

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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JULY 2018



PRIMARY ELECTION

August 14th Town Hall, 7am through 8pm.

What's Coming Up?

Change in Homesteader's meeting from July 4th to 11th

Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance (see article p5)

Annual **Stormwater Plan** Public Meeting
(see article page 2)

Come on Home Party Saturday, Aug 11th
1-4:30pm in our Town Hall — a community event,
everyone welcome. (see information on page 8).

Primary Election at the Town Hall, Tuesday, August
14th polls open from 7am-8pm.

Fall Arts and Heritage event on the Cloquet Fire and
Duluth Township, Nov. 3rd. They are looking for
stories and pictures. (see article at right)

Youth seeking jobs (see list on page 3)

NSCS News: Shelly Pierson is the new Director.
Thanks to Interim Director **Kristi Lounsberry** who
will return to her teaching role. (see page 2)

Emergency Planning seeking interested residents
(see article on page 6)

Classical Guitar Group

Jana Pastika

Beginning guitar player is looking to organize a group
to meet regularly in the Clover Valley area. We may be
able to use the Community Room at the Duluth Town
Hall. I can provide sheet music initially.

If you are interested or have questions, contact me at
jmpastika@gmail.com.

The Art and Heritage Group

Ellen O'Neill

In October 1918 the Cloquet fire swept through our
region. Duluth Township was affected by this fire too.

The Duluth Township Arts and Heritage Group (DTAHG)
is planning an event on **November 3rd** in the Town Hall
that will focus on what happened in our Township during
that fire. It will include maps, stories about families, and
examples of how people pulled together to help save
lives, farmsteads, livestock and rebuild their lives.

We are looking for stories and photos. If you have some
please call Duane Madison at 525-5645.

Many other events for the 100 year anniversary of the fire
are going on around the area in September and October.
A listing of these events will be on the Duluth Township
web site (www.duluthtownship.org).

THE HOMESTEADERS

Mary Ann Sironen

July 11th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Picnic and
bingo. **Note date change this month.**

August 1st, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall. Coffee and
snacks. Program by Dave Anderson.

August 11th, **Come on Home Party**, 1-4:30 Sat, Town
Hall. A community get-together, all are welcome

September 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Coffee
and snacks. Program by Eddie Ojard, piano protégé.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Sue Lawson, Kristi Lounsberry, Duane Madison, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Ellen O'Neill, Shawn Padden, Jana Pastika, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, Corlis West, and Shary Zoff



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

kshamapractice@gmail.com

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

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Call Susie Lannon at 218-720-3987

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**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.)*

Annual Stormwater Plan Public Meeting

August 9, 2018 6:30 pm

Jo Thompson

Most of the water from rain, snow or wells that goes onto our properties ends up running into ditches, streams, and the lake. Good practices help to slow the erosive effect of water and to minimize the amount of pollutants (included sediment) that ends up in our waters. The Township has developed a Stormwater Plan that seeks to meet the Township's goals of maintaining good water quality in our streams and lake and to limit the effects of stormwater and non-point and point pollution (http://www.duluthtownship.org/pdf/comp_land_use_plan.pdf). The program consists of a number of documents, such as the Stormwater Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance http://www.duluthtownship.org/Planning_Zoning/Stormwater_Ordinance_1.pdf), a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan http://www.duluthtownship.org/pdf/stormwater_prevention_plan.pdf, an Illicit Discharge Ordinance (See fact sheet at <http://www.duluthtownship.org/wp-content/uploads/7-13-16-FAQsheet-Illicit-Discharge-Identification.pdf>) and a map identifying the location of all the Township road's ditches and culverts and their receiving channels. Once a year, the Township seeks public input on this plan. Comments are appreciated and these can be provided at the meeting on August 9th or sent by mail or email to the Township prior to the meeting. A hard copy of the above links will be available at the Town Hall during business hours.

