

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 2012



## What's Coming Up?

**NSCS Harvest Festival, Grandparents Day & Fall BBQ**  
Friday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. Community invited. (see insert).

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Fire Dept Harvest Dinner** — a benefit for our Clifton Volunteer Fire Dept and First Responders. Sat. Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm at our Town Hall on Homestead Road.

**Clover Valley School Reunion** for 1960's classes. 7:30pm on Sat. Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at the Clearwater Grill, for anyone wanting to come!

**Fall Community Education Classes** (see insert).

**WLSSD Electronics Clean-out.** Drop-off old electronics at our Town Hall 1-4pm Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Lake Superior 20/20 Studio Art Tour** — 20 local artists in 20 miles! Sept 28-30, Oct 5-7 (see article)

**Need Absentee Ballot for November** or need to register to vote? see St Louis County Auditor, 212 Court House, Duluth.

**Immediate Opening on our Planning and Zoning Commission** — (see article)

## THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Old Timer's Bank from Two Harbors, Coffee & snacks.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Potluck. Cyndi and Jeff Hale of Clover Valley Farm will speak on sustainable farming and local food providers.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Turkey Bingo, Coffee & snacks.

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Potluck with North Shore School Choir presentation.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

### Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Ann Cox, Barb Crow, Bob Engelson, Tara Freese, Helen Hendrickson, Sue Lawson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, Molly Tillotson, Rose Vastila and Webmaster Linda Hollinday.

## JOBS WANTED or WORKER WANTED

### For our Township Youth

An effort to match up residents who have work suitable for our youth with youth in the Township who may want a job.

#### Jobs sought:

- Mature, hard working, experienced 11 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call 525-0090.
- Holly, age 17, phone (cell) 349-7274 (home) 525-9065. Elementary tutoring, babysitting, housekeeping, yard work, some maintenance. Available to work most Fridays and weekends.
- Allison, age 16, home 525-9065. I am interested in doing the following jobs: babysitting, mowing, raking, gardening, painting, pet watching and walking.

**Advertise for free:** A column for Township youth (under 25yrs) who are seeking work and Township residents who need help with various jobs suitable for youth (babysitting, lawn, garden, maintenance and eventually snow shoveling, etc.).

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

## North Shore Locavores

"Producers and consumers of local food."

Sherry Rovig and Molly Tillotson

Meetings start again on **Sun. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 3pm**, Town Hall.

**Bring your garden bounty for a produce exchange** at 3pm. Potluck follows. Occasional foraging sessions are announced by email (call 525-5854 to sign up).

See our "Locavores" link on the Duluth Township web site or call: Molly (525-6933) or Sherry (525-0489).

Meetings are free and open to the public.

## Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

There were 221 police events in June and July which included 87 requested home/business checks, 29 traffic warnings/citations, 14 checking hazards (following flooding), 10 ATL careless driver stops, 8 public assists, 6 checking suspicious activity, 3 permit to acquire handguns (plus 5 permit to carry), 5 medical emergencies (2 natural deaths), 5 animal complaints.

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

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

**Sept 4<sup>th</sup> is the first day of school.** Use extra care around school bus pickup points and slow down around our school.

**Planning Commission Opening**

*Supervisor Barb Crow*

Duluth Township Planning and Zoning Commission has an immediate opening to fill out a term (scheduled to end March 2015). The P&Z Commission is a 7-member board that guides the implementation of the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. No special qualifications are necessary to serve, other than an interest in the Township's future and willingness to serve. The Commission members serve 3-yr terms and cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. The Commission holds regular monthly meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. of each month, with occasional special meetings as the need arises. Commission members receive a per-meeting stipend.

The Town Board will interview applicants and appoint the new member. Are you interested? Please submit a letter of interest including relevant past experience to: *Duluth Township, Attn: P&Z Commission Vacancy, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth MN 55804.*

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Supervisor Barb Crow at 525-0489 or email at [BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org](mailto:BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org).

**National Flood Insurance Program**

FEMA will send information for posting in our Town Hall. Related web sites for information are:

Flood Insurance Basics: [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt\\_section/floodplain/flood\\_insurance.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/floodplain/flood_insurance.html).

Effects of non-participation in the National Flood Insurance Program: [http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt\\_section/floodplain/NFIPnonparticipation.pdf](http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/floodplain/NFIPnonparticipation.pdf).

