

At Korkki Nordic Ski trailhead



DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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What's Coming Up?

Township Resident Feedback Survey (enclosed, see article). Its another way to provide your input but you really should attend some Township meetings too! Please return the questionnaire by Jan. 31st.

Winter Community Ed Classes (see insert)
Family Skating Night — Friday, Feb 10th. 7-9pm, DTCC

Recreation: Skating, Warming House (article page 4)

Planning & Zoning Commission openings (see article)

Annual Town Meeting and Election on March 13th.
Mark your calendar and plan to participate.

Zoning Ordinance update. There have been some updates including editorial clarification plus a few substantive changes in our current Ordinance #3 (see article). The changes and clarifications are available on our web site and also at the Town Hall. There will be two more public meetings (all Planning Commission meetings have been open to the public along the way this past year or so):

1) Public Information Meeting (Jan 26th 7-9pm) to provide information about changes and discuss them with interested residents.

2) Public Hearing (Feb 16th 7-9pm) on the updated Ordinance will be where public testimony will be taken. The Town Board will review written and oral statements and act on creating Ordinance #4.

Township Country Dance — Sat. Feb 25th, Town Hall

NSCS/Township Winter Frolic — Sat. Feb. 11th
(watch for posted notices)

Township Country Dance — Feb. 25th, Town Hall
Jody Anderson and Mary Tennis

6-7pm, Country dance instruction, then
7-9pm Country dancing.

Everyone welcome. Suggested \$5 donation.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Jody Anderson, Valerie Brady, Barb Crow, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Mark Helmer, Helen Hendrickson, Ahni Johnson-Jennings, Sue Lawson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Mary Tennis, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila, and Webmaster Linda Holliday.

Township Resident Feedback Survey

A Township resident feedback questionnaire is enclosed. The one-page questionnaire is another way that residents can express their views—in addition to attending the monthly Town Board and Town Planning Commission open meetings. We know that some of you can't get to the meetings so this is another way to provide your views.

The questionnaire includes a few special questions on topics which the Town Board would like broader input.

The survey responses will be summarized in the March Newsletter and a report provided to the Town Board. It will be available for review at the Town Hall during office hours and on our Township web site.

Similar Township resident feedback surveys have been conducted in the past and those results are also available on our web site.

Responses are anonymous...no names are requested and respondents cannot be identified. Your frank response and suggestions are valuable to your Township governance. If there isn't enough space, include another page before you fold the questionnaire and either mail it or put it in the locked mailbox on the Town Hall porch. Thanks!

January 31st is the response deadline!

THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

January 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Program by St Louis County Auditor Dichlich to talk about changes in property taxes. Pot luck and bingo to follow the meeting.

February 1st, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Program by Jan McTavish on the Peace Labyrinth quilts. Coffee & snacks.

March 7th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Program by Buddy Robinson, Senior Citizen Federation answering questions about Medicare. Coffee and snacks

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Check out website: www.clovervalleyforum.com for links to local history and pictures of the area.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

For residents who have the old 1-sided 9-1-1 signs, it would help emergency crews if you would **update** your sign to the reflective 2-sided sign. The cost is \$35 but it's worth it if it helps fire, police or medical personnel find your home quickly. Call **726-2921** to request a new sign. You will need your parcel code (*its on your tax statement*). They send it for pickup at our Town Hall.

See our page on the Township web site for information.

Thanks to our Fire and First Responder Volunteers!

Thanks to Bill Cox for 25 years of service to our community!

Bill is retiring from our Clifton Volunteer Fire Dept. where he has been a fire fighter and first responder and contributed to leadership in the Department. He will be missed!



9-1-1 Signs ready to be picked up at the Town Hall

Ann Cox, Town Clerk

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Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

Reported 82 initial complaint reports for October including 27 requested home/business checks, 8 traffic warnings (plus 2 citations), 6 serving civil processes, 5 medical emergencies, 5 public assists, 4 animal complaints, and response to 4 burglar alarms.

See the Township web site for our new police page for details. Sign up for email notifications.

If you have any information regarding any criminal activity in this community, please leave a message at the Duluth Township Police Department at 218-525-5705, (patrol mobile phone 393-8407) or email us at DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org.

