Duluth Township Newsletter

Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org

November 2017

What's Coming Up?

Arts and Heritage Group event:

"Celebrating Our Common Ground in Images,
Sat. Dec. 2nd, 7-9pm Town Hall.
See article on page 8.

Fire Department Hall 1 bay addition update *(page 2)*

Youth seeking jobs *(see list on page 6)*

Sign up to run for Town Board *(1 opening): Jan. 2-16.*
(the election and Town Meeting are in March)

Note *the next Planning Commission meeting is on Nov. 16th in acknowledgment of Thanksgiving!*

FIREWISE *update on page 2. Free chips see note.*

NSCS News, *page 4*

Thanks!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped fix lighting at the Community Skating Rink. Your work is very much appreciated.

The Homesteaders

Mary Anne Sironen

November 1st, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Potluck and turkey bingo.

December 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, sandwiches and bars. Music by NSCS students.

January 3rd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, sandwiches and bars and bingo.

Everyone is welcome.
For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Thank you!

Thanks to long time residents Jan and John Greene for their generous donation of two paintings for our Town Hall. One is a *Lowland Sunset* (1989) pastel by Alberta Marana and the other is *North Shore Lake Superior, a* watercolor by David Reibe. These will be mounted in the Town Hall for you to see.

Play and Learn at NSCS

Kristi Lounsberry, Interim Director

The *Play and Learn* program at NSCS has openings for 3-5 year olds, on Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2:30pm.

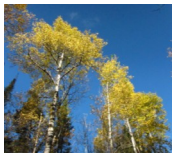
Call Jessi Anderson for information: 525-0663 Ext 106.

Free Wood Chips Can Be Picked Up at Fire Hall 1 on Ryan Road

Sherry Rovig

Pick up chips at your convenience.

Please also report your time spent clearing and hauling brush to reduce your fire risk. We include this in our grant report. Call Sherry Rovig at 525-0489 or email cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com with your hours.



Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

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Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

Fire Hall 1 Bay Addition: Four Bids were received and bid alternatives were discussed. Some alternatives could be dropped. Rebidding with a smaller water tank was proposed and after a discussion at the September 26th special Board meeting. The Architect and Town Attorney will be consulted on how to proceed.

Free 2018 wall calendars will be distributed by the Fire Auxiliary later this fall. If you can help deliver calendars to Township mailboxes, call Jody at 525-4971.

Fire Number Check. As part of the FIREWISE grant, the Department *(Bruce Hauger and the editor)* traveled roads in Duluth and Alden Townships to check on fire number signs to see if they exist and are visible at each residence or business. Driveways were visually checked from the road to see if a large fire truck could make it in without knocking off lights or equipment.

Preliminary results:

22% of households in Duluth and Alden Townships have no fire sign; 58% have an old *(one-sided, not reflective)* fire sign; and 20% have a new *(two-sided, reflective)* sign. Several signs were misplaced and many were obstructed by weeds or branches.

Driveways were visually checked from the main road to see if there was enough space for a large fire truck *(12' wide by 12' high, free from overhanging branches, is preferred)*. Overall, 21% were seriously problematic and 79% of driveways appeared to be satisfactory.

Imagine a fire or medical emergency call on a dark 2am in a wintry morning before a fresh snowfall has been plowed. A volunteer EMR or fire fighter is awakened from sleep after a day of work at his or her regular job. The dispatcher gives an address and the search begins. With luck the fire sign is visible in the truck lights or search light. Sometimes a mailbox has an address but many have it only on one side of the box and some don't have any visible markings. Maybe someone from the address is out at the roadside to summon emergency personnel. Sometimes volunteers will have a personal GPS and take the time to enter the address but often this isn't an option and emergencies may make electronic devices unusable. Anyway, you get the problem that may hamper volunteer emergency personnel.

Please help out. Make sure your sign is easily visible as you drive by. If you don't have a new 2-sided, reflective sign, you could order one *(call **218-726-2921**...its a good $35 investment)* and install it according to enclosed instructions. Check your drive to be sure there is ample clearance (12'x12') for large fire vehicles. Thanks!

To volunteer as a fire fighter or emergency medical responder, call Fire Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819.

Officer Steve Peterson and our updated squad vehicle

Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

For medical & police emergencies call: 911.

