

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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JULY 2012

## What's Coming Up?

### Community **COME ON HOME PARTY**

Saturday Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall 1-4:30 (see article page 8)

**New Feature:** Free listing for **jobs** (wanted or available) for Township **youth** (see page 8)

Town Hall closed for floor maintenance Aug 27-31.

**NSCS Annual Harvest Festival, Grandparents Day and Fall BBQ** Friday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. Community invited.

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Safety Expo**, Sat. Aug 18, 10-3pm, 5111 Maple Grove Rd in Hermantown. (see announcement)

## THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Picnic and bingo. (Note date change from July 4<sup>th</sup>)

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Reijo Vastila will share news & traditions of Finland from his recent trip to Europe. Coffee & snacks.

**August 11<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, **Come On Home Party**, 1-4:30pm, Town Hall (see article, page 8)

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Presentation on the *Lake Superior 20/20 Studio Art Tour* which features 20 artists in 20 miles! Coffee & snacks.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

## GET IMPORTANT NOTICES BY EMAIL

If you have signed up to be on the Township's email notification list you have received:

- an assessment of Township **road stormwater damage** and priorities for fixing them from Supervisor Dave Miller (*the day after the storm!*).

- an email update from Police Chief Shawn Padden about **traffic conditions plus a warning** about getting too close to major road damage areas and traffic detours.

Township personnel were quick to respond to the emergency and to arrange traffic warnings and road repairs.

To **sign up for future email alerts**, go to the Township web site and click on the email enrollment button.

### *Thanks to all contributors to this issue*

Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Shirley Duke, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Sue Lawson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Nate Shilling, Mary Ann Sironen, George Sundstrom, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila and Webmaster Linda Holliday.



## Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

There were 150 police events in April and May which included 49 requested home/business checks, 23 traffic warnings/citations, 5 permit to acquire handguns (*plus 2 permit to carry*), 6 burglar alarm responses, 6 damage to property accidents, and 4 each for animal complaints and suspicious vehicles checked. There has been 1 suicide and 2 attempts.

Our Township web site has details including a full list of police response events. Sign up for email notifications.

## **Slow Down on Roads in our Township!**

We've clocked speeds of 75 mph, 85 mph and a chase up Homestead Road of over 100 mph and drivers have been caught and ticketed! *Please be alert and slow down!*

Remember there is virtually no shoulder for walkers, bikers or kids to use to get out of the way of speeding cars and there is little visibility over hills. Share the roadways!

Speed laws are enforced (**top limit is 55 and slower speeds are often expected and necessary for safety.**)

**Note:** If you need/want/expect a police squad to respond immediately, call **911**. Other than 911, the quickest way to get our police response is to leave a message on our squad phone (393-8407). We may work 5 days in a row, but may not always get into the office during that time. Our main office where we spend 90% of our time is in our squad vehicle.

Congratulations to **Steve Peterson, Greg Garmer** and all other runners in the Grandma's Marathon.

**The Early Days of Clover Valley and Alden, as Recollected by Anton Martinson and Written in 1967**  
(from the February 1973 "Landmarks", provided by resident Helen Hendrickson.)

Being the oldest settler in this area, I thought it may be of some interest to someone to know when the first settlers moved in.

In the winter of 1892 three men filed on homesteads. One by the name of Alfred Swanson, built their home where the Al Pearson's house now stands and Chas. Rosen built their house where the Henry Schumann home is (*these were on either side of Homestead at the West Knife River Road*), and the third man being my father, built a half mile south and back a quarter of a mile in from where the Homestead Road is now located (*along the river*). My father's first name was Martin.

The Alfred Swanson and Chas. Rosen families moved up in the late winter and my folks moved in in June 1892. We came in from Knife River over a sort of road through the heavy timber. A team of oxen and sort of sled was used for transportation. I was eighteen months old so I do not have any recollection of it at all. I had two sisters older than me, who perhaps remembered the first ride in.