For All Emergencies: call 911.

Community Services

Clifton 4-H Club:

call Kate Edblom 525-1276

Cub Scouts:

call David Hoey, 525-6617

Boy Scouts:

call Jim Atkinson, 343-0119

or: jbatkison@allete.com

Girl Scouts:

call Julie Igo, 726-4710

(Note: If other community service groups should be listed, please contact the Editor, Town Hall.)

**Duluth Township
Community Ed**

Michelle Libby, Jo Thompson

Winter classes (see the **insert** for details).

Sign up and support our Community Ed program. Information: see our Township web site or call 525-0663 x300 with ideas.

Clifton 4-H Club Notes

Ahni Johnson-Jennings, Club Reporter

The Clifton 4-H Club met Nov. 13th at the NSCS. Club officers were elected as follows: *President:* Lane Schraufnagel, *Vice President:* Courtney Anderson, *Secretary:* Mason Schraufnagel, *Treasurer:* Dane Storm, *Historians:* Brandon Lounsberry and Ella Edblom, and *Reporter:* Ahni Johnson-Jennings.

We voted to gather gently used children's books or new children's books to donate to *Essentia Health* waiting rooms and to ring bells for the *Salvation Army*. Paul Schraufnagel did a demonstration on wood shop hand tools.

At the Dec. 11th meeting we had a demonstration about hand-made maple syrup. Reed, who demonstrated, explained that he tapped the trees himself. We also did a Christmas craft of decorating ornaments with paint.

Anyone can join 4-H. If interested call Kate 525-1276.

North Shore Locavores

"Producers and consumers of local food"

Sherry Rovig and Molly Tillotson

Jan. 22nd at 3pm, Town Hall, movie and potluck.

Feb 26th 3pm, meeting will feature restorative fruit tree pruning and scion collection.

Meetings are the 4th Sun., 3pm, Town Hall. See our

"Locavores" link on the Duluth Township web site or call:

Molly at 525-6933 or Sherry at 525-0489.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Reprinted from the February 1972 "The Landmarks" a former monthly community newsletter sponsored by the Clover Valley Community Council. Resident Helen Hendrickson, who was part of the Landmarks group, has highlighted this article about our ski history and early days leading up to today's Korkki Nordic ski trails on the Korkki Road.

Skiing Has First Place in Their Lives

Downhill skiing has long been a top sport, but cross-country skiing is becoming increasingly popular. Enthusiasm for this sport is not new for Charles Banks and his daughters Kathy and Sue.

Charles Banks is an industrial arts instructor at Central High School where he also coached the ski teams for about 18 years. This year there are 6 boys on the team and he also coaches Patti and Paula Grady of Central. Banks himself, enters amateur races of 15km.

Banks maintains about the best cross country trail in this 3-state area at his home located on the Korkki Road and adjacent property (now our **Korkki Nordic** ski trail—Ed) It was used this past weekend for the Eric Judeen Memorial Races, held for youth and adults, an annual met which has attracted 80 to 90 skiers from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

This is the peak of the skiing season. The High School District meet to be Feb. 3rd at Cloquet is unique in Minnesota for permitting girls to be in the competition. Clover Valley High has three entrants, Kathy, Sue and Connie Laiti, coached by Tom Swanstrom. Connie just started to ski during Christmas! She's a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Laiti.

Another coming event is the 30km (approximately 18 miles) race for men only, to be held at Banks' Feb 27.

Jan. 16th, Kathy won first place in Class I and Sue won first place in Class II in competition at Chester Bowl then, in Jan 22nd, Kathy and the Grady sisters (current residents of the Township—Ed) placed second in a Minneapolis relay.

Kathy entered and won her first race six years ago. Sue also entered her first competition while in 6th grade. Kathy competed in a national meet in Alaska in 1969, and the next year raced at Jackson Hole, WY. Now she is hoping to make a team which will enter the Junior National competition in Vermont during March.

It is not accidental that the girls do well. They ski every day in winter and they must maintain their fitness in summer as well. Obviously, it is a joy to the Banks family and they would encourage others to share the fun.