Police Events. Our police responded to 253 events in August and September. Most frequent were 72 vacation home/business checks or extra patrol requests, 39 traffic warnings/citations, 25 attempts to locate careless drivers, 15 serving civil process, 14 fire or burglar alarm responses, 10 public assists, and 9 medical emergencies. The full list is on the Town web site.

The Department has its new squad car with updated equipment. The Department escrows funds and sells the old squad to lease a new vehicle when mile and year limits and equipment upgrades occur.

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.

FIREWISE Chipper Day, October 21st, Fire Hall 1. Jody Anderson stacking.

FIREWISE Update

Sherry Rovig

This fall we have had a fire-reduction demonstration by Jeff Jackson, a brush drop off and free chipping event, information distribution and a survey of fire signs and driveway accessibility for fire trucks. FIREWISE events cover our whole fire response area in Alden and Duluth Townships. **FIREWISE events will be repeated in 2018. Watch for times and dates.**

Wood chips are available and free. See note, page 1.

The Knife River Watershed

John Schifsky

The Knife River watershed is heavily forested and lies on the eastern edge of Duluth Township; the Township encompasses about 33 percent of the watershed's area. The headwaters begin in a sparsely populated and heavily forested area over 25 river miles from the confluence of the river with Lake Superior. Two of the three main tributaries (Stanley Creek and the West Branch) also begin in this sparsely populated, forested region. The third main tributary, the Little Knife River begins in a slightly more "developed" area and enters the main stream near the confluence. Approximately 50 percent of the land in the Knife River watershed is owned by state and county government, and the other half is owned privately.

The Clean Water Act requires that states publish a list of waters that do not meet water quality standards and do not support their designated uses. These waters are then considered to be "impaired". The Knife River was placed on the 1998 Minnesota list as being impaired for aquatic life due to excessive turbidity in the river. The Knife River's turbidity levels are closely associated with run-off. The river has a tendency to "flash," to rise quickly for short periods of time during the melt-off in the spring and also after heavy rains. While there may be other contributing factors, much of the watershed has been converted to aspen since the original pine forests were harvested at the end of the 1800's and early 1900's. Research reports suggest this type of conversion has been found to have water quality and fishery impacts in other streams. *(see "Total Maximum Daily Load Study of Turbidity on the Knife River Watershed," draft 2010: prepared by the South St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District [SWCD]).*

While there had been logging in the French River area earlier, in 1898 a Michigan logging firm, Alger-Smith announced it would build a railroad inland from Knife River to access the timber along the Knife River Valley. While there had been logging by sleigh in the area previously, the railroad was essential to moving logs in volume as the terrain was rugged, and the river did not lend itself to log-driving. The watershed was quickly cleared; by 1908 lumber production had dropped as the white and Norway pine stumpage was exhausted, except for isolated trees. With Alger-Smith gone, smaller, independent loggers, some of whom were newly arrived homesteaders, moved in and took much of what was left: cedar, balsam, spruce, birch, aspen, tamarack. Alder and hazel brush and aspen, for the most part repopulated the cutover areas.

Clay underlies much of the Knife's watershed in the Township; the (SWCD) report referenced above says soils in the area are 60 – 80 percent clay and the slope of the land, according to the same report, is six to eight percent. Water is slow to sink in; the run-off potential is high. Soils can slump leading to "a mass movement of soil down a slope." (SWCD) The wholesale removal of trees, rail grades, roads, early settlers efforts to clear the land in order to plant it or create pasture, in combination with the clay soils and land slope, can only have increased and most likely today continue to add to the volume of run-off after spring melt and rain events, leading to an increased deposit of sediment in the river. The amount of suspended solids present in the water and deposited on the bottom can influence the fish and invertebrate communities present.

The SWCD report mentioned above *("Total Maximum Daily Load . . ")*, was followed by "Knife River Implementation Plan for Turbidity" *(SWCD, 2011).* The implementation plan identifies several best management practices to reduce turbidity in the river. The first two are: **1)** restoration of the forests in the watershed to a healthy and sustainable condition. This includes tree planting to convert the open areas back to forest cover. Most trees should be conifers but mixed hardwood species could also be included. **2)** Landowners throughout the watershed are encouraged to manage open areas not to be planted to trees to reduce runoff by reducing the size of lawns mowed, increasing buffer areas around agricultural areas and minimizing clearing of currently forested areas.

