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# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2012

## What's Coming Up?

**Township Memorial Day Service** - May 28<sup>th</sup>, 11am, Palmers Township Cemetery (see announcement).

**Fire Danger High this Spring**—Please be careful!

**Stormwater Public meeting** - May 24<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm Town Hall

**Spring Community Ed Classes** (see article)

**Recreation: Events, Fields, Rentals** - (see article)

Join your neighbors in honoring service men and women from our Township

## Township Memorial Day Ceremony

At our Palmers Lakeview Cemetery  
North Shore Road just east of Homestead Road  
**11am on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Memorial comments by:

### Nate Shilling

Former teacher at our NSCS

Other participants include the Boy Scout Troop and music led by members of the French River Lutheran Church who often also provide coffee and donuts. Mark your calendar and attend this community event!

## Community Ed

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

It is with regret that the Town Board accepted Jo Thompson's resignation as one of the Community Education coordinators. Jo, along with Michelle Libby, has been instrumental in revitalizing this program in the Township. Many good and varied programs have been enjoyed by a large number of townfolk. Thank you, Jo, for your fine work with this effort and we look forward to your partnership in our other Township activities (Jo also serves on our Planning Commission and leads the Township Knitters).

The Town Board is looking for another person who'd be interested in working with Michelle in the Community Ed program. Call Mary Ann Sironen, 525-2010 for further information/details of the position or express your interest in a letter to the Town Clerk at Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804.

## Added to our Local Business List

Here are 5 local businesses bringing our list to 105 (100 in the March Newsletter and all are on our web site).

Let us know if your business should be added.

**Courtney Kappes Day Care**, 522-0123 or email:

Courtneykappes@msn.com. 1767 Old North Shore Rd, Accepting full time and part time families. Hours: 7-5.

**Dennis Schultz Construction, Inc.**, 525-5685

1512 Shilhon Road, Dennis Schultz

Quality remodeling and carpentry work of all types.

**RetroFoam**, 525-5685

1512 Shilhon Road, Dennis Schultz

The best insulation for existing homes.

**Clover Valley Press**, 525-4552, [www.clovervalleypress.com](http://www.clovervalleypress.com)

6286 Homestead Road, Charlene Brown

Publishing quality books by women of the northland.

**Traplins North Taxidermy**, 525-4970

6122 McQuade Road, Shawn Johnson

Full service licensed taxidermy services.

## THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Program by Buddy Robinson, Senior Citizen Federation answering questions about Medicare. Coffee and snacks

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

**August 11<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, Come On Home Party, Town Hall

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

**Help Wanted — SUMMER YARD WORK** - North Shore. Gardening, weeding, mowing, maintenance, flexible hours - 10-15 per week. Experience with machinery and tools helpful. Charles E. House, email [CHouse1939@gmail.com](mailto:CHouse1939@gmail.com) or phone 525-6713.

## Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Keith Darsow, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Fran Kaliher, Sue Lawson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Dave Miller, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Jeff Roiland, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, George Sundstrom, Tom Szendrey, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila, Jay Zink, and Webmaster Linda Hollinday.

**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)).

**February 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** All Supervisors were present. **Main Actions:** Absentee ballot board appointed. **Other Business:** John Abrahams submitted a letter for Board consideration. Treasurer reported \$43,017.33 in deposits and \$25,536.42 in expenses for a January ending balance of \$721,526.18. Bills were examined and paid. **Police:** provided a form for background checks required when CE instructors deal primarily with children. This is confidential to the Police. **Planning:** reported only 6-8 people came to the open house on the draft zoning ordinance update. A proposed MN Legislature bill on interim use may take local control away. Planning is reviewing our Comprehensive Plan. **Community Center:** Facilities report was discussed including plantings proposal, security, lawn tractor replacement, set-aside for long term repair needs such as roof replacement, etc. Approval for NSCS applying for a grant to develop an orchard. **Recycling:** Aluminum can storage broken into, chain locks were cut again. **Personnel:** work is progressing on a compensation and duties statement. The Annual meeting presentation was discussed. Dave Mount will prepare a PowerPoint summary of budget and levy data.

