



Stoney Point

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2018

What's Coming Up?

Township Day: March 13th. Supervisor election 7am-8pm followed at 8:15pm by our Annual Town meeting to set the 2019 levy. There is one opening on the Board. A candidate statement and the proposed 2019 levy are shown on pages 3 and 4.

Absentee ballots can be arranged at the Town Hall during office hours.

Youth Seeking Jobs (p5)

NSCS News, (see page 5)

Our Sami Heritage event, Town Hall (see page 3)

Be sure to Vote in the Township election and attend our Annual Town Meeting on March 13th.

Total Township Assessed Value

Data provided by the St Louis County Assessor

Year	Land	Structures	Twp Total
2017	\$80,691,000	\$159,499,900	\$240,190,900
2016	\$90,923,700	\$140,871,900	\$231,795,600
2011	\$82,542,300	\$130,204,300	\$212,746,600
2010	\$81,969,800	\$128,111,700	\$210,081,500
2009	\$80,375,200	\$120,316,600	\$200,691,800

French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

The book for March is *The Woman In Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware. The next meeting is Thursday, March 15th at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Kay Libby will host.

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

THE HOMESTEADERS

Mary Ann Sironen

March 1st, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Anniversary pot luck and bingo.

April 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, sandwiches and bars, Program: Tony Dierckins with stories from local history.

May 3th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, sandwiches and bars. Program: Glen Lapsis, a favorite sing along musician.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Thanks to Travis Stolp

Travis is stepping down after a 3-year term as Town Board Supervisor. In addition to regular Board duties, Travis has been especially active in helping plan for the needed bay addition to Fire Hall #1, serving as Board liaison to our Volunteer Fire Department. Travis also oversaw upgrades and operation of the Community Center skating and hockey rinks, contributing much time to coordinating volunteer involvement.

Thank you, Travis, for your service to the Township.



Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Ann Cox, Barb Crow, Bob Engelson, Sue Lawson, Kristi Lounsberry, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, Penny Morton, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Mary Ann Sironen, George Sundstrom, Carol Surine, Jo Thompson and Rose Vastila.

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 2017. We had 1267 official police events last year. Residents and businesses requested 468 vacation/business checks plus 29 extra patrol requests. There were 143 traffic citations or warnings. 48 medical emergencies, 19 fire alarms, 39 animal complaints, 25 check welfare calls, 4 burglaries, and 6 suicide threats/acts. The **full list** is on our web site and appears in the Annual Meeting packet.

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

Recorded Police Events

Year	Count
2017	1267
2016	1129
2015	1180
2014	1166
2013	1165
2012	1265
2011	1208
2010	1164
2009	1028
2008	1034
2007	1088
2006	881
2005	972
2004	1057
2003	969
2002	773

Township Memorial Day Observance History

George Sundstrom

If anyone in the Township is aware of the history of our Memorial Day observances at the cemetery, please let me know. I took over as MC when asked by Robert (Bob) Abrahamson and I seem to remember my father also speaking there. Before that - nothing. So if there is anyone who can help, I would appreciate it and will report on it then later.

My phone # is 525-5655. Thanks for your help.

Township Roads

There are 11.47 miles of Township roads, including: Aho (.5), Alseth (1.1), Beck (.25), N. Bergquist (.3), Clover Valley (1.3), Culas (.2), Dammon (.3), East Lismore (.4), Englund (.25), Gamble (.2), Greenwood (1.2), Henry Hill (.25), Jackson/N Ryan (.4), Mace (.3), Nordling (.12mi), Olson (.5), Pine Tree (.1), Riemer (.15), Schoenberg (.3), Shilhon (.45), Spruce Court (.1), Swanson (.25), Torgeson (.8), Walter Johnson (.5), and E. & W. Wildwood (1.25). See our *Town Roads Supervisor* (p7)

Other roads in the Township are County, State or private roads. For questions about County roads, call the County Tool House at 525-7000.

