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DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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What's Coming Up?

Rescheduled Public Hearing on updated **Zoning Ordinance**, Thursday, **March 1st**, 7pm, Town Hall.

"Winter Frolic" — **March 3rd**, 11-4pm at DTCC/NSCS

BE SURE TO VOTE IN OUR TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Town Board Election — **Tuesday, March 13th**
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).

Voting is from **7am to 8pm** at the Town Hall. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Hall during office hours and also Saturday morning March 10th from 8 to 12. (see candidate statements, p9.)

Annual Town Meeting is Tues., **March 13th at 8:15pm**
Please do not enter the Town Hall until 8:15pm to give time for election materials to be put away and chairs set up for the Annual Meeting (See article on the proposed 2013 budget, p3 and figures on p11)

Resident Feedback Survey results (see article, p10)

Spring Community Ed Classes (see insert)

Recreation: Skating, Warming House (see article, p2)

Updated Local Business Listing (see pages 5, 6 and 7)

Thanks to **Julie Carlson** for her work in updating our local business list. This list appears in this Newsletter and will be on our Township web site as well.

There are **100** known businesses on the list. If you have a business that missed the list, please let us know (Leave a message at 525-5705).

**SAVE the business list for reference.
Patronize our local Duluth Township businesses.**

Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Bill Aho, Jody Anderson, Julie Carlson, Barb Crow, Ann Cox, Mary Anne Daniel, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Dave Miller, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila, and Webmaster Linda Holliday.

Winter Frolic!

A Community Celebration Event
Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

Duluth Township Community Center/North Shore Community School on Ryan Road
Saturday, March 3rd, 11-4pm

Ice Rink Events, Snow Events, Non-Snow Events, Indoor Events. Food fundraiser by 5th grade.

It is a dedication of our new Warming Center.
Family fun for all. All events are free

Tuesday March 13th is Township Day!

This is your chance to participate in "Grassroots Government" by participating in our local Supervisor election (voting hours are 7am to 8pm) and attending our Annual Town Meeting at 8:15pm. See **page 9** for candidate statements and a description of the Town meeting process. See **page 11** for a summary of past and proposed 2013 budgets that will be discussed at the Annual Town Meeting. Plan to attend and participate.

Homesteader Cribbage Tournament

Bill Aho

At Duluth Town Hall on Sunday, April 15th
Singles at 9:30am and Doubles 12:30pm
Chicken dinner for lunch.
Call Bill at 525-7415 or Bob at 525-1753

THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

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

April 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Program to be announced. It may be entertainment. Pot luck and bingo to follow the meeting.

May 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Program by Susan Rose, Director of North Shore Community School. She will discuss the school's vision and direction. Coffee & snacks.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

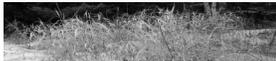
Summary of Planning Commission Meetings
 (Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township web site www.duluthtownship.org)

January 26th regular meeting.

Planning Commission and Town Board members attended. After a brief meeting the evening was opened to the previously advertised *Open House regarding Zoning* revisions. Seven residents attended plus Board and Commission members. Commission secretary Beth Mullins took minutes. Copies of the revised Ordinance with editorial and other changes noted were discussed. The official Public Hearing on the updated ordinance was originally scheduled for Feb. 16th but had to be re-scheduled to March 1st. Written comments can be submitted.

Land Use Permits <i>Beth Mullan</i>		
Year	Single Family	Total Permits
2011	6	24
2010	8	28
2009	9	30
2008	10	39
2007	3	28
2006	10	44
2005	20	67
2004	23	70
2003	24	69
2002	18	57
2001	18	66
2000	17	56

The Next Planning Committee meetings (4th Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): March 22nd and April 26th.
*Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.
 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).

December 8th regular meeting. All Supervisors were present. Nov. 10th minutes were approved.

Main Actions: The MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension requested the Board sign a joint powers agreement for our Police to access the State database. We run our license and drivers license checks through them. There is no cost to the Township. Motion to approve passed. A motion to increase wages and salaries for Duluth Township employees by 3.6% was discussed and approved (*excluding the Police Dept who have a separate contract negotiated every 3 years, the per-meeting stipend for Supervisors, Planning Commission members and the Town Clerk, and the newly hired Town Sexton were excluded*)

Other Discussion: John Abrahams raised questions about reporting on the April 22nd public hearing. He was asked to put specific concerns in writing for the Board's consideration. The *Planning Commission* presented plans for a public open house and public hearing on the updated Zoning Ordinance. The updated ordinance with noted changes will be on our Township web site and a copy is available in the Town Hall. Public written comments are being accepted. Planning Commission members were thanked for their considerable work in preparing the update. The next effort will be reviewing our Township Comprehensive Plan. Commission vacancies will be

advertised. **Roads:** Potential changes in stormwater reporting requirements for the Township are being pursued. Dave Miller has discussed needed road work for next year with our contractor, Bob Rodda. A priority list and budget will be prepared (*see year-end road report on page 4*). The propane tank at the Community Center has been updated and insurance on the warming house is being reviewed. The County will install our new "Town of Duluth" signs but the State now has a policy of not allowing Township signs on the expressway. Applications for substitute shed keepers David Hooey and Pat Kelly were accepted. Webmaster Linda Hollinday was thanked for her work updating our Township web site. The NSCS allows rental to a religious group in non-instructional time and the Township has a policy of equal access to all groups. This could be noted in the rental agreement.

January 12th regular meeting. All Supervisors attended.