**March 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Lobbestael, Miller, Mount and Sironen were present. **Other Business:** There were \$51,510.64 in receipts, \$40,367.69 expenses for a February ending balance of \$732,669.13. Bills were reviewed and paid. Dave Edblom spoke on behalf of John Abrahams. A letter responding to Abrahams' inquiry was sent. The Township proceeded in accordance with its statutory responsibilities. He has the right to reapply to the Zoning Commission concerning his commercial zoning request on Alseth road. **Police:** Presented the police event report noting that there were no burglaries in 2011. **Planning:** continued review of our Comprehensive Plan and activities to achieve its goals and whether we are going in the desired direction. Comments received on the proposed Zoning Ordinance update were given to the Board and review assignments were made (*lawyer help, wording changes, etc.*). A letter was sent to the Governor expressing Township concerns about Legislative action that would remove our legal authority to handle short term rentals and interim uses. **Community Center:** In process of preparing final facilities budget for the year. **Recreation** had a successful Winter Frolic and dedication of the warming house. Lighting of ice arena is a problem for several residents and it will be corrected to appropriate down-lighting. **Other:** April 19<sup>th</sup> is tentative date for the annual program of work meeting in which projects for the year are prioritized and oversight assignments are made for Supervisors (*see list of newly assigned duties on page 7*). Barry Lobbestael was heartily thanked for his service on the Board.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall) May 10<sup>h</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>.**  
*Residents are invited to attend these public meetings*

**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))

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.** All members were present. **Main Actions:** Distribution of tasks for work groups reviewing the Comprehensive Plan. **Other Business:** Sue Lawson, Planning Director, noted the Public Hearing on the Zoning Ordinance would be March 1<sup>st</sup>, as posted. Possibilities for training for planning members was discussed including conflict resolution and the ideas behind doing planning and zoning. The process for reviewing our current Comprehensive Land Use Plan was discussed. Various changes like the sewer system along the shore and permit activity that has decreased since 2005 were noted. Statutory changes need to be reviewed and included as necessary. GIS information will be used. Working groups of members took various sections that they will review and present at future meetings along with any suggestions they may have.

Priorities for Commission action were discussed and the 2011 list was distributed for member rankings. **March 1st Public Hearing.** The purpose was for public testimony on proposed Zoning Ordinance revisions. Planning Commission members Chura, Voge, Thompson, Schifsky and Dahlberg plus Planning Director Lawson attended. Also attending were members of the Town Board: Supervisors Mount, Lobbestael, Miller and Sironen. Planning Commission Chair Dave Chura opened the meeting. Sue Lawson presented proposed changes in the Zoning Ordinance. Statements were made about non-conforming lots on the shore, the role of the North Shore Management Board, definition of bed and breakfast size, definition of practical difficulty, remodeled structure height allowance, interim use time limits, handling of infractions of use conditions, omission of short term rentals, etc. (*See our web site for minutes with detailed comments and wording.*). Comments will be summarized and provided to the Board for their consideration and action.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>.**  
*Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.  
Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.*

**Community Services**

- Clifton 4-H Club:** call Kate Edblom 525-1276
- Cub Scouts:** call David Hooey, 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, Town Hall.*)

**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

Hi everybody! Springtime is definitely here and there is lots of news to share with you about our Recreation Program. The new fields at the Community Center/NSCS are starting to grow grass thanks to work performed by Gary Juten Co. I would like to remind everyone to **please stay off the fields until we put notices** up saying the fields are ready to use. The baseball infield still requires work that will be performed later this spring and more grass will be planted around our new hockey rink. Due to bad weather last month, our hockey rink boards blew over. Later this spring we will **need volunteers** to help repair the hockey rink so it will be ready for next fall. The Township web site will post a call for help. We will also be putting up new **out-door display cases** located by the new baseball field and by our warming center. The display cases will have information explaining events, times and field locations. I can't wait for these fields to be ready to use and from what I hear Township residents are excited as well.