Please keep the **FIRE LANE** at NSCS free of vehicles. Snowmobiles should park in skating rink parking lot.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

Officers were elected: Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief Rob Peldo, President Jason Bruckelmyer, Secretary Sherry Rovig, Treasurer Ann Cox, 1st Captain Dan Rosenlund, 2nd Captain Devon Cahoon, 3rd Captain Ken Peterson. Thanks for your continued service.



Keep your flue clean and avoid chimney fires. Creosote accumulates over the months of wood burning and damping stoves to extend the heat. Don't wait till summer to clean the pipes!

Do you use space heaters to supplement your home heating system? Remember to keep them away from fabric and other flammables and avoid extension cords. Even the attached cords get warm and the longer the cord, the more heat will build up and increase the potential for fires.

It's been a long cold winter. Keep safe and enjoy the return of spring to the northland.

FIREWISE NEWS — We will be hosting another demonstration of how to reduce the risk of wildfire harming your property in April. We will also have another chipper day this spring where you can bring brush that has been cleared to reduce fire risk. Dates and locations will be posted on the township website and notices will be posted and sent.

Volunteers who are interested in becoming firefighters and/or emergency medical responders should contact Bob Engelson at 525-6819. Training and turnout gear are provided.

FIREHALL ADDITION — Construction bids were not received in time for this newsletter deadline, but building should begin as soon as the winning bid is determined and weather cooperates.

The Art and Heritage Group

Jo Thompson

Our Town Hall offers space for people to gather to share experiences and memories. The *Arts and Heritage* Group consists of community members who have 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.

If you have historic artifacts, photographs, maps, paintings, quilts, fiber art and other items that reflect our many talents and heritage that you would be willing to loan for inside display, please contact Jo Thompson (woodfarm1785@gmail.com) or Duane Madison at 525-5645.

Our next meeting is Friday, March 9, 2018 at 9:30 am in the Town Hall community room. All are welcome.

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).

December 14th regular meeting. Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Barb Crow, Dave Mount (*chair*), Travis Stolp and Corlis West attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen.

Reports: The Treasurer reported deposits of \$1,331.31, expenses of \$32,461.21 for an ending balance of \$514,634.18. Claims were reviewed and bills paid.

Fire: The Fire Relief Association (PERA) per-year of service payout could be adjusted. Dave and Travis were approved to review and approve the suggested adjustment of up to \$2,000/year of service if they are comfortable with answers to the Board's questions.

Planning: Corlis will write a letter to the County Planning Commission regarding concerns over the proposed sale of the undersized tax forfeit lot. The County is planning to redo their comprehensive plan. **Roads:** There are some concerns about spreading invasive species through gravel. Some pits certify their gravel is clean.

Town Hall: A locking cover will be placed on the Town Hall thermostat. Arts and Heritage will decide on the time that displays will be up in the Town Hall. **Communications:** Given unresponsiveness and billing problems by our web site company, "anyHost", it is time to change companies. **Personnel:** A cost of living increase of 2% was made for Township employees (*excluding Town Board, Police Officers and Planning Commission*). **New Business:** A letter of support for the French River Wayside project will be sent to St Louis County. The County project was not funded last year.

December 28th special meeting. Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Dave Mount (*chair*), Travis Stolp and Corlis West attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Fire Chief Bob Engelson. The Clifton Volunteer Fire Department Relief benefit determination was discussed and an increase to \$1,900 per year was approved for those with 5 or more years of service.

January 11th regular meeting: All Supervisors attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen. **Reports:** We had income of \$155,080 (*includes half of the levy*), expenses of \$15,859.90 for an ending balance of \$653,854.30. **Fire:** The architect will revise the fire hall bay project for bids. **Community Center:** A proposal for levied funds to hire someone to manage skating rink volunteers was presented. Barb Crow will meet with the group to see how to proceed. A special meeting was scheduled for January 18th to prepare a proposed 2019 budget for the Annual Town Meeting. (*see page 4*)

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 public meetings.