Main Actions: Interviews were conducted for 3 residents who submitted applications to fill vacancies on the Planning Commission: Wayne Dahlberg, Don Sitter, and Lynn Hollatz. A motion was approved to hire all three, Wayne to fill the currently open position and Don and Lynn to fill the two positions opening in March.

Other Discussion: Treasurer Janet Johansen reported December receipts of \$32,850.60, expenses of \$45,301.96 for a balance of \$704,045.27. An adjustment for \$124,20 more than the bank records was approved while it is being researched. Recreation wages exceeded budget plans by \$817.89 and a motion was approved to cover this from Community Center funds. At a Safe and Drug Free meeting at the NSCS the need for security doors was discussed. Whether we need background checks for warming house concession volunteers will be explored (*some positions which deal with children require this*). The Fire relief fund could be administered through the PERA system and this is being examined. The Personnel group is reviewing what is covered by the Supervisor per-meeting stipend. The Recreation Coordinator will change to a monthly salary rather than an hourly wage. WLSSD is researching Hjalmer Mattson's place which is an old fishing village just below the fish hatchery on North Shore Drive. A meeting will be scheduled with the Board.

February 6th budget meeting. This was a meeting in which representatives of various departments discussed proposed 2013 budgets with the Town Board. An overall proposed 2013 budget was organized for presentation at the Annual Town Meeting on March 13th. A summary of the proposed budget appears on page 11.

The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall) March 8th and April 12th.
Residents are invited to attend these public meetings

Country Kids Day Care, 525-1073
 Infants to School Age, Licensed
 Bus to NSCS & Lakewood Schools
 Accepting Full and Part Time

Duluth Township Recreation Corner

Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator

It's a wonderful warming house and you can see it and use the skating rinks at the **Winter Frolic on Saturday, March 3rd from 11am to 4pm** at the Duluth Township Community Center/North Shore Community School. The Frolic is a community family celebration and dedication for the Warming House and rinks. There will be outside skating and snow events plus indoor events like bingo. All events are free. The 5th grade has food available as a fundraiser. Come and join the fun!

We have a large number of volunteers who help oversee the rinks and warming house and its concession stand. Thank you for your work.

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 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.

Snowmobiles and ATVs must stay off athletic 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.



Budgeting for Town Roads

Supervisor Dave Mount

One thing you may notice this year is a substantial decrease in the proposed levy for Town roads (*see table on page 11*). To understand this requires some explanation. Every year, the Town is eligible to receive some supplemental money for roads from the County; this money originates from the gasoline tax we all pay at the pump. In the recent past, the Town has been eligible for about \$8,000 in additional road funds. However, to qualify to receive these supplemental funds, the Town has to levy a minimum amount for roads, which is typically about \$108,000; if the Town levies less than that for roads, then we don't receive the extra money.

In recent years, the Town's road budget has been in the range of \$70 to \$80 thousand dollars, and for that reason we usually do not receive the extra money from the County. At last year's Annual Meeting the electorate decided on a new approach to road budgeting to take advantage of the money from the County. Instead of levying the usual amount for roads every year, additional money was added to bring the total road levy up to the County's minimum, and qualify the Town to receive the additional money from gas taxes. To avoid permanently increasing the road levy, the strategy was to alternate the road levy between higher and lower amounts year to year. Doing this keeps the long-term average road levy about the same, but qualifies the Town for additional funds every other year. At the 2011 Annual Meeting, the road levy was raised to meet the County minimum. For the 2012 Annual Meeting, the Town Board reduced the road levy considerably to counterbalance the higher levy the year before. If we continue this strategy, the road levy will be increased again at next year's Annual Meeting, then reduced again at the 2014 meeting.

State Legislative Redistricting

Following the 2010 census, States change legislative district lines somewhat to adjust for changes in population. In Minnesota, a special panel of judges completed their work. The new map puts our Township in State Legislative District 3B which is currently represented by Representative Mary Murphy (*we had been in a district represented by David Dill's*). We are in State Senate District 3 which continues to be represented by Senator Tom Bakk.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Help with the Newsletter** — writing special features of interest in the Township, local masthead pictures, a listing of artists, writers and musicians, taking over an issue now and then, etc. Let your interest be known at the Town Hall office (525-5705). Suggestions are always welcome too.

- **Listing of Local Artists and Musicians.** It would be great if someone would volunteer to create a reference list of local talent that could be on our Township web site and printed in the Newsletter (525-5705).

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

The Department elected officers. Bob Engelson and Keith Darsow continue as Chief and Assistant Chief. Shane Kerby was elected President, First, second and third Captains are Don Walli, Dave Dahlberg and Robert Peldo. Sherri Rovig and Ann Cox continue as Secretary and Treasurer. Jerry Simmons announced he is retiring due to increasing job demands.



Thanks to **Enbridge Energy** for donating an out of service technical vehicle (Chevy pickup). Neil Igo, who works for Enbridge, helped arrange for the vehicle.

See our page on the Township web site.

Thanks to Jerry Simmons for 20 years of service to our community!

Jerry is retiring from our Clifton Volunteer Fire Dept. where he has been a fire fighter, first responder and Fire Chief in our Department. He will be missed!

2011 Road Accomplishment Report

Supervisor, Dave Miller

This year was a busy year maintaining and improving the 11 miles of Township roads. The heavy rains in the spring and early summer caused major washouts on the Mace and Johnson roads requiring both culvert and road surface replacement. Minor washouts occurred on several other roads requiring culvert replacement and/or re-surfacing. Less chloride was used for dust control with the savings used to improve road surfaces. The table below summarizes the work completed on roads in 2011.