I would like to remind everyone that we do **rent out the grounds and indoor rooms** at the Community Center/NSCS. Last year a number of Township residents took advantage of our facility for graduation celebrations, birthdays, family reunions, etc. To book your event, call me at 525-0663 ext 301.

Indoor and outdoor **events will be posted** in our new display cases and on our Township web site under our recreation toolbar. A **3 on 3 baseball tournament** is planned and details on date, cost and age group are being worked on with other coordinators at this time. Watch for flyers at the Community Center, local businesses and our Township web site to sign up. Outdoor events will also be posted on our web site and in our display cases once the grounds are ready to use. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me at 525-0663 ext 301 or email me at: [RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org)

**Thanks** and best wishes to **Al Anderson**, faithful recycling attendant who has found it necessary to resign his shed tender position. Alvie started tending the bins and shed in 2009 and has provided a cheerful and helpful service to the community since then. We'll miss his jolly greetings and efficient assistance. **Patrick Kelly** has been hired to fill Alvin's hours, with **David Hooley** assisting as a new alternate.

### North Shore Locavores

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

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** at 3pm, Town Hall. Program: Jo Thompson on starting, keeping, breeding rabbits for wool and meat. Local food potluck follows.

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 at 525-6933 or Sherry at 525-0489.

**Meetings are free and open to the public.**

### Township Roads

There are 11.47 miles of Township roads, including: Aho (.5), Alseth (1.1), Beck (.25), N. Bergquist (.3), Clover Valley (1.3), Culas (.2), Dammon (.3), East Lismore (.4), Englund (.25), Gamble (.2), Greenwood (1.2), Henry Hill (.25), Jackson/N Ryan (.4), Mace (.3), Nordling (.12mi), Olson (.5), Pine Tree (.1), Riemer (.15), Schoenberg (.3), Shilhon (.45), Spruce Court (.1), Swanson (.25), Torgeson (.8), Walter Johnson (.5), and E. & W. Wildwood (1.25).

Other roads in the Township are County, State or private roads. For questions about County roads, call the County Tool House at 525-7000.

### Annual Town Meeting and Election

On the State legislated date for Township elections and meetings, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 89 residents voted and elected the two candidates noted in the March Newsletter who stepped up to serve our Township, **Mary Ann Sironen** (3yr term), and **Mary Anne Daniel** (to complete the 1yr open position). The votes were 87 and 86. Congratulations and thanks for your willingness to help our Township. See the March Newsletter for information on candidates.

Clerk of Town Ann Cox provided an information packet and opened the meeting. Those present (a modest crowd) elected Corlis West to moderate. Motions affirmed banks of deposit (Lake Bank and North Shore Bank of Commerce), Newspaper for official publication (Duluth News Tribune) and official posting places (Town Hall, Scenic Café, Fire Hall #1, and North Shore Community School).

Supervisor Chair Dave Mount provided background information on expenditures and proposed budgets. Departments presented their proposed 2013 budgets (see the table in the March Newsletter). These were discussed and questions answered. The proposed 2013 budget levy (\$343,496, down 12% from that approved for 2012) was approved. The meeting was closed, permitting an Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 8pm continuation meeting if necessary. The 2013 Annual Town Meeting and election will be on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Special recognition for their service were Barry Lobbestael (stepping down as interim Supervisor), Chief Shawn Padden and our Police Officers Steve and Mike Peterson, Chief Bob Engelson and our Volunteer Fire Department, and Planning and Zoning Commission members Dave Chura and Jan Green who completed their terms.

**We residents of Duluth Township owe special thanks** to Supervisor Dave Mount (Chair of the Board) and all of our Town Board members for unusually effective and extensive service to our Township this past year, to Clerk of Town Ann Cox, Treasurer Janet Johansen, Planning Director Sue Lawson, P&Z Secretary Beth Mullen, and all who help make our Township a good one.

