyline
Parkway? Any special
memories or historical
information? Are you with a
group that is holding events
on or near Skyline Parkway?
Let SPPA know: email
info@skylineppa.org

REMINDER

The Skyline Parkway
history display is available to
be shown at events or to be
displayed in indoor public
locations.

So far it has been displayed at

- ◆ Jay Cooke State Park
(May through June)
- ◆ Duluth Public Library
(July through October)
- ◆ DECC (several times for
special events there).

. Contact
info@skylineppa.org or
Peggy at (218) 728-6296 to
make arrangements.

DSSO and Skyline Parkway

Did you know SPPA had a presence at the
Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra concert
on Saturday October 18th? The symphony
featured Mayor Snively that night, as part of the
DSSO Duluth history series on local people in
Duluth's past who had the ability to dream and
the courage to do so.

Thanks to **Barb Darland** SPPA was there with a
flyer for donations, maps and Skyline buttons. We
also had our new history banner there which
attracted a lot of attention. Mayor Snively's two
nephews were up here for the concert too. The
music was great! I'm sure Mayor Snively would
have approved of the selections that were played.

For DSSO concert season information
go to www.dssso.com



Thanks to SPPA board
members **Doug Stevens** and
Barb Forest for manning the
booth at the concert. Also,
thanks to new member **Laurie
Mattson** for also being there to
share excitement about Skyline
Parkway and its rich history.





Photo by Justine Vaughen

Congratulations Photo Contest Winners

VIEW FROM PARKWAY

- 1st place: **Justine Vaughen**
*lives in Florida,
took photo while visiting the area
- 2nd place: **Charlene Peterson**



Photo by Rhonda Horyza

BEST NIGHT SHOT

- 1st place: **Rhonda Horyza**
- 2nd place: **Carmen Toso**

BEST SHOT WITH PARKWAY ROAD OR BRIDGE

- 1st place: **Mark Ryan**
- 2nd place: **Laurie DeGrio Mattson**



Photo by Mark Ryan

Honorable Mention photo by **Eve Stein**

This was SPPA's first photo contest. Thank you to all who submitted entries to the contest.
 Over 20 entries were received from locals and from people from throughout the U.S.
 First place winners will receive \$30, a Skyline Parkway logo tote bag and a one year SPPA membership.
 Second place winners receive a Skyline Parkway logo tote bag and a one year SPPA membership.

View the winning photos in color on-line at www.SkylinePPA.org



Mayor Snively Monument Reflecting Pool Excavation

If you have traveled by the Stewart Creek Bridge this year, perhaps you have noticed a clearing on the East side. SPPA works crews have cut away 20 foot high elderbrush, and dug away six inch deep sediment to rediscover the stone floor and ledges, and redirected the stream into the reflecting pool. This 60 x 30 foot roadside area is now once again clearly visible next to the Stewart Creek Bridge passed 100th Ave. W. The original stone floor is mostly intact; the ledge perimeter is in very good alignment. One of the larger boulders has fallen down and the upper wall has sagged a bit over the approximately 70 years it has been in place.

This year's SPPA work crew: John Siebenad, Diane Raschenfelds, Doug Stevens, Terry Brown, Wendy Grethen and Margaret West hacked and shoveled away roots and dirt to reveal 40% of the stone floor base. In previous years SPPA has removed wooded vegetation that essentially completely hid this site from view. It is amazing how much has been accomplished by a few people in six or so visits!

Please join us for about 2 hours and help restore this historical piece of Skyline Parkway on Sunday, November 9 at 2 p.m. And everyone can take home as much rich, black topsoil as they can carry!



A photo of the monument constructed honoring Mayor Snively. It consists of a reflecting pool fed by a natural small tributary.

The area was a picnic grounds on the upper level. This photo was taken in the late 1930s. Source: City of Duluth Parks and Rec annual records.

Photo below: In 2008 SPPA volunteers helped clear away root remnants and accumulated soil.



Stop by and see the reflecting pool. The small stream above is intermittent but the stone pool area is holding water.

Updates and summary by Margaret West

**CONTACT MARGARET at
733-9596 to confirm that you
will help on
Sunday, November 9.
Helpers needs to:
cut small shrubs,
remove of soil and small roots,
and sweep area.**





Hidden Treasures in the Woods

Early next year SPPA will have a program on **geocaching** along Skyline Parkway. Do you know what geocaching is? Geocaching is the sport where you use a handheld GPS (global positioning system) to locate caches in the woods. Some caches contain trinkets to trade. Inside a cache is also a log book. The person finding the cache signs with their code name.

The person should also record their visit on the **geocaching.com** website. There you can look up how often a cache has been found, when it was first set up,

www.geocaching.com is the official global GPS cache hunt site.

and other information such as if it is winter available and what size category it is.

YOUR Visions for Skyline

What would you like to see happen/improved on the road of Skyline Parkway?

There may be an opportunity to submit your ideas at an early 2009 public comment meeting. SPPA will alert members to the opportunity.



Winter time along Skyline

Now that fall is here and most of the leaves are down from the trees, the views from Skyline Parkway are more open. You can see the islands in the St. Louis River or look over at the city lights at night while driving along sections of Skyline Parkway.

If you want to get out and do active recreation this winter and do not have equipment Duluth has several places that rent equipment including snowshoes.

UMD Outdoor Recreation Dept. 726-6134
Hartley Nature Center 724-6735

Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Updated Master Plan APPROVED

The Spirit Mt Recreation Area master plan concepts include:

- ◆ **Enhanced Alpine Ski/Snowboard focus** (these activities generate the bulk of the facility's revenues)
- ◆ **Family-Oriented Multi-Activity Center** (improve integration in Duluth, especially western neighborhoods, create activity center at the base of the mountain, add a tubing hill)
- ◆ **Expanded Year-Round Activity** (explore downhill zip lines, alpine coasters, mountain bike trails using a lift and kayak/canoe programs on the St. Louis River)
- ◆ **Efficiency and Flexibility** (replace outmoded equipment and systems)
- ◆ **Private Development** (encourage development at base of the hill)
- ◆ **Forested Land Base Management** (inherent ecological value and historical-cultural features which contribute to the attractiveness of the facility; sustaining these values is critical)
- ◆ **Sustainable/Green Development** (minimize footprint, implement energy efficiencies)

More notes from the Master Plan maps or from within the plan

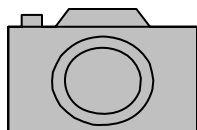
- ◆ Develop fully-serviced RV camping area at top of hill
- ◆ Add new camping areas with rental cabins, "yurts" and tenting spaces
- ◆ Work with Nordic ski users to develop major Nordic events





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See photos of the excavation progress of the Snively Monument Reflecting Pool inside. More will be shown at the November 18 meeting.

Help out at a work session at the Snively Monument on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. See inside for more information.

Skyline Planning & Preservation Alliance Membership Form

Date _____ New Member Renewing Member
 Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

Annual Membership: \$10 Fixed-income \$20 Individual \$35 Family \$50 Business

___ I would like to be a clean-up volunteer ___ I would like to donate to the Signage Grant
 ___ I would like to donate toward making a Skyline Parkway navigation map

Please make checks payable to: **Skyline Planning & Preservation Alliance (or SPPA)**
 and send to **SPPA, 1902 St. Louis Ave. #211, Duluth, MN 55802.**

11/10/08