Reminder: Please do not use vehicles on Korkki Nordic ski trails or on the Community Center athletic fields.

Our **Annual Town Meeting and Election** will be held on Tues. **March 13th**. Information will be provided in the March Newsletter. Supervisor election is for one 3-year term and one 1-year term (to complete an earlier term vacancy which was filled by Board appointment). The dates to file an Affidavit of Candidacy with the Town Clerk are Jan. 3-17th. Mark your 2012 calendar!

Charlie's Trails and Korkki Nordic Today

Valerie Brady and Mark Helmer



Charlie Banks created the ski trails that eventually became *Korkki Nordic* in about 1954 so that he and his family would have a place right out their back door to cross-country ski. Back in those days the trails were primarily used by Charlie's family and friends to train for ski racing. As the

article (at left) shows, Charlie soon started to use the trails to host the *Eric Judeen Memorial* races (still held every February) and other United States Ski Association competitions. The trails are named for Charlie's wife Dorothy's family, Mr. and Mrs Hugo Korkki, who had the original homestead on the Korkki Road.

In 1992 Mark Helmer and Charlie Banks decided to make the trails open to the public year-round. In 1993, the warming hut was built, and by 1994 Korkki Nordic had become a non-profit corporation. A board of directors oversees funds that are obtained in an annual membership drive (similar to PBS or NPR), and the trails are maintained by volunteers, overseen by Mark Helmer, assistant chief of trails. The trail system itself has changed substantially over the years to make the trails safer for less advanced skiers and to promote recreation for skiers of all abilities. The trails are on a combination of private, county and a small portion of state land. *Korkki Nordic* has an easement exchange agreement with St. Louis County, and an easement with the State of Minnesota for the portion of the trail that exists on public land.

Each year Korkki Nordic hosts several major events. Starting in the fall, there is the *Bangin' in the Brush* trail run. In February, the *Eric Judeen Memorial* ski race is held. The Nordic Center also hosts the *Two Harbors High School Invitational Ski Race*. To help support our North Shore Community School, Korkki Nordic hosts a nighttime candlelight ski fundraiser right around Valentine's Day.

The trails are free and open to the public, although a donation option is available or you may support Korkki with the purchase of a membership, a nominal fee for the year. Fees cover operating costs, trail and building maintenance and equipment. Any surplus monies are given back to the community by supporting eight area high school ski teams, donations to the North Shore Community School, and other programs such as Sunday kids ski and our Township Fire Department.

If you come: The trails are for diagonal (standard classic cross-country) skiing only; there are no skate-ski trails. There are 11km of groomed trails.



The warming cabin is open daily during the ski season. Please pay attention to any notices about dangerous or closed trail conditions and follow them; some of the trails are fairly challenging and were designed to give advanced skiers some good training. However, there are several intermediate loops and an easy loop for children, along with the advanced loops.

Duluth Township Recreation Corner

Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator

'Tis the Holiday season and there are lots of creative plans and work being completed on our **New Warming Center**. Painting has just been finished and plans for a concession stand with prepackaged snacks and beverages for sale as well as an outdoor fire pit are underway. Thank you to the volunteers who have provided a broad range of expertise and worked long hours to construct the warming house and rink. It's a marvelous addition to the community and the school that would have been impossible without the many volunteer hours that have gone into its construction.

Proposed Hours for our Warming Center to be open are:

Monday thru Thursday from 6-9pm

Friday from 6-10pm

Saturday from 1-10pm

Closed on Sunday unless previously arranged.

The **new hockey rink** is enclosed with a chain link fence surrounding the boards for added safety. Lights will be installed soon and flooding the rink areas is underway thanks to our Township Fire Department.

Now we **need volunteers** to help with flooding the rinks and staff to help with the concession stand. Those interested please contact Kevin Pettis at 525-0663 ext 301 or at recreation@duluthtownship.org.

