

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2018



Join your neighbors in honoring service men and women from our Township

Township Memorial Day Ceremony

At our Palmers Lakeview Cemetery
North Shore Road just east of Homestead Road
11am on Monday, May 28th

Our Memorial Day Speaker is
Resident Phil Strom

Other participants include Boy Scout Troop #162, music led by members of the French River Lutheran Church, women of French River will provide coffee and donuts.

Mark your calendar and attend this community event!

For further information, contact event organizer
George Sundstrom, 525-5655



What's Coming Up?

Township Memorial Day Ceremony (see article)

Youth seeking jobs (see list on page 3)

NSCS News (see page 2)

NOTE: Starting in May, the Planning Commission will begin their meetings at **6:30pm**.

Fall Arts and Heritage event on the Cloquet Fire and Duluth Township. They are looking for stories and pictures. (see article page 4)

Township Road Forum, May 23rd 6:30pm, Town Hall (see article page 2)

GIS mapping of D/NSSD facilities along the shore (see article page 4)

FIREWISE EVENTS (see insert)

THE HOMESTEADERS

Mary Ann Sironen

May 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, sandwich and bars. Program by Glen Lapsis, one of our favorite sing-along musicians.

June 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Coffee and snacks. Resident John Greene with a presentation on local geology.

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

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Valerie Brady, Erik Cooper, Ann Cox, Sue Lawson, Kristi Lounsberry, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Ellen O'Neill, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Mary Ann Sironen, George Sundstrom, Carol Surine, Corlis West, and Shary Zoll

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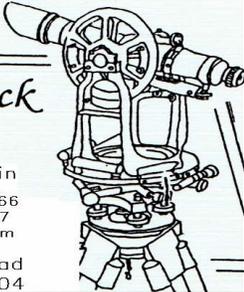
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Community Youth Groups

Clifton 4-H Club: call Stacia Donovan, 728-2483
Cub Scouts: call David Hooey, 525-6617
Boy Scouts: call Chris Roning, 525-5308
Girl Scouts: call Tracy Mandelin, 525-4148

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

Township Road Forum
Supervisor Corlis West

Duluth Township is hosting a forum to update residents on issues the Town Board is dealing with concerning Township roads. Snow plowing, grading, turn arounds, road termination points, chloride application, ditching, mowing, reducing maintenance on some roads and general maintenance of all roads will be discussed. We are also looking for input from residents on how roads could be maintained better with the budget we have.

Please plan to attend May 23rd at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

Township roads are: Aho, Alseth, Beck, N. Bergquist, Clover Valley, Culas, Dammon, East Lismore Englund, Gamble, Greenwood, Henry Hill, Jackson/N Ryan, Mace, Nordling, Olson, Pine Tree, Pioneer, Riemer, Schoenberg, Shilhon, Spruce Court, Swanson, Torgeson, Johnson, Velkommen Dr. and E and W Wildwood.

Interested residents are most welcome.

NSCS News
Kristi Lounsberry, Interim Director

The month of May is always a busy time at NSCS. Many classes are going on field trips that tie into their local history unit. Also a variety of music performances, a *Lightbulb Fair* in which students research and present on a topic of their choosing, and a *Book Fair* will all be taking place this month.

The community is always welcome and you can find these activities on our website.

We are currently in the process of hiring a new director. The Board, staff and parents were able to meet candidates and participate in interviews. We were very happy to have such a strong pool of candidates and are looking forward to welcoming a new director to our community for the 2018-2019 school year.

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.

There is an OPEN HOUSE for preschool on Tuesday, May 29th from 4-6pm.

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

- Trevor Simonson, age 14, is looking for work such as mowing, general yard work, or snow shoveling. Call 525-7552.
- 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.

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 May is The Brightest Sun by Adrienne Benson. The next meeting is Thursday, May 18th at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Gail Johnson and Elda Hein will host.

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

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.)

February 8th regular meeting. Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Barb Crow, Travis Stolp and Corlis West attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen .

Reports: The Treasurer reported \$4,127.75 deposits, \$20,476.66 expenses for a January ending balance of \$637,505.41. Claims were approved. **Fire:** Bid process has begun. **Planning:** \$5,000 was authorized to purchase updated audio system/projector and roll-up screen. Three proposed ordinance text changes pending are greenhouse, short term rentals and commercial use. **Community Center:** Shane Stolp and Barb Crow met to discuss skating rink needs. An annual donation of \$5,000 was proposed. **Town Hall:** The election judge list was approved. Purchase of a snowblower for the Town Hall/Recycling/Fire Hall site was approved. **Communication:** **anySite** web management will change our domain ownership to Duluth Township. **Fire:** The Board increased the Fire budget by \$25,000 to purchase new SCBA's. **Planning** dropped \$7500 from its budget which was for matching grant funds for work on a Comprehensive Plan update.

