

KRRC NEWSLETTER

KR Trail Work Days:

Much thanks to the 10 volunteers who helped spruce up the KR trail! More work days to be scheduled. If you would like to be part of the trail work days please contact Steve Betzler at : sabetzler@gmail.com



Blueberry Ridge Overlook:

The Lake County Board approved an easement for the KR Trail to include a loop to Blueberry Ridge Overlook, which sits above the community and provides great views of Lake Superior. The KRRC worked with the county for over a year as they developed their plans to sell the twenty acres of tax forfeit land which includes the Blueberry Ridge Overlook. Commissioner Rich Sve played a key role in shepherding this compromise through the Lake County Board. Land Commissioner Nate Eide was also very supportive of the easement. The 20 acres will be sold at public auction on Oct. 25th.

GRAND RE-OPENING Knife River Hiking Trail

Come and celebrate the generosity of some citizens and the gift to our community of 10 acres of land along the Knife River

Saturday, Oct. 26th 11am-NOON

Ribbon cutting/Hikes/Refreshments

Fun for the whole community

Meet at Shilhon Road Trailhead

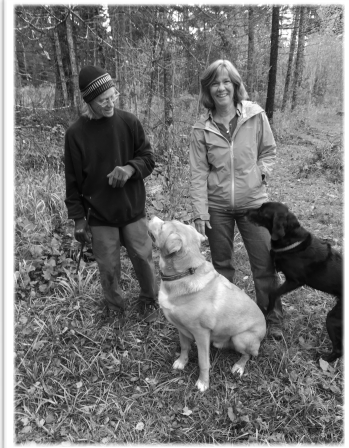
Rain (Snow) or Shine

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Volunteers are needed to bud cap white pine seedlings on new forest at Shilhon Road trailhead.

St Louis Co forester put bud capping materials and directions at trailhead. Interested volunteers can go anytime and bud cap as many white pines as they wish. Every year since the forest harvest, locals have joined in this effort to help the young trees grow above deer browsing range.



Calling all crafters!

Come and join the fun on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9 - noon at Skadberg's garage from now until Julebyen. Even if you don't think you have crafting ability, we will find your talent! We have a variety of jobs...sanding, painting, tying, gluing, sewing, arranging, and many more! Don't wear your best clothes, sometimes things are messy. All are welcome!

Winter Speaker Series

Soon the Program Committee will begin planning for our winter speaker series. If you know of a program topic or speaker that you would like to see at the rec center this winter, please let Bill Berg, Paul or Mary VonGoertz, or Anne Skadberg know. Programs will run from January through April.

Happy Autumn!

There is a lot of preparation that goes into getting ready for winter in these parts and there is no exception for the rec center. It is inspiring to look around and see how the residents of this community come together with diverse backgrounds and skill sets and brainstorm, then roll up their sleeves and work together to make the things that they value happen and enjoy each other's company while doing it. In this issue you will find plenty of opportunities where your skills, ideas and company would be welcomed. Enjoy the beauty and bounty around us this season!

Anne Skadberg

For several years the rec council board has thought that we should sit down for a long range planning meeting. At our September, board meeting Jim and Lee Bujold approached the board with some thoughts that they had regarding the changing needs of the community and the role a new more accessible rec hall could play in the community. They have offered to form a committee to do some exploration of rec halls in communities similar to Knife River, of potential funding sources for such a project and to gauge interest in the community, understanding that this is something that may be able to be achieved over 5 to 10 years, not immediately. If this is an area that you are interested in exploring with them, please contact Jim and Lee Bujold.

Cribbage Night Knife River Tuesdays

Starting Tuesday October 15th
6:30 to 8:30 PM

**Knife River
Recreation Center**



Everyone Welcome

Kids Community Events

Join us for some outdoor fun at the Rec Center Field

Saturday October 26 @ 2pm - Kickball

November 9 @ 11am (weather pending) - Soccer

Look for sledding and skating dates to come!

