

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2017



Stoney Point, November 2016

## What's Coming Up?

**Youth seeking jobs** (see list on page 3)

**Time to file for Supervisor** is from Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> to Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm Town Hall during office hours. Two positions will be on the ballot.

**Township Day: March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Supervisor election 7am-8pm followed at 8:15pm by our Annual Town meeting to set the 2018 levy. The March Newsletter will have details.

**Community Center Skating and Hockey Rinks** are opening. See the article on rink and warming house schedules and rules. (see page 8)

## THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

**January 4<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Pot luck and bingo.

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Coffee and bars. Music by Eddie Ojard, 8yr old pianist.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Pot luck, birthday cake and bingo.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

**Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue**

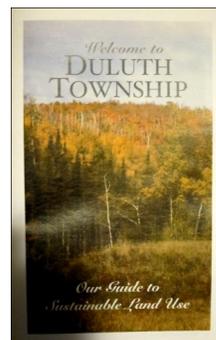
Ann Cox, Mary Anne Daniel, Bob Engelson, Linda Hollinday, Kathy Johnson, Gunnar Johnson, Sue Lawson, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Travis Stolp, Carol Surine, Jo Thompson, Jo Thompson and Rose Vastila.

## Meet our New Treasurer!

**Mel Peulen** is our new Town Treasurer. She is taking over from Janet Johansen who retired at the end of 2016. Mel is a resident of Duluth Township who is excited to be a part of the Duluth Township community. She was raised in Stillwater, MN, graduated in English and secondary education at Hamline University in St Paul, with minors in coaching and communication studies. Mel has a master's degree in public and nonprofit administration from Metropolitan University in St Paul. For the last 14 years Mel has worked for *Data Recognition Corp.* a firm who develop and score K-12 standardized tests. Mel enjoys hiking, biking, playing soccer and reading. Welcome and thanks for serving!



For a color version of this Newsletter, go to the Township website: [duluthtownship.org](http://duluthtownship.org)



**Land Use Permits are required in Duluth Township.**

See the Town web site or Town Hall for our Zoning Ordinance.

A summary booklet **"Welcome to Duluth Township"** is available in the Community Room at the Town Hall.

## Brown Trout in Township Rivers and Creeks

John Schifsky

The occasion was the Kiviranta variance hearing in October 2015. Property owners Rondi Erickson and Sandy Lewis as well as architect David Salmela were among those present at the Planning Commission meeting.

They were there to discuss their reasons for requesting a variance for their planned development on the site of what had been, for many years, the Shorecrest Supper Club (*and recently Nokomos*). One of the concerns voiced by commission members was the impact construction would have on Palmer's Creek on the west edge of the property.



Alan Anderson, retired Duluth Area Fisheries Assistant Supervisor, was at the meeting, and he pointed out, to the surprise of some of those in attendance, that in 2010 he had found naturally reproducing brown trout in the upper reaches of the creek. In fact the DNR was in the process of having Palmer's Creek designated a trout stream. Which observation led to the question: besides Talmadge Creek, Schmidt Creek, and the French, Little Sucker, Sucker, and Knife Rivers, were there other creeks, drainages in Duluth Township which have naturally reproducing brown trout populations?

The answer is: possibly, according to Jeramy Pinkerton, DNR Fisheries Specialist, at the Duluth Area Fisheries Office off North Shore Drive and next to the French River. Drivers along the North Shore are aware of the numerous small creeks and drainages crossing under the highway but the DNR has not systematically explored them for the naturally occurring brown trout, most of which spend their lives in rivers and streams. The focus of their efforts, in the Township, has been on the multiple tributaries of the French, Knife, and Sucker Rivers which are featured in "*Trout Angling Opportunities in Northeast Minnesota (2007)*," a publication available from the DNR.

According to the DNR website, the North Shore creeks offer great scenery, as we all know, but are only fair trout streams. Because they depend on runoff, their flows are not consistent, ranging from roaring torrents to trickles. In summers the water may be too warm for trout and, because the streams lack spring water sources, they are often very cold in the winter, sometimes freezing to the bottom. Nevertheless, the lake does moderate the climate somewhat and the streams are, along many stretches, shaded by tree and brush cover. Brown trout can tolerate warmer water than other trout.