Link for enrollment information: [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt\\_section/floodplain/fp\\_resource\\_material.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/floodplain/fp_resource_material.html).

Apparently there is a model ordinance available for the Township to consider and/or adopt.

**Fiber Optic Communications Update**

*Jeffrey S. Roiland, Lake Connections Project Manager*

Lake Connections continues to construct Phase I in Two Harbors and will then move to Silver Bay within the next month or so. Completion of Phase I will be towards the end of 2012. Phase II will start later this fall and will continue into 2013 (including Duluth Township).

Lake Connections headquarters will soon be remodeled to house all the electronics and fiber. Anticipated completion on the remodeling will be near the end of the year. Lake County has executed a long term lease with the City of Silver Bay to occupy a 10'x10' space in the city's basement to house the electronics and fiber.

Lake County continues to work with the electric companies regarding their electric poles (Co-op Light and Power, Minnesota Power, City of Two Harbors and Century Link) on specific conditions in order for Lake Connections to attach our fiber cable.

Lake Connections is at 409 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Two Harbors. Call: 320-295-2482; [www.lakeconnections.com](http://www.lakeconnections.com) email [jroiland@lakeconnections.com](mailto:jroiland@lakeconnections.com). (Note that you can sign up on their website.)

**Road Update**

*Supervisor, Dave Miller*

All of the Township roads have been graded at least once and chloride was applied on Greenwood Road and sections of Torgeson, W. Wildwood and W. Clover Valley roads. FEMA visited Johnson, W. Wildwood and Gamble roads that had been damaged by the flood. Damage estimates have been sent to FEMA and we should hear from them in about a month. Total damage estimate for the 3 roads came to \$32,600. When approved, FEMA will pay 75% of the cost and the State will pay up to 25% depending on what the Legislature approves.

The priorities for the summer and fall, besides grading as necessary, will be to complete the repairs on the Johnson, W. Wildwood and Shilhon roads. As money and time permit, we will continue to do ditching on the Alseth and Lismore roads.

Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me (see page 3 for contact information).

**20-20 Studio Art Tour**

*Fri.-Sun., Sept 28-30 and Oct 5-7, 9am-7pm daily.*

20 local artists in 20 miles, making fine arts and crafts known to the greater community. Enjoy a day of local fine arts, crafts, music and fall colors. Artists live in Duluth and Alden Townships and along the shore.

*Ron Benson (glass sculpture), Jim Sage (glass blowing), Bob Husby (glass blowing/pottery), Jay Conradi (wood turning), Bruce & Cynthia Lovold (hand thrown pottery), Royce Spry (wood carving/Native American art), Rose Kadera Vastila (pottery/sculpture), David*



*Gredzens (photography), Elsie Cook (oil & pastel painting), Sandi Pillsbury Gredzens (alkyd & oil painting), Shelley Getten (block printing), Val Bolen (mosaic), David Gilstvik (oil painting), Brad E. Nelson (silversmith), Kathy O'Rourke (rosemaling) Joyce Gow (watercolor painting/sculpture), Victoria Sabatino (jewelry),*



*and Patricia Canelake (oil painting). For more information: [www.lakesuperior2020.com](http://www.lakesuperior2020.com), or 7057 Culbertson Rd, Two Harbors, MN 55616)*

**Miscellaneous History from the Archives**

*Clerk of Town, Ann Cox*

1990 — Fire Hall #2 was built in 1990 by Economy Garages at a total cost of \$4,664. Initially it had an office in the corner. Two bids were received for a south and north recycling shed...the largest designated to serve the shore area (near what is now McQuade safe harbor).

## 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:** **Brigid Pajunen** (2013),

**John Schifsky** (2012), **Don Sitter** (2015),

**Jo Thompson** (2013)(vice chair), **Paul Voge** (2014)

(chair), **Wayne Dahlberg**(2014), and a vacancy.

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 Shane Kerby**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Township Recycling Center

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

**April-Oct: Tues 7-11am & 3-7pm,**

**Thurs. 3-7pm, Saturday 8-12.**

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

(Drop off only during recycling hours)

Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.

No household garbage, please.