March 8th regular meeting. Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Barb Crow, Dave Mount (*chair*), Travis Stolp and Corlis West attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen . **Reports:** Treasurer Peulen reported deposits of \$40,804.41, expenses of \$21,077.97 for an ending balance of \$657,231.85.

Police: Some snowplowing issues. NSCS has been burgled twice. **Fire:** The budget request was lowered to \$67,700. New addition bids are expected by March 27th. **Planning:** The County is reclassifying three forfeit properties for sale (one is a non-conforming lot). The Les Grumdahl conditional use permit for the business at McQuade and Highway 61 was approved. Concerns in the public heading were over lighting, traffic and stormwater. **Recycling:** Grant request was submitted.

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.

2018 Annual Town Meeting and Election

Penny Morton was elected to a 3-year term on the Town Board of Supervisors. Kit Sitter was elected moderator of the Annual Meeting. Town Clerk Ann Cox provided a handout summarizing 2017 audit and expenditures, the 2018 budget that was approved last year, and the proposed 2019 budget. North Shore Bank of Commerce and Lake Bank were voted to continue as our banks of deposit. Duluth News Tribune continues as newspaper of publication. Official posting places continue to be Town Hall, Scenic Café, Fire Hall #1 and North Shore Community School.

Proposed departmental budgets were presented. Dave Mount provided a PowerPoint with information on the Fire Hall bay addition. A total of \$217,000 is in hand which would require the Town to borrow \$163,000. The bank requires us to approve a levy to cover the loan. The proposed levy was increased \$50,000 to service the debt.

A motion to approve the total 2019 Township levy of \$406,025 passed unopposed.

The Art and Heritage Group

Ellen O'Neill

The Duluth Township Arts and Heritage Group is a group of Township residents focused on building community through local arts and history. In 2017 we had a spring and fall event and we plan on doing that again in 2018. Our spring event this year was held on April 28th and was on **OUR SAMI HERITAGE** presented by Township resident Marlene Wisuri from the *Sami Cultural Center of North America*.

The fall event being planned will be focused on the impact of the 1918 Cloquet Fire on Duluth Township. We are looking for local stories and photos! Please contact Jo Thompson (woodfarm1785@gmail.com) or Duane Madison at 525-5645. October 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the fire.

Duluth North Shore Sanitary District Starting a GIS Asset Management System

Erik Cooper

The D/NSSD along the shore in our Township will be starting to create an asset management system (GIS) over the coming months. This will be used to assist in long-term operations within the D/NSSD system and provide better mapping of the system infrastructure. In the coming month, staff from *MSA Professional Services* will be collecting GPS locations of all grinder basins and curb stops within the District as well as additional operations information over the summer.

This will also help the Operations Staff expedite the process during callouts or emergency events. This data collection effort is *non-invasive, though you may see staff on your property to collect information and perhaps a survey stake, utility flag or painted mark to assist in the data collection effort. Please do not disturb these markers.* Any stakes or flags are meant to speed the process and make it more cost-effective for the users. If you have any questions, please contact a D/NSSD Board member, attend a monthly Board meeting or contact **PeopleService at 218-590-5911.**

This study is being prepared by our D/NSSD using Federal funds under award #NA17NOS4190062 from the amended Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, administered by the Office for Coastal Management, NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce provided to MNDNR for the MN Lake Superior Coastal Program. The statements, findings, conclusion and recommendations are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of NOAA's Office of Coastal Management, the U.S Dept. of Commerce, or the MNDNR.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

February 22nd regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Dave Edblom, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson (*chair*) and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Rolf Carlson. Hearing: Les and Ryan Grumdahl CUP hearing for their business on the corner of McQuade, Old North Shore Road and the Expressway in SMU-6. A number of public concerns were presented. After discussing concerns and the business plans, the Commission voted to approve the Conditional Use with 5 added conditions about hours of operation, lighting, buffers, and stormwater.

Commercial Use: The Ordinance gives the Planning Commission the authority to add a new land use and specify where it would be permitted and with what requirements. In considering the Grumdahl inquiry about purchasing the McQuade/Expressway site for their business, the Commission noted that it wasn't an "industrial" use and that there was little area available in the Township for smaller commercial businesses. The Commission defined and added "commercial use" to the ordinance. It is restricted to areas along our main roads (McQuade, Ryan, Bergquist, Homestead) and in zone districts (not FAM 3) generally south of Lismore and Shilhon roads. There are requirements for commercial use and a CUP and hearing process is required as in this case. See the Planning Minutes for details.