Proposed Rules for the Warming Center and rinks:

1. *It is expected that all users of these facilities will recognize that they are public property, maintained by Duluth Township and North Shore Community School and treat them with respect.*
2. *All equipment must be handled with care. This includes hockey nets and any equipment used to help maintain the facility.*
3. *Sportsmanlike conduct is expected and required.*
4. *No rough playing or fighting will be allowed at any time.*
5. *Obscene gestures or language will not be tolerated.*
6. *No tobacco, drug or alcohol use is permitted on Duluth Township Community Center property.*
7. *The Township and/or North Shore Community School will not be responsible for thefts, accidents or injuries.*
8. *Helmets on the hockey rink are strongly encouraged for ages 10 and under.*
9. *Anyone age 10 and under requires adult supervision.*
10. *An NSCS or Township attendant must be in place at all hours that the Warming Center is open.*

The Warming Center will be available for rentals, please contact our Town Clerk or Kevin for further information.

We hope that an assortment of equipment will be available to loan to skaters. If you can **donate** hockey equipment (*hockey sticks, goalie equipment, skates or helmets*), please contact Kevin. Thank you to the volunteers who helped replace the snow fence on our recreation fields.

Snowmobiles and ATVs must stay off these fields. Leveling and seeding has been done so that it will start to grow as soon as spring comes and will be ready for use in the coming soccer/baseball season.

We look forward to this winter season at the Community Center. The goal is for everyone to have fun and a chance to appreciate our new facility. Please abide by the rules and regulations.

We look forward to seeing you out at the facility.

NSCS Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

Barb Jackson, NSCS Librarian

North Shore Community School is holding a book fair at the Barnes & Noble store at Miller Hill Mall on Saturday, **January 28th**. A portion of all items purchased with a NSCS voucher that day will be returned to the North Shore library in the form of a gift card.

You can pick up a voucher at the school, look for our volunteer handing them out in the store, or simply mention it to the cashier as you check out.

Thank you for supporting the NSCS library.

Planning Commission to Host Open House Jan. 26th on Proposed Zoning Updates.

Sue Lawson, Planning Director

The Planning Commission invites everyone to an Open House on Jan. 26th from 7-9pm at the Town Hall regarding proposed changes to our Zoning Ordinance. The purpose of the Open House is to share information regarding the proposed changes and to answer any questions regarding those changes.

The Planning Commission will take written comments on the proposed changes from Jan 26th through Feb 16th at 7pm in the Town Hall whereupon you may testify at the Public Hearing and/or provide written comments. On March 1st at 7pm the Town Board will review all the comments regarding the proposed changes and make decisions regarding the changes.

There are a number of ways that you can comment on the proposed ordinance revisions. Send your written comments by email to comments@duluthtownship.org or by US mail to Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Rd, Duluth, MN 55804. All written comments must include your name and address.

Over the past year the Planning Commission has reviewed the Zoning Ordinance focusing on necessary statutory updates, adding interim uses as another use category, revising short term rental conditional use, and clarifying and making minor editorial changes.

Following is a synopsis of Zoning Ordinance changes:

- Statutory changes regarding variances.
- Statutory changes regarding non-conforming lots.
- The Interim Use category and requirements are added and incorporated under Article IX, Conditional Use and Article V, Land Use Zone Districts.
- Community Participation Reports are required for zoning amendments (text and map amendments).
- Disallowing short term rental in the Town.
- Removing Homestay as a use.
- Planning Commission review of commercial proposals added for SCO-8B.
- Editing definitions/uses regarding dwelling, duplex, triplex and quadplex and subsequent standards.
- Clarification of Planning Commission member terms.
- Clarification of some definitions.

The Planning Commission looks forward to seeing you at the Open House January 26th, 7pm, Town Hall.

Town Hall Improvements Under Discussion

Dave Mount, Town Board Chair

In the survey mailed with this issue of the Newsletter, there are questions seeking input on the possibility of an addition to the Town Hall. As explained in an article last month, this is an outgrowth of a working group that has been evaluating space and functional needs at the Town Hall. Some of the issues under discussion include storage for tables and chairs, substandard facilities for the Town Police, the need for secure records storage, the limited parking, the limitations of the current septic storage, the need for an additional parking space in the fire hall, upgrading of the kitchen, office space for the Community Education program, and maintaining/improving access for people with disabilities. Preliminary conceptual planning suggested that these needs could be met with an addition to the Town Hall that would bridge the current "breezeway" between the Town Hall and Fire Hall, without disturbing the character of the current buildings.