NSCS News

Kristi Lounsberry, Interim Director

NSCS is excited to welcome **Shelly Pierson** as the new Director! She lived in Northern Minnesota for 20 years and graduated with a Bachelors Degree from UMD and with a Masters from CSS. She spent four years teaching and serving on the Board of Directors for the Toivola-Meadowlands Charter School, and 13 years teaching with the Duluth Public School District before moving to Eau Claire, WI and Nevada. She is thrilled to be moving back to a place she calls home and excited to work in the Duluth Township community.

North Shore Community School Preschool Update

Kristi Lounsberry, Interim Director

We are excited to announce that the NSCS Preschool received a 4-Star Rating from Parent Aware! This means that families can now apply for tuition funding to send their child(ren) to preschool at NSCS. You can visit their website at www.parentaware.org for more information.

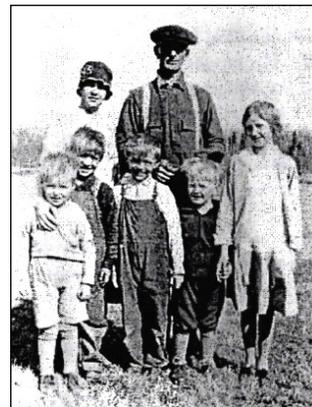
Preschool will start the second week in September. To get your child registered for preschool, you can fill out the application on the NSCS website or contact Jessi Anderson at 525-0663 ext. 106. We still have openings and would love the opportunity to work with your preschool age children this fall!

Economic Survival and Community Building in Duluth Township: the Early Years

John Schifsky

Township history "*Roots from the Past – Seeds for the Future*" reports that "from just before 1900, most of the township's development had occurred along a narrow band that extended on a mile or so in from the shore." Natural resources and potential economic advantage dictated early settlement patterns. Initially there was the promise of fortunes to be made in copper, but that boom faded in the early twentieth century. Lake Superior's vast fishery had also been attracting immigrants, first to Duluth, and then northeast along the shore where the miles of unprotected shoreline and few harbors favored small fishing operations. There was a market for fish and the equipment needed was simple and relatively inexpensive.

While the lake made transporting fish to market possible, fishermen were at the mercy of wind and waves. There was the "North Shore Indian Trail" (the Old North Shore Road follows that trail), but it was unreliable, often muddy and impassable. The advent of railroad in the 1880's improved transportation up the shore significantly. Its opening drew more immigrants interested in fishing as well as others who looked north of the lake, first at the stands of white pine, and then once the loggers had cleared those forests, at the open tracts of land. Swedes and Finns in particular were looking to homestead. The first homesteads were accessible from the eastern edge of Duluth or from Knife River. By the end of the 19th century, demand for access led to the decision to build the Homestead Road. It was followed quickly by the Ryan, Alseth, Bergquist, and McQuade roads, opening areas that were amenable to farming and shifting the Township population center away from the lake.



The majority of early homesteads were 40 acres and immigrants focused their efforts on building shelter, then clearing land for gardens, pasture, and hay. Efforts in the early years, prior to and during WWI, were dedicated to subsistence farming, raising enough food to feed the family, supporting a cow which provided milk. Most families ate venison, collected and preserved wild berries, caught fish in local streams, and exchanged items of food with their neighbors. But there was not a strong cultural commitment to agriculture as a way of life. Marginal soil and inclement weather were challenges for those who had growing families to support. Some reliable source of cash was essential.

Money could be made by selling logs to lumber yards. Many homesteaders sold crocks of butter as well as chickens and eggs to Duluth residents. Land clearing was made easier with the ready availability of explosives supplied by the government which, after WWI, had large quantities on its hands. More clear land made possible planting potatoes and rutabagas in larger quantities. These became important cash crops. Some of the men trapped for all members of the immigrant families who settled inland were involved to a greater or lesser extent, few of those families made their living solely from



Men sought and found other forms of employment. They worked as loggers, did road construction, or worked at the ore docks in Two Harbors or Duluth, taking the train in and boarding with friends in town, returning to their homes on weekends. On the homesteads, women and children did the greater share of everyday work. Neighbors became very important, not only for help but also for much needed social interaction, a break from the demanding, day-to-day efforts to support a family.

of employment. They worked as loggers, the ore docks in Two Harbors or Duluth, friends in town, returning to their homes on weekends.

