



# Duluth City Chicken Coop Tour 2011

**Saturday, May 21st, 2011**

**1:00pm—4:00pm**

(#15: Morgan Park coop open 12:30 - 4:30)

A \$5 suggested donation to the Community Garden Program  
will be accepted at select coop sites.

Or donate on-line at [www.duluthcommunitygarden.org](http://www.duluthcommunitygarden.org)

***This is a self-guided tour—enjoy!***

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**1 5231 Tioga Street**

Partridge Rocks, Polish and White Orpington currently enjoy the Lisi family's small in garage style coop. Bob and Katie are experienced backyard chicken keepers and have found chickens to be a great addition to the urban gardens that fill their backyard!

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**2 5314 Otsego St**

Gardens and chickens go together! Matt and Heather's in-garage style coop and horse-shoe shaped raised bed gardens are fun and functional. Their 5 chickens know they are an important part of the family's recycling - they anxiously wait on the deck for a chance to snatch up the occasional greens tossed to them. That's entertainment!

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**3 5227 Juniata St**

A 4H family! Currently they have both adult birds and chicks (purchased from Al Poultry, a local hatchery). These kids have experience raising chickens and taking them to the county fair. Ask them about giving a chicken a bath! Small coop and yard run.

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**4 128 E Winona**

This small coop matches the house beautifully, right down to the metal roof and window trim. Cute! Its well insulated, well vented and is surrounded by a covered run. The hens occasionally get to graze the yard in the evenings, thanks to a high fence around the entire yard. One broody hen has been sitting on a fertilized egg, so perhaps there will be a chick wandering among the older hens!

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**5 4840 2nd Ave North**

Built with salvaged materials or garage sale finds, this professionally built coop houses the grandchild's 5 pet Rhode Island Reds. Its a large, predator proof, insulated and ventilated coop, complete with a colorful ceiling fan and crayon portrait of a favorite hen. Chris also made the metal nesting boxes which are designed to be easy to clean. This coop sits on a large lot among the gardens and pathways.

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**6 4756 5th Ave South**

Al and Theresa's coop for 20 hens in suburban Rice Lake Township. Built 13 years ago based on an arched roof hen house from the 1930s. Recently remodeled to tweak the chicken raising system a little. You may also see a duck or two wandering the yard or splashing in the backyard pond.

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**7 2123 MacFarlane Road**

A larger, suburban coop, beautifully crafted and nestled into the woods. Linda often brings eggs to hatch at various classrooms and ends up with chickens of various breeds, or mixed breeds in her flock. These lucky hens get to wander the yard on most sunny days, and in the winter they enjoy the open-air style coop which optimizes their health. Watch for the bee hives too - they match the coop!

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## 8 2702 North Ridge Drive (just up from Blackman Ave)

Features a compact, sturdy coop partially inside the garage. Its so well integrated into the yard and neighborhood, you'll hardly know the coop is there! Proven critter-proof (lets just say its been well tested, and all five hens are still around tell about it).

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## 9 1938 Lawn Street (across the street from the UMD Planetarium and Medical School)

Marian Syrjamaki-Kuchta's small backyard is entirely dedicated to growing food. She has apple trees, raspberry and blueberry bushes, black currant bushes, grapevines, water barrel catchment, compost heap, two small greenhouses and a coop for five hens.

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## 10 1001 N. 10th Ave. East

Nancy Nelson has a classic shed style coop with 5 backyard chickens. Her coop is comfortably tucked into this neighborhood, inconspicuous yet functional. Nancy's yard is filled with fruit trees, and perennials. No lawn and that means no mowing!

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## 11 714 E 5th Street

Theresa O'Halloran -Johnson's small, nicely designed coop with attached enclosed chicken run. These chickens are spoiled with greens and kitchen scraps daily which keeps them happy and healthy! Theresa is a first year chicken keeper who just decided to jump right in and get started with chickens. Inspirational!

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## 12 911 North 5th Ave E

Whitney and Josh's "Shoop": a cute and compact combination coop and shed. Home to 4 hens, Wyandott and Barred Rock, classic backyard breeds. Look up the hill and you'll see a food forest, a community orchard and at least one other coop. Josh and Whitney also maintain a community herb garden on the hill in their front yard. Come and help yourself to some fresh herbs!

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## 13 1141 North 6th Ave E

This newly retrofitted coop features 5 adolescent chickens. Just a few months old, they have their feathers but are still small and wont reach maturity until 4 or 5 months of age. Their recently finished coop is the perfect addition to Jen Stenersen and Melissa Boyle's cozy hillside backyard.

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## 14 1118 North 27th Ave West

Small chicken tractor style coop with an alpine flair. These 5 heritage breed hens enjoy their view of the bay while they munch on fresh grass. They wintered over this year in the tractor coop which was placed into the enclosed garden. Fox are frequent visitors to this neighborhood, but so far, so good!

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## 15 8806 Hilton Street (intersection of 88th Ave West and Hilton Street)

Small yard with custom designed and built coop integrates the chickens into the vertical gardening scheme. The coop, like the rest of the yard, is a great example of 'repurposing'. Nancy Thompson's yard features native shrubs and vines, grape arbors, veggie and fruit beds and native wild flowers planted by Boreal Natives. She has 5 adolescent chickens, all heritage breeds. Its worth the trip to Historic Morgan Park to see this great yard and coop! ***Nancy will be open for touring from 12:30 to 4:30 to accommodate the extra distance.***

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**Thank you for supporting the Community Garden Program!**

Many thanks to Dan's Feed Bin in Superior, WI whose donations helped make this tour possible.