*Residents are urged to take an opportunity to attend public meetings to learn about our Township's business, support your elected officials, and consider stepping up to serve on one of our boards or committees.*

Thanks to **Don Peterson** for the bookshelf at the Town Hall Book Exchange. **Jana Pastika** coordinates the books. It is popular and growing! Its free. *Take what you want and leave what you think others might want.*

## Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

We have a potential **HIGH FIRE DANGER** this spring. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL.** Grass in ditches is standing and dry. On a windy day a fire could quickly get out of control. Report fire problems promptly to **9-1-1**.

**Thank you Gold Cross** for donating a 2003 Ford E350 van for use as a **Fire Rescue** vehicle (see the masthead). It contains our special extraction equipment ("jaws of life") obtained under previous grants plus other emergency fire and medical equipment. The Rescue van will provide better first response support. It has been painted with fire rescue colors to help avoid confusion with an ambulance. Thanks to Darren Berg for his fine painting work.

**Jason Bruckelmyer** and **Mark Simonson** are our newest volunteers. They are in fire training classes.

Recent training classes for Department members include traffic emergency response procedures and pipeline safety. There is an 8 inch natural gas trunk line that goes through the northern part of our Township (Note that this gas does not have "gas smell" added.)

### 2011 Fire Call Summary

St Louis County Communications reported that our *Clifton Volunteer Fire Department and Medical First Responders* responded to **95 9-1-1 calls in 2011** (not including mutual aid calls to assist other departments), on average, they responded to an emergency once every 3-4 days. Our Department's response area, some 80 square miles, includes Duluth & Alden Townships.

9-1-1 calls are coded by type and these include:

**24 Fire calls:** 5 automatic fire alarm, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, 1 chimney fire, 2 grass fires, 2 miscellaneous fires, 2 fires outside, 3 smoke visible/odor in area calls, 3 vehicle fires, 1 test fire side of CAD, 1 fire/pole problem, and 3 other related calls.

**71 Medical calls:** 4 strokes, 2 diabetic, 4 difficulty breathing, 49 medical emergencies, 5 heart attacks, 1 seizure, 3 personal injury accidents, 1 suicide attempt, 1 water emergency, and 1 to assist an invalid.

In addition there were **120 burn permits** issued in our Department's response area that our Department would potentially oversee if there were problems.

Fire fighters and first responders also have a monthly business meeting and monthly training sessions plus maintenance work times on fire halls and equipment.

See the Fire Dept information on our Township web site.



### 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 May 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:woodfarm@wildblue.net).

## Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

There were 70 police events in April which included 24 home/business checks, 12 traffic warnings/citations, 5 permit to acquire handguns (plus 2 permit to carry), and 3 each for animal complaints and suspicious vehicles. An email alert was sent about a property damage event on Homestead Road.



Jay Zink & Shawn Padden

See the article on the history of our Police Department (page 5).

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

*If you have any information regarding any criminal activity in this community, please leave a message at the Duluth Township Police Department at 525-5705, (patrol mobile phone 393-8407), or email us at [DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org). For All Emergencies: call 9-1-1.*

### Duluth Township Community Education

Michelle Libby, Jo Thompson

It's not too late to sign up for the **DNR/Firearms/Hunter Safety course**. Classes will meet Tuesdays and Fridays, May 8, 11, 15, 18, 22 and 25 from 6-8:30pm in the North Shore Community School cafeteria. A final field day test is Sat. June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Two Harbors Gun Club. Students must attend ALL classes to receive a certificate. Students must be 11 years of age by the start of the class. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, send an email to [northshorehunter@dishmail.net](mailto:northshorehunter@dishmail.net). You will be sent by return email a form that must be filled out and submitted. This class will be limited to 30 students. A parent or guardian must attend the first half of class on May 8<sup>th</sup> to fill out the MN DNR forms and parental releases. A \$7.50 fee will be collected at that time. Please arrive between 5:15 and 5:45 to do this. No fees are collected by Duluth Township Community Ed for this class. For those with no email access to register or for questions, call Steve or Shirley Brown at 525-2483 before 7pm.

**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](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org) or call 525-0663 ext 300.

Volunteer to help co-coordinate our Community Ed program. See the article on page 1.