The mosquitoes were one of the main problems in the early days. Smoke smudges were the best repellent known at that time. At night they used cheese cloth covers that they built over the beds about three feet high and then run pieces between the corner sticks and hung the cheese cloth over that. It made a good protection providing a few mosquitoes did not get in too.

About the first project the beginners had, was to cut out a road straight down to Palmers. It was in 1894 that they got it cut through but it wasn't graded till some time later.

And, of course, they had to have a school for the children that were old enough, so a little log building was erected and a teacher hired. The teacher was paid \$35 a month and paid \$12 a month for room and board.

During this time they cleared a little more land which was slow as the timber was quite heavy and there wasn't any money for dynamite to blast out the stumps with. But stumps weren't too big a handicap as the hay was all cut by hand. They could cut some hay on the meadows that the beavers had made by damming up the streams.

To make a few dollars in winter, they would get out some (railroad) ties, etc. Several years later, bigger loggers came in. My folks sold the stumpage on their 120 acres for \$200. When spring came, the \$200 was paid by letting my dad go into the logger's barn to pick out any team in the barn. He picked out a young black team which we had for some time. I can still remember their names—Nelley and Nigh. They were a wonderful team and helped in breaking up more fields.

Around 1889 or so, a family by the name of Agnew came up from Superior and built quite a large steam sawmill across the road from where the Clover Valley School is located now. It operated for some time and finally the mill was made into a shingle mill. It was run as such for several years till the man who operated it was killed in an accident. His son then ran it for awhile, but finally one morning it caught fire and that was the end of the mill. The two boilers stood there a long time but finally were hauled away.

During these years, a few new settlers had moved in, so the Post Office Dept. saw the necessity of starting a post office up here (*east of former store at the north end of Homestead Road*). It wasn't a very elaborate post office but it served the purpose for quite a few years. The man from the P.O. Dept. asked the man who they'd appointed to be the postmaster, Halver Halversen, what they should call it, and as he had come from a place in Norway by the name of Molde, he suggested that the place be called Molde. A fellow by the name of Archie Larvie carried the mail twice a week across the woods to Knife River. It was later changed to 3 times a week, and as the mail started getting heavier, a horse and buggy (and cutter in winter) was used. A Mrs. Duncan drove the mail for quite a few years. She was a daughter of the Swansons and one of the first children up here. Then as more people came, a farmers'

club was started and about the first thing they did was change the name of Molde to Clover Valley which name has stuck ever since. After that the rural free delivery route was started out of French River. Matt Jackson who was the section foreman for the railroad, got the postmasters job beside. He operated a little store along with the post office. Eventually the mail route was enlarged and a part of the area was put on a Duluth route and the rest was put on the Two Harbors route.

The farmers' club started talking about putting in a telephone in 1913. Each farmer cut and set seven poles then a couple of men who had moved up from Iowa and who had experience with telephone work were hired to hang the wire and install the phones. Connection was made at Palmers to the railroad telephone. It served the purpose for a good many years until it was settled heavier here. Then the Duluth Bell System took over and put in a modern system which gave everyone a chance to have a phone and it has worked out very well.

Going back a few years now, some people started moving up in Alden. It was still part of the Town of Duluth then, but later this township was divided and the Town of Alden was born. The Driscoll's two families and the Lucci family came down from Virginia, coming in from Westover on the Alger Smith Railroad out of Knife River. I would say this was about 1913 or so. Then a little south of the Driscoll's and Lucci's a man named Oscar Laine, I believe, was the first one to move in. Then it started settling quite fast and a road had to be built to give these new settlers a way to get in & out.

More settlers started coming in and the need for a meeting place for dances, etc. developed so a hall was built on the corner of the App Road and North Knife River Road about a mile west of Thor Borgen's home (*on the Two Harbors road where Sherry's Berries is now*). It got to be known as the Molde Hall. This was during prohibition days and like most everywhere, moonshine liquor got to be a big thing and these dances got to be quite wild on Saturday nights. This hall got to be quite a notable place and people came, both good and bad, to see what it was like. But as the years went by, and prohibition ended, it sort of died away and eventually the hall was torn down.