Currently, the DNR is working on habitat restoration on the Knife and its tributaries. They are also continuing efforts at habitat preservation on the other rivers and creeks. To monitor the effectiveness of their restoration efforts officials also monitor, yearly, trout populations on the French, Sucker, and Knife. In addition, the DNR continues to work with private land owners to create easements, which may be donated or purchased, allowing access to the streams and creeks. Pinkerton said Township residents can do their part to maintain good trout habitat by planting trees and shrubs near the banks. In addition, those fishing should respect private property.

Our creeks and streams are important natural resources, valued by fishermen, by hikers, and by countless numbers of residents and visitors who can be seen standing on river banks or overlooks, lulled into reflection as they watch the running water, swirling around rocks and sliding over falls.

## The Art and Heritage Group is looking for Artists

Jo Thompson

...including but not limited to quilters, fiber artists, potters, poets and musicians who would like to help celebrate the richness of our community, at the Town Hall later this winter.

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 gathering place and they welcome your input. We are looking for 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 would like to participate in the winter arts celebration or have items to loan for display, please contact Jo Thompson (woodfarm1785@gmail.com or Duane Madison at 525-5645).

The *Art and Heritage Group* will meet again on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Town Hall Community Room. Everyone is welcome.

## 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

- Mason Stolp, age 14 years, looking for work Mowing, shoveling, yard work, cleaning, general labor. Call Mason at 525-0576.
- 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
- 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.

**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 (March) Newsletter is Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>



Stop in the Town Hall to see our new quilted Township Logo hanging over the Town Hall Office, thanks to the collaboration of two quilters, Janet McTavish and Ann Cox.

## 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)).

**October 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Barb Crow, Wendy Gustofson, Dave Mount (*chair*) and Travis Stolp attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Janet Johansen.

**Reports:** *Treasurer* reported an ending balance for the month of \$622,420.37 after deposits of \$11,743.18 and expenses of \$26,472.45. *Fire:* the FIREWISE meeting at recycling was a success as was the Harvest Dinner benefit. *Planning:* issued a permit for stormwater abatement on the old Bieraugel property on the shore. They are losing their well to lake erosion. Some bricks are available from Clover Valley School for those who would like a memorial. See Caroline Marino at recycling (free, one per family). *Legal:* The Town received a copy of a letter from the State Auditor's Office to Schroeder. The letter described and defined public purpose and Statutes by which funds can be distributed. They have a charter school. *Roads:* It was recently discovered that Beck Road may be some 180 feet short of the quarter section. A special meeting will be called for Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. *Joint Use Committee:* the Board tabled the emailed proposals and joint use agreement amendment sought by ABC, Inc. The list of projects was discussed along with additions to playground equipment for bigger kids, the trail project and landscaping. *Town Hall:* CLP's solar garden slated for Homestead Road has a panel reserved for the Town in case the Board wishes to purchase it. A request for a second phone line for emergency use will be re-searched. Agate Electric will get rid of all the electrical in the janitor's closet and install an internet booster inside the Town Hall. Outside lights for recycling will be reviewed. The Town Hall addition is insured. *Cemetery:* The building needs maintenance work.

**November 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Edblom (*vice chair*), Wendy Gustofson, and Travis Stolp attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Janet Johansen. **Reports:** *Treasurer:* ending balance of \$591,463.10 with deposits of \$1,521.33 and expenses of \$32,478.87. *Police:* Barb Crow made a motion to purchase a Stalker SAM speed awareness monitor for \$8,128.00. The motion was withdrawn, to be considered in the spring. Shawn was authorized to hire a temporary officer to fill in as needed in 2017, with no overall increase in hours. *Planning:* The Commission will discuss rezoning of the Clover Valley School site. *Roads:* All roads have been regarded. Road bids go out after the first of the year.

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**Joint Use Committee:** Five funding requests for NSCS/ABC, Inc. were brought to the Board.

1. Emergency Lighting: \$1,069.20 from Town CC funds, approved.
2. Summer Library Staffing: \$1,372.85, 100% from Town CC funds, approved.
3. Wireless Internet: \$20,225.80, 50% from Town CC funds, for adding/improving internet access in the school and parking lot, approved.
4. Folding Chairs: \$13,455.74 \$100% from Town CC funds, for folding chairs and dollies, approved.
5. LED lighting remodel in cafeteria, offices, and library: \$4,845.00, 34% from Town CC funds, approved.