## Township Calendar

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

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### SEPTEMBER 2012

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

### OCTOBER 2012

- 3, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business  
 meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
 3, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
 11, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.  
 13, Sat, 5-7pm 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Dept **Harvest Dinner**,  
 Town Hall. *Support our Volunteer Fire Dept.*  
 15, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School**  
 Board meeting, NSCS Library  
 16, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**  
 meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
 17, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1  
 23, Tue, **Deadline for November Newsletter**  
 25, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall  
 28, Sun, 3pm, Locavores, Town Hall  
 30, Tue, 6:30pm **Township Knitters**, Town Hall.

### NOVEMBER 2012

- 6, Tue, 7am-8pm **General Election**, Town Hall  
 7, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
 7, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,  
 Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
 8, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall  
 19, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School**  
 Board meeting, NSCS Library  
 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, 3pm, Locavores, Town Hall  
 27, Tue, 6:30pm **Township Knitters**, Town Hall.

## Township Book Exchange

At our Town Hall. Take what you wish and leave books you think others may like. The book collection is maintained by volunteer Jana Pastika.

**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)).

**June 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors attending: Mary Anne Daniel, Barb Crow, Dave Miller and Mary Ann Sironen. **Main Actions:** NSCS lease was signed with the \$36 charge for recreation office space at our Community Center. It was decided that rummage/retail sales were not appropriate rentals for Township property including our Community Center pavilion. A Township officers and staff compensation guideline passed. It details how stipends are paid and what work it covers.

**Other Business:** Treasurer report: deposits \$4,140.30, expenses \$49,913.94, May ending balance \$682,311.24. The bank reduced our savings account interest rate. Proposed ordinance changes for short term rental was tabled to the July meeting. A liability/loss insurance policy covering our Fire Dept members was approved. Its annual cost is \$11/member. Planning Commission officers are now Paul Voge, chair and Jo Thompson, vice chair. Our MS4 stormwater report has been submitted. There was a discussion of a second well and pump head at the Community Center to help water the fields and, potentially, provide water at our picnic pavilion. Carolyn Marino submitted the recycling annual report and next year's grant request to WLSSD. Sexton Molly Tillotson listed cemetery needs for consideration: replacing the cracked storage building floor, some monuments need resetting, reviewing plot fees to take account of cremations, and allowing shrub planting.

**July 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors attending: Mary Anne Daniel, Barb Crow, Dave Miller, Dave Mount and Mary Ann Sironen. **Main Actions:** A motion to prohibit short term rentals (30 days or less) was not approved. A special meeting to deal with short term rentals is scheduled for July 18th.

**Other Business:** June 14th minutes were approved. Posted meetings were listed (events where a majority of Town Board members may be present). Treasurer report: \$209,647.35 receipts (includes 6 months worth of our tax levy funds from the County to last us through the end of the year), \$43,851.52 expenses for a June ending balance of \$848,107.07. St Louis County made changes in their subdivision ordinance and we need to reflect these in our pending update ordinance. There is also a need to take account of the small arms manufacturing use request in our updated ordinance. Wording will be considered and a public hearing will be scheduled. Supervisor Dave Miller did a wonderful job after the flood and Bob Rodda was available right away to do repairs. Community Center reversionary language (if the school closed before 10 years from the time the property was purchased by the Township it would have reverted to the Two Harbors School District. That time has now passed so the Township owns the property as its Community Center.) No change is needed in our insurance coverage language. The Fire Dept did not apply for FEMA grants this year. Duane Madison would like to renew the Township history book and needs work and storage space for the history. D/NSSD sewer district survived the flood with no major breaks in the system.

**July 18<sup>th</sup> special meeting on Short Term Rentals.**

All Supervisors attended. Wording was discussed that would permit short term rentals (30 days or less) but with performance standards. In the past the Township has had considerable trouble with the impact of short term rentals and the legal costs of enforcement of conditions. Three levels of rental were defined: a) low frequency (single family dwelling for less than or equal to 30 days that does not occur more than 4 times per year), b) high frequency (same but greater than 4 times/yr), and c) long term rentals (rental of single family dwelling for more than 30 days and not owner occupied during rental). Performance standards for short term rentals (see minutes online for details) include minimum lot size of 2ac, side and rear setbacks of 50', local property oversight and complaint response procedures, rental records, off-street parking, no tents or trailers, obtain any needed County or State permits, no unattended pets. Low frequency would require a land use permit and meet performance standards (permit fee \$100). High frequency would need a conditional use permit (current fee \$350), and long term rentals would be permitted in all zones. Public hearing for this and firearms manufacturing proposed ordinance language would be set at next Board meeting.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall) Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 11<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))

**April 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Members present: Wayne Dahlberg, Lynn Ann Hollatz, Brigid Pajunen, Jo Thompson, Don Sitter, Paul Voge plus Town Board representative Barb Crow. **Main Actions:** A motion passed to amend our Ordinance to address minor sub-divisions and lot line adjustments in response to the County's new sub-division ordinance.