The Township's population can assist in reducing runoff in the watershed (and turbidity in the Knife River) by road ditch maintenance and re-vegetation as well as being aware of the way impervious surfaces increase storm water runoff.

Town Hall Facelift

Barb Crow

The walls of the main hall have been repaired and repainted thanks to volunteer help *(John Schifsky, Duane Madison, Lynne Henderson, Barb Crow, Ellen O'Neill Terry Carl)* and the expertise of our Town custodians (*Roger Beck and Jody Anderson)*. A new hanging system *(thanks to Dave Mount for making the rails)* has been installed that will allow us to rotate displays without making new holes in the walls. Thank you to the *Arts & Heritage Group* for researching, recommending, and installing the system. Be sure to come to the December 2nd show. ***"Celebrating our Common Ground in Images, Words, and Music!"*** to see the first display using the new system.

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).

August 10th 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.
Minutes were approved for the Fire Hall addition (June 26th), the July 13th regular meeting, and the Fire Hall addition financing meeting (July 19th). Approval of the Billes Variance Appeal special meeting minutes (June 26th) was postponed to September.
Reports: *Treasurer*: July deposits: $225,188.43 *(includes levy funds received)*, expenses: $22,366.60, ending balance: $668,233.76. *Fire*: Hall addition bid documents are being drawn up. Lake Bank is waiting for a firmer construction number before proceeding with a loan. Planning: The LIU3A zoning map for the old Bomark Missile site is being reviewed to align it with parcel lines. Several variances were heard. The text amendment for greenhouses in the Township is being reviewed. Two current greenhouses in the Township are home based businesses, not commercial/industrial businesses. The high frequency short term rental ordinance wording was approved. Planning was asked to look at B&B and short term rental definitions. Map and greenhouse text hearings can be combined. The short term rental text amendment hearing is slated for Aug 28th. *Roads*: All bridges in the Township passed inspection. Wright Tree Service was hired to trim trees as needed to clear County plows on Township roads. *Town Hall*: A motion to stripe and repair cracks in the parking lot was approved but will wait until Fire Hall bids are received. The Heritage group will paint Town Hall interior and install picture hanging rails in later October. *Recycling*: WLSSD is scheduling a public meeting to discuss the upcoming budget (we receive a grant each year), and a resident suggested a Board member should attend D/NSSD *(sewer district along the shore)* meetings.

September 14th regular meeting: All Supervisors attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen.
Minutes for the Billes Appeal meeting (June 26th) and the August 10th regular meeting were approved.
Reports: The Treasurer made the report. A resident reported on a problem of un-retrieved *Budgeteer* papers that are thrown on the ground and end up as trash in the ditch. *Police*: action is being taken on a repeat junk car issue. A request to hire a temporary third officer, Officer Paul Johnson, to start October 1st was approved. *Fire*: Hall addition bid opening was changed to Sept 26th. The bank is set to act on our loan when firmer costs are known. *Legal*: A letter regarding the Beck Road issue was sent by the Town Attorney. Andrew Hagglund submitted a variance application. *Roads*: The County is asking land owners at the end of Town Roads to sign a letter giving permission for snowplows to turn around in driveways. Our Attorney added language to the letter to address concerns about road ownership. The Attorney will be consulted about Township responsibilities If access is refused. *Community Center*: The Township paid $36,000 for wiring the current back up generator to serve the building as an emergency generator.

September 26th special meeting. Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Mount *(chair),* Travis Stolp and Corlis West attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox.
Discussion: Four Fire Hall addition bids were discussed and it was decided that three alternatives could be eliminated: carbon monoxide detectors, generator equipment, and a heat recovery system. No contractor was chosen and it was decided to create a request for bids for a smaller 2,000 gallon water tank as an alternative.
The Attorney and Architect will be consulted on how we proceed with rebidding. Township funding sources are $85,000 Fire Department, $15,000 roads, $25,000 Township Capital Improvement, $20,000 general fund, $35,000 Community Fund, $7,000 sprinkler sale.

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.