A long-time Township resident said in a recent interview: "We needed to be concerned about the people in the community; we depended upon one another so much." Speaking of those people who came in the second immigration wave in the 1900's, she said they (the homesteaders) could not stand alone. If one family was having a tough time, needed help with hospital bills, a cow wasn't producing enough milk, neighbors pitched in. They knew one another's circumstances well enough to be aware of neighbors' needs. Any one of them could face the same challenges at any time.

That concern for the welfare of neighbors, the willingness to help out, the fundamental human need for community led, not only to one-on-one interactions ("you don't need to be fluent in another language to invite someone for coffee") but also to shared sauna nights, church gatherings, dances, and cooperative activities such as barn raisings, road building, and the creation of cooperative stores. But the early settlers' commitment to building schools played the most important role in community building. Adults wanted naturalization papers; language classes and American history classes were held at the schools their children attended during the day. "The schools served as a focus for community activity as well as a force for community identity" (*Roots* 87).

(Thanks to Duane Madison for early settler's pictures.)

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 14 looking for work: yard work, gardening, anything! Call 525-1780.
- Mature, hard working, experienced 16 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call Bridger at 525-0090.
- Cameron Nelson, age 14, lawn mowing, snow shoveling, general yard work, general labor. Call Cameron at 525-0208
- Hanna Peldo, 15 years old, Looking for babysitting jobs. Has taken babysitting class. Call Hanna at 525-9884.
- Young man, age 12 looking for work, including lawn mowing and general yard work. Experienced. If interested, please call Konrad, at 830-9514.
- Trevor Simonson, age 14, is looking for work such as mowing, general yard work, or snow shoveling. Call 525-7552.

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 (July Newsletter is June 23rd)

French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

The book for July discussion is The Wind and the Drum by Katherine Johnson. The next meeting is Thursday, July 19th at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Carolyn Marino will host.

For information call Carol Surine, 525-4426 or email: CarolSurine@gmail.com

Thank you **Kristi Lounsberry** for serving as Interim Director of NSCS and contact for timely news. Kristi continues teaching at NSCS. The new director will take over this fall (see article p2).

Regular **Planning Commission meetings** are held on the fourth Thursday at **6:30pm** in the Town Hall. Special hearings are also posted at the Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

Planning minutes will be summarized in September.



Rolf Carlson, Penny Morton, Dave Mount, Barb Crow, Corlis West

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 12th regular meeting. All Supervisors attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen.
Reports: The Treasurer reported \$12,736.14 in deposits, expenses of \$26,428.41 for an ending balance of \$643,539.58.
Police: Clearwater Grille liquor license renewal was approved.
Fire: Braun Intertec's bid for structural inspection of the fire hall addition was approved pending final construction documents. A special meeting to approve financial documents is scheduled for April 18th. The project is \$370,000 (\$330,000 bid plus a 10% contingency). The Fire Department has \$120,000 saved for the project which leaves about \$150,000 to finance. Fire Chief Engelson will represent the Township for the fire hall addition project.
Planning: Public Hearings have been held for a bed and breakfast, an extension for a short term rental (*approved as an interim use until it changes ownership*), and a hearing for another short term rental is expected in May. A zoning map correction for the Bomarc area will have a public hearing. Many permit requests are coming in.
Roads: A road forum is planned to discuss how the budget is being spent on Township roads. Township road entry procedure is being discussed. Permits are needed for new culverts.
Town Hall: Parking lot striping should be done this year with surface treatment.

April 18 special meeting. All Supervisors attended. A resolution was approved a process to complete the construction contract process with TNT Aggregates. Supervisor areas of responsibility were set (see page 7) and projects discussed.