Activity	Description	Cost
Road Surface Improvement/maintenance	- All roads were graded spring and fall - Greenwood road graded an added 2 times during the summer - Torgeson, E & W Wildwood, E & W Clover Valley graded an additional 1 time during the summer - Additional grading on all roads as needed. - Washouts on Mace, Johnson, Englund, W. Wildwood - Gravel on Torgeson	\$54,500
Ditching	Alseth and Englund	\$5,000
Snowplow turn arounds	<i>(per County request)</i> End of Shilhon and N. Ryan	\$14,000
Snow plowing	<i>(contract w/County)</i> All roads	\$11,700
Chloride for dust control	Greenwood, W. Clover Valley all road surface; Torgeson, E&W Wildwood, E Clover Valley	\$1,700
Misc.	Mowing, brushing, administration	\$2,100

Total expenses for 2011 \$82,000

Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

There were 85 police events in January which included 36 home/business checks, 7 traffic warnings (1 citation), 4 medical emergencies and 4 responses to burglar alarms.

In 2011 police responded to 1208 events. Increasing over 2010 were animal complaints (*38 in 2010 to 46 in 2011*), burglar alarms (*34 to 47*), disturbance calls (*6 to 14*) and medical emergencies (*37 to 50*). Property damage and personal injury accidents decreased (*27 to 8*). Most frequent events in 2011 were home/business checks (*410*), traffic warnings (*73*), (*plus 20 citations*), extra patrol requests (*67*), suspicious vehicles checked (*53*), medical emergencies (*50*), public assists (*49*), burglar alarms (*47 plus 16 fire alarms*), and animal complaints (*46*). There were 25 handgun permits and 17 permits to carry.

Recorded Police Events	
2011	1208
2010	1164
2009	1028
2008	1034
2007	1088
2006	881
2005	972
2004	1057

See the Township web site for our new police page with details including a full list of police response events. Sign up for email notifications.

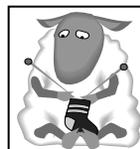
Reminder: Please do not use vehicles on Korkki Nordic ski trails or on the Community Center athletic fields.

Duluth Township Community Ed

Michelle Libby, Jo Thompson

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

Sign up and support our Community Ed program.
For information: see our page on the Township web site or call 525-0663 x300 with ideas.



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 March 27th 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.

North Shore Locavores

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

March 25th at 3pm, Field or bench grafting of fruit trees (\$10 for supplies), maple sugaring is also possible!
Watch for posted information on our Township web site
April 22nd 3pm, program to be announced, Town Hall

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.

Duluth Township Business Listing – 2012

When in need, call a local business! These 100 local businesses also appear on our Township website: www.duluthtownship.org.

Let us know about corrections, updates and other businesses in the Township that we've missed (messages: 525-5705).

All-Wayz Crew, 525-5906 Old North Shore Road, Mary Home, office, cabin cleaning, mending and ironing. Call for estimate.

Anderson Violin and Repair, 525-4971
2147 East Lismore Road, Jody Anderson
Repair of violin family instruments (violin, viola, cello, bass). Repair/re-hair bows. Handmade mountain dulcimers, custom made per individual order.

Apartment & Home Advisors, 720-3987 or email: apartmentadvisors@msn.com
6311 Homestead Road, Bill and Susie Lannon
We take the stress out of moving.

Apartment Wizards, 525-1805 or email: gentlerains@hotmail.com
1794 Wildwood Road, Jan and Bob Collison
Quality tenant finder for landlords.

Aspen Ridge Stables, 525-7304 or aspoas@skypoints.com
1730 Hegberg Road, Anne Aspoas
Lessons and training by appointment. School horses available.

BB&K Services, 525-7351 or email: rsundstrom@msn.com
5648 Bergquist Road, Bob Sundstrom
A cottage business providing small computer repair, maintenance and upgrades as well as photocopying services to French River, Clover Valley and surrounding communities. Please call in advance for appointments.

Beachway Motel 525-5191
5119 North Shore Drive, Skip Hildebrandt
Seasonal, on Lake Superior at McQuade harbor.

B & H Masonry, 525-5382 or website www.bhmasonrymn.com
2304 Lismore Road
Installs Amvic ICF foam products, slabs, foundations and stonework.

B & J Properties, 525-1805 or email: jancollison@msn.com
1794 Wildwood Road, Bob and Jan Collison
Apartment rentals.

Big Water Bait Box, 525-1377
6418 Homestead, Larry Mattson
Custom Lake Superior Spoon and Fish bait boxes.

Blacksmith, 525-5234
1662 Old North Shore Road, Jim Cowper
Custom metal work. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 1-4pm or by appointment.

Bruckelmyer Brothers Construction, 525-2344 or website www.bruckelmyerbrothers.com
2304 Lismore Road, Ed Bruckelmyer
Custom homes, additions and cabinets. Home construction.

Bruckelmyer Chimney, 525-0643 or email: lesbruck@msn.com,
6271 Bergquist Road, Les Bruckelmyer
Repair, liners, rebuilds, masonry restoration.

Calco Painting, 591-2137 or website www.calcopaintingmn.com
5904 McQuade Road, Calvin Raisanen
Exterior and interior painting and staining. Commercial and residential. Spray booth on site.

