

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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JULY 2017



What's Coming Up?

Roads: Road Co-Supervisor Corlis West announced they are planning a Township road forum to be announced this summer. It's purpose is to inform residents about road issues the Board is considering and to receive input from residents.

Fire Department Hall 1 bay addition: Public Information and Open House, July 25th, 7-9pm at Hall 1 (see insert).

Come on Home Party Saturday, Aug 12th 1-4:30pm in our Town Hall — a community event, everyone welcome. (see below).

Youth seeking jobs (see list on page 2)

Town Board meetings now regularly start at 6:30pm ,not 7pm, unless otherwise posted.

FIREWISE grant (see insert and page 3)

THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

July 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, 4th of July picnic with chicken and bingo.

August 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, sandwich and bars. Program by Chris Welter on the Minnesota Discovery Center.

August 12th, **Come on Home Party**, 1-4:30 Sat, Town Hall. A community get-together, all are welcome

September 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, sandwiches and bars. Music by THUG, the Two Harbors Ukulele Group.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Summer Reading Program at NSCS

Kate Edblom, NSCS Librarian

Open Tuesdays 10am to noon, on:

July 18 and 25; August 1 and 15.

The south library door will be open at NSCS.

Everyone welcome.

Duluth Township's Annual

"Come On Home Party" August 12th

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

It's free!

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

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

***There's music, dancing, great door prizes,
refreshments
and a chance to meet new friends.***

*Township Heritage and Art will be on display.
Tours of the new Town Hall addition with it's
Community Room, free library, offices, displays.*

*Join Your Community's Gathering!
(for more information, call 525-4154)*

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Ann Cox, Mary Anne Daniel, Kate Edblom, Bob Engelson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Kristi Lounsberry, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Carol Surine, Jo Thompson, Corlis West and webmaster Barb Crow

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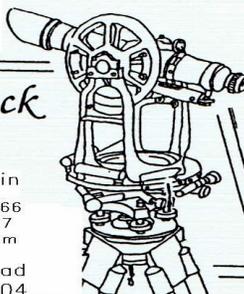
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**Community Youth
 Groups**

Clifton 4-H Club:
 Call: Stacia Donovan,
 728-2483

Cub Scouts:
 Call: David Hooley,
 525-6617

Boy Scouts:
 Call: Chris Roningen,
 525-5308

Girl Scouts:
 Call: Tracy Mandelin,
 525-4148

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

JOBS 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.

Seeking Jobs

- Collin Bruckelmyer, age 13 looking for work
 Yard work, gardening, anything!
 Call 525-1780.
- Mature, hard working, experienced 15 year
 old looking for work (yard work, cleaning,
 mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call
 Bridger at 525-0090.
- Cameron Nelson, age 13, lawn mowing,
 snow shoveling, general yard work, general
 labor. Call Cameron at 525-0208
- Hanna Peldo, 14 years old, Looking for
 babysitting jobs. Has taken babysitting
 class. Call Hanna at 525-9884.
- Young man, age 11 looking for work,
 including lawn mowing and general yard
 work. Experienced. If interested, please
 call Konrad, at 830-9514.

Advertise for free: For Township youth who are seeking
 work and Township residents who need help with various jobs
 suitable for youth (*babysitting, lawn, garden, maintenance,
 snow shoveling, house cleaning, etc.*). Leave your ad & con-
 tact information at the Town Hall (messages: 525-5705).
*Deadline for the next (September Newsletter is
 August 23rd)*



**Town Hall Community
 Room**

It is a beautiful area to
 meet friends, browse the
free library, use the free
 WiFi, computer area, etc.

Small groups can meet and share the area. Coffee
 maker, microwave, refrigerator, Wifi and ADA bath-
 room are available.

See the notice board on the porch for open hours.
 So far, Community Room hours are:

Tuesday 7am—noon & 2pm-6pm
Wednesday 9am — noon
Thursday 2pm — 6pm
Friday 9am —11am
Saturday 8am — noon

Volunteers are needed to keep the Community Room
 open for more hours. Please contact the Town Hall
 office if you can help out (*messages 525-5705*).