May 10th regular meeting. Supervisors Carlson, Crow, Mount and West attended plus the Town Clerk and Treasurer.
Reports: We had \$1,588.48 in deposits, expenses of \$15,635.75 for an ending balance of \$629,492.31.
Public Comments: NSCS Counselor Jana Dreher and some students requested 50/50 funding with ABC, Inc. for a ZipKrooz Zipline for the playground. It will be an item for June meeting. Jerry Hauge proposed needed projection equipment for the Town Hall (*many users for meeting presentations*). The Board authorized Supervisor West to spend up to \$6,689 for the system.
Police: New Scenic Café liquor license renewal approved. French River Store garbage discussion.
Planning: A grant has been submitted for updating our Comprehensive Plan. A Public Hearing on Zoning and Map updates is planned for July.
Roads: The Board approved road entry permit process.
Town Hall: Up to \$2,500 approved to resurface floors in Town Hall.
Cemetery: Mowing Edge hired for mowing at same rate.

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Are You Ready? Emergencies in Our Community

Sherry Rovig

Do you know where to go in an emergency? Do you have your neighbors' contact information? Do you know evacuation routes and available resources? What do you do if a fire or flood cuts off access to your residence? What do you do if there's a prolonged power and cell outage?

These are some of the questions that our Emergency Planning group has worked on and in the coming months we will be sharing how you can help yourself and our community to respond to emergencies in our Township.

It takes all of us to create a community that is prepared for emergencies. In the coming months we will be asking for your help as we set up phone trees and neighborhood systems to contact residents should the need arise.

There are many levels to emergency response from the local level of our own Police, Fire, and Medical First Responders to the County, State and Federal agencies. These agencies are all nested under Homeland Security through the National Incident Command System (NIMS) and our local police, fire, and medical first responders are often the first line of response to emergencies in our community. **The most immediate and useful resource is your own preparedness and your willingness to connect with and help your neighbors in emergency situations!**

This has always been a proud tradition in our community when emergencies stared us in the face. We have always worked to help each other. In the coming months we will have articles in the newsletter and also posted on the Town web site (www.duluthtownship.org) about how you can help prepare yourself, your family, and our community for emergencies.

Are you ready?

Township Emergency Planning

Ann Cox

Mary Ann Daniels stepped down as volunteer Emergency Management Director (EMD) for the Township after serving as our first EMD and one of the original members who developed the Township's Emergency Plan. Thank you for your service. Mary Ann will continue as a member of the Planning Group.

Sherry Rovig and Ann Cox were appointed as co-EMDs at the June Town Board meeting. In a broader Township emergency (flu, fire, flood, etc.), they would activate an emergency management center at the Town Hall and coordinate broader community response efforts.

We are seeking interested Township residents to join the Emergency Planning group (see article page 6).

Planning Commission to Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Ordinance and Map Changes

Sue Lawson, Planning Director

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on July 26th at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall regarding several text clarifications, changes, and additions to the Zoning Ordinance as well as a change to the Zoning Map. As always, we welcome your comments and perspectives regarding these proposed changes.

Based on their findings at the Public Hearing the Commission will make recommendations to the Town Board. The Town Board is the final decision maker for Ordinance changes.

The Zoning Map amendment proposes to remove one parcel on the west side of the LIU-3A zone district located on Bergquist Road. The parcel would be joined to the MUNS 4 Zone District.

The following is a brief summary of the proposed text changes. The complete text of these proposed changes and map change are available at the Town Hall or on the website at www.duluthtownship.org. We encourage you to read them in their entirety.

In Article III: Placement and Design of Roads and Driveways: Dropping the requirement that the owner of a land locked parcel must apply for a variance to access a public road with an easement. The change would require that the owner would not have to apply for a variance, but rather submit the appropriate easements documents for approval. There are also edits and clarifications in this section.