Some nice little farms were developed with nice homes through the area. Most all had a small herd of cows but then the Second World War came on and the demand for labor on the docks and shop in Two Harbors became greater, the men most all went to work for the railroad and their wives stayed home and milked the cows. As the years went by, farming sort of came to an end. Many of the original settlers had either died or moved away. A new generation of younger people came and bought a lot of the homes just for a place to live. Most were employed at Silver Bay in the tacomite industry.

The story was much the same in the Town of Duluth. The schools were being enlarged every so often. The older part of Clover Valley was built in 1929, the new addition was built in 1953.

The main roads were widened about 1934 and 1935 and black-topped several years later. The high line was built out of Two Harbors in 1937 and in 1938.

When the present town hall was built on the corner of the Shelton Road, some thirty years ago, the Ladies Aid bought the old hall half a mile south of the Clover Valley School (*between the Aho and Torgerson roads*) and converted it into a church (*later converted to a home*).

This about covers a brief history of the Clover Valley area. I have not mentioned many people by name—only the first ones in the various areas. I am not sure that this will be of much interest to anyone, but in case it should, it has brought back many memories to me in writing it down.

Anton Martinson, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1967

(Mr. Anton Martinson was 82 years old when his article was first published in "The Landmarks". He died in 1977 at the age of 87).

## Duluth Township Information — 2012

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804  
 Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),  
 web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) or  
 email: [TownHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownHall@duluthtownship.org)

**Town Office Hours:** Tues. & Wed. 9am-noon  
 Thurs 2-6pm, Fri 9-11am

**Planning Office Hours:** No posted hours, call the  
 Assistant Director for an appointment (393-8500)

### Supervisors:

**Barbara Crow** (2011-2014) 525-0489

or Email: [BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org](mailto:BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Planning, Finance/banks, insurance; Shared: Personnel, Town Hall).

**Dave Mount** (2010-2013) **Board Chair** 525-7961

or Email: [DaveMount@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveMount@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Board Chair, Police, Environmental stewardship; Shared: Town Hall).

**Dave Miller** (2011-2014) 525-1555

or Email: [DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Roads, Community Ctr/Facilities, N Shore Mgmt Bd; Alternate: Comm Ed & Rec, Env. Stewardship, D/NSSD and Materials management).

**Mary Ann Sironen**, (2012-2015) **Vice Chair** 525-2010

or Email: [MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org](mailto:MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Communications, Senior Hsg, Community Ed/Rec, DNSSD Materials mgmt; Shared: Personnel; Alternate: Board Vice Chair, Community Ctr/Facility).

**Mary Anne Daniel**, (2012-2013) 260-9123 or Email:

[MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org](mailto:MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency preparedness; Alternate: Communications, Town Hall).

**Town Clerk:** **Ann K. Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)

or Email: [TownClerk@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownClerk@duluthtownship.org)

**Treasurer:** **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)

or Email: [TownTreasurer@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownTreasurer@duluthtownship.org)

**Attorney:** **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)

or Email: [TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org)

**Cemetery Sexton:** **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933

or Email: [Cemetery@duluthtownship.org](mailto:Cemetery@duluthtownship.org)

**Planning Director:** **Sue Lawson**

Assistant Director: **John Kessler** **393-8500**

Email: [JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org](mailto:JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org)

**Planning and Zoning Secretary:** **Beth Mullan**

Email: [PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org)

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** **Lynn Hollatz** (Mar. 2015),

**Brigid Pajunen** (2013), **John Schifsky** (2012),

**Don Sitter** (2015), **Jo Thompson** (2013),

**Paul Voge** (2014), and **Wayne Dahlberg** (2014).

Email: [PlanningZonng@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PlanningZonng@duluthtownship.org)

**Peace Officers:** **Chief Shawn Padden,**

**Officers: Mike Peterson and Steve Peterson.**

Emergencies 9-1-1, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407

Email: [DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org)

**Fire Department:** **Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief**

**Keith Darsow, President Bill Cox**

Email: [FireHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:FireHall@duluthtownship.org)

**Burning Permits** are available online at [mndnr.gov/permits](http://mndnr.gov/permits) or

the **Town Hall** (office hours), or from **Fire Wardens:**

Jay Zink (525-5589), Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-

6431), or **DNR Two Harbors**, 1568 Hwy2, 834-1418.