It's summer, which means many of us are moving dirt around. Summer also means rainstorms with some of them quite intense!

Please protect your piles and construction sites so that the stormwater doesn't wash our dirt into our ditches and streams and ultimately into our beautiful Lake Superior!
Jo Thompson

The Art and Heritage Group

Jo Thompson

Our newly remodeled Town Hall offers space for people to gather to share experiences and memories. It also offers space where historic artifacts, photographs, maps, paintings, quilts, fiber art and other items that reflect our heritage may be on display.

A group of community members has been working on identifying ways in which the Town Hall can be a resource center, display space, and a gathering place. They welcome your input.

Let us know if you have old photos of homesteading and/or activities within the Township that you would be willing to have copied and displayed or artifacts (e.g. small pieces of farm equipment, old tools, etc.) you would be willing to loan for inside display. We do not have the capacity to store items, so please contact us to make arrangements for having items on display. If you have items to loan for display, please contact Jo Thompson woodfarm1785@gmail.com or Duane Madison at 525-5645.

Mark your calendars for the **first Saturday evening in November (the 4th) for "Celebrating Our Common Ground in Images, Words and Music"**. We are looking for community members who are willing to provide written and spoken word, music, art work, artifacts, and pictures of activities in our community that demonstrate how we work and play on the land. This includes farming, recreation, construction, etc. These items will be on display at the *Celebration*. We are still working on details and more will be provided in the September Newsletter.



Rental Rates for Town Hall and Community Room

The Town Hall and our Community Room can be rented for weddings, family dinners, meetings, etc. See the web site for current rates: www.duluthtownship.org.

FIREWISE Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant

Sherry Rovig

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a FIREWISE grant from the DNR for Hazard Mitigation: Improved Planning and Wildfire Risk Reduction. The grant is for a total of \$31,900 with Clifton Fire Department and community volunteers providing at least half of that amount through in-kind services. Some of the grant activities will include:

An on-site survey of Duluth and Alden Townships to determine which homes need up-to-date 911 signs.

Demonstrations by a DNR forester at local properties on fuel reduction practices that can be done at our own sites.

"Chipper Days" with centrally-located free chipping of brush for residents who perform fire reduction clearing on their properties.

Provision of up to one hundred 911 signs and mounting posts.

Education and outreach to residents via direct mailings, the Township website, Newsletter articles, a presentation to the Homesteaders, and at the fuel reduction demonstrations and chipper events.

If you are interested in helping with the grant activities or have questions, please contact Sherry Rovig at cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com or 525-0489. We will also post grant events and information on the Duluth Township web page: www.duluthtownship.org.



Summertime at NSCS

Kristi Lounsberry, Interim Director

This summer the grounds at the Community Center will be getting a big face lift. New grass, playground flooring and playground edging are just a few of the updates that will make North Shore Community School look more appealing and be able to take the wear of all the families and kids that utilize the Community Center year round. Thanks to the Township for their support on this project.

Also, again this summer, families are able to stop in and utilize the library two Tuesday mornings each month. Make and Take projects, reading contexts and book check out happen on these days. (see page 1 for days and hours).

We hope everyone has a great summer, and will look forward to welcoming students back to school on Wednesday, September 6th.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

April 27th regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Dave Edblom, Liz Strohmayer, Jo Thompson (*chair*) attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan, Town Board liaison Rolf Carlson.