Camp Bark in the Dark, 525-0489
Wild rice, Sherri Rovig

Cape Superior Bottle Shop, 525-3340
Website: www.capesuperiorbottleshop.com
5133 North Shore Drive, Susie and Bill Lannon
The nicest bottle shop on the North Shore

The Cape Superior Inn, 525-5775 or www.capesuperiorinn.com
5133 North Shore Drive, Susie and Bill Lannon
We'd love to have you stay with us!

Walt Carter, 525-5092
Garden dirt, driveways, sand, gravel, limestone, rock and machine work.

Certified Instructors, Inc. 525-2483,
email: c.i.inc@dishmail.net
1702 West Knife River Road, Stephen R. Brown
Firearm and concealed carry classes individual instruction. \$37.50/person. Call for more information.

Clearwater Grille and Red Swan Catering 218-525-4826
5135 North Shore Drive, Ricky & Molly Dollar
Comfortable eating, affordable prices with a lake view. Catering venue for weddings, showers, parties, receptions. Call for information.

Clover Valley Candles, 525-4976 or www.clovervalleycandles.com
6409 Homestead Road, Jim and Erika Snell
Hand poured candles helping you scent your corner of the world.

Clover Valley Forest Products, 525-4946
1722 Dammon Road, Don Mount
Maple syrup, rough-cut lumber, etc.

Clover Valley Farms, 525-0094 www.clovervalleyfarms.com
6534 Homestead Road, Cindy Hale and Jeff Hall
Healthy, sustainable food. Poultry and hogs, fruit and vegetables. Produced organically.

Country Kids Day Care, 525-1073
Deb Swartz, Infants to School Age, Licensed, Bus to NSCS and Lakewood Schools. Accepting full and part time.

Cooley Chiropractic Clinic, 525-3630
5722 Homestead Road, Dr. Mary C. Cooley, D.C.

Corbett Court Reporting Ltd, 525-0477
2212 Hegberg Road, Nanette J. Corbett
Freelance court reporting services, including depositions.

Dahl Fisheries, 525-4679
1939 Old North Shore Road, Steve Dahl

Dahl Harps, 525-4679
1939 Old North Shore Road, Steve Dahl

D. J. Smith Trucking, 525-6086
1713 Hegberg Road, David Smith
For-hire trucking experience since 1985.

Dodges Log Lodges, 525-4088 or toll free: 855-236-3437 (8552 dodges), or www.DodgesLog.com
5852 North Shore Drive, Daniel Watkins
Enjoy year round, picturesque setting directly on the shore of Lake Superior. All cabins have lakeside decks, BBQ grills, kitchens, fireplaces. A great vacation spot for all seasons.

Edblom Custom Builders LLC, 525-1276
6049 Bergquist Road, David Edblom
Carpentry, residential new and remodeling, cabinetry.

Engen Excavating, Trucking, Sand & Gravel, 525-5403
6073 McQuade Road, Keith Engen
Black dirt, top soil, backfill, sand and gravel.

Enclosures and Cases, 525-1261 or website www.enclosuresandcases.com
5785 Bergquist Road, Donald Young
Circuit boards and enclosures.

Gardenwood Resort and Motel, 525-5064 or email: info@gardenwoodresort.com 5107 North Shore Dr, Pam Cone, All year, 13 cabins. Next to McQuade Safe Harbor on Lake Superior

Great! Lakes Candy Kitchen 834-2121 email info@greatlakescandy.com or www.greatlakescandy.com
223 Scenic Highway 61/ Box 27, Knife River
Pamela and Dennis Matson and Patricia Canelake

Rolf Hagberg Photography, 343-9439, 525-0321, email: rolf@rolfhagberg.com, or www.rolfhagberg.com, or facebook
5165 North Shore Drive, Rolf Hagberg
Commercial and fine art photography.

(2012 Duluth Township Business List, continued)

Hands At Work Massage Therapy, 525-8368

6392 McQuade Road, Doris Stenson

Har Builders Inc., 349-8473

5645 Ryan Rd., Jason Nowacki

Providing windows, siding, & all your remodeling needs.

Harbor Mechanical, Inc., 525-7473 oremail: seth@harbormechanical.com

5904 McQuade Road, Seth Levanen

Plumbing, heating, air conditioning, geothermal.

Homesteads Berry Farm, 525-4976 oremail: homesteadsberryfarm@lakenet.com

6409k Homestead Road, Jim & Erika Snell

Straw bales.

Homestead Family Dental, PA, 525-9020

5722 Homestead Road, Robert Horoshak

Georganne Hunter Music Studio, 525-4679

1939 Old North Shore Road, Georganne Hunter

Johnston Masonry, 525-7278email: info@johnstonmasonry.com,website: www.johnstonmasonry.com

2270 Lismore Road, Ken Johnston

Old world style masonry, custom stone and brick.

The Kantele Shop, 525-7609 oremail: gerryhenkel@fasternac.net web site: www.kantele.com

1541 Clover Valley Drive, Gerry Luoma Henkel

The Kantele Shop is a source for traditional Finnish folk music instruments built in the woods of northern Minnesota.

K Z Farms, Clover Valley Drive, Gene Zachow

Vegetables, flowers and fruit. Grown in accordance with

Organic standards, no pesticides. Sold through Duluth

Farmers Market.

Korkki Nordic Ski Center, Trails condition hotline, 525-7326

1711 Korkki Road

Lake Superior Towing, 525-4415, Steve McCorison

Torgerson Road, AAA, Jump start, door unlock, tire

change, fuel delivery. all credit cards accepted, local and long

distance towing.