**Community Education Coordinators:** **Michelle Libby & Tara**

**Freese.** [EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org)

**Recreation Coordinator:** **Kevin Pettis** 525-0663 ext 301

[RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto: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 (above).

## Township Recycling Center

At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road  
 Staffed by Carolyn Marino, Patrick Kelly, Marlis Livingston,  
 and David Hooey

**April-Oct: Tues 7-11am & 3-7pm, Thurs. 3-7pm,  
 Saturday 8-12.**

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

(Drop off only during recycling hours)

Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.

No household garbage, please.

### NOT ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS

Flower pots, Grocery deli containers (black bottoms, clear tops), green/clear plastic berry baskets or lettuce containers, 5-gallon buckets and larger kitty litter containers, Overhead light fixture covers, Plastic waste baskets, Plastic milk crates, Orange/brown plastic prescription containers.

*If you have questions, please ask the attendant.*

## Township Calendar

See calendar updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### JULY 2012

- 11, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 11, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 16, Mon, No meeting of **NSCS Board until Aug 20<sup>th</sup>.**
- 17, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 18, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
- 22, Sun, (no Locavores meeting until Sept)
- 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 31, Tue, 6:30pm **Township Knitters**, Town Hall.

### AUGUST 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
- 11, Sat 1-4:30 **Community COME ON HOME PARTY** Town Hall. Everyone welcome (see article)
- 15, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 20, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
- 21, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 23, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 23, Thu, **Deadline for September Newsletter**
- 26, Sun, (no Locavores meeting until Sept)
- 27-31 **Town Hall closed for floor maintenance.**
- 28, Tue, **Township Knitters will not meet this month.**

### SEPTEMBER 2012

- 5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 5, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 13, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 17, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
- 18, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 19, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
- 23, Sun, 3pm, **Locavores**, Town Hall
- 25, Tue, 6:30pm **Township Knitters**, Town Hall
- 27, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 28, Fri, **NSCS Annual Fall Harvest Festival, BBQ**

**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](http://www.duluthtownship.org)).

**April 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors attending: Mary Ann Daniel, Barb Crow, Dave Miller, Dave Mount and Mary Ann Sironen plus Clerk of Town Ann Cox and Treasurer Janet Johansen.

**Main Actions:** Nokomis and New Scenic Café liquor licenses were approved. The Admin MN resolution was adopted for lower priced State bid supplies.

**Other Business:** Treasurer reported deposits of \$35,625.30, expenses of \$30,042.49 for a March ending balance of \$742,281.94. Planning reported an inquiry from Jeff Levine proposing a fire arms manufacturing operation at the Bomark base. He will present plans at a Planning Commission meeting. This is not a listed use for that area. Hockey boards were blown down and will be repaired. Aluminum can recycling is a problem with vandalism cutting fencing and chain. Having it relocated to the NSCS was discussed. Cemetery burial site digging fees have increased. Our sexton, Molly Tillotson and Supervisor Barb Crow suggested posting pictures of grave stones on our web site so residents could view and print them if they wished. Welcome to Duluth signs are no longer allowed on State roads but new signs will be provided to the County to replace our old ones. Compensation policy and proposed ordinance changes are being discussed for later action.

**May 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors attending: Mary Ann Daniel, Barb Crow, Dave Mount and Mary Ann Sironen, Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Janet Johansen.