Hearing 1: Tennis/LaVres variance from side yard setback (75ft to 53ft) and house addition size (25%) restrictions on Olson Road. Both variances were approved.
Hearing 2: Bille variances to build on a .31ac property between the Scenic Highway and the lake (*between 5846 and 5848*). Variances were requested (*lot 2ac to .31ac; width 200ft to 75ft; road setback 110ft to 68.6ft; side setback 35ft to 12ft; setback from watercourse 50ft to 35ft and setback from vegetation line of Lake Superior of 100ft to 87ft*). Two earlier variance requests since its purchase in 1992 were denied. Lot size and width requirements have remained the same. The proposed two-story building and needed variances were discussed at length. There were several letters, emails and public testimony explaining reactions to the proposal. A motion to consider the variance requests together and to deny the variance requests was made and failed. A motion to table to the next meeting was approved. (NOTE: The Commission minutes Secretary Mullan prepared are very complete and available on the Township's web site. The Bille's lawyer and court recorder who were present made their transcript available to the Commission.)

Other Discussion: The County is discussing possible division of the former Clover Valley School tax forfeit property. It is adjacent to a 5 acre tax forfeit parcel that has been sold but is not well suited for building due to wetlands and a trout stream. If the school property were divided for sale, an owner might be able to acquire the smaller parcel to facilitate its use.

May 25th regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Dave Edblom, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson (*chair*), and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan, and Town Board liaison Rolf Carlson.

Hearing: The tabled Bille variance hearing continued with additional public letters and discussion. A motion to deny the variances failed 2 to 4. A motion to approve the variances with four conditions was approved 4 to 2. (NOTE: affected residents appealed the decision to the Town Board, as the Ordinance permits. The Board scheduled a meeting to hear the appeal on June 26th, which was after the Newsletter went to press. See the Township web site for full minutes available after the Board approves draft minutes at their July meeting.)

Discussion: An Apter short term rental conditional use permit application was allowed to proceed. A notification area was specified. An inquiry about updating the Breezeway Motel at the McQuade Harbor was discussed and it will proceed. Some land use permits are needed.

Regular **Planning Commission meetings** are held on the fourth Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Special hearings are also posted at the Town Hall.

Residents are encouraged 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).

April 13th regular meeting. Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Barb Crow, Dave Mount (*chair*), Travis Stolp and Corlis West attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen.

Reports: *Treasurer:* deposits of \$11,183.58, expenses of \$25,794.20 for an ending balance of \$581,988.09. Bills were reviewed and approved for payment. *Police:* purchase of a speed trailer was approved. There has been concern for some time over speeding, especially on Ryan Road. The trailer will be used at NSCS and on other roads as needed. *Fire:* Scalzo won the architect contract for the Fire Hall 1 bay addition and maintenance work. The free smoke detector program is in coordination with the Red Cross. *Planning:* Annual stormwater meeting is scheduled for May 27th during recycling. Dave Edblom was approved by the Board to fill the opening on the Planning Commission. A letter will be drafted for Board approval requesting St Louis County to consider our trails plan when they plan refinishing Bergquist Road. A public hearing on rezoning the Clover Valley School site from LIU-3 to FAM-3 (*as the surrounding land is zoned*) will be part of the Board's May meeting. *Roads:* Three road bids were received and a decision will be made at the special April 25th program of work meeting. *Town Hall:* A mowing contract including the cemetery and fire hall 1 was approved with Cutting Edge. A mower will be purchased for the Town Hall. *Recycling:* Unfortunately, our recycling workers received quite a bit of verbal abuse because bins were full due to **Waste Management failing** to do their regular pickup (*truck breakdown, no notice to us and no replacement vehicle*). Please be understanding and respectful of all Township employees and volunteers. The old recreation account will be closed and the general account used instead. Liquor license renewal for Clearwater Grille and New Scenic Café were approved.

April 25th special "Program of Work" meeting. Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Barb Crow, Dave Mount (*chair*), Travis Stolp and Corlis West attended. Each year the Board meets to reassign Supervisor duties and discuss projects for attention during the year. This year's duties are shown on page 7 of this Newsletter.

Roads: The road contract was awarded to Bob Rodda, our current road contractor. He has received complements on his work in the past. The termination point of all Township roads needs to be determined.

May 11th regular meeting. Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Barb Crow, Dave Mount (*chair*), Travis Stolp and Corlis West attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen.