**Other Business:** New and current members introduced themselves (see full minutes on our web site). A proposal for setting up a plant to manufacture or assemble guns at the BOMARC missile site was discussed. A proposal will be presented at the next meeting. Priorities for the year were discussed: review our Comprehensive Land Use Plan, SMU-8 dimensional requirements, provisions for minor sub-divisions and lot line adjustments, structure vs lot size, alternative energy language. Sections of our CLUP were assigned for review. St Louis County adopted a subdivision ordinance and we need to decide how it affects our zoning language. We still review a proposed subdivision.

**May 24<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Members present: Wayne Dahlberg, Lynn Ann Hollatz, Jo Thompson, John Schifsky, Don Sitter, Paul Voge plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Town Board representative Barb Crow. **Main Actions:** In a closed ballot, Paul Voge was elected chair and Jo Thompson vice chair of the Commission. A presentation by Val Brady addressed our Township's stormwater situation and responsibilities (see our website for information).

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(Planning Minutes, continued)

We need to encourage homeowners to reduce driveway runoff and maintain ditches properly. A good resource is [www.lakesuperiorstreams.org](http://www.lakesuperiorstreams.org). Jeff Levine, owner of the BOMARC site (LIU-3A), wants to manufacture small arms there. The proposed use does not appear in our Ordinance so the Commission would have to decide on next steps (e.g. not permit it, permit with performance standards or permit it through a conditional use process w/public hearing).

It is to operate as a "small family-run business to help individuals wanting to conceal and carry light and compact firearms for personal protection and/or alternatives to guns such as personal safety devices like pepper sprays and alarms, special order guns for sports shooting and hunting and firearms for law enforcement." The proposal is for "assembly of and manufacture of small arms along with gunsmithing that allows for modifications and repair to existing firearms. Also firearms transfers, wholesale to other FFL (Federal Firearms License) dealers, sell at gun show and retail sales."

Concerns were expressed: how the business may evolve, security, retail traffic, dangerous chemical use, (won't store or test here but customers may pick up products), the Township's responsibility for inspection, etc. It is a 140ac site and the business would operate in a building. (Historic note: The property was given to the Township by the military for \$1 but sold to Mattson Tire Co because of the Township's concern about liability of underground storage tanks). A motion to add "firearms manufacturing" as an allowed land use to Table 5.3 of our ordinance for zone LIU-3A, with performance standards was tabled.

**June 28<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Members present: Wayne Dahlberg, Brigid Pajunen, Jo Thompson, John Schifsky, Don Sitter, Paul Voge. **Main Actions:** The tabled motion firearms manufacturing motion and standards was discussed at length. The final motion passed adding "small firearms manufacturing" as an allowed land use in Table 5.3 of our ordinance for zone LIU-3A, with performance standards: 1) no testing of firearms or ammunition on site, 2) lot size must be at least 40 acres, 3) must comply with all other state and federal regulations, 4) operating surveillance cameras, 5) annual review, 6) restricted to small arms, 7) Planning Director to determine if roadway is adequate, 8) Fire and Police notified upon receipt of the Federal Firearms License.

Variance hearing on Chelgren property for smaller side and rear lot setbacks (10' and 15'). Motion to approve passed.

**July 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Members present: Wayne Dahlberg, Brigid Pajunen, Jo Thompson, John Schifsky. **Other Discussion:** Director Sue Lawson reported on the Town Board's meeting on short term rentals (see Board minutes for July 18<sup>th</sup> on page 4). County's revised subdivision ordinance will involve some changes in our ordinance (we have to be at least as restrictive as the County) and a public hearing (posted for Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>). Questions were raised about Township involvement in the County subdivision process and language will be presented at the hearing.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): Sept 27<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.

Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.

## Duluth Township Community Education

Michelle Libby and Tara Freese, Coordinators

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

**See the Fall CE class schedule insert. Try a class!**

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. If interested contact: [EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org) or call 525-0663 ext 300.