March 22nd regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Dave Edblom, Liz Strohmayr, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson (*chair*) and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Rolf Carlson..

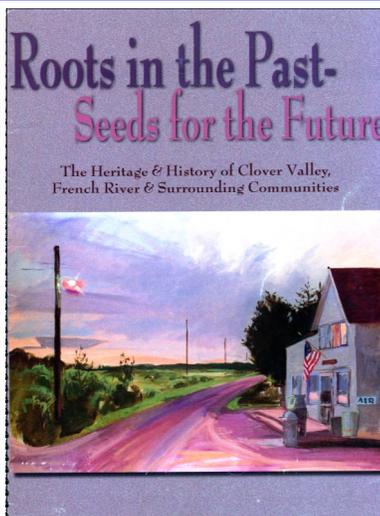
Hearings: The Board heard two hearings regarding short term rentals. **1)** Sharon DeLeo, North Shore Road. The initial 3-year short term rental was extended to coincide with her ownership of the property. **2)** Tom and Ginny Desutter Bed and Breakfast CUP hearing (North Shore Drive). The Commission voted to consider the CUP as an interim use. A 3-year B&B interim use was approved with conditions that all required permits, etc. be obtained and use be recorded, and parking be entirely on the site.

Discussion: Another bed and breakfast application hearing is coming up and the Commission assigned the standard quarter mile notification area. The Commission decided to change meetings to 6:30pm.

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.



Roots in the Past – Seeds for the Future

John Schifsky

Roots in the Past – Seeds for the Future: The Heritage & History of Clover Valley, French River & Surrounding Communities was printed in Duluth, MN. The book was published in 2000 by the Clover Valley/French River Community History Committee and North Shore Elementary School. Twelve hundred copies were printed for roughly \$9,500.

On May 19, 2000 a special event, “*Our Celebration of Community Life*,” was held at North Shore Elementary School to mark the publication of *Roots in the Past*. The program, with activities both in the school and on the school grounds, lasted from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and included music, displays, school tours, stories, food, and a dance. Attendees also had the opportunity to order advance copies of *Roots* at \$10 a copy. Later, the book went on sale at shops along the shore, as well as local bookstores. Sales were brisk; there have been no copies available for more than eight years. Proceeds from the book’s sale covered printing costs and the surplus \$8,000 went to the elementary school’s (now North Shore Community School) endowment fund.

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David Smith, now retired but then a professor of Anthropology at the University of Minnesota – Duluth, is probably the person responsible for the impetus which led to the writing of what is known to some as the *Roots* book. In the early 1980’s David began working on a “Clover Valley Ethnohistory Project” and involved several UMD students, one of whom was Rich Sill, in preliminary research, much of which involved extensive interviews with long-time Clover Valley residents. Those interviews, many of which were done in 1987, were transcribed. David wrote a proposal asking for more funds to continue the research project but was unsuccessful. The transcripts were filed.

In the 1990’s Clover Valley Elementary School teachers and administrators applied to the Center for School Change for curriculum development funds. Their intent was to introduce a foreign language curriculum at the school. A requirement for funding was a community component, and school personnel turned to Rich Sill for help. He mentioned that the interview transcripts existed. That material, with its community focus, convinced teachers and others already interested in such a project, to write a book, which would be the basis for units, appropriate for students at each grade level, focusing on community history.

The “Clover Valley/French River Community History Project” began and went on for three years in the late 1990’s culminating in the publication of the *Roots* book. Jeannine Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Bobbi Keener, Duane Madison, Robbie Tietge, and Rich Sill were “history committee” members. They met monthly, doing more research, gathering more oral histories, and photographs. They asked Carl Gawboy to write about early peoples as well as the Anishaabe (chapters one and two of *Roots*). He also contributed illustrations. Arna Rennen donated her painting of the French River store for the book’s cover. Julie Igo edited text, and laid it out with photos on electronic media.

In his preface to *Roots* David Smith begins: “I’m convinced by the experiences I have had over the years that there exists a fundamental human need for community.” He goes on to speak of “*communitas*,” a deeper sense of community that, while it includes our social and religious institutions, transcends those and might be considered spiritual. And this larger meaning is predicated upon a sense of place which includes not only relations with others in the area but of our being part of the natural community in which the human community is embedded. Another way to say this is that we are of the land.