Reports: *Treasurer:* reported deposits of \$3,648.94, expenses of \$25,677.95 and an ending balance of \$559,959.08. No comments were made on the Clover Valley School property zoning map change from LIU-3 to FAM-3. The change was approved.

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(Board Meetings continued from page 4)

Legal: A request to enforce our zoning ordinance was received and will be reviewed. **Roads:** The road contract was approved. The Road Supervisor is our weed inspector and will be attending required training. There was a discussion of determining the termination point of Township roads. **Joint Use Committee:** ABC's Phil Strom requested that the Township pay 50% of a \$96,104 for landscaping NSCS by Miller Creek Landscaping. The Board asked to see comparable bids prior to their June 8th meeting.

Town Hall: Parking lot striping will be researched.

May 23rd special meeting. Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Barb Crow, Dave Mount (*chair*), Travis Stolp and Corlis West attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen.

Discussion: The Board and members of the Fire Department met at Fire Hall #1 to discuss the proposed bay addition and maintenance needs for Hall #1. The Board was given a tour of the Fire Hall. Architectural plans will be completed shortly so a cost estimate can be acquired. Potential financing options were discussed. A public information meeting will be planned for July 25th. See the Newsletter insert for details.

NOTE THAT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS NOW START AT 6:30pm

Regular **Town Board meetings** are held on the second Thursday at **6:30pm** in the Town Hall. (special meetings are posted at the Town Hall). *Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings.*

French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

Our next meeting is Thursday, July 20th at 7:30pm at Rhonda O'Leary's house. We are reading Locally Laid by Lucie B. Amundsen. Please contact Carol Surine at carolsurine@gmail.com or call 525-4426 for address and direction.



Illegal Dumping at Town Hall Recycling

Now and again someone dumps their household garbage or trash at our recycle center on Homestead Road. Security Cameras have your picture! Police respond. Please report illegal dumping if you see it. Junk like this needs to go to WLSSD. Dumped here, the cost of disposal falls on the rest of our Township residents.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

Open House and Information Event July 25th 7-9pm, Fire Hall 1. (See the insert.)



The free Smoke Detector grant program has

been a success. Clifton Fire Department volunteers have been installing smoke detectors for many residents who made a request (*the notice and application were in the March and May Newsletters*). The smoke detector program was in collaboration with the Red Cross.

The Department has been active in seeking **other grants** including one for water storage at Fire Hall 1 and the just announced FIREWISE grant noted below.

To volunteer as a fire fighter or emergency medical responder, call Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819. Training and turnout gear are provided.

Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief



For medical & police emergencies call: 911.

Sign up for email police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications at the Township site.

www.duluthtownship.org.

Our **Speed Trailer** is in operation along roads in the

Township. It is a reminder to stay under the speed limit to make roads safe for all of our residents. It will be located on different roads at different times.

Police Events. There were 86 police events in May plus the regular patrols. Nineteen of these were requested home and business checks (plus 2 extra patrol requests), 17 were traffic citations and warnings for traffic violations, and 9 were attempts to locate careless drivers. There were 3 medical emergencies, 3 response to burglar alarms and 2 predatory offender checks.

If you have information about any criminal activity in our community, please contact the Duluth Township Police Department at: 218-525-5705 or our mobile phone: 393-8407, or email: DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org.

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.



In our township, it is not uncommon to find purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) in our ditches and along pond edges. With its bright purple spikes, it is a beautiful plant. But don't be deceived. It is very aggressive and can form dense stands and choke out other vegetation. It is on the State's "Control" plant list, meaning that efforts should be made to prevent the plant from maturing (going to seed) and the spread of propagating parts (seeds and roots). The recommended method of control for purple loosestrife (when there are only a few plants) is to hand pull or dig them out and then let them dry out and die on the ground (You cannot transport this plant!).

(NOTE: See the website for the Newsletter in color.)