Motion to amend the Joint Use Agreement to provide funding for permission to use NSCS, including the new addition, for emergencies. Motion failed and a special meeting was called for November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Board gave Arts and Heritage permission to hang displays in the Town Hall. *Town Hall:* Agate Electric has delayed our projects and will be informed we are getting someone else. Hunt Electric will be hired to get the projects completed. *D/NSSD.* The Board approved a resolution re-electing current members: Dean Korri, Angela Braud and Katherine Keuttel.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> special meeting.** Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Edblom (*vice chair*), Wendy Gustofson, and Travis Stolp attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Attorney Tim Strom.

The meeting was called to discuss an amendment to the Joint Use Agreement. The amendment document was discussed as a concept pending our Attorney's approval. At the last Board meeting the amendment failed on a tie vote. The agreement would allow the Town in an emergency, to use the NSCS buildings for emergency relief if it were needed. The cost from the Town would be \$80,000.

The Township Emergency Planning Committee informed the Board that the Emergency Plan did not anticipate needing or operating an emergency shelter at the school. The Red Cross and Salvation Army already respond to needs for emergency shelter, have the staff to operate it and underwrite the cost.

The motion, with amendments, passed unanimously pending our Attorney's review.

It was mentioned that the emergency generator at the school doesn't work and needs to be repaired. Members discussed percentages of that cost that the Town would bear (100% to 70%). A proposal will be brought to the Board.

Regular **Town Board meetings** are held on the second Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall.  
(special meetings are posted at the Town Hall).  
*Residents are encouraged 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))

**October 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Liz Strohmayr, Jo Thompson, Paul Voge and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Secretary Beth Mullan.

**Main Actions:** Slette variance hearing was held on adding to a garage to their Ryan and North Shore Road property. Non-confirming lot issues and alternative sites were discussed. The variance was approved.

Seering's requested an amendment to their short term rental interim use on River Road from their self-imposed 175 nights per year to 200. The Commission felt that the change was sufficient to require a new conditional use process (*without the community participation report*) with a public hearing (*the request was later withdrawn*).

Carla Blumberg and Barb Neubert notified the Commission that they would not pursue the proposed PUD on Bergquist Road.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson, Liz Strohmayr, Paul Voge and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Board liaison Dave Edblom.

**Main Actions:** Meier public hearing on their variance request for a garage/family room on an existing slab. Neighbors did not object to the 14ft setback. The Commission approved the variance.

**Discussion:** The Beck Road issue was discussed at length by neighboring landowners. There was a question about the legal length of the road. An earlier survey showed it ending 144 feet short of the quarter section line. The Town Board had been asked to determine where the Beck Road legally ended. Legally this hinged on whether the Beck Road had been maintained by the Township to the quarter section line, which it had been.

The controversy also involved Stack Brothers Excavating, the contractor hired by St Louis County to remove Clover Valley School debris. Johnny Haglund, an adjoining landowner at the quarter section line, apparently asked for the school debris to build a road to land he wanted to sell. Many problems arose including trespass and contamination, lack of permits, lack of silt fences, source of the fill, truck speeding, etc. The MPCA had been asked to review the situation and later stopped their hauling pending other enforcement and legal action.

**Other Business:** A Commission recommendation on rezoning the Clover Valley School property from LIU-3A to FAM-3 to match the surrounding land, was read and its substance approved. A brief video was viewed, reminding us of the effect of words and word choices.

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.

**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](http://www.duluthtownship.org).

**Police Events.** There were 204 official police events this last October and November. Included were 35 traffic warnings/citations plus 11 seeking reported careless drivers and a school bus stop arm violation. Police responded to 8 medical emergencies, 8 burglar alarms (1 residential burglary and one arrest), served 18 civil processes, 9 motorist or public assists and 59 resident requested vacation home/business checks or requests for extra patrols. The full list is on our web site.

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](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org).

**Speed Control Trailer.** At the December 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting a Supervisor introduced a motion to purchase a "speed trailer" for Police Department use on Township roads.