Each candidate is asked to provide a statement and picture for the Newsletter. Statements are presented as written (with minor edits) to provide residents with background information.

This year there is one opening and one resident filed to serve on the Town Board.

Penelope Morton



My name is Penelope Morton, however, those who know me call me Penny. My husband and I moved to Duluth Township in 2002 (from Duluth) and have lived very happily on Clover Valley Drive. We appreciate the rural tranquility of the area.

I have never served on the Town Board, however I have been very interested in what goes on in our Township. I have just recently retired (in January) from UMD, where I was Associate Dean of the Swenson College of Science and Engineering. My training is in geology, in particular, economic geology. I study the genesis of metal ore deposits. I also have a lot of managerial experience.

I am a good listener and truly try to reflect on what is happening. I am also a consensus builder. I understand from friends that have either served on the Board, or have relatives that have served on the Board, that we sometimes have division in how we vision how Duluth Township should move forward. I will admit, that I have no clear vision where it should go, however, I would like to maintain the rural atmosphere and the tranquility. I think that I will be able to be a neutral listener and leader as a Township Board Supervisor. I would hope to build some consensus to our decisions.

I have lived in the Duluth area for almost 39 years. Prior to that I resided in Canada, and before that the U.K. Yes, I am an immigrant and I bring with that some liberal leanings. I am also a person very much interested in mining, so you could say, that I also have some conservative leanings. I do know however, that whatever we do in the Township, we must do it in an environmentally sound way.

Sami Event Jo Thompson

The Duluth Township Arts and Heritage Group invite you to a special presentation by long time Duluth Township resident and Chair of the Sami Cultural Center of North America, Marlene Wisuri on "Our Sami Heritage" at the town hall on Saturday, April 28th at 7 pm. There will also be a Sami Art display and refreshments. The event is free and all are welcome. Further details will be provided in the coming weeks on our township website, posters, email and social media sites. Contact Jo Thompson, woodfarm1785@gmail.com if you would like to be added to our email list.

Tax Levy Budgets and Expenses — 2013 to 2019

Township Departments (Levied Funds)	Actual Expenditures for 2013 ⁽¹⁾	Actual Expenditures for 2014 ⁽¹⁾	Actual Expenditures for 2015 ⁽¹⁾	Actual Expenditures for 2016 ⁽¹⁾	Actual Expenditures for 2017 ⁽¹⁾	Budgeted for 2018	Proposed Budget for 2019
Police Department ⁽²⁾	\$70,952	\$50,913	\$54,295	\$55,105	\$50,758	\$58,370	\$61,880
Fire Department ⁽²⁾	45,784	93,328	54,774	30,645	35,637	67,800	92,000
General Township	116,212	98,073	91,198 ⁽³⁾	86,797	107,934	107,040	104,875
Planning & Zoning	22,994	22,744	22,660	29,265	30,725	23,853	\$23,770
Cemetery	5,689	7,198	19,069	5,950	10,889	7,500	7,500
Road & Bridge ⁽²⁾	102,086	92,790	54,959	78,225	81,600	85,000	85,000
Community Ed/Rec. combined	15,239	15,174	16,620	1,879	(See General Township)		5,000
Emergency Operations					\$823	\$1,000	\$1,000
<i>Total expenses⁽¹⁾</i>	\$378,954	\$380,220	\$313,575	\$287,866	\$318,366	\$350,563	\$381,025
Listed Below are approved and the proposed Tax Levy Budgets <i>These exclude income from non-levy sources such as permit fees, various grants, funds from WLSSD for recycling expenses, Taconite Relief, Community Center, etc.</i>							
Approved/proposed levy	\$343,496	\$362,616	\$344,506	\$344,065	\$352,018	\$350,563	\$381,025 ⁽⁴⁾
Approximate average annual cost per household⁽⁵⁾ <i>(depends on assessed property value.)</i>	\$448	\$473	\$455	\$455	\$465	\$463	\$503