In Article XI. Amendments: Clarifying the requirements by reorganizing and editing.

Article XVI. Fees: Increasing the Permit fee for site entry onto a Town Road to \$100; Increasing the fee on accessory structures and decks to \$125 and \$100, respectively.

Article III General Provisions: Add a section on residential solar energy systems whereby there is no land use permit required for roof systems (all sizes) or ground mounted solar energy systems less than 360 SF. Ground mounted systems greater than 360 SF require a Land Use Permit and would be subject to the accessory standards in the Zoning Ordinance.

Add Commercial Use as a Conditional Use (requires a Public Hearing) in MUNS 4, SMU-6, and SMU 6A Zone Districts located along certain roads with increased lot size requirements, increased width requirements, and a 10,000 aggregate square foot limit on structures.

There are several ways you can get your comments to the Planning Commission. Email them to us via the web site: (Go to the "Contact Us" page and click on Sue Lawson- Planning and Zoning). Or, write to us via U.S. Mail at Town of Duluth, 6092 Homestead Rd, Duluth, MN 55804. In both instances you must include your name and address. You may also come to the Public Hearing and directly address your comments to the Planning Commission. *We appreciate your interest and look forward to hearing from you.*

Seeking Township Emergency Planning Members

Sherry Rovig and Ann Cox, Co-EMD

If you are a Township resident and interested in helping the Township in its emergency planning efforts, please call the Town Hall and leave your name (525-5705).

While no special training is required, it is helpful for members to have some relevant background (e.g. former fire, police, medical, NIMS, planning, etc.). There are generally monthly meetings. The Township's Emergency Plan is on the website (www.duluthtownship.org). The Plan focuses on coordinating Township responses to broader events in the Township (e.g. wildfire, flooding, flu epidemics, etc.), especially during the first few days before outside agencies are able to respond or in response to requests for Township assistance by our fire or police.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief



Fire hall addition.

Construction is well along on the new Fire Hall bay addition and other critical Fire Hall 1 maintenance (roof, siding, etc). The new bay will be home to the Rescue vehicle, a small vehicle

maintenance shop and a water tank for topping off fire vehicles returning from fires. Thanks to **Duane Madison** for donating the large water storage tank for the new Fire Hall addition (see masthead).

Free Fire Signs. Some free fire signs are still available to residents who contact us. Leave your request at the Town Hall (leave message at 525-5705). This includes a sign that is reflective on both sides, a post and instructions for placement. We are encouraging residents to update fire signs so we can find you in an emergency.

Emergency Fire/EMR entry key boxes are available by calling the Town Hall (525-5705). The Fire Dept will install the box by your main door. It contains a spare key for the door so 9-1-1 emergency, fire and medical responders can enter quickly without damage to your property. The box is secure and the key is not available as a homeowner backup key. The cost of the box is \$40. paid to the Township. If you change keys, call, so the Fire Department can open the box and exchange the new key.

Residents are encouraged to continue wildfire reduction actions on their property. Spruce budworm damage is increasing the fire risk. Our **FIREWISE** grant sponsored two risk reduction demonstrations and chipper days this year. Information on how to protect your property see the DNR website: www.dnr.state.mn.us/wildfire/prevention.

Volunteers who are interested in becoming fire fighters and/or emergency medical responders should contact Bob Engelson at 525-6819.

FREE SMOKE ALARMS

Sherry Rovig

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department and the American Red Cross have teamed up to help you, your family, and community stay safe. *To sign up for an available free smoke alarm and installation contact the Town Hall (messages at 525-5705 or email cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com).* You will be contacted to set up an appointment for installation.

If your home does not have working smoke alarms or the existing alarms are older than 5 years, volunteers will come to your home and safely install the units.

If a fire starts in your home, you may have as little as two minutes to escape. Smoke alarms save lives!

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.