Over the years residents and school officials have complained about speeding on Township roads and the danger to children, bikers and walkers. Speed warnings and citations are among the top police events listed each month. In the past, law enforcement officers have suggested a speed trailer as an additional tool to educate drivers and call attention to speed limits. It would extend the influence of our part-time Police Department. After discussion of sources of funding, the motion was withdrawn pending action in the spring.

**Clifton Volunteer Fire Department**

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief



**2017 Calendars:** The Clifton Volunteer Fire Department **Auxiliary** produced and distributed their 15<sup>th</sup> calendar, free to each household and business in the Township. Check out the local businesses who contributed to the effort. Thank you to all who helped!



**Concept drawings** for a proposed fire truck bay at Hall 1 (shown above), were reviewed. The hall needs roof repairs but they need to be done in conjunction with the addition, lending some urgency to the project. The Department is escrowing some funds for capital improvements.

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

A **FIRE WISE** grant is being prepared to help with various projects related to Township homeowner fire safety.

Be especially careful of home stove fires. You should check your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors annually.

**Thank you** to the anonymous donors of a flat screen TV monitor for our Community Room. It will be used for Emergencies, for displays by groups such as Art and Heritage, and for meeting presentations.

**Emergency Preparedness**

Sherry Rovig

**Call 9-1-1 for all emergencies.**

**Winter safety checklist** (see also [www.ready.gov/winter-weather](http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather) and pamphlets in the Town Hall Community Room)

- The primary hazards to avoid when using alternate sources for electricity/heating/cooking, are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.
- If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location, outdoors or by an open window or door.
- Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.

**To prepare for a winter storm you should:** (see *Emergency Protection Agency web site for information*).

- Stock up your emergency kit (rock salt and sand for safer walkways, snow shovels, sufficient heating fuel, adequate clothing and blankets to keep warm, etc.).
- Make a Family Communications Plan on where to meet if your family is separated in a disaster).
- Have a (battery backup) NOAA Weather Radio. The National Weather Service provides emergency notifications.
- Download FEMA's "**Be Smart. Know Your Alerts and Warnings**" ([www.ready.gov/prepare](http://www.ready.gov/prepare), or at the Town Hall).
- Minimize travel. If travel is necessary, keep a disaster supplies kit in your vehicle.
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Shelter outside animals with non-frozen drinking water.
- Check on your neighbors. In major Township emergencies the Town Hall is the Emergency Operations Center .



**Snow Plowing**  
Call **Larry Nesgoda** to arrange for snow plowing. Phones: 218-393-2863 or 525-1305.

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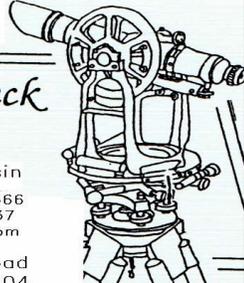
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6098 Ryan Road  
Duluth, MN 55804

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**The Vote:** Some 87% of registered voters in Duluth Township voted in the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 election. We now have 1464 registered voters (113 of these registered on election day) and 1269 voted (124 by absentee ballot). A great turnout!

**Would your children be interested in joining 4-H?**  
*Gunnar Johnson*

**4-H** is a learn-by-doing model for teaching children and youth essential skills such as problem solving, decision making and communication through programs and activities. Whether youth are building rockets, baking cookies, doing crafts, raising chickens or playing a game, **4-H** helps build skills and friendships for life.

Events include photography, do it yourself chap stick/salve, building a terrarium, visiting a swine farm, bonsai trees, woodworking, livestock workshop, State Fair decoration and clean-up, bringing animals to a nursing home, etc.

Youth from kindergarten through one year past high school can participate in 4-H.

The local 4-H group is known as the **Fireflies** and is made up of children 4-16. *If you know a child that would be interested in trying 4-H, please call **Stacia Donovan** at 728-2483 or send her an email at: [stacia\\_donovan@yahoo.com](mailto:stacia_donovan@yahoo.com).*

**Early Learning Sticks Like Glue!**  
*Kathy Johnson*

Give the *Gift of Early Learning*. NSCS Play and Learn has openings starting in January 2017. Children ages 3-5 may attend 1, 2 or 3 days a week on Tuesday, Wed or Thurs. Both morning (9:15-11:30) and afternoon (12:15-2:30) sessions are offered. A monthly tuition fee is charged.