**Main Actions:** April minutes were approved. Cape Superior Bottle Shop liquor license was approved.

**Other Business:** Bills approved and paid, April ending balance was \$728,084.88 with \$26,202.56 deposits and \$40,399.62 expenses. There was an extended discussion of portions of the proposed Zoning Ordinance. These will be brought to the June meeting. Discussion involved possibly using interim use permits for short term rentals, various definitions, role of North Shore Management Board rules, and dealing with ordinance violations. Val Brady and Jo Thompson are GPS-locating Township culverts and ditches as required by stormwater rules. The NSCS lease agreement is the same as last year. They are renovating their offices. An historic 12-foot long cabinet from the our old Clover Valley School will be removed, saved in our Town Hall and perhaps included in any future plans for revising the Town Hall. Recreation is working on a sprinkler system for Community Center fields. Sexton Molly Tillotson was complemented on her job with the cemetery.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall) July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> .**

*Residents are invited to attend these public meetings*

**Fiber Optic Communications**

Jeffrey S. Roiland, Lake Connections Project Manager

Lake Connections is at 409 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Two Harbors. Call: 320-295-2482; web site: [www.lakeconnections.com](http://www.lakeconnections.com) email [jroiland@lakeconnections.com](mailto:jroiland@lakeconnections.com). (Note: They have not responded this month to a request for an update.)

**Summary of Planning Commission Meetings**

(Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township web site [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org))

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting.** Members attending: Dave Chura, Wayne Dahlberg, Jan Green, Brigid Pajunen, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson and Paul Voge plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Secretary Beth Mullan

**Other Business:** Retiring members Dave Chura and Jan Green were thanked for their service (with cake!). Summarized public hearing comments on the proposed updated Zoning Ordinance were given to the Town Board for their consideration and action. One member suggested that short term rentals are essentially motels and could be governed by those rules. B&B's have an owner on site. The State Legislature is still working on legislation that may be related to this issue. Priorities for the year were discussed. Later the priorities included comprehensive plan review, reviewing SMU-8 dimensional requirements. Wind and alternative energy requirements were on the list but later. There has been one application so far this year for a land use permit. Our Comprehensive Plan was further reviewed and analyzed. We aren't in control of the effects of the sewer district on development along the shore. It makes smaller lots buildable but costs also have an impact. Transportation, internet speed and alternative energy are topics to consider. Commercial needs were discussed.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup> .**

*Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.*

*Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.*

**Annual Public Safety Expo is Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 10-3pm** at the Hermantown Public Safety Complex, 5111 Maple Grove Rd in Hermantown. Our Police Chief Shawn Padden will be there!

It's a public, family event showing St Louis County and community police, fire, and emergency rescue equipment (*land, water, air*). Demonstrations, information, displays, food, and fun for adults and kids! Outdoors and in the building.

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**North Shore Locavores**

"Producers and consumers of local food"  
Sherry Rovig and Molly Tillotson

Formal meetings are suspended over the summer but start again on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Occasional foraging sessions announced by email (call 525-5854 to sign up). See our "Locavores" link on the Duluth Township web site or call: Molly (525-6933) or Sherry (525-0489). Meetings are free and open to the public.



Sucker River and Old North Shore Road June 20th 2012

**Our Township's Stormwater**  
Valerie Brady

The Township's annual stormwater update meeting was held May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. With a wet early summer and major flooding and washouts, discussing how our Township takes care of its stormwater is especially appropriate.

According to MPCA and federal (EPA) rules, our Township is said to "own" and be responsible for the rainwater that runs off of Township-owned properties (e.g. Community Center, Town Hall, Fire Hall, Cemetery) and Township roads. Our stormwater "system" is the ditches along our roads and also the stormwater treatments put in place at the Community Center (a rain garden and grassy swale).

So our Township is responsible for trying to make sure that the water in our ditches stays clean on its way to the streams and rivers crossing our Township and ultimately emptying in Lake Superior. Because many of these streams are trout streams, and because Lake Superior is such a low-nutrient system, we (and others in this area that have to manage stormwater) are held to a higher standard than are some other areas in the State.

**You can help** us keep stormwater clean and reduce the amount of it, since this is also a big problem.

- Don't mow your ditch until fall (just mow along the edge if it is a safety issue); vegetation in the ditch helps slow and clean the water.
- Watch for eroding ditches and let Township officials know of their location.
- Make sure your septic system is working properly and not leaking.
- Keep loose dirt from construction covered when it rains and help construction areas re-vegetate as soon as possible (and let Township officials know if you see muddy water running off construction sites).