NSCS

Kristi Lounsberry, Interim Director

NSCS is big on helping others! We just wrapped up our penny wars which is a fun game to play that ultimately leads to money being raised to buy books for kids who need them.

In the next couple of months we will be participating in *Jump Rope for Heart* where money is raised for the American Heart Association. *Pennies for Patients* is another organization we do penny wars for to support people struggling with Leukemia or Lymphoma.

Each November, all 16 classrooms put together a complete Thanksgiving meal that is donated to the Food Shelf. We also collect pop tabs all year long that get donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

We feel it is crucial for students to understand the importance of helping others in need.

Scandinavian Festival

Barb Jackson

The annual community **Scandinavian Festival** at the French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road is Saturday, December 9th from 9 until 2pm. A luncheon will be available from 11-2pm. Vendors are wanted. Call Barb Jackson 525-5992 for information.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

June 22nd regular meeting. Commissioners Dave Edblom, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Liz Strohmayer, Jo Thompson *(chair), Larry Zanko* attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Town Board Liaison Rolf Carlson.
Hearing: Abbot Apter Conditional Use/Variance for a Short Term Rental *(5527 North Shore Drive).* An interim use *(to Jan 2019 or when the property ownership is transferred whichever is first)* and setback variances were granted 4-2, with a number of conditions *(see minutes online)*. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40am.

July 27th regular meeting. Commissioners Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Liz Strohmayer, Jo Thompson *(chair),* and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan, and Town Board liaison Rolf Carlson.
Hearing: Derek Raisanen requested a side yard setback variance to construct a home. After review of topography issues, the variance was approved.

Short term rental placement in the Ordinance was discussed and it was agreed it should be in Article IX. A motion was passed to recommend amended language to the Board.

Odyssey had a variance to place homes closer to the shore of Lake Superior than the Ordinance required if planned revetment was completed. Now they want to build without revetment and the Commission agreed that this would be possible if standard setbacks were used. Two home sites already have revetment.

Language on greenhouses in the Township will be recommended to the Town Board including language that industrial/commercial sized greenhouses not be permitted. Light pollution was one concern. Current greenhouses are home based businesses.

The ongoing SMU-8 review was discussed. The challenge is to find common ground of respecting neighbors and space without so many owners of existing small non-conforming lots in the SMU-8 area having to apply for variances.

August 3rd special meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Dave Edblom, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Liz Strohmayer, Jo Thompson *(chair),* and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan, and Town Board liaison Rolf Carlson.
Hearing: Clifton Fire Department requested a variance for a setback from Ryan Road for the proposed Hall 1 addition *(88.6' rather than 100')*. After discussion, the variance was approved.
Hearing: The Billes requested a hearing on their new request for six variances on a shore lot between 5846 and 5848 North Shore Drive that is non-conforming in lot size and width. The proposed plan reduces the height formerly proposed and includes a retaining wall to mitigate erosion. There were 21 written and 2 added statements in the public hearing one of which was an extensively documented history of the variance issue *(see minutes on the website).* After extensive discussion a motion to approve the variances was made and passed 4-3.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30pm.

August 24th regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, 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: Janet Lampi requested a high frequency short term rental variance. There were no public comments. After discussion, an interim use was approved.

Director's report: The Billes' variance was being appealed to the Town Board *(scheduled for September 6th).* On the agenda for the Commission are text changes for short term rentals, reviewing boundaries for the LIU-3 zone at Bomarc, and reviewing greenhouse language for the ordinance. An audit of our MS4 Stormwater compliance passed.

September 28th regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg *(vice chair)*, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Liz Strohmayer, and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan, and Town Board liaison Rolf Carlson.
Hearing: Dan Watkins asked for a road and side yard variance to accommodate a deck. The variance was discussed and granted with conditions about height and screening from the road.
Hearing: A public hearing was held on proposed Ordinance wording for high frequency short term rentals. The Town Board asked the Commission to review requirements for these rentals and concurred with the wording changes. Wording includes that high frequency short term rentals have a minimum 2 acre lot size and meet the 50 foot side and rear yard setbacks. The changes were subsequently approved.

Regular ***Planning Commission meetings*** are held on the fourth Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall.
NOTE the November meeting is on the **16th** at 7pm.
Special hearings are also posted at the Town Hall.
Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

For November we will discuss *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake. This is a *Book Club in a Bag* and there are several copies still available.