Lakeview Masonry, 525-5146 oremail: jerry@lakeviewmasonry.com

5904 McQuade Road, Jerry Wantaja

Custom brick and stone, new and repair, Quality that lasts.

Lighthouse at Emily's, 834-2501email: lighthouseatemilys@frontier.comwebsite: www.lighthouseatemilys.com

218 Scenic Drive, Knife River, MN 55609, Brita Aug, Lynne

Compton, Andrea Darsow, Claire Pierson.

Casual dining & bar, party room available, daily specials,

Fresh Lake Superior fish.

Duane Madison Water & Well, 525-5645

Duane Madison,

Testing, disinfecting, consultation.

Maly's Greenhouse, 525-5901

5276 McQuade Road,

Open seasonally about March through June, 10-6pm Tuesday

through Sunday.

Maple Ridge Landscape, 525-4138 oremail: mapleridgelandscap@yahoo.comwebsite: www.mapleridgelandscap.com

2175 East Pioneer Road, Don and Kit Sitter

All your landscaping needs and more: dirt, boulders, patios,

gardens, customized site design.

Marykay Cosmetics, 525-1805 oremail: genterains@hotmail.com

1794 Wildwood Road, Jan Collison

Skin care.

Kathy McTavish Cello, 343-7998website: www.cellodreams.com

Cellist, composer, multimodal artist.

Don Mitchell Construction, Inc., 525-0509

2950 E. Pioneer Road, Don Mitchell

General contractor and carpenter, residential and

commercial license, new homes and remodeling,

licensed and bonded.

MN DNR French River Coldwater Hatchery, 525-0867

5357 North Shore Drive

MN DNR Duluth Area Fisheries, 525-0853 x200 oremail: Duluth.fisheries@state.mn.us

5351 North Shore Drive

Working with warm water fish, streams and inland lakes.

MN DNR Lake Superior Area Fisheries, 525-0853 oremail: superior.fisheries@state.mn.us

5351 North Shore Drive

Working with coldwater fish and streams, North Shore

and Lake Superior.

Namebini, 525-2381 www.namebini.com

Carl and Cindy Haensel

Pottery, guided fly fishing, diamond willow woodworking,

Outdoor photography, guest home. By appointment.

New World Finn, 525-7609 or website: www.newworldfinn.com

1541 Clover Valley Drive, Gerry Luoma Henkel

English language Finnish/American quarterly publication.

New Scenic Café, 525-6274 or website: www.sceniccafe.com

5461 North Shore Drive, Scott Graden

Open daily at 11am. Contemporary American

cuisine. Casual, relaxed atmosphere with a great lake

view. Large selection of imported wine and beer.

Nokomis Restaurant and Wine shop, 525-2286,website: www.nokomisonthelake.com,

5593 North Shore Drive, Sean Lewis, Chef

Wine shop, catering & fine dining. Summer hours,

open 11 daily; Winter hours Wed.— Sun. open at noon.

North Country Land Surveyor, Inc. 348-8037Email: anthonylueck@northic.com

6098 Ryan Road, Anthony Lueck, Surveyor

GPS, drafting, mapping, property lines, in MN & Wisc.

North Shore Log & Timber Framed Homes, Inc.525-9007 or website: www.northshoreloghomes.com

5868 Alseth Road, Chris Clay

Handcrafted log and timber framed structures

By appointment.

Northshore Wood Products, 525-4419 orwebsite: www.northshorewood.com

5783 Bergquist Road, Greg Lillejord & Ron Sween

Rustic lodge furniture.

Northern Trends Building and Design, 727-0778 orwebsite: www.northernrends.com

5339 North Shore Drive, Loren Slette

Residential and Commercial Building and Remodeling,

Sheila Packa, Poet, 393-4218,website: www.sheilapacka.com**Palmer's Cabins**, 525-7161

5734 North Shore Drive, Dan & Denise Connolly

Pampered Paws Grooming, 525-2671

6592 Homestead Road, Jeanine Johnson

Pet grooming. Call for an appointment.

Peak Construction Roofing, 525-5478 orwebsite: www.peakroofinginc.com

5904 McQuade Road, Eric Simonson and Bruce Schlecht.

New construction and re-roofs, shingles, flat roofs.

Peterson Excavating, 390-0217

6637 Homestead Road, Warren Peterson

Gravel, septic system construction, excavation.

Pine Tree Miniature Roses, 525-4794, email: tjroi@aol.com,website: www.duluthnewstribune.com/marketplace

5283 North Shore Drive, Thomas Roi

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(2012 Duluth Township Business Listing, continued)

Practicals, Collectables & Antiques, 525-2567,
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dressage, jumping, western and recreational riding. We are
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Restlawn Pet Cemetery, 728-1224
1547 Clover Valley Drive, Linda Klint and Douglas Johnson
Pet crematory, burial and services. Arrangements through local
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Yvonne Rutford, 525-6540
2261 River Trail, Yvonne Rutford
Freelance technical writing. Creative writing.

Saddle Rock Pottery, 525-2358 email: saddlerock@ymail.com
Or website: saddlerockpottery.com
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Custom made, hand thrown pottery. Mugs, bowls, casseroles,
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Sandy's Beauty Nook, 525-2008
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Beautician

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Unique gifts, handcrafted items, gifts for all occasions.