Township and County officials are out inspecting roads and ditches for damage from the flooding. If you don't think damage in your area has been noticed, let them know so we can minimize erosion if it starts raining again.

**Clifton Volunteer Fire Department**  
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

The Department has been busy with specialized training on fire equipment and first responder topics.

See our page on the Township web site for information. Burning permits are required and can be gotten online (see page 3). Report fire problems promptly to **9-1-1**.

**Saturday Market at Alden Town Hall**  
Shirley Duke

At 7404 Laine Road, Two Harbors — 10-noon, June-Sept. Vendors are invited to bring garden produce, jam, baked goods, farm fresh eggs, house plants, cards, jewelry and other arts and crafts.

This is your chance to buy from Clover Valley growers and other local artists and vendors. Everyone is invited to come shop from **10-12 every Saturday**.



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**Guidelines for using 9-1-1**

*From the May 2010 Newsletter (see our web site for more information.)*

We all know to dial **9-1-1** when in an emergency situation and help is needed right away. Following are some guidelines for using 9-1-1, courtesy of the *St Louis County Sheriff's 9-1-1 Division*.

- **When do you call 9-1-1?** When someone needs help from law enforcement, fire department, or emergency medical service.
- **What if you are not sure if it is an emergency?** When in doubt call us out. It is best to get the needed emergency services rolling and on the way as soon as possible. If it turns out emergency services are not needed, the call can be cancelled by the 9-1-1 dispatcher.
- **What will the 9-1-1 dispatcher need to know?** Be prepared to tell the dispatcher the address where help is needed, the nature of the problem, your name and your phone number. Speak slowly and clearly and stay on the telephone to answer any questions the dispatcher may have. Do not hang up until told to do so by the dispatcher. Help is on the way as you are speaking.
- **Make sure children know their address and phone number.** Post information by every phone to help children when reporting an emergency such as: the name and age of family members, home address, home phone number, landmarks near the home, parent's work numbers, and information for a contact person (neighbor, friend or relative).
- **Discuss special potential emergency situations your family may have** (i.e. *diabetes, seizures, and special needs of family members*) and be prepared for them.
- **In the case of fire, always leave the building first** and call 9-1-1 from another location.
- **If 9-1-1 is called by mistake, stay on the line** and tell the dispatcher of the error.
- **Make sure you have a prominently displayed address sign** and address numbers on your mail box which are large enough to read from a moving vehicle at night. *We can't help you if we can't find you.*

**Duluth Township Community Education**

*Michelle Libby, Coordinator*

Welcome to **Tara Freese** who will be joining Michelle Libby in coordinating our Community Education program. Tara has instructed in CE yoga classes.

**Community Ed is always looking for community education ideas and instructors.** If you have a skill and/or knowledge you would like to share and would like to make some extra cash while doing it, please consider teaching a class. Over the summer months we will be working on setting up classes for the fall. If interested contact: *EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org* or call 525-0663 ext 300.

**Duluth Township Recreation Corner**

*Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator*

It has been a busy spring/summer coordinating recreation activities at our Community Center and working on the fields. Watering arrangements are being discussed. Cleanup from the winter has been accomplished as well.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me at 525-0663 ext 301 or email me at:

*RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org*

**Controlled Weeds**

- Leafy Spurge
- Canada Thistle**
- Purple Loosetrife**
- Musk Thistle
- Garlic Mustard
- Wild Parsnip
- Spotted Knapweed
- Plumeless Thistle**
- Common Tansy**



**Noxious Weeds**

**We See In Duluth Township**

*Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen*

As we noted in the last Newsletter, there are three categories of noxious weeds that MN Statutes require us to deal with. Luckily we haven't seen the ones listed on the "ERADICATE" list, but, *we do have these common pests, listed to be "CONTROLLED"* that are commonly seen. Any of these plants that you can pull out or cut down before they seed or spread will help keep them out of our fields and meadows.