Helen Hendrickson, considered by many to be a community elder, learned from early personal experience that the adults in her life had to be concerned about one another; they depended upon one another for support and, to some extent, survival. “Economically,” she says, “we could not stand alone. We knew each other.” Knowing included health, economic standing, nuclear family relationships as well as relationship with relatives here and in the old country. She was convinced students and adults needed to know about the community they lived in, its pioneers, their lifestyles, struggles, and dreams. By collecting and publishing stories of earlier community members, the present generation would have a better understanding of its roots, and, since we are shaped by the area in which we live, the place we live in, of ourselves.

Thus *Roots in the Past – Seeds for the Future* was born, initially intended as a source text and guide for North Shore Elementary curriculum units. Then it became something much larger, the story of the community. Our story can help us understand who we were/are and build on that understanding as we make choices as individuals that shape this evolving community.



Good Ditches Keep Our Streams Healthy

Valerie Brady

Ever follow the ditch on your road down to where it finally empties out into something that isn't a ditch? That "something" is often a natural water that we want to protect. Often it is one of our trout streams or a tributary to our trout streams. So everything in our ditches washes down to them. We can help our streams and Lake Superior simply by keeping our ditches in good shape. Here's a list of helpful things to do when the snow melts.

1. Remove all the trash from ditches along your property.
2. Look for areas where nothing grew last year and consider adding a few native grass seeds or native wildflower seeds.
3. Check for culverts blocked by debris from winter.
4. Look for problem areas to keep an eye on after big storms—these are areas where the ditch is becoming deeper, has steep sides, is starting to meander (wander) back and forth, or where the sides are slumping in. If any of this is severe, you may need help now.

If you need help now, notify the Town Road Supervisor if you live on a Township road; if you live on a county road, contact the County Maintenance Supervisors for our area (Gordy Halverson, halversong@stlouiscountymn.gov, 218-720-1508; or Bradley Olson, olsonb@stlouiscountymn.gov, 218-720-1509)

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

Fire hall addition. Construction bids were not received in time for this Newsletter, but building should begin as soon as the winning bid is determined and weather cooperates.



FIREWISE events (see insert). A wildfire fuel reduction demonstration is scheduled for May 29th at 1377 Two Harbors Road at 6:30pm.

Brush drop-off days are Wednesday through Saturday June 20-23rd with Chipper day on the 23rd. Dropoff site is the Alden Fire Department on Lane Road.

FIREWISE volunteers needed. Call Bruce Hauger 590-2768 or leave a message at the Town Hall 525-5705.

FREE FIRE SIGNS for first 100 residents to contact us. Leave your request at the Town Hall. (see insert)

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

Avoid chimney fires and **keep your flue clean**. Creosote accumulates over the months of wood burning and dampening stoves to extend the heat. Don't wait until 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.

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 the first quarter of this year there have been 288 recorded police events. Most of these are direct service to residents — 132 requested checks on vacation homes or businesses, 7 extra patrol requests, 9 health/welfare checks, 8 motorist assists, 17 public assists. There were 21 property damage accidents, 9 medical emergencies, 8 attempts to locate careless drivers, 6 suspicious activity complaints, 9 citations/warnings for traffic violations, 3 burglar and 2 fire alarm responses, response to 2 suicide threats, and 2 business burglaries.

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

Note: If you need/want/expect a police squad to respond immediately, call **911**. Other than 911, the quickest way to get our police response is to leave a message on our squad phone (393-8407).

We may work 5 days in a row, but may not always get into the office during that time. Our main office where we spend 90% of our time is in our squad vehicle.

The Fire Department has two new members in training: Trevor Swoverland and Andy Zaborski. Welcome.



Duluth Township Information 2018

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Homestead Road, Duluth,
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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

Clifton Volunteer Fire/EMS Department:

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

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

Community Center Rental Coordinator: **Jim Salls** 600-9015

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

Website manager: Supervisor Barb Crow.

To Email Township Officials and Departments

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

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

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



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

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

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
- 23, Wed, 6:30pm **Township Road Forum**, Town Hall
- 24, Thu, 6:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 28, Mon, 11am **Township Memorial Day Ceremony**,
At the Palmers Lakeview Cemetery
(see article, p1, for details)
- 29, Tue, 6:30 **FIREWISE** demonstration (see insert)

JUNE 2018

- 5, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,
Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 14, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 19, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
- 19, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**
meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 20-23 **FIREWISE** brush drop off days, Alden Hall
- 23, Sat, **Deadline for the July Newsletter**
- 28, Thu, 6:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

JULY 2018

- 3, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business
meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 4, 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

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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:

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

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

Advocates for the Knife River Watershed

Shary Zoff

The AKRW has hosted presentations on threats to the river and ways to mitigate problems. Meetings are held at the Town Hall. Unfortunately the Newsletter missed announcing their last meeting for the spring. AKRW will be scheduling regular meetings again this fall.