Three years ago the Town started a Township Capital Improvement fund as a "savings account" for taconite production tax funds the Town started receiving in 2009. These funds are separate from the funds the Town receives through property taxes, and the current balance is \$112,000. If a Town Hall addition was pursued, a combination of these funds plus any grant funding we can obtain would be used to finance the project. The Town Board does not intend to use property taxes as a way to finance the effort.

If you have thoughts about this issue, please fill out the survey and share your thoughts in the space for written comments.

ending balance of \$587,042.84. Bill Cox is retiring after 25 years service as a fire fighter and first responder. He was thanked for his service to our Township. The Planning Commission is having their final review of the proposed updated zoning ordinance before presenting it at an informational meeting then a public hearing. There have been some indications of interest in filling Planning Commission vacancies and interviews will be held in January. We have resolved 3 road washouts this year. Supervisor Miller and Bob Rodda will prepare road priorities for next year. The County requested turnarounds at Shilhon Rd and North Ryan Rd. The Township has received many compliments on work it has done at the Community Center this year. Community Ed has had a good response to classes. The hockey rink is up, protective fence installed, and the warming shack is nearing completion. Painting of the Town Hall and Fire Hall was postponed until spring. Monument straightening at our cemetery will wait until next year. Supervisors Crow and Sironen will research how Township payroll submissions are working. Fees for rental of recreation, Town Hall and community facilities will be reviewed by Kevin Pettis and Mary Ann Sironen. Barb Crow will review our MA-TIT insurance. The December meeting will begin at 5pm so that a holiday potluck for our staff and employees can follow. Its been a busy year.

The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall) Jan 12th and Feb 9th .
Residents are invited to attend these public meetings

Summary of Town Board Meetings

(Official minutes by Town Clerk Ann Cox are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org).

October 13th regular meeting. Supervisors Crow, Lobbestael, Mount and Sironen were present.

Main Actions: Approved a resolution presented by Jeff Roland of Minnesota Cable Franchise for Lake County so the Township does not have to manage details of the Lake County fiber optic system (*larger towns sometimes act as franchise agents*). A resolution was approved to apply for a grant from the MN Secretary of State for federal funds to improve disability access to the Town Hall.

Other Discussion: Revisions to the Zoning Ordinance are being worked on by the Planning Commission and they were thanked for their work for the Township. The options for solving Town Hall space needs will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting in March. Residents will be asked their views in the January survey. Other Department reports were presented and bills were reviewed and paid.

November 10th regular meeting. All Supervisors were present.

Main Actions: Minutes of October 13th were approved. Bills were reviewed and paid.

Other Discussion: There were no concerns from the audience. Treasurer Janet Johansen reported October receipts of \$29,013.50, expenses of \$104,738.66 and an

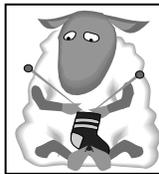
Local Business Listing Update

Thanks to resident **Julie Carlson** for volunteering to update the local business listing for our web site and Newsletter.

The listing is free. It is to encourage use of local businesses.

If you have a new business or one not yet listed, please leave your name at the Town Hall (525-5705).

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Duluth Township Knitters

"Helping to Build Community one Stitch at a Time"

Come meet your knitting neighbors and share skills and ideas or just see what we're up to. Everyone is welcome. The tea pot is always on. We meet the last Tuesday of each month 6:30-8:30pm. Next meeting is January 31st at 6:30pm.

If you would like more information or would like to be added to the knitters email list, contact Jo Thompson at 525-5854 or woodfarm@wildblue.net.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings
(Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township web site www.duluthtownship.org)

September 29th regular meeting. Commissioners Chura, Green, Schifsky, Thompson, Voge and Planning Director Sue Lawson attended.

Main Actions: Public Hearing on Russell and Wendy Krook's request for a variance to allow construction of a 22,000 sq ft indoor riding arena for their 15 horse *Seeds of Hope Ranch* on Pine Park Rd off the Scenic Byway (a variance is required for accessory structures over 2,000 sq ft). After testimony and discussion a motion to deny the variance was adopted (Schifsky recused himself). (See *Commission minutes for an extensive discussion and history.*) The decision reflected concerns about the extent of the variance, ordinance intent for the shore area and impact on the neighborhood and potential traffic.