### ROUGH LUMBER FOR SUMMER PROJECTS

RAISED GARDEN BED(S), TOOL SHED, SAUNA, DEER FENCE? Call George Sundstrom **525-5655**

*Paid advertisement*

## History of Policing in Duluth Township

Thanks to Chief Shawn Padden, Jay Zink, Helen Hendrickson, and Ann Cox for information about our police.

Our Township has been served by “constables” or “police officers” since its organization in 1930 – we’re 80+ years old! The April 1972 “Landmarks” (our former Township publication) noted:

*“There was a time...when the one constable needed to do little more than appear at local dances and be present during elections. The constable had the honor of representing authority but he had neither the training nor the equipment to enforce the law. His presence was considered sufficient reminder that proper behavior was expected. As the community grew, the responsibility grew. Today (ie. 1972) two men, usually working together, may average about 50 hours each, per month. During smelting season they may need to serve twice as much. They ‘keep an eye’ on your home, if notified that you are away during a vacation. They provide emergency care and assistance. They supervise many school activities. They enforce traffic and snowmobile laws to prevent possible accidents on ... roads within the Township. They also drop in at local gathering spots for juveniles or adults to forestall possible trouble.” (Ed: At one time we had 6 stores and 9 taverns).*

At the start, constables used their own cars. The Township provided a uniform (a star badge and brown uniform) and in 1971, purchased a squad car (a used MN Highway Patrol vehicle with a bonus, our first radar!). Constables were elected for a 2 year term by Township residents and sworn in when elected. It has always been a second job. Starting in the mid-1980’s the State required local officers to be trained and licensed ultimately by the State Police Board and to have annual refresher training. After licensing was required, only 27 of the 150 constables in Minnesota chose to become licensed. Jay Zink who had been our constable since 1974 was licensed and continued to serve until 1994. The election of officers came to an end and the Town Board hired what were then called “police officers” (the title “constable” was left out of new statutes). The Township was also required to adopt eleven policing policies. Shawn Padden was hired in May 1988 as our first licensed police officer and served our Township with Jay Zink. Shawn had taken the necessary police training in Hibbing and had his Police Board license. He continues as our Police Chief today. By 1986, officers were included in PERA, the State retirement fund and in 1995 became members of the Steelworker’s Union on a par with other professionalized departments. In 1995 the Township authorized 160 hours per month for two officers and these hours are now shared by our three officers providing better backup scheduling and regular coverage of more times of the day and night (plus some family time at home). In 2004 Township residents at the Annual Town Meeting voted to increase policing hours and raise the number of officers to four but this later proved to be unnecessary and we have gone back to 160 hours per month and three officers. Township police exchanged backup support with neighboring agencies as is true today.

Early records have been archived in Chisholm, but Jay Zink provided a list of early constables including (starting in the 1950’s) Paul Saari, Russell Hagglund, Eddie Hill, Jack Christianson, Keith Thomas, Rick Larson, Jay Zink, Ray Alseth, Ron Thorne, Bob Brazil, Bill Deem, Richard Erlander, Mike Scott, Paul Johnson, Rick Swanson, Tom Wick, and our current officers, **Shawn Padden**, **Steve Peterson** (hired June 2002), and **Mike Peterson** (Jan. 2005).



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Township Officers have had full-time police jobs in nearby communities. We benefit from their annual and specialized police training, law enforcement contacts and access to various databases that their full-time job supports. Our police officers have special training including handling child and elder abuse, K-9 use in searches, drug investigation, traffic enforcement, various anti-crime routines, etc. Recently one of our officers retired from his full-time job and is now able to cover a variety of patrols in the Township when other officers are busy. Our three current officers bring us 70+ years of policing experience.

The Police Department sets aside a budget to permit leasing a replacement squad vehicle every five years or so. Grants have been received to upgrade equipment allowing up-to-date communication and access to law enforcement databases. Communication is essential with all 29 law enforcement agencies in northeast Minnesota. Grants and equipment from other agencies helps with the list of needed or desirable equipment: 3 new radios compatible with the new law enforcement system, upgrading the office computer, digital recorder, military-type binoculars (assists in lake searches), repelling rope and life jackets (anticipating more public water accidents), etc. Their current office (upstairs at the Town Hall) needs upgrading as well.