The next meeting is **Thursday, November 16th at 7:30pm** in the Fireside Room at French River Church. No host was chosen. Remember, this month we are collecting board books for small children. See you there! For information contact Carol Surine at carolsurine@gmail.com or call 525-4426.

Gentle Yoga
Wednesdays 4:45-5:45pm
at French River Lutheran Church
A wellness class for beginners
$10 per class

kshamapractice@gmail.com

Paid Advertisement

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Anthony Lueck
Surveyor

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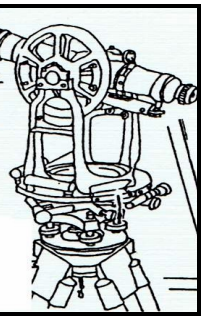

Paid Advertisement

LOOKING FOR A HOME TO RENT?
or,
LOOKING FOR A RENTER FOR YOUR NICE HOME?

Call ***Apartment & Home Advisors*** – we can help!

We specialize in properties of distinction
and we help "take the stress out of moving".

Call Susie Lannon at 218-720-3987

Paid Advertisement

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

Paid Advertisement

Northshore Welding and Field Repair
218-404-9061

Paid Advertisement

WAGGIN' Tails
Boarding Kennels
Long & short term boarding
Reservations Required
218-525-4842
7002 App Rd.
Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement

Community Youth Groups

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

Cub Scouts:
Call: David Hooey, 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

- *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.*
- *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.*

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 & contact information at the Town Hall (messages: 525-5705).

Deadline for the next (January) Newsletter is December 23rd

Town Hall Community Room

Meet friends, browse the **free library**, use the free WiFi, etc.
Small groups can meet and share the room. Coffee maker, microwave, refrigerator, Wifi and ADA bathroom are available. See the Town Hall about rentals.

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)*.

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.

Town Hall rentals: contact the Town Clerk, 525-5705.
Community Center Rental Coordinator: Jim Salls 600-9015
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

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

April-Oct: Tues. 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.

Surveillance cameras have been installed around the Town Hall because of vandalism and dumping household garbage.

Sign up for email police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications. See our Township site. www.duluthtownship.org.

Township Calendar

See calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org.
Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

NOVEMBER 2017

1, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
7, Tue, 7pm ***Volunteer Fire Dept***: business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
9, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
16, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
(note a change in date this Thanksgiving month)
21, Tue, 7pm ***Volunteer Fire Dept***: training, Hall #1
21, Tue, 7am ***Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District*** meeting, French River Lutheran Church

DECEMBER 2017

2, Sat, 7-9pm "***Celebrating Our Common Ground in Images, Words and Music"***, Town Hall
(see the back of this page for information)
5, Tue, 7pm ***Volunteer Fire Dept***: business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's,** 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
23, Sat, ***Deadline*** *for the January Newsletter*
28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission,** Town Hall
(see Town Hall for any posted change)

JANUARY 2018

2, Tue, 7pm ***Volunteer Fire Dept***: business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
2, Tue, 9am start of sign-up to run for supervisor
3, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
11, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
12, Fri, 9:30am Arts & Heritage Group, Town Hall
16, Tue, 5pm Deadline to file to run for supervisor.
16, Tue, Note: Township Office hours are 2-5pm.
16, Tue, 7am ***Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District*** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
16, Tue, 7-9pm ***Volunteer Fire Dept*** **training** Hall #1
25, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

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The Duluth Township Arts and Heritage Group invites you to their second event of the year:

Celebrating Our Common Ground in Images, Words and Music

7-9 pm, *Saturday, December 2nd at the Duluth Town Hall.*

This event will include a photography exhibit by local residents showing some of the different ways we live on this common ground - Duluth Township.

Drawings by first graders at the North Shore Community School that show their favorite place in the Township will also be a part of the exhibit.

A digital display of historical photos of the Township will be shown as well as aerial photos of the Township showing our changing landscape over the past 80 to 90 years.

Music and storytelling will also be a part of the evening.
Poet and writer Sheila Packa will talk about what it means to write about 'place' and read from her book *Night Train Red Door: Poems of the Iron Range* as well as other poems written in Duluth Township.

Please join your neighbors in celebrating this wonderful place we share!