Footnotes:

- (1) Note that the **actual** expenditures include expenses that may be partially covered by fees (e.g. permits), grants (e.g. FEMA road grant and Alden Township's contract for fire coverage, grants for fire training, FIREWISE programs, and fire equipment). **Budgeted** levy amounts are reduced by expected income from fees. Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.
- (2) Some Departments designate funds for special projects: Road emergencies (\$35,000), Police escrow for squad updates, Fire for construction of Hall #1 bay. These funds are included in the year end balances shown in our Clerk's report at the Annual Meeting.
- (3) General Township expenses for comparison. In addition, \$220,310 in saved Township funds were used toward the Town Hall addition.
- (4) The budget amount we approve may be reduced, when levied, by State or County aid to local governments.
- (5) The average annual cost per household uses the Census estimate of the number of occupied households for comparisons. The 2010 U.S. Census counted 750 occupied homes in Duluth Township and the Minnesota Demographer estimated that there were 757 occupied households in 2015, a figure used for 2016 - 2018 comparisons since later estimates are not yet available. *(There are about 90 additional part time, vacation or vacant households in the Township).* The Newsletter is currently mailed to 880 households.

Township Expenses and Budget

The table above shows actual expenses for 2013 through 2017, the budget for 2018 (*which was adopted at last year's Annual Town Meeting*), and the proposed budget for 2019. In some cases, actual expenses include income from various sources other than the tax levy, such as permit fees and grants. Part of the carry-over is for escrow (e.g. fire hall addition and police vehicle replacement) and emergency funds (e.g. roads and MN Assn. of Townships recommended Township reserve).

The proposed 2019 budget increased 8.7% from 2018, largely due to anticipated funding for the fire hall bay addition and providing for a recreation budget. General expenses decreased somewhat.

Detailed information will be distributed at the Annual Town Meeting where each budget will be presented.

Your total property tax includes County and State levied budgets, and special assessments (e.g. school district, sewer), in addition to the Township levy, less any homestead credit or State aid for local governments.

The 2019 budget will be discussed and voted on at the upcoming **March 13th Annual Town Meeting**. Plan to attend!

Play and Learn at NSCS

Kristi Lounsberry, Interim Director

The Play and Learn preschool program at NSCS has openings for 3-5 year olds, on Monday through Thursday for either the half day 9-12 or full day 9 to 2:30. Contact Jessi Anderson for information: 525-0663 Ext. 106 with questions.

NSCS News

Kristi Lounsberry, Interim Director

March and April are a busy Enrollment time for NSCS. We will welcome our new Kindergarteners for the 18-19 school year at an orientation on the evening of April 5. We will also have a Preschool open house on May 29 to welcome new and current 3-5 year olds. Contact our front office for more information about enrollment for next year. We are accepting students in Preschool-sixth grade.

In grades five and six, the students are busy working on an Economics unit which ends with a field trip to BizTown! The students all are assigned jobs at a company and find out what it is like to run a business, work with customers and balance a checkbook. It is a great real world experience for the students.

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 Operations Committee 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 helpful 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?

Duluth Township Community Center

Skating Rink Rules & Hours

Supervisor Barb Crow

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, give me a call (525-0489).

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

- Young man, age 12 looking for work, including lawn mowing and general yard work. Experienced. If interested, please call Konrad, at 830-9514.
- 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.

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 (May) Newsletter is April 23rd

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

December 28th regular meeting. Commissioners Dave Edblom, 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.

Discussion: Les and Ryan Grumdahl requested information on whether they could relocate their siding and window business from London Road to a 12ac parcel on McQuade Road between Highway 61 and the Old North Shore Road in Duluth Township. They plan a 48x100 foot building with 30x40 foot show room (*about 6000sqft*). This is in SMU-6 but this commercial business is not listed as a permitted use. The Commission discussed the limited available commercial areas and the Comprehensive Plan visions. McQuade serves the safe harbor in this area. Sprawl along the Expressway was a concern. The business use fits COM-3

zones but nothing is available. A small group was designated to look into the possibility of adding a new commercial definition to the permitted use matrix in the Ordinance as a conditional use requiring a hearing.