Other discussion: Concepts and options for added space at the Town Hall are being pursued. Upcoming P&Z openings will be advertised. Work on updates and revision to our Zoning Ordinance included an interim use option (in addition to conditional use and variance). Concerns about tree cutting on Congdon Trust land along the shore will be discussed with City officials. Information on the design of a proposed duplex adjacent to Lannon's Cape Superior Inn will probably occur at the October meeting.

October 27th regular meeting. All Commission members, Planning Director Lawson and Town Board representative Barb Crow attend.

Main Actions: Bill Lannon and Architect Peterson presented the proposal for a rental duplex and a four-plex located near McQuade Harbor east of the *Cape Superior Inn*. Two older buildings on the non-conforming lot will be replaced by the four-plex in front and the duplex behind. The Commission determined that for this lot of record in zone district SCO-8A, a CUP is not required but is subject to performance standards in our Ordinance, and the proposal meets our design review objectives. Motion passed.

Other Discussion: Russ Krook will appeal the Commission's denial of a variance (see *Sept. minutes, above*). He also asked the Commission to consider amending the Ordinance regarding maximum size structures in his zone district along the shore to take account of larger sized properties. The Knife River Watershed meeting was noted. Our biggest problem is that the County does not have to meet the same standards on their roads in the Township. Proposed wording for ordinance updates was discussed (adding interim use, calculation of impervious surfaces excluding septic systems).

November 17th regular meeting. This working meeting was devoted to the wording of proposed updates in our Zoning Ordinance. It is a very detailed process. Changes were approved section by section.

The Next Planning Committee meetings (4th Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): Jan 26th and Feb 23rd.
Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.
Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.

Vacancies on our Township Planning and Zoning Commission
Supervisor Barbara Crow

Due to the recent resignation of Bill Lannon, the Duluth Township Planning and Zoning Commission has an immediate opening to fill out his term (*scheduled to end March, 2014*). There will also be two additional openings when the terms of Dave Chura and Jan Green expire in March, 2012. We are currently accepting letters of interest for all three openings.

The P&Z Commission is a 7-member board that guides the implementation of the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. No special qualifications are necessary to serve on the P&Z Commission, other than an interest in the Township's future and willingness to serve. Commission members serve 3-year terms and cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. The Commission holds regular monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month, with occasional special meetings as the need arises. Commission members receive a per-meeting stipend.

Interviews to fill the vacancies will be held by the Town Board starting on January 12th.

Interested residents should submit a letter of interest including relevant past experience to:

*Duluth Township, Attn: P&Z Commission Vacancy,
6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804.*

If you have questions please feel free to contact Supervisor Barb Crow at 525-0489 or email her at BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org.

Board of Adjustment

Our Township Board of Adjustment met to consider an appeal by Russ Krook concerning the denial of a variance for a 22,000 sq ft indoor horse riding arena on their 36ac property on Pine Park Road off the Scenic Byway by the lake. Attending were Board members Barb Crow, Barry Lobbestael, Dave Miller, Dave Mount and Mary Ann Sironen; Town Attorney Tim Strom, Planning Director Sue Lawson and Town Clerk Ann Cox.

Legal requirements, the facts of the case and Ordinance requirements were presented. Mr. Krook stated the reason for his appeal was to clarify his variance request and he felt that the limitation on the size of his proposed accessory structure on his 36.6 acres was unreasonable. A lengthy discussion occurred about the amount of wetlands, access, his earlier CUP (*for up to 10 horses, later raised to 15*), use, how the request fits the zone district and our Comprehensive Plan for that area, noting that a variance goes with the land in case of a sale, impact of dividing the land, etc (*see the 34 pages of Board minutes at the Town Hall or on our web site*). The Board discussed possible conditions on a variance. Two members will work on potential wording should the Board decide to go that route. The Hearing was recessed to Dec. 15th.