Over the years, our officers have had a working relationship with County Sheriff officers who were called in for major crimes and emergencies. Sheriff’s officers in southern St Louis County cover a much larger population and area and may be busy many miles away, making it hard to respond quickly.

Community-centered policing is one advantage of having our own Police Department. Officers are Township residents, know our area and families and share a resident’s concern. Our police also provide a range of service beyond 9-1-1 emergency calls, such as requested home and businesses checks, and added patrols upon request. Officers serve on our school’s *Safe and Drug Free Committee*; they help with security concerns and talk with kids and parents; and they report police activity to Township residents (see the 2011 March Newsletter). Residents can sign up to receive email crime alerts (with map location). They know the pulse of the community and, with resident help, spot unusual events, check out suspicious vehicles and strangers to the area, provide assistance for medical emergencies, juvenile or domestic troubles, patrol speeding on Township roads, animal complaints, run-aways, neighbor disputes, personal injury accidents, disturbances, property damage complaints, and help Township officials with ordinance violations. The result is that we have a lower crime rate in many respects than surrounding areas (see the list online or in the March Newsletter and note types of crime that aren’t included!). The cost is less than half what it would be to sub-contract with other licensed officers for these community policing services.

Our Police respond to 9-1-1 emergency calls. For less urgent information or requests call the Department’s mobile cell phone: 218-393-8407 or the Town Hall and leave a message: 218-525-5705, or use email: [DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org). Our Department has an information page on the Township web site.

## 2012 Road Program of Work

Supervisor, Dave Miller

In 2012 the road program will emphasize improving the road surfaces and ditching to keep water off the road surface. Chloride for dust control will not be applied this year. Chloride is designed to last 2-3 years and all of our roads have had chloride sprayed on them in the last 2 years. Also, applying too much chloride on the roads tends to harden the road surface, holding water on the road and making it more difficult to grade. For 2012:

**Grading** (\$15,000) — all roads in the spring and fall; Greenwood, an additional 2 times in the summer; Torgeson, E&W Wildwood, E&W Clover Valley, Alseth and Lismore one additional time in the summer; Additional grading as needed due to unanticipated washboard conditions.

**Ditching** (1.2 miles; \$15,000) — Gamble (.2mi + 1 culvert); Alseth (.4mi); Torgeson (.1mi + 2 culverts); Lismore (.2mi); W Wildwood (.3mi + culverts).

**Surface Improvements** (1.0 miles; \$24,000) — Greenwood (.2mi + 1 culvert); W Wildwood (.2mi + 2 culverts); Alseth (.4mi); E&W Clover Valley (.2mi).

**Snow Plow Turnaround** (1; \$3,000) — Mace

**Snow Plowing** (as needed; \$12,000) — Contract with County

**Miscellaneous Costs** (\$3,000) — Mowing, Brushing, Other

**Total: \$70,000.**

### Duluth Township Stormwater Meeting

Valerie Brady

Duluth Township will hold its annual stormwater meeting on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm at the Duluth Town Hall in conjunction with the regular Planning and Zoning meeting.

Please attend and learn why reducing stormwater runoff is important to preserving stream, river, and Lake Superior health, and what everyone can do to help. Learn why our Township is required to manage stormwater runoff, and what it means to keep stormwater runoff "clean".

Bring your questions, including pictures of problem areas on which you would like advice.

### Rain Barrels & Composters For Sale

One day only!



\$50

May 19, 2012  
9 am - 3 pm



\$40

Lake Superior College  
2101 Trinity Road, Duluth

More info: 218-722-0761 or [www.wlssd.com](http://www.wlssd.com)  
WLSSD & The Regional Stormwater Protection Team

### Community Events

**NSCS Annual Fundraiser Dinner at the Lighthouse at Emily's** in Knife River. **Thurs. May 3<sup>rd</sup>** (all day). 20% of the entire day's sales will be given to NSCS Endowment Fund. North Shore Community School staff will be your "guest" servers from 4-8pm. During this time, 100% of tips will be given to the Endowment Fund! (The NSCS Endowment Fund supports grants for classroom and curriculum enhancement which staff and students utilize every day).