Township Demographics

The recent US Census estimates **1935 residents and 753 households in our Township.**

The Newsletter is currently mailed to 869 households (updated by a 2016 mailbox check), 158 requested by former residents and friends, 33 local businesses, 12 agencies or representatives, 9 neighboring townships and 20 teachers. (Extra copies are in the Town Hall).



A Jim Munger photo

Noxious Weeds!!

By Corlis West and Jo Thompson

There is an old saying that goes, "One person's weed is another person's wildflower". But did you know that many plants can be injurious to public health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock or other property.

On May 10th, we attended the St. Louis County Local Weed Inspector Training Session where we learned about current efforts and responsibilities to stop the spread of noxious weeds. In Minnesota, 41 plants are considered "noxious weeds" and are regulated under the "Weed Law". It is the responsibility of all landowners (public and private) to prevent the spread of these plants.

Weeds can be spread through water, air, animals and through construction and farm equipment. It is required that some plants must be eradicated by destroying both the above and below ground parts (e.g. *Oriental Bittersweet, Knapweed (Diffuse, Brown, and Meadow) and Dalmatian Toadflax*). For some plants controlling their ability to spread by eliminating seeds and roots is required (e.g. *Plumless, Thistle, and Spotted Knapweed, Purple loosestrife, and Tansy*). Some weeds are restricted, meaning that they can not be sold, transported without a permit or intentionally planted (e.g. *Buckthorns and certain Honeysuckles*). Specially regulated plants have specific regulations (e.g. *Poison Ivy, Japanese Barberry, and Amur Maple*).

More information about these plants and the Minnesota law that seeks to protect residents of the State from the negative effects of noxious weeds can be found at www.mda.state.mn.us/weedcontrol. If you have questions about noxious weeds on your property or along the roads and ditches in our township, please contact the St Louis County Noxious Weed Inspector, Kristin Fogard (218-726-2606).

2017 Lake Superior 20/20 Studio Art Tour

Rose Vastila and Sandra Gredzens

"I took the one less travelled by and it has made all the difference." Robert Frost

As crisp fall temperatures and colors fill the air in Northern Minnesota, the Lake Superior 20/20 Studio Art Tour embarks on its sixth year with a new route with many new and returning artists. The tour has a PDF printable map on their web site: www.lakesuperior20/20.com.

The tour includes studios of local artists, many from our Township. These include fiber artists, painting, jewelry, wood, glass, drawing, photography, writers, ceramics, wood design, pottery, etc.

The tour is the last "full" weekend, which falls on September 29, 30 and October 1st, this year. Tour hours are Friday through Sunday from 10am to 6pm. Mark your calendar. Additional information will be available in the September Newsletter and on their web site.



Play and Learn at NSCS

Next year, the **Preschool program** will be offering options that include extended hours and more days. Children ages 3-5 can attend either half days or full days Monday—Thursday. Half days will run 9-12 and full days will run 9-2:30.

To register, you can go to the NSCS website at www.northshorecommunityschool.org, and print the application form then drop it off at the school. For questions, call Tina Podemski at 218-525-0663 Ext 106.



Duluth Township Information 2017

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),

Email: See note below on using our Township web site.

www.duluthtownship.org

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

Planning Office Hours: No posted hours
Call the Town Hall for an appointment: 525-5705

Supervisors: (see web site for email contacts)

- Rolf Carlson** (2017-2020) 525-0375
Primary contact for cemetery and Planning
Alternate for Town Hall, DNSSD, Materials Mgmt
- Barb Crow** (2016-2019) 525-0489 Vice Chair
Primary contact for Arts/Heritage, Communications/IT-web, Intergovernmental relations, rental coordinator.
Alternate for Business Management, Personnel
- Dave Mount** (2016-2019) Chair 525-7961
Primary contact for Business Mgmt, and Personnel,
Alternate for Communications
- Travis Stolp** (2016-2018) 525-0576
Primary contact for Public Safety
Co-Primary for Roads, Alternate for Cemetery
- Corlis West** (2017-2020) 525-7719
Primary contact for Town Hall, NS Mgmt Bd, DNSSD, Materials Management
Co-Primary for Roads