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Featuring Molly's Northwoods Honey, Molly Tillotson

J and R Sundberg Construction, 724-8676 or
website: www.jrsundberg.com,
5904 McQuade Road, Ray Sundberg, General Partner
(rav@irsundberg.com),
Shane Stolp, Office Manager (shane@irsundberg.com)

Sundstrom Rough Lumber, 525-5655
1966 Old North Shore Road, George Sundstrom
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garden beds, etc.

Superior Design and Planning, 525-3547, Sue Lawson
Land use design, community planning and residential design.

Superior Spray Foam, LLC. 343-1670
1729 Korkki Road, Adam Hendrickson
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5760 Ryan Road, Terry Hesch
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website: www.tomsloggingcamp.com
5797 North Shore Drive, Bill & Lauren Weckman
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bunnies, goats, rainbow trout, moccasins, jewelry, gifts.

Tree Farm, 340-4041
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Seasonal, Christmas trees

Van Technologies, 525-9424 or
website: www.greenlightcoatings.com
5791 Bergquist Road, Larry Van Iseghem
Manufacturer of specialty performance industrial coatings for
wood: environmentally compliant stains, paints, sealers,
coatings.

Waggin' Tales Boarding Kennels, 525-4842
7002 App Road, Janet Lampi
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Wildwood Meat Processing, 525-3549
1571 Wildwood Road, Dale Bruckelmyer
Custom cutting and wrapping of all types of meat.

Wildwood River Press, 393-4218
Web site: www.wildwoodriver.com
Sheila Packa and Kathy McTavish
Confluence of the Arts

Dave Yungner Pottery, 525-2846
5235 North Shore Drive, Dave Yungner
Pottery. By appointment.

Zimm Manufacturing, 525-1120
5665 North Shore Drive, Gary Zimm
Electronic enclosures.

Jay Zink, 525-5589
5342 Greenwood Road, Jay Zink,
Light backhoe and dozer work.

Community Services

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

Girl Scouts: call Julie Igo, 726-4710

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

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

For All Emergencies: call 911.

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Webmaster Linda Hollinday

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Duluth Township Information — 2012

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 Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),
 web site: www.duluthtownship.org or
 email: 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
 (Primary contact for Planning, Finance/banks, insurance; Alternate for Personnel, Fire, Senior Housing).

Dave Mount (2010-2013) **Board Chair** 525-7961
 or Email: DaveMount@duluthtownship.org
 (Primary contact for Cemetery, Police, North Shore Mgmt Bd; Shared Town Hall; Alternate for Roads).

Dave Miller (2011-2014) 525-1555
 or Email: DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org
 (Primary contact for Roads, Community Ctr/Facilities, Environment Stewardship; Share Comm Ed & Rec; Alternate for Planning, Senior Hsg).

Mary Ann Sironen, (2009-2012) **Vice Chair** 525-2010
 or Email: MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org
 (Primary contact for Communications, Personnel, Senior Hsg, Community Ctr/Facility, DNSSD, Recycling; Shared Community Educ and Recreation).

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

Town Clerk: **Ann K. Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
 or Email: TownClerk@duluthtownship.org

Treasurer: **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
 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), **Wayne Dahlberg** (2014).
 Email: 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

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 Wardens:**
 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.

MARCH 2012

- 1, Thu, 7pm **Rescheduled Public Hearing** on the Zoning Ordinance updates, Town Hall.
 3, Sat, 11-4pm **Community Winter Frolic** at our DTCC/NSCS, 5926 Ryan Road. (see article)
 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
 10, Sat, 8-noon, Clerk's office open for absentee voting
 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

- 15, Thu, 8pm Board of Canvas (certify election results)
 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

APRIL 2012

- 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, 7pm Board of Appeal & Equalization, Town Hall
 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
 23, Mon, **Deadline for May Newsletter**
 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
 31, Tue, 6:30pm Township Knitters, Town Hall

MAY 2012

- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 2, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 10, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 14, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
 15, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 16, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
 27, Sun, 3pm, Locavores, Town Hall
 29, 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.

Two Candidates for Two Town Supervisor Positions



Mary Ann Sironen

Candidate for the 3-yr regular term as Township Supervisor

My name is Mary Ann Sironen and I'm seeking another term on the Duluth Town Board of Supervisors.

I've been on the Board for the last three years working closely with issues related to the North Shore Community School, Township Recreation, Community Education and Communications. Town government is uniquely interesting. It has taken a good deal of that time to understand Town processes as well as regulations/requirements that surround Town government. It's a work in progress; I enjoy work with the fine Supervisors & Township staff.

My goals for the Township continue to be to preserve our culture and environment while enhancing the tax base by supporting opportunities for well-planned growth. I'm pleased that our efforts in bringing people together through our Communications processes—the Newsletter, website and meetings—help to bring understanding and a degree of consensus on how our Town should run. Our previous Township leaders have done careful financial planning that's allowing us to meet the needs of the residents as well as making important improvements to infrastructure. I think we need to continue prudent planning and look for ways to keep costs—and your taxes—as under control as possible. I will continue to work with and for you to keep our Town of Duluth a fine place to live for all the generations.

My 'official' career has been grounded in clinical lab medicine as a medical technologist, retiring from St. Mary's Medical Center Laboratory in 1998 and going on to work with Superior Health Medical Group, First Plan/First Solutions of MN and as adjunct faculty at Lake Superior College in the Medical Laboratory Technician program. My great grandfather came to the Palmers area in 1902 and my ties to the community are strong. I enjoy being actively involved in our community through Homesteaders and French River Lutheran Church. In addition, I continue to be a member of the Lake Superior Coastal Council and, more recently, a Finnish cultural group, the Ladies of Kaleva.