*For information see our Township web site or <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/weedcontrol>.*



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**Did you know** that our **aluminum can recycling** has been handled by Barb and Bob Jackson with profits going to the NSCS Library fund? Due to ongoing vandalism it has become increasingly difficult to keep the area clean and organized. We're asking the townfolk to help monitor the area and assist in whatever way you can to keep this program successful. Thank you.

## The Ground We Walk On

Major Nate Shilling

(Speaker at our 2012 Memorial Day at Palmers Cemetery, former NSCS teacher)

Good Morning. Thank you all for being here, and for taking the time to acknowledge and remember those that have come before us on this special day. Your presence here is a testament to the fact that even though some of the individual stories, efforts, and details of our fallen may have faded over time, a distinct care, respect, and collective appreciation for them remains.

Memorial Day means something different for all of us. For some, it is a time to take pause, think about, and remember loved ones we have lost. For others, it is a time to come together with family and friends, establish new traditions, and create new memories. For most, it is a combination of the two, standing on this ground, in this place, makes me think about how both are very important to the fiber of our great country.

From the earliest days of American history, men and women have stood up to make this nation free. Standing on this ground, I am reminded that the ground we walk on is the same ground that gently surrounds the millions of Americans that have given their lives for our country. For many of those Americans, the ground we walk on was also their livelihood; providing for them in the form of crops, game, and as a foundation for their homes. Like us, those Americans were born into households where they were told that hard work, working together, care for family, and selfless service to their country was the way to live and to extend the American Dream of having life, liberty, freedom, and the pursuit of happiness.

Those men and women that came before us were also a true cross-section of America, proudly representing all races, creeds, religions, beliefs, and backgrounds. In support of America, many volunteered, some were volunteered, and others found themselves participating in conflict at a moment's notice to further the strength, safety and legacy of our great nation through their resolve and dedication. While doing this, the service members often put the rest of their lives on hold, forgoing personal activism, the safety of our own shores, and the comforts of home to be a part of something much larger than one's self...defending the freedom of America. Those left behind most often galvanized in support of their troops, sending letters and care packages, enduring rationing, and volunteering to help fill the void of those no longer present in their lives.

The will and success of our Armed Forces is most plainly evidenced by the fact that we are free men and women, here today remembering our fallen. Voices that were once full of life are now silent, and are not democratic or republican, black or white, but are simply American. The price that has been paid is heavy.

Prior to the Revolutionary War, there were innumerable deaths of both Native and new Americans. In the Revolutionary War with Britain, there were over 25,000 deaths; In the War of 1812 there were over 20,000 deaths; in the Civil War, 625,000 soldiers lost their lives; in WWI 116,000 lives were lost, and in WWII, over 400,000 lives were lost. In the Korean War, it was over 36,000, and in the Vietnam War, over 58,000 men and women were lost; in the Gulf War, it was over 250, and since September 11, 2011, over 6,000 troops have passed in Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries. These numbers do not reflect those wounded in these conflicts, or the secondary effects on loved ones and families. The families whose lines ended, and the generations lost can not mourn the loss of what was to be. A statue can not speak for the members of the Armed Forces, whose trials and experiences are known only to them.

A Memorial can not articulate the struggles, the triumphs, the thoughts or actions of a time, as they were felt. And a letter or flag can not quell the sorrow of the mother, father, son or daughter who have lost one they love. A flag at half staff can not make everyone remember the sacrifices made, or the lives lost in defending this great nation. At this time, I would like to take a moment of silence to honor those who have served, as well as the families and those who have supported them.

It is sad to think about all that has been lost. But for those of us in the now, we are saddled with a great responsibility. The responsibility exists in that we must do our personal best to protect and maintain the freedoms we have, and honor the legacy of those that have come before us.

Many ask if there is life after death. Without a doubt, the answer to that question is well above my pay grade. That said, I do believe the answer is yes; because one can live forever in the memories of those who choose to listen, remember, and then share with the next generation.