**"GROWN BY OUR OWN"** — **Sat. May 5<sup>th</sup>** from *Fran Kaliher* Grown By Our Own, a Local Food Event for Consumers, Producers and Home-growers to be held Sat. May 5<sup>th</sup> at the **Two Harbors Community Center**, starting at 9:30. Presentations by local producers, exhibits, sustainable local food businesses. Its free! For more information contact: [northshoregoodneighbors@gmail.com](mailto:northshoregoodneighbors@gmail.com).

### Fiber Optic Communications Update

Jeffrey S. Roiland, Lake Connections Project Manager

The request for proposals for Phase 1 construction has been awarded to *Rohi Networks*. **Phase 1** construction is for Two Harbors, Silver Bay and Ely. Construction should begin around May 1<sup>st</sup>. Engineers for *Compass Consultants* continue to stake out the Phase 2 construction route which includes Duluth Township. Phase 2 fiber has been ordered with an anticipated shipping date of early fall. Construction on **Phase 2 will begin** in the fall and continue through the first half of 2013.

*Lake Connections* is now headquartered in their new office building at 409 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Two Harbors. Call: 320-295-2482 or email [jroiland@lakeconnections.com](mailto:jroiland@lakeconnections.com). Their web site is: [www.lakeconnections.com](http://www.lakeconnections.com).

### Weeds!

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

The Town Board is charged with the task of eradicating and controlling noxious weeds in the Township. The **ERADICATE** list, so far, includes Yellow Star Thistle, Grecian Foxglove, Oriental Bittersweet, Japanese Hops, Dalmatian Toadflax, Common Teasel, Cut-leaved Teasel, and Giant Hogweed. Luckily, these haven't been seen in the Township so far, but as plants emerge, it will be important to watch for their entry into our area. Each property owner is held responsible by the State of MN to get rid of any that are on their land.

A list of weeds that we are required to **CONTROL** includes plants that we more commonly see in our Township: Leafy Spurge, Canada Thistle, Musk Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Garlic Mustard, Purple Loosestrife, Wild Parsnip, Common Tansy, and Spotted Knapweed. Land owners are charged to control their spread, to reduce established populations and to prevent further spread. Information and pictures to aid with identification of these pests are available at a link from our website to: [www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plants/badplants/noxiouslist](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plants/badplants/noxiouslist).

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Kathy Johnson

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**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

from 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](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



**Our 2012 Town Board:** Dave Miller, Mary Ann Sironen, Dave Mount, Barbara Crow, and Mary Anne Daniel.

**Township Calendar**

See calendar updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
 Our Official Calendar is posted at the 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  
 15, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
 16, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1  
 21, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library  
 24, Thu, 7-8pm **Stormwater Public Meeting**, Town Hall  
 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall  
 27, Sun, 3pm, **Locavores**, Town Hall  
 28, Mon, 11am **Memorial Day Ceremony** (see article)  
 29, Tue, 6:30pm **Township Knitters**, Town Hall

**JUNE 2012**

- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall  
 6, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd  
 14, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall  
 18, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library  
 19, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
 20, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1  
 23, Sat, **Deadline for July Newsletter**  
 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall  
 24, Sun, (no **Locavores** meeting until Sept)  
 26, Tue, 6:30pm **Township Knitters**, Town Hall

**JULY 2012**

- 4, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
 16, Mon, No meeting of **NSCS Board** until Aug 20<sup>th</sup>.  
 11, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, 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, (no **Locavores** meeting until Sept)  
 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall  
 31, Tue, 6:30pm **Township Knitters**, Town Hall.

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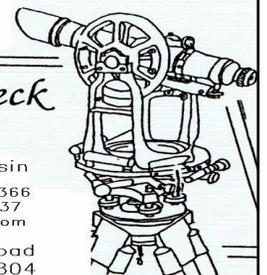
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