



View from the Villas
July 2010

Welcome to our July 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.

July and August are great months to enjoy the Villas and the Duluth region. The region is alive with activities, festivals, and great outdoor opportunities for people and families of all ages. You can easily set out exploring or on an adventure, then return to the Villas to recuperate and enjoy the tranquil setting that we believe sets the Mountain Villas "Above the Rest".

We've added a page on Facebook for the Mountain Villas. Join our group and update us on your adventures and favorite things to do while at the Villas. Feel free to download pictures of your group enjoying the Duluth region!

We are extremely excited to welcome the Timber Twister as our neighbor. We had the privilege of a trial run. It will be an awesome addition to recreation opportunities in Duluth and it's 200 mile radius.

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



View from Munger Tower



The Timber Twister opens on July 1st

Hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. through Labor Day. Tickets are sold as Singles, Doubles, or groups of 10. The Timber Twister is located just blocks from the Villas.

Timber Twister riders will race along a 3,400 foot track, through the forest, and down the mountain in individual coaster cars. Riders can travel alone or in pairs, and have complete control of their speed (up to 26 mph) for a truly unique, hands-on experience. Unlike an alpine slide, the alpine coaster makes hairpin turns, is elevated off the ground like a roller coaster, and operates year-round due to its unique track system. With a few weather exceptions, riders will enjoy this one-of-a-kind sensation throughout the year. At the end of the ride down the mountain, guests will settle back in their cars for a comfortable and scenic return trip to the top. The complete Timber Twister experience will take riders on a thrilling six-minute journey while overlooking the wondrous views of Lake Superior. This is truly a unique attraction you won't want to miss!

Activities for your family or group to enjoy on your next visit to the Mountain Villas:

- Scavenger Hunt (for children under 10)
- Orienteering Course (for children over 10)
- Geo Caching (for adults)
- Bon fires with smores
- Timber Twister
- Hiking to see waterfalls in the region

What an incredible summer of entertainment and world class performers! Check out more information on the following festivals and shows!

BAY FRONT REGGAE FESTIVAL!

Bayfrontreggae.com - July 10th

- Queen Omega
- Tosh 1
- Junior Kelly
- And More!

DULUTH AIR SHOW!

Duluthairshow.com – July 17th and 18th

- Air Force Thunderbirds
- Tora Tora Tora – Pearl Harbor reenactment
- Canadian Forces Skyhawks
- Cirrus Jet on display
- And More!

BAY FRONT BLUES FESTIVAL!

Bayfrontblues.com – August 13th to 15th

- Ken Noble
- Elvin Bishop
- Eden Brent
- Dr. John
- And More!

We have added a Guest Services and Information Binder to all the Villas. Not only does the binder include information on the Mountain Villas and Spirit Mountain, but it also includes hundreds of services and activities to do in the Duluth Region. Rent a bike, skip a rock, explore a quaint shopping area – the binder is a great resource for things you'll want to know on your next trip to the Villas. Make sure you check out the 10 things we call our favorites. We'll also be updating the binder on a regular basis, so let the office know how we can improve it. It's your resource guide to fun and interesting times at the Villas!

July and August Calendar Sampling

July:

Daily Attractions:

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

Special Attractions/Activities

- July 1st – Timber Twister opens at 10:00 a.m.!
- July 7, 14, 21 and 28 - Sailboat Races on Lake Superior
- July 3rd and 4th plus dozens of other summer dates, AAA Duluth Huskies baseball at Wade Stadium
- July 4th – Duluth Fourth Fest – Bayfront
- July 7th and 8th – Downtown Duluth Sidewalk Days Festival
- July 10th – Fifth Annual Bayfront Reggae Festival
- July 15th to 18th and 21st to 25th – Duluth Playhouse presents "The Producers"
- July 17th and 18th – Duluth Air Show
- July 28th to August 3rd – Tall Ships Duluth 2010

August:

Daily Attractions:

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

Special Attractions/Activities

- August 1st – 24h Annual Brewhouse Triathlon – Pike Lake
- August 2nd to 7th – Twin Ports Lighthouse Days
- August 3rd to 7th – 34th Annual Spirit Valley Days
- August 6th to 8th – Walking with Dinosaurs – DECC
- August 13th to 15th – 22nd Annual Bayfront Blues Festival.
- August 16th to 22nd – Proctor Hoghead Festival
- August 21st to 22nd – Art in Bayfront Park
- August 27th – Movies in the Park – Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire – Leif Erickson Park

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. 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!!