## Duluth Township Recreation Corner

Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator

What an amazing summer this has been! Summer always seems to go by so fast. I sure hope everybody is enjoying it. Our fields are ready to use. It's been a long time waiting but they are in terrific shape. AYSA Soccer Association will be playing their home games at our Community Center and their schedule is posted on our **Duluth Township Recreation Board hung on the back of our new baseball backstop**. Nights that fields will be available to play baseball are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If there are any rentals, dates and times will be posted on our *Recreation Board*. (Groups interested in renting these fields should contact Kevin Pettis).

We had a 3 on 3 basketball tournament that was very successful. Thanks to all the teams that played and competed and congratulations to the teams that won their respective divisions.

Our new sprinkler system will be arriving very soon. Although our fields are in good condition right now, this sprinkler system will make them better. We aim for well maintained fields for our Township residents to use and this unit is a big piece of the puzzle that will help make that happen.

The hockey boards are up. There is still some work to be done but the hard labor work is finished. A really big thanks to **Ray and Ron Sundberg, Travis Stolp and Ed Hendrickson** for helping make this happen. You guys are truly devoted to these projects and the Township thanks you for all you have done.

If you have questions or concerns, please call 525-0663 x301 or email: [RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org). Hope your summer was great!

## Homesteader Cribbage Tournament

Bill Aho

At Duluth Town Hall on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Singles at 9:30am and Doubles 12:30pm

Chicken dinner for lunch.

Call Bill at 525-7415 or Bob at 525-1753

## ROUGH LUMBER FOR FALL PROJECTS

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

**9th Annual Harvest Dinner**  
**Saturday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm, Town Hall**  
spaghetti dinner, music, door prizes  
**Support our Volunteer Fire Department!**

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

*Join us at the Harvest Dinner!*

The County emergency response radio system is being upgraded. New radios have to be purchased and installed. The Department has undergone training on the new AR-MER equipment.

We received a matching grant of \$3,200 from the DNR to purchase wildland fire fighting equipment.

**Please be cautious with outdoor fires** (so we don't wear out the new wildland fire fighting equipment!).

We are looking for volunteer help to maintain the minimal landscape beds at Fire Hall #1 (no mowing).

This is our **65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**...initiated in 1947.

**Primary Voter Turnout in Duluth Township**

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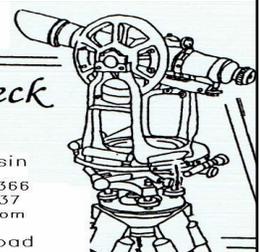
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## Education in our Township Area

In early 1974 local residents were considering issues raised by the proposed consolidation of Clover Valley High School and North Shore Elementary School into the Two Harbors school district. The January 1974 issue of *Landmarks*, our local news at the time, detailed the early history of education in our area. Helen Hendrickson suggested reprinting this history for current residents.

"We can look back on the history of education in our area with pride. Early settlers valued schools and quickly provided them. Mergers came as the population grew and shifted."

"Normanna. The first school was a log building on the Normanna Road, used from 1898 to 1900. It was replaced by a frame 1-room building on the same land, called the Johnson School and was used from 1900-1912; then an unused town hall building was joined to it and the name changed to John A. Johnson. It was used from 1912 to 1941. A logging-camp school adjacent to the Kruse homestead was used 1905-1909. East of Kruse's on the Pioneer Road was the Ramsey School used from 1911-1932. The Spring Lake School was open 1929-1939. Little Cloquet School was used 1938-1948. Normanna's children attended Clover and North Shore until Sept. 1971. Now (*remember "now" refers to 1974!*) they attend the Lakewood School (under Duluth Schools), Washington Junior and Central."

"Alden. Classes were held in various buildings on Driscoll's land in the early 1900's and even in the 1920's. The first school building, called the Lepisto School, was on Laine Road property recently owned by Towers. It was built in 1918. A school was built on Houtari's land, near Saamanen's now. It was used 1921-1924, then the building was moved and it's now part of the Rudy Laitinen home. McCrea's School, built 1928 was on the corner of Laine Road and West Knife River Road."