Please contact Kathy Johnson at: 834-5429 or 525-0663 ext 106.

**Community Youth Groups**

**Clifton 4-H Club:** call Stacia Donovan 728-2483

**Cub Scouts:** call David Hooley, 525-6617

**Boy Scouts:** call Chris Roning, 525-5308

**Girl Scouts:** call Tracy Mandelin, 525-4148

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

**WAGGIN' Tails**  
**Boarding Kennels**  
Long & short term boarding



Reservations Required  
218-525-4842  
7002 App Rd.  
Two Harbors

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A special thanks to resident **Bob Sundstrom (BB&K)** for many years of careful publishing of the Newsletter. Bob gives us quick turnaround (*so the news deadline is closer to mailing*) and helps by delivering it all to UDAC. Thanks also to **Jason VanErt** and the **staff at UDAC** for many years of timely preparation and mailing the Newsletter. All a much appreciated service to our Township.



## 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](http://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)

**Barb Crow** (2016-2019) 525-0489  
*Primary contact for Public Safety, Cemetery.  
Alternate for Business Management, Personnel*

**Dave Edblom** (2014-2017) **Vice Chair** 525-1276  
*Primary contact for Planning  
Co-Primary for Joint Use Committee, Town Hall.*

**Wendy Gustofson** (2015-2017) 573-821-0785  
*Primary contact for Communications, D/NSSD and  
Materials Mgmt, and Intergovernmental Relations.*

**Dave Mount** (2016-2019) **Chair** 525-7961  
*Primary contact for Business Mgmt, and Personnel,  
Co-Primary for Town Hall, Alternate for: Roads.*

**Travis Stolp** (2016-2018) 525-0576  
*Primary contact for Roads, Recreation/Rental  
Co-Primary for Joint Use Committee*

**Town Clerk:** **Ann K. Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)  
**Treasurer:** **Mel Peulen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)  
**Attorney:** **Tim Strom** 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, Jerry Hauge, Liz Strohmayer,  
John Schifsky, Jo Thompson** vice chair,  
**Paul Voge**, 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](http://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:** Supervisor Wendy Gustofson.

### To Email Township Officials and Departments

Our Township web site, [www.duluthtownship.org/contacts](http://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.

**Note:** If the person does not have email access, your com-  
munication is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up.

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



**November through March**  
**Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm,**  
**Thurs. 2-6pm, & Sat. 8-noon.**

(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.

## Township Calendar

See calendar updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### JANUARY 2017

- 3, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 3, Tue, Supervisor election filing period opens
- 4, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 13, Fri, 9:30am Arts and Heritage Group, Town Hall
- 17, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training** Hall #1
- 17, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 17, Tue, Filing deadline for Supervisor election. Office Open 1-5pm.
- 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### FEBRUARY 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, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 21, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 21, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 23, Thu, **Deadline for the March Newsletter**
- 23, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### MARCH 2017

- 1, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 7, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 9, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 14, Tue, 7am-8pm Township Elections, Town Hall
- 14, Tue, 8:15pm Annual Town Meeting, Town Hall
- 21, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training**, Hall #1
- 21, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 23, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall



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## 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 bathroom are available.

See the notice board on the porch for open hours.

So far, Community Room hours are:

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7am—noon &amp; 2pm-6pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9am — noon</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2pm — 6pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9am —11am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8am — noon</b>

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).

## French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

The book for January is *The Secret Chord*, by **Geraldine Brooks**. The next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Carol Surine will host. For information call Carol Surine, 525-4426 or email: [CarolSurine@gmail.com](mailto:CarolSurine@gmail.com)

## Duluth Township Community Center

### Skating Rink Rules & Hours

Supervisor Travis Stolp

#### Skating Rink Hours (when there is ice!)

Monday-Friday 6 until 9; Saturdays noon until 8.

- No foul language.
- No fighting.
- Respect other people and their belongings.
- No hockey sticks on the pleasure rink.
- No children under ten that are left unsupervised.
- Please park in designated areas.
- Have fun!



Please remember that rink attendants are all volunteers and we need them to keep volunteering.

The rink will not be open if there is no adult supervision.

If anybody is interested in volunteering for rink supervision or flooding, please give me a call (525-0576).

Also, a big thank you to the Fire Department again this year for the help getting the rinks started.