



**Welcome** to our May issue of View from the Villas! Our goal is to share with you the exciting activities that are available to enjoy on your next visit to the Mountain Villas. We will be alerting you about local activities, festivals and attractions. We will also work to explain recreational activities and guest services available to you at the Mountain Villas.

May and June are beautiful months to enjoy the Villas and the Duluth region. As the weather warms, the beauty of the forest and streams of this region welcome you to a wilderness wonderland! Many people come to the villas to enjoy the privacy and solitude of the area. The Villas are not only located away from busy highways, but they are surrounded by a park like atmosphere that is sure to reinforce why we believe the Mountain Villas are "Above the Rest".

May is a great month to take advantage of all the outdoor opportunities before the region gets busy in the summer. The weather has been great so the trees are leafing out, the grass is green, and the parks and trails are beautiful. Make your plans today to stay at the Villas during your next trip to Duluth!

If you would like to receive this newsletter on a monthly basis, please e-mail the Villa Office at [mtvillas@cpinternet.com](mailto:mtvillas@cpinternet.com). We appreciate your business, and look forward to serving you in the near future!

Pam Higgins, Mountain Villas Manager

May is Graduation Month. Here is a listing of commencement dates for area schools. Why not stay at a Mountain Villa and make it a vacation?!

- University of Minnesota – Duluth – Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. (DECC)
- University of Wisconsin – Superior – Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.
- Saint Scholastica – Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 (DECC)
- Duluth Public High Schools – May 28, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the DECC
- Proctor High School – June 6<sup>th</sup> at the DECC



3,200 foot Alpine Slide – WOW!

The Timber Twister is under construction!! With an expected opening of July 1<sup>st</sup>, it looks like a great new destination for Duluth and the Mtn. Villas!!

### *Get into the Swing of Things in May!*

*Our region has several great golf courses to enjoy with family and friends! Try these on your next visit to the Mountain Villas:*

**Enger Park Golf Course** – 27 hole public course. For course information, go to [www.golfinduluth.com](http://www.golfinduluth.com) For tee times call (218) 525-0830 (16 miles)

**Lester Park Golf Course** – 27 hole public course. ([www.golfinduluth.com](http://www.golfinduluth.com)). For tee times call (218)525-0830 (9 miles)

**Namadji Golf Course** – 36 hole public course in Superior. 4 star rated by Golf Digest. ([www.nemadjigolf.com](http://www.nemadjigolf.com)). For tee times call 866-364-6537 or (715) 394-0266 (13 miles)

**Grand View Golf Club** – 9 hole public course in Duluth. For tee times call (218) 628-3727 (5 miles)

**Proctor Golf Course** – 9 hole public course in Proctor. For tee times call (218) 624-2255 (1 mile)

*The Mountain Villas region is filled with great bike routes for the novice to advanced rider. Enjoy the scenic beauty of the hills, rivers and trails that surround this region.*

*Spirit Mountain is in the process of developing Mountain Biking trails on the ski slope. Since the chairlifts are not running, there is no charge for mountain biking at Spirit Mountain.*

*The region has several well known paved biking trails. The Willard Munger State Trail is a trail that runs between Hinkley and West Duluth (63 miles). If you want a beautiful day trip, start in Carlton and head North to Duluth. This very scenic stretch crosses a bridge high over the tumbling St. Louis River, passes through Jay Cooke State Park, and follows a ridgeline with expansive views of forest, and eventually, fantastic views of both Lake Superior and Duluth. This trip is 15 miles.*

*For a little variety, take the six mile Alex Laveau Memorial Trail which runs near Jay Cooke State Park to Wrenshall and Highway 23.*

*For more information on these biking trails, visit [www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_trails/willard\\_munger](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_trails/willard_munger).*

*For a very casual biking experience, you can rent a bike downtown Duluth, and ride the 6 miles of trails that run along Lake Superior from Canal Park to 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue. For the more adventurous, follow scenic Skyline Parkway North as it follows the cliff overlooking beautiful Duluth - Superior. For the serious mountain biking racer, check out the Great Hawk Chase on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lester Park in Duluth!*

*Next Month we will take a look at the hiking opportunities the region provides.*

## **May and June Calendar Sampling**

### **May:**

#### Daily Attractions:

Enjoy the trees leafing out, the earth greening up  
Minimal lines at area attractions!  
Great shopping in Duluth

#### Special Attractions/Activities

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Homegrown Music Festival – various locations in Duluth
- May 7-9 and 13-16 -- Twinderella: The Musical – Duluth Playhouse.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> - 2010 Fairlawn Garden and Landscape Market – Superior National Guard Armory
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - Jim McIntire Half Marathon – Proctor High School
- May 30<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Jug Bands – Amazing Grace Bakery and Café
- May 31<sup>st</sup> - Memorial Day Parade – 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and Grand Avenue in West Duluth

### **June:**

#### Daily Attractions:

All summer attractions are open  
Golfing, Biking, Hiking oh boy!  
Great shopping in Duluth

#### Special Attractions/Activities

- June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30<sup>th</sup> – Sail boat races on Lake Superior
- June 8, 13, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup> – Outdoor concerts at Chester Creek from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- June 5<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Boulderdash 5K
- June 10-12 – Judy Garland Festival at Judy Garland Museum
- June 11-12 – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Park Point Rummage Sale
- June 19<sup>th</sup> – Grandma's Marathon (12<sup>th</sup> largest marathon in United States)
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – CHUMs 6<sup>th</sup> annual Rhubarb Festival
- June 26<sup>th</sup> – Cruise Ship Clelia II visits Duluth

For other calendar items, go to <http://visitduluth.com/events/>

The Mountain Villas are located on the South end of Duluth just off of I-35 at the Spirit Mountain Exit (#249). Follow Skyline Parkway past the Spirit Mountain Resort entrance. Our recently updated website can be found at [mtvillas.com](http://mtvillas.com). The site is a great way to learn about the many amenities of our villas, and conveniently make reservations. If you prefer, you can call us toll free at 1-866-688-4552 or locally at 218-624-5784. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On weekends we are open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We offer convenient late check in. Give us a call!!

