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SUBJECT: Duluth's annual Clean and Green week will kick off on Monday, April 8th

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Duluth's annual Clean and Green Week will kick off on Monday, April 8th at 10:30AM with a little help from Mayor Don Ness and the Duluth Boys and Girls Club.

Clean and Green Week is Duluth's yearly spring cleaning event. This year's emphasis is on cleanups and "green"ups and will focus on keeping our public land not only clean, but "green" as well – highlighting the importance of sustainable, non-polluting, healthy, agriculturally productive, and native public landscapes.

This year, Clean and Green will kick-off on Monday, April 8 from 10am -2pm with a ribbon cutting ceremony and public launch of Lincoln Park's new "Emerald Community Garden," a project of the *Let's Grow Lincoln Park* initiative. Community members are encouraged to volunteer alongside the Boys and Girls Club to help prepare the garden for spring.

The *Let's Grow Lincoln Park* initiative is made possible through partnership with the Lincoln Park neighborhood, the City of Duluth, the Duluth Community Garden Program and the Fair Food Access Campaign. The initiative is funded through the Cities of Service Impact Volunteering Fund, with additional support from the Lloyd K. Johnson Foundation.

While Clean and Green Week officially runs April 8 to 14, cleanups and "green"ups will be happening throughout the spring. Community groups, school groups, youth organizations and others are still encouraged to register to help with this annual spring cleaning event.

The community is also invited to participate in one or more of the following open community events. Registration is not required, but is recommended. Please register your individual or group's participation by calling 218-730-4334 or email cskafe@duluthmn.gov.

Mon. April 8: Lincoln Park Garden Launch & Clean and Green Kickoff, 10am-2pm (Lincoln

Park Emerald Garden Site, 2001 W 4th Street)

Thurs. April 11: Chambers Grove Community Cleanup, 3pm-7pm (Chambers Grove Park)

Sat. April 13: Lakewalk Community Greenup, 9am-noon (Meet at Endion Station)

Sat. April 13: Park Point Beach Cleanup, 1pm-4:30pm (Meet at Lafayette Community Center)

For more information call Cheryl Skafte, Volunteer Coordinator for the City of Duluth at **218-730-4334** or email Jesse Meehl at jmeehl@DuluthMN.gov.

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