Town Clerk: Ann K. Cox 525-5705 (Town Hall)
Treasurer: Mel Peulen 525-5705 (Town Hall)
Attorney: Scott Witty 722-4766 (office)
Cemetery Sexton: Molly Tillotson 218-525-6933

Planning Director: Sue Lawson messages: 525-5705

Planning and Zoning Secretary: Beth Mullan

Planning and Zoning Commission:

Wayne Dahlberg (vice chair), Dave Edblom,
Jerry Hauge, Liz Strohmayer, John Schifsky,
Jo Thompson (chair), Larry Zanko.

Peace Officers: Chief Shawn Padden
Officer Steve Peterson

Emergencies 911, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407

Clifton Volunteer Fire/EMS Department:

Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief Rob Peldo,
President Jason Bruckelmyer

Burning Permits are available online at mndnr.gov/permits or the Town Hall (office hours), or from **Fire Wardens:** Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), Jay Zink 525-5589 or **DNR** in Two Harbors, 1568 Hwy 2, 834-1418.

Community Center Rental Coordinator: Jim Salls 600-9015

Town Hall rentals: contact the Town Clerk, 525-5705.

Website manager: Barb Crow.

To Email Township Officials and Departments

Our Township web site, www.duluthtownship.org/contacts, has a dropdown list of personnel and departments you can use to send emails. Note that a copy of all emails automatically goes to the Town Hall for Township records.. Many Departments have a web page. (see our web site).

Township Recycling Center

At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road
Staffed by Carolyn Marino, Roger Beck and volunteers



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

(Recycle drop off only during recycling hours and no household garbage, please.)

Aluminum cans should be recycled with plastics/metal cans. Curb recycling pickup service is available south of the freeway.

See page 5 for a recent levy-costing, illegal dumping problem. Surveillance cameras have been installed around the Town Hall because of vandalism and dumping household garbage.

Township Calendar

See calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org.

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

JULY 2017

- 5, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 5, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 13, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 18, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 25, Tue, 7-9pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training** Hall #1
Open House and Information Meeting (see insert)
- 27, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

AUGUST 2017

- 1, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 10, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 12, Sat, 1-4:30 **Come On Home Party**, Town Hall
- 15, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 15, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 23, Wed, **Deadline for the September Newsletter**
- 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 5, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 6, Wed, NSCS opens
- 8, Fri, 9:30 **Art and Heritage Group**, Town Hall
- 14, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 19, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training**, Hall #1
- 19, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 29, Fri, 10am-6pm Start of 20/20 Studio Arts Tour

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1101 Newsletters are mailed to Duluth Township homes, businesses and on request. Copies are available at the Town Hall. Please send your comments and suggestions to the volunteer Newsletter editor, Don McTavish at the Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or use the NewsBox on the Town Hall porch. Our Newsletter is printed locally by Bob Sundstrom, **BB&K Printing**, and mailed for us by the folks at **UDAC**.

Your Emergency Kit

Mary Anne Daniel
Emergency Management Director

Summer fun, swimming, camping, hiking, picnics, you name it, can make summers an enjoyable, memorable experience. Summer can also be a time for stormy weather and that means we need to be prepared! First and foremost, knowing what the forecast is for the upcoming days can be an essential resource for making sure we have a good time.

Having a home emergency kit is an easy way to prepare for inclement weather. The following are important to include in a kit:

- Small first aid kit
- Emergency blanket
- Multipurpose tool
- Whistle
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Three day supply of water
- NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio
- Cell phone with charger
- Soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

Keeping these supplies close at hand will be a critical step during a storm event where we may lose power or have to evacuate the area. Being prepared is the best way we can help ourselves and our neighbors.



Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

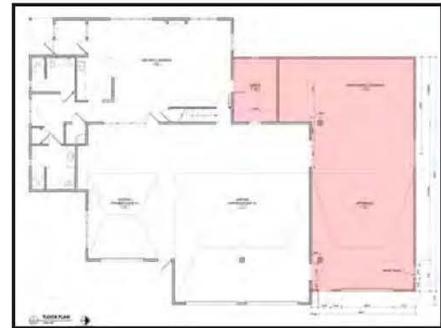
Invites you and your family to an

Open House

On the Planned Addition to Hall 1

Ryan Road, Just Up From the Expressway.

Tuesday, July 25, 7-9 PM



Planned Addition

The 1,566 square foot addition is in red on these drawings.

The addition will house a fourth bay so that all four of the emergency vehicles will have quick and immediate access to a door. Currently, vehicles must be shuffled to get out the rescue vehicle.

The space in back of the bay will provide:

- A new office for files and supplies while opening up the office in the original hall for much needed training space.
- A repair work space needed for maintenance and for storage of items used in fire suppression.

Plans include a water storage tank located under the new bay to provide water to top off tankers when they return from a fire. It is essential that they be full for the next emergency. Currently, this has to be done at McQuade Harbor, often late at night after an exhausting fire call and it is especially problematic in the dead of winter! The water storage tank can be filled by the current well.

An emergency backup generator is planned to help in a power outage emergency. This generator will provide for opening the overhead doors and maintaining heat and lights in the building.

There are critical building maintenance needs. The roof needs replacement and it is more efficient if it is done and the same time as the addition. Outside trim and some siding needs to be repaired.

Tour the fire hall and see our fire equipment.

Meet our fire fighters and medical first responders.

Ask questions about the fire department and how the addition meets our needs.

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Proudly Serving:

- 2,154 residents
- 835 households
- Mutual aid for neighboring departments
- 90 square miles
- 105 emergency calls in 2016



Resources

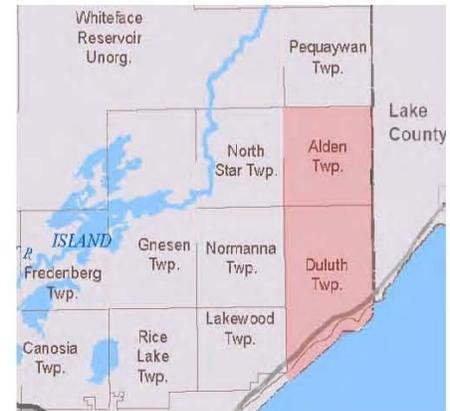
- 22 member department including firefighters and emergency medical responders
- 2 fire halls in Duluth Township
- 1 fire hall in Alden Township



Critical Services Provided:

- Fighting structure fires
- Fighting wildland fires
- Emergency response to accidents
- Emergency response to medical emergencies

Service Area



Additional Community Services:

- Public Education: We visit the NSCS every fall for fire safety lessons with the kindergarten classes
- Site visits: On request, we will arrange to visit to your property to view areas pertinent to our emergency response and to give suggestions for improvements.
- Key lock boxes can be purchased (\$40) and will be installed by the department to facilitate access for emergencies.

Fire Auxiliary

Our auxiliary is open to any resident that would like to help out. We do two fundraisers. The annual harvest dinner is the second Saturday in October and the Fire Department calendar is produced yearly with advertising subscriptions from local businesses

Grants Received by the Department

- We are always looking for and applying for grants to help our community. In the past we have applied for grants for large expenditures, such as vehicles. They do not fund facility construction
- Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education that provides \$200 per firefighter this year.
- DNR matching grant for \$4,000 for wildland and structural personal protective gear.
- FIREWISE grant from the DNR that will help our department and the community to reduce the risk of wild-fires. This grant provides for updating fire signs, free brush chipping at a central location following clearing hazards around homes, and training in how to create safer landscapes around structures.
- Red Cross to provide FREE smoke detectors to residents who need them and installation by our fire department.