The County is planning to change the process for splitting properties. Greenhouse definitional language was discussed and Dave Mount will provide a draft. The Commission agreed that if a short term rental can not meet the required 50ft setback or 2ac lot size, the owners are required to live within 2 miles of the rental property for supervision.

January 25th regular meeting. Commissioners Dave Edblom, Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Liz Strohmayr, Jo Thompson (*chair*), and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan, and Town Board liaison Rolf Carlson. The Commission discussed the proposed commercial business use to be added to the Zoning Ordinance. It applies to several zones where properties have access to main roads up to the Lismore Road and Shilhon (*on Homestead Road*). The Grumdahl project's hearing under the new definition will proceed. Minutes will be available on the web site and will be summarized in the next Newsletter.

Land Use Permits Beth Mullan		
	Single Year	Total Family Permits
2017	9	37
2016	7	39
2015	9	33
2014	0	29
2013	4	25
2012	3	17
2011	6	24
2010	8	28
2009	9	30
2008	10	39
2007	3	28
2006	10	44
2005	20	67
2004	23	70
2003	24	69
2002	18	57
2001	18	66

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

Special hearings are also posted at the Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.



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



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 Hooley, 525-6617

Boy Scouts: call Chris Roningen, 525-5308

Girl Scouts: call Tracy Mandelin, 525-4148

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

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

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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 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
Officers Steve Peterson, Paul Johnson
Emergencies 911, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407

Clifton Volunteer Fire/EMS Department:
Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief Rob Peldo,
President Jason Bruckelmyer

Website manager: Barb Crow

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

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

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.



Township Calendar

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

MARCH 2018

- 6, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 7, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 8, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 9, Fri, 9:30am Art and Heritage Group, Town Hall
- 13, Tue, **7am-8pm Annual Supervisor Election**
- 13, Tue, **8:15 Annual Town Meeting**
- 20, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
- 20, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 22, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

APRIL 2018

- 3, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 4, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 12, Thu, 7pm **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
- 23, Mon, **Deadline for the May Newsletter**
- 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 28, Sat, 7pm "Our Sami Heritage", Town Hall

MAY 2018

- 1, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 10, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 15, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 15, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 28, Mon. 11am Township Memorial Day Ceremony, At our Palmers Lakeview Cemetery

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Town Election — Tuesday, March 13th — Be sure to VOTE!

Polls are open from 7am to 8pm at our Town Hall. One position is on the ballot for a regular 3 year term. See the Newsletter [page 4](#) for candidate statements. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Hall during office hours.

What Happens at our Annual Town Meeting

Township Day, Tuesday, March 13th

For those who may not have attended a Town meeting, here's a bit of background. We gather in our Town Hall on Homestead Road after the polls close (8:15pm). Our Town Clerk, by law, calls the meeting to order and we nominate and elect a resident to lead the meeting.

Our Town Clerk, Ann Cox, provides a packet, including minutes from last year's meeting plus summary information provided by various Township departments—2017 activities and expenses, the previously approved 2018 budget and the proposed 2019 Township budget (see pages 3 and 4).

Those attending this meeting vote on our levy for 2019...a year away because our figures have to be included with County and School District figures for tax statements you receive in 2019. In 2018 we are operating on the budget adopted at our 2017 Town Meeting.

Last year's minutes, official bank and posting places are voted on. The proposed 2019 budget, with any adopted amendments and recommendations is discussed and the overall budget is approved. Other Township business is raised and discussed and results of the Supervisor election are announced at the end of the meeting.

The Town Meeting is a good place to meet your neighbors and to discuss important Township issues. This meeting is grass-roots democracy that depends upon the participation, respect and good ideas of all of our citizens.

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Kristi Lounsberry, Interim Director NSCS

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