"Palmer's. Croft's school built in 1880's was on a corner of the Alseth Road and the railroad tracks. Buchanan's school was built near the Lake County line. It was moved to Stoney Point about 1900 and again to Palmers in 1904 where it burned. It was replaced by School 91 located between the railroad tracks and the present freeway, east of Homestead Road. It was used from 1921-1928 and then moved to Clover to be a teacherage. Teacherages were closed after 1971. Vern Nelson and Tom Swanstrom were the last teachers to occupy them."

"Molde. The first school in the area was a log building that was built about 1894 on Martinson's land. Alfred Swanson had it moved to his corner later, where Pearsons live now. There was a frame school building on Martinson's land (Zane' Smith's property now) used from 1918 to 1929 which also was moved to Clover Valley later for use as a teacherage. Clover Valley (School 92) has had 12 grades since 1933 eliminating a need for high school students to board in either Two Harbors or Duluth. It was enlarged in 1953. Students in grades 1 to 6 from Alden and the Clover area transferred to North Shore in 1961."

"Ryan Road area. The Elmer Mandelins live on the site now of three schools. The Hill school (1908-1916) had one room. It was moved off the site when the 3-room

School 93 was built in 1916. When it burned in 1922, pupils were shifted temporarily to other schools and Nolte's store. Bloomingdale was built on the site then. It also was No. 93. Bloomingdale had 3 classrooms and a library-kitchen. The William Lindquist family was the last to live in the second story teacherage. This school was replaced by North Shore (No. 90) on the Ryan Road and Lismore in 1961. This is the only school to have only the first six grades and a kindergarten."

"Nearer the shore, was the McQuade School located on the corner of Flynn Road and what is now Old North Shore Road. It was actually a little red schoolhouse and it closed in 1916. The first School 90 opened then on Mace property along Ryan Road. It was replaced later by the second School 90 located on the corner of Ryan and Old North Shore Road. This school closed in 1932. The Lee Swanson's live in its teacherage."

Thanks to everyone who helped with the annual community **Come On Home Party** — musicians, cooks, set-up and clean-up crews and those who donated door prizes.

A special thanks to **Ethan Kerby** and **Jake Tikka** who also helped make the event a success!



## Weeds!

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

As previously reported, the Duluth Township Board of Supervisors is responsible for management of noxious weeds in the Township. The help of all residents is needed to keep an eye out for the offending plants that are classified as "**eradicate**" (*all above and below ground parts of the plant must be destroyed*), or "**control**" (*prevent the spread*).

Purple loosestrife, attractive as it may be, is on that second list and was seen in the ditches along North Shore Drive near the McQuade Road harbor and was removed. So far, no reports of others on the list have been received but townfolk are making efforts to take out thistles as much as possible.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

## NSCS Pre-school News

"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"

Kathy Johnson

Orientation for new pre-school families will be held on Thurs. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 1pm in room 6 at NSCS. Classes begin Tues. Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Both morning (9:15-11:30) and afternoon (12:15-2:30) sessions are offered on Tues, Wed and Thurs. Children ages 3-5 may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. There is a \$30 registration fee and a monthly tuition charge. Scholarships are available to assist families from a NSCS Endowment Fund grant.

There are still openings in some classes. Please contact Kathy Johnson at 834-5429 or 525-0663 x106 for further information.

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## Community Services in Duluth Township

### Clifton 4-H Club:

call Kate Edblom 525-1276

### Cub Scouts:

call David Hooley, 525-6617

### Boy Scouts:

call Chris Roningen 525-5308

### Girl Scouts:

call Julie Igo, 726-4710

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

## Absentee Ballots for the General Election

*Ann Cox, Town Clerk*

If you need an absentee ballot for the General Election (November 6<sup>th</sup>), contact the St Louis County Auditor's Office, room 212 in the Court House in Duluth.

*Our Township does not have absentee ballots for Federal or State elections.*

## 2011 Population & Household Estimates for Duluth Township

The State Demographer estimates our April 1<sup>st</sup> population as 1,948 with an estimated 752 households (the 2010 Census listed a population of 1,941 with 840 housing units, 90 vacant.).



Thanks to resident **Mary Tennis** for providing and tending flowers to beautify our Town Hall.

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## Duluth Township Knitters

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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 at the Town Hall.

The next meetings are **Sept 25<sup>th</sup>** and **Oct 30<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like more information or would like to be added to the Knitters email list, contact Jo Thompson at 525-5854 or [woodfarm@wildblue.net](mailto:woodfarm@wildblue.net).



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