Unlike our predecessors who have given the ultimate sacrifice and are now silent, we are in a unique situation in that we can still be heard. This is an amazing thing. We can take thoughtful action, we can teach and mentor our youth, we can volunteer, we can make a difference for others, we can leave things better than

how we found them, and we can continue and improve our legacy of freedom, togetherness, and our ability to band together as a nation in times of



need. Many of us are already making a positive difference in our own way as civilians or service members. This includes the Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guard members who work around the clock to ensure the safety of our great nation. When

thinking about the sacrifices our men and women in uniform have made, I would like you to think about the direct impact it has had on us.

Raise your hand if you can decide what you wear and what you eat. Raise your hand if you can start your own business. Raise your hand if you have the ability to choose your own leaders. Raise your hand if you can send your children to school. Raise your hand if you can practice the religion of your choice. Raise your hand if you can freely speak your mind. The service members in our nation have also raised their hands; they have raised their hands and answered the call to defend these freedoms.

Today, there are over 2 million Americans wearing the uniform. In Minnesota alone we have over 14 thousand citizen service members committed to defending our towns, state, and nation from threats, both at home and abroad. As this service is special, it is also a continuation of the path forged by those that came before.

At this very moment, there are many service members who are still far away from home in hostile lands defending American and the free world from terrorists who threaten to destroy innocent lives. Even now, it is still far too common to learn of a brave man or woman who has died while serving and protecting this great nation.

When I think of my own friends who have died in the line of duty, I am comforted by the knowledge that when they passed, they were doing what they loved, for the country they loved. They lived and breathed the values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage. Each, in their own way contributed to a mission that transcends any individual act or loss; The sustainment and spread of freedom.

Though gone, they are sorely missed and should know that they have not been defined by the life they've lost, but instead by the life they lived. In this ground, as well, there are those who fit this mold and have made the ultimate sacrifice. It is our duty to not only remember, but also to honor and uphold the ideals these service members fought and died for.

I would like to close by thanking you for being here today in this open expression of patriotism. To some, it may be just another day, but in gathering here on this ground, you are showing others the importance of unity and openness as well as the value of history and somber remembrance.

I have been honored to stand before you today. To our service members, past and present who have given their all, and to you who support them, I salute you. Thank you.

*(The names of our remembered veterans from the Spanish American war to the present, were then spoken.)*

*Thanks to George Sundstrom for organizing this annual community Memorial Day event.*

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## JOBS WANTED or HELP WANTED For our Township Youth

We're **starting a new column** where residents who need help with various jobs (*babysitting, lawn, garden, maintenance and eventually snow shoveling, etc.*) can **advertise for free** for youth workers from our Township.

Township youth under age 25 can place a work wanted ad for free. Its an effort to match up residents who have work suitable for our youth with youth in the Township who may need a job...temporary or permanent.

Leave your ad & contact information at the Town Hall or leave a message 525-5705 or [editor@duluthtownship.org](mailto:editor@duluthtownship.org)  
(The next Newsletter is September, deadline Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>)

## Duluth Township's Annual "Come On Home Party" August 11<sup>th</sup>

Saturday afternoon, 1-4:30pm  
at our Town Hall on Homestead Road.

It's free!

It's for everyone in the community,  
new residents and old timers,  
young and old.

The purpose of the event is to have fun and to build a strong and caring community.

**There's music, dancing, great door prizes, refreshments**

**and a chance to meet new friends.**

*Join Your Community's Gathering!*

(for more information, call 525-4154)

## Community Services in Duluth Township

**Clifton 4-H Club:**  
call Kate Edblom 525-1276

**Cub Scouts:**  
call David Hooley, 525-6617

**Boy Scouts:**  
call Jim Atkinson, 343-0119  
or: [jbatkison@allete.com](mailto:jbatkison@allete.com)

**Girl Scouts:**  
call Julie Igo, 726-4710

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



## 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. The next meeting is **July 31<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30pm. *Knitters will not meet in August due to floor work at the Town Hall.* 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](mailto:woodfarm@wildblue.net).

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