For more information call Shary Zoff at 834-5221.



Greetings from your Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

The Fire Department recently received a FIREWISE grant whose purpose is to help homeowners in our fire service area (*Alden and Duluth Townships*) to reduce the risk of wildfires and protect your family and home. Important FIREWISE events are happening this Spring.

FIREWISE EVENTS THIS SPRING

A FIREWISE wildfire fuel reduction demonstration by DNR Forester Jeff Jackson will be held on Tuesday, May 29th in Alden Township at 1377 Two Harbors Rd. at 6:30 pm. Come see what you can do to make your home safer from wildfires.

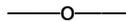
Brush Drop-off Days. Trim up your yard to protect your home. You can dispose of trimmed branches and small logs on **Wed-Sat, June 20 – 23rd** at the free FIREWISE drop-off site at Alden Fire Hall on the Laine Road. The FIREWISE grant will pay for chipping up branches and small logs (up to 10" diameter) on Chipper Day, June 23rd from 9-5am, Alden Fire Hall the Laine Road.

Please arrange your brush so that the butt ends are toward the road between the town hall and the fire hall. **DO NOT LEAVE BRUSH OR LOGS AFTER SATURDAY, THE 23rd.**

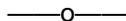
FIREWISE Volunteers Needed: Volunteer to put your name on a call list to help residents who are physically unable to do the trimming or haul brush to the drop-off site. Please call volunteer Bruce Hauger at 590-2768 or leave your name and contact information at the Town Hall (525-5705).

For more information AND TO REPORT THE TIME YOU SPEND TRIMMING AND HAULING YOUR BRUSH (this is part of the grant report and credit), call Sherry Rovig, FIREWISE Coordinator, at 218-343-4909 or email: cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com

If you have questions about FIREWISE, contact: Sherry Rovig at 343-4909 or email: cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com



Free fire signs will be provided to the first 100 residents to contact us. Please leave your request at the Duluth Town hall. You will be provided with a sign that is reflective on both sides, a post, and instructions for placement. We are working to get all our residents to have the updated signs so we can find you in an emergency.



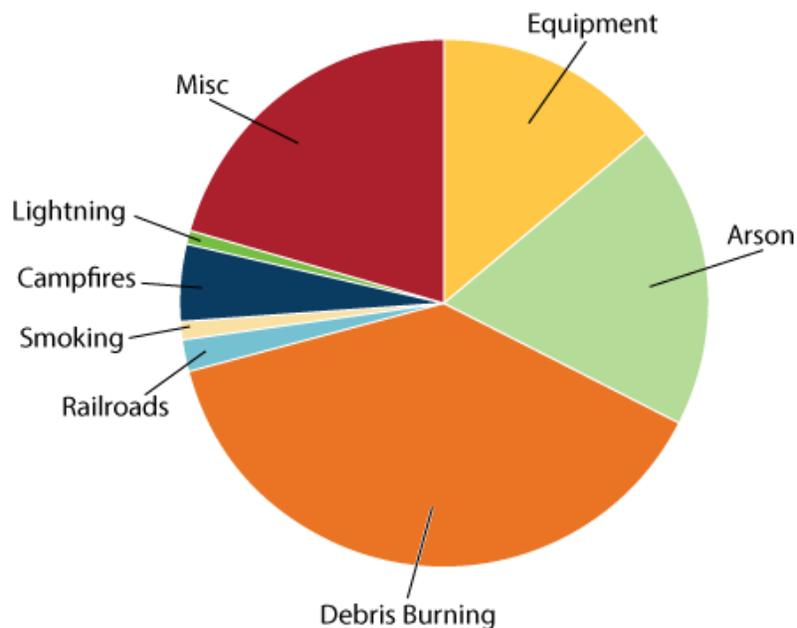
Area residents who are interested in becoming firefighters or emergency medical responders can contact Bob Engelson at 525-6819 or email: cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com

If you cause it, you pay for it!



Cost of fires in 2015

Causes of Wildfires in Minnesota



Interesting Facts

1. 1 in 4 wildfires is caused by yard debris fires burning out of control. Unattended debris often mistakenly believed to be extinguished, continues to be leading cause of wildfires.
2. More than half of all acres burned in 2017 resulted from arson fires.
3. Since 2018, vehicles have caused almost half of all fires started by equipment. When parking off highway, avoid dry, fine vegetation, such as grass, as hot exhaust can readily ignite it.
4. The DNR and rail operators have a long partnership of working together to reduce railroad caused wildfires. These fires often start in remote areas, which delays detection and response.

*The above material is from <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/wildfire/prevention/causes.html>