I'm looking forward to serving you for another 3-year term. Get out and vote on March 13th and come back to the Town Hall for the Annual Town Meeting that follows. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Mary Anne Daniel

Candidate to fill the 1-yr Township Supervisor vacancy

My name is Mary Anne Daniel and I am running for the open position on the Duluth Township Board of

Supervisors. I am currently a volunteer First Responder and a Firefighter with our Clifton Fire Department. I submit all fire data to the State of Minnesota Fire reporting system and maintain a supply of emergency medical equipment for the Department. Through this experience I have gained a great appreciation for the Township and the people who live and work here.

Originally from Central Minnesota, I moved here six years ago when I retired. I loved northern Minnesota and had many close ties to this community. I spent thirty-five employed years working as a mental health/behavioral therapist and addiction counselor at the St. Cloud Hospital. My bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Psychology and my Master's degree in Sociology and Health are both from St. Cloud State University. I taught adjunct courses at St. Cloud State University and operated a small private practice. During my years at the St. Cloud Hospital I initiated new programming, wrote numerous grants, managed budgets and supervised personnel.

My past board experience includes serving on the Behavioral Health Care Center Board of Directors at the St. Cloud Hospital and the Board of Directors for Central Minnesota Group Health (Health Partners).

My vision for Duluth Township and its residents includes protecting the rural character and small town feel of the community by a commitment to balancing growth and development along with minimizing its impact on the environment and family life. Sustainable growth will provide a viable tax base while limiting the negative effects on our important resources of water, air and land. I will work to create budgets and long term goals that would complement lifestyles and values of our Township residents.



Each candidate was asked to provide a statement and picture for the Newsletter. These statements are presented as written to provide residents with background information. There are two Town Supervisor openings and two residents who have stepped forward and filed to serve.

What Happens at our Annual Town Meeting

For those who many not have attended a Town meeting, here's a bit of background. We gather in our Town Hall on Homestead Road after the polls close (8:15pm). Our Town Clerk, by law, calls the meeting to order and we nominate and elect a resident to lead the meeting.

Our Town Clerk, Ann Cox, hands out a packet, including minutes from last year's meeting plus summary information provided by various Township departments—2011 activities and expenses, the previously approved 2012 budget and the proposed 2013 Township budget (see the table, page 11 in this Newsletter).

Those attending this meeting vote on our budget for 2013...a year away because our figures have to be included with County and School District figures for tax statements you receive in 2013. In 2012 we are operating on the budget adopted at our 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

Last year's minutes, official posting places and bank are voted on. The proposed 2013 budget with any adopted amendments is discussed and the overall budget is approved. Other Township business is raised and discussed and results of the election are announced at the end of the meeting. The meeting is usually suspended rather than adjourned. This permits a special meeting to be called later in case there is business that needs to be conducted by Town residents.

The Town Meeting is also a good place to meet your neighbors and to discuss important Township issues. This meeting is grass-roots democracy that depends upon the participation, respect and good ideas of all of our citizens.

2012 Resident Feedback Survey Report

The purpose of the *Resident Feedback Questionnaire* is to provide busy residents with another way to communicate concerns and suggestions to our Township officials. The 2012 survey was sent with the January Newsletter to everyone on our mailing list (919 of which 775 are local households). 79 responses to the one-page questionnaire were received by Feb. 6th (a 10% resident response rate and in the last survey in 2010, 11%). While every household had the opportunity to provide feedback, one might presume that responses were from those who wanted to provide their suggestions and views. The full report was distributed to Town officials and is available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org.

Summary of Results. Resident feedback in this survey suggests a substantially high level of satisfaction with the Township and its services that is consistent with past survey findings (earlier surveys are also posted on our web site). There were only minor differences in response between those living on the lake vs. inland side of the expressway (except inland residents were more likely to have passed the DTCC/NSCS than shore-side residents).

- **95% are satisfied or very satisfied, overall, with Duluth Township as a place to live** (62% checked "very satisfied"). This is similar to earlier surveys (97% in 2001, 95% in 2003, 98% in 2006, 96% in 2010).
- Residents were asked how satisfied they were with each of a list of 14 services. Results are shown in the table below. Over 90% of respondents said they were satisfied or very satisfied with each of the services except for D/NSSD, the sewer district along the shore (69%, costs being the primary concern) and County Roads in our Township (81%).

Percent satisfied or very satisfied with:	2001	2003	2006	2010	2012
Vol. Fire Dept.	97%	97%	99%	100%	99%
Town Web Site	—	—	93%	100%	100%
Recycling Center	92%	89%	93%	99%	97%
Newsletter	96%	98%	99%	99%	99%
NSCS school	92%	98%	99%	97%	97%
Supervisors	66%	98%	91%	97%	96%
Town Hall Office	93%	94%	96%	92%	97%
Police Dept.	77%	86%	86%	92%	93%
Township Roads	68%	81%	64%	90%	91%
Planning Comm.	70%	86%	85%	81%	89%
D/NSSD Sewer	—	—	76%	78%	69%
County Roads	84%	—	—	73%	81%
Community Educ	—	—	89%	62%	95%
Recreation	—	—	—	—	100%