S O S! HELP!

We are in GREAT need of Julebyen volunteers! All are scheduled in shifts of 2-3 hours so a full day of commitment is not necessary!

Parking Attendants- Please contact Steve Betzler: sabetzler@gmail.com

Composting- setting out and labeling bins, standing by bins helping with sorting; 2 hour shifts. This is a great area for any students/athletes that need volunteer hours! Contact Anne Jasperson: 218-260-8087, annejasperson@hotmail.com

Baking- All items are appreciated. Ideas and recipes can be provided if needed. Baking can start anytime with items labeled, wrapped and frozen. Freezers are available. Contact Anne Jasperson: (see above)

Children's Crafts & Activities- Assisting with scheduled events, Obstacle Course and/or with Treasure Hunt in Troll Village. Please contact Anne Jasperson: (see above) for activities; Nicole Ojard: nmojard@yahoo.com for crafts

Bakeri Volunteers- A Bakeri coordinator or 2 Co- Coordinators are still needed! Volunteers are needed for set-up on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Volunteers are needed for shifts on Saturday and Sunday; serving and waiting on people at the Bakeri counter. Please contact Anne Jasperson: (see above)

Lefse Making- Wednesday, **November 6, 9 AM** at the KRLChurch. No experience necessary! All are welcome! Contact: Mary von Goertz 218-343-0420

Krumkake Making- Wednesday, **November 13, 9 AM** at KRLChurch. No experience necessary! All are welcome! Contact: Delores Jackson 218-390-5956

Julefest

Friday, Dec. 6

4:30pm-8pm

(Dinner starts @ 5pm)

Purchase tickets @ the Gnome Tent

Food experience catered by the

NEW SCENIC CAFE

*Silent auction of juried artisan wares

* Music

*** No advance ticket sales.**

\$15 adult (13 and up),

FREE for 12 and under

Cash only. No credit cards.

\$5 cover charge if not having dinner.

julebyen.us for more info



NEWS RELEASE!
**ANNUAL JULEBYEN FESTIVAL DRAWS SCANDINAVIANS
AND TROLL SEEKERS TO KNIFE RIVER, MN**

The Scandinavian village of Knife River, MN, will once again welcome those who enjoy all things Scandinavian – and to search for Trolls – during the three-day Julebyen Christmas Festival Fri. Dec. 6 through Sunday Dec. 8, 2019.

Friday evening kicks off weekend activities with a Julefest and silent auction in the Gnome Dome. Festival grounds officially open at 9 AM Saturday and close at 5 PM; Sunday hours are from 10 AM – 4PM.

“Julebyen celebrates Scandinavian Christmas traditions in artisan crafts, music and food, said Carol Ojard Carlson, “And our characters from mythology really captivate young families.”

Ojard Carlson said that again this year five “Troll Trains To Troll Canyon” will take festivalgoers through the woods of Knife River in search of Trolls. She said last year about 1,000 went seeking mischievous trolls and none were disappointed.

The North Shore Scenic Railroad’s Julebyen Express train will take festivalgoers to the festival and back departing the Duluth Depot Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Julebyen’s appeal extends beyond northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, Ojard Carlson said. “Last year we had our first tour bus from the Metro and this year we will have our first designer, artist and crafter from Norway. She is Anne Jorunn Syvertsen and has shown her knitted creations from ‘sweaters to pot-holders’ and hand-stitched cards, pillows, pictures and table cloths at all the major Scandinavian-themed festivals in the U.S.”

Other aspects of the seventh annual Julebyen include indoor and outdoor marketplaces, bakery, entertainment in the “Gnome Dome,” a “Writer’s Corner” in Troll Village, a live nativity and celebration of music Sunday sponsored by the Knife River Lutheran Church, winter outdoor fun and children’s games.

Julebyen is free to the public. Some activities require reservations and an admission. For complete information on events and schedules: Julebyen.us

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