Police Events. In April and May our police responded to 180 events. 88 of these involved resident and business requested checks of their homes or businesses. There were 16 traffic citations/warnings and 9 attempts to locate reported careless drivers. Other events included 11 public assistance, 6 medical emergencies, 6 animal complaints and 3 burglar alarms.

Illegal Trash and Garbage Dumping. In the past few weeks we have had several serious illegal dumping in ditches and streams in the Township...animal remains, garbage, appliances, rugs, etc. It is expensive for the Township to pay for removal and pollution damages on our land and streams.

If you see illegal dumping or have helpful information, please call 911 or leave a message for our Police Department. Help protect our Township!

If you have information about any criminal activity in our community, please contact the Duluth Township Police Dept. at: 218-525-5705 or 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.



Duluth Township Information 2018

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, Planning

Alternate for: Roads

Barb Crow (2016-2019) **Vice Chair**, 525-0489

Primary contact for Public Safety, Communications, Arts and Heritage

Penny Morton (2018-2021) 525-0576

Primary contact for: CC Liaison, Alternate: NS Mgmt

Co-Primary for Business Management

Dave Mount (2016-2019) **Chair** 525-7961

Primary contact for Personnel, NS Mgmt Bd

Co-Primary for Town Business Management.

Corlis West (2017-2020) 525-7719

Primary contact for Materials Mgmt, Roads, Town Hall

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) and **Larry Zanko**.

Peace Officers: **Chief Shawn Padden**,
Officers Steve Peterson, Paul Johnson

Emergencies 911, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407

Emergency Management Co-Directors:

Sherry Rovig, Ann Cox. Messages: 218-525-5705

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.

Website Manager: Supervisor Barb Crow.

Community Center Rental Coordinator: Jim Salls 600-9015

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

To Email Township Officials and Departments

See Township web site, www.duluthtownship.org/contacts, for a dropdown list of personnel and departments you can use to send emails. Note that a copy of all emails goes to the Town Hall for Township records. If the person does not have email access, your communication is sent to the Town Hall to be picked up. Department information is also on 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.)

Plastic bags will be accepted later in July (watch for bin).

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.
Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

JULY 2018

- 3, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 11, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 12, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 17, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
- 17, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 26, Thu, 6:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall (Includes Public Hearing on Ordinance and Zoning map changes, see article, page 5).

AUGUST 2018

- 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
- 9, Thu, 6:30pm Annual Stormwater Plan Public Meeting, Town Hall, 6:30pm before the Board Meeting (see article page 2)
- 11, Sat, 1-4:30 **Come On Home Party**, Town Hall
- 14, Tue, Primary Election, 7am-8pm, 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, 6:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 23, Thu, **Deadline for the September Newsletter**

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 4, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 13, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 18, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
- 18, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 27, Thu, 6:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

Town Hall Community Room is open during Town office hours and during recycling. Other times by arrangement.

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Duluth Township's Annual
"Come On Home Party"
August 11th

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)*

The Fish Don't Want Our Dirt!

Valerie Brady

The recent heavy rains reminded me how important it is to keep dirt from washing into our streams. While it is true that the rushing stream water erodes stream banks and washes that dirt into the water, we can also inadvertently play a role. Lots of us out here in the country move dirt around or dig up dirt for a whole variety of reasons. And when heavy rainstorms hit, that dirt can end up washing into places that we never intended it to go. There are rules that say we all have to cover our dirt piles, put in silt fences or use other methods of containing our dirt and dirty stormwater runoff so it doesn't reach the ditches (which takes it right to our streams). But beyond the rules, this is just the right thing to do. Our neighbors don't want our dirt on their properties (nor do we want theirs), and our streams and fish surely don't want or need our dirt. Plus, it's less of a headache in the long run if we keep the dirt where we want it to be and protect it from washing away. Inexpensive large tarps and some rocks (who doesn't have those?) have been surprisingly effective for me at protecting my own dirt piles and raw new garden areas. If you are already doing this, thank you for helping out our stream fish! I know it seems like a tiny thing, but all of us doing little things does make a difference.