- **Familiarity:** Respondents were *most familiar* (5% or less "don't know") with roads, Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and Newsletter. They were *least familiar* with the D/NSSD sewer district (46% "don't know"), our Township web site (42%), Community Education program (42%), Community Recreation program (38%), and our North Shore Community School (20% "don't know").
- **Town Hall/Fire Hall Planning.** Residents were asked for their views on three questions having to do with planning for needed space at the Town Hall/Fire Hall (see the November and January Newsletters for a summary of needed improvements — also noted in the questionnaire).
 - 79% favored addressing these space needs by planning an addition to the Town Hall/Fire Hall.
 - 80% favored using the Town's capital improvement fund for a future addition if one were planned (these are not tax levy funds).
 - 69% favored purchasing some additional land if added space is needed (our site is 3 acres).
- **Other Topics.**
 - 81% have gone by the Community Center/North Shore Community School in the past year.
 - 94% rated the building and grounds "appealing" or "satisfactory", (and 5% as "unappealing").
 - Area the respondent lives:
 - 29% on the shore side of the expressway;
 - 70%; on the inland side; 1% outside the Township

(For more detailed information, see our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org, or the Town Hall office.)

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Kathy Johnson

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Township Departments	Actual Expenditures for 2007	Actual Expenditures for 2008	Actual Expenditures for 2009	Actual Expenditures for 2010	Actual Expenditures for 2011	Approved budget for 2012	Proposed Budget For 2013
Police Department ⁽²⁾	\$32,789	\$65,707	\$32,187	\$45,199	\$45,331	\$47,395	\$52,595
Fire Department ⁽²⁾	92,156	77,384	281,299	53,166	114,163	67,000	64,250
General Township	109,425	158,865	161,220	128,346	136,113	140,755	127,101
Planning & Zoning	24,828	32,453	25,037	20,811	21,153	20,750	20,550
Cemetery	6,131	4,919	5,358	3,999	8,245	5,000	5,000
Road & Bridge ⁽²⁾	66,233	85,399	59,969	96,156	89,111	102,000	64,000
Community Education ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	4,796	—	2,000
Community Recreation ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	6,695	7,500	8,000
<i>Total expenses⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>\$331,562</i>	<i>\$424,727</i>	<i>\$565,070</i>	<i>\$347,677</i>	<i>\$425,607</i>	<i>\$390,400</i>	<i>\$343,496</i>
Recycling	<i>(paid by a WLSSD grant)</i>						
Community Center	<i>(paid from school lease funds)</i>						
Tax Levy Budgets <i>(excludes income from fees, grants and other sources)</i>							
Approved/proposed levy⁽³⁾	\$305,785	\$327,304	\$332,755	\$366,295	\$352,765	\$390,400	\$343,496
Approximate average annual cost per household⁽⁴⁾ <i>(using 740 households, depends on assessed property value.)</i>	\$413	\$442	\$450	\$495	\$477	\$484	\$464

Footnotes:

- (1) Note that the **actual** expenditures include expenses that may be partially covered by fees (e.g. permits, Community Education class fees etc.), grants (e.g. Fire Dept FEMA grant and Alden Township's contract for fire coverage), or carry-over funds. **Budgeted** levy amounts are reduced by expected income from fees. Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.
- (2) Some Departments designate funds for special projects: Road and Bridge emergencies (\$35,000), Fire and Police to replace aging fire and police vehicles. These funds are included in the year end balances shown in the Clerk's report at the Annual Meeting.
- (3) The budget amount we approve may be reduced, when levied, by State or County aid to local governments. These funds have been severely cut in recent years. State "un-allotment" also reduces anticipated levy funds that the Township would otherwise receive.
- (4) The average annual cost per household uses 740 as the number of households for comparisons here. The *Newsletter* is currently mailed to about 919 addresses, 775 are households in the Township (the U.S. Census counted 750 occupied homes in Duluth Township in 2010).
- (5) At the 2009 Town Meeting residents voted to add \$7,500 to the levy for a Community Center recreation coordinator. Community Education funds came from an initial Township budget plus class fees. In 2012 a separate line item is included.

Township Expenses and Budget for 2012

The table above shows actual expenses for 2007 through 2011 plus the previously approved budget for 2012 and the proposed budget for 2013. In some cases, actual expenses include income from various sources other than the tax levy, such as permit fees, grants (*we've been successful in getting several including a grant for a fire hose and extraction equipment, and grants for the warming house and other Community Center facilities*), and carryover from budget savings in a prior year. Part of the carry-over is for escrow (*e.g. fire and police vehicle replacement*) and emergency funds (*roads*).

The proposed 2013 budget DECREASED by 12% over that approved last year for 2012. All 2013 proposed budgets are close to that approved for 2011; four lower and one the same as that approved for this year.

Other than 2008 and 2009 (*new fire and police vehicles partially covered by escrowed funds and a large FEMA grant*), actual Township expenses have been pretty flat since 2000. See the article in this Newsletter for a discussion of the budget.

Detailed information will be distributed at the Annual Town Meeting where each budget will be presented.

Your total property tax includes County and State levied budgets, and special assessments (*e.g. school district, sewer*), in addition to the Township levy, less any State aid for local governments

The 2013 budget will be voted on at the upcoming **March 13th Annual Town Meeting**. Plan to attend!

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2012

Inside this Issue:

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- Police and Fire Information
- Community Ed Spring class *insert*
- Community Recreation events
- NSCS News *insert*

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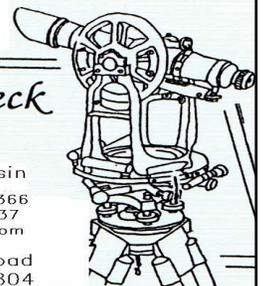
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