(Ed—At the Dec. 15th meeting a further lengthy discussion occurred with concern about traffic and road maintenance. It was suggested that if the Krook's agreed to an extension of the 60-day rule it would permit work on options. Ultimately Mr. Krook withdrew his appeal; they may want to expand further.)

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 Assistant Director for an appointment (393-8500)

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Barry Lobbestael, (2011-2012) 391-9721 or Email:
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 (Primary Contact for Fire; Shared for Town Hall; Alternate for Community Center/Facilities).

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 or Email: TownClerk@duluthtownship.org

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 or Email: TownTreasurer@duluthtownship.org

Attorney: **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)
 or Email: TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org

Cemetery Sexton: **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933
 or Email: Cemetery@duluthtownship.org

Planning Director: **Sue Lawson**
 Assistant Director: **John Kessler** 393-8500
 Email: JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Secretary: **Beth Mullan**
 Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Commission: **Dave Chura** (Mar. 2012),
Jan Green (2012), **Brigid Pajunen** (2013),
John Schifsky (2012), **Jo Thompson** (2013), and
Paul Voge (2014), one current vacancy (2014),
 Email: PlanningZonng@duluthtownship.org

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 Email: DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org

Fire Department: **Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief
 Keith Darsow, President Bill Cox**
 Email: FireHall@duluthtownship.org

Burning Permits are available online at mndnr.gov/permits or
 the **Town Hall** (office hours), or from **Fire Warden:**
 Jay Zink (525-5589), Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), or **DNR Two Harbors**, 1568 Hwy2, 834-1418.

Community Education Coordinator: **Jo Thompson and
 Michelle Libby** EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

Recreation Coordinator: **Kevin Pettis** 525-0663 ext 301
RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

Note: Where possible, email is forwarded to the person, otherwise it is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up. Many Departments have a web page. See our web site.

Township Calendar

See calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org.
 Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

JANUARY 2012

- 3-17** Dates to file to run for Town Board (see article)
4, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
4, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
9, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
17, Tue, 5pm last date to file to run for Town Board.
17, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
18, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
22, Sun, 3pm Locavores, Town Hall
26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
26, Thu, 7pm Public Open House on proposed zoning ordinance revisions, Town Hall
28, Sat, NSCS Library voucher day, Barnes & Noble
31, Tue, 6:30pm Township Knitters, Town Hall

FEBRUARY 2012

- 1, Wed,** 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
1, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
9, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
10, Fri, 7-9 Family Skating Night, DTCC/NSCS
11, Sat, NSCS/Township Family Frolic, DTCC/NSCS
13, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
14, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
15, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
16, Thu, 7pm Public Hearing on proposed zoning ordinance revisions, Town Hall
23, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
23, Thu, *Deadline for March Newsletter*
25, Sat, 6-9 Township Country Dance, Town Hall
26, Sun, 3pm, Locavores, Town Hall
28, Tue, 6:30pm Township Knitters, Town Hall

MARCH 2012

- 7, Wed,** 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
7, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
8, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
12, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
13, Tue, 7am-8pm **Election of Supervisors**, Town Hall
13, Tue, 8:15pm **Annual Town Meeting**, Town Hall
20, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
21, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
22, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
25, Sun, 2pm Locavores, Town Hall (see article)
27, Tue, 6:30pm Township Knitters, Town Hall

Township Recycling Center

At the *Town Hall, on Homestead Road*
 Staffed by Carolyn Marino, Al Anderson, Marlis Livingston,
 David Hooey and Pat Kelly

**Nov-March: Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm, Thurs. 2-6pm,
 and Sat. 8-noon.**

April-Oct.: **Tues 7-11am & 3-7pm, Thurs. 3-7pm, Sat. 8-12.**
 (Drop off only during recycling hours)

Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.
 No household garbage, please.

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Duluth Township Resident Feedback Survey

Another way residents can provide their input.

Questionnaire Enclosed — Please Respond by Jan 31st

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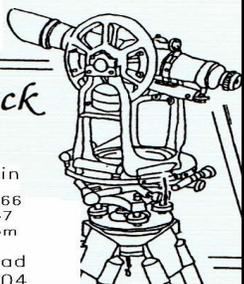
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