

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 2018

## What's Coming Up?

**20/20 Studio Arts Tour** Sept. 28 –30 (see page 5)

**Harvest Dinner Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm Town Hall.**

**A benefit for our Fire Dept. All welcome!**

*(see article below)*

**Fall Arts and Heritage event on the Cloquet Fire**

**Duluth Township, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.** They are looking for stories and pictures. *(see article below).*

**Youth seeking jobs** *(see list on page 4)*

**NSCS News: Shelly Pierson** is the new Executive Director *(see NSCS information on page 2)*

**School Starts Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**— Slow down. Watch out for children and stopped school buses.

**Beaver dam study** *(see article page 6)*



*Thanks to Bruce McTavish for capturing roadside blooms..*

We're looking for local pictures/art for the Newsletter masthead. Color pictures are great if they can also be printed in black and white. Contact the editor.

## Plan to VOTE Tuesday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>!

Our Township polls are open 7am to 8pm. Duluth Township usually has a good turnout. Keep it up.

**If you want to vote by absentee ballot** you need to go to the St Louis County Courthouse in Duluth, Elections Office, Room 212 (you could request an absentee ballot by mail or online but official absentee ballots must be received by election day). The Township does not have absentee ballots.

## THE HOMESTEADERS

*Mary Ann Sironen*

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, coffee and snacks. Program by Eddie Ojard, piano protégé.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Flu shots by Walgreen's starting at 11. Wellness Program at 11:30 by Colette, Hatha Yoga Instructor. Meeting at 12:15 followed by coffee and snacks.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall. Harvest Potluck and bingo.

**Everyone is welcome.**

*For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.*

## 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 7-9pm on **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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](http://www.duluthtownship.org)).

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Dinner Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

Come to the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department benefit dinner. Saturday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm, Town Hall.

*With live music, lots of door prizes, fantastic homemade dinner and a good cause!  
A family/community event.*

**Support our fire fighter and medical first responder volunteers!**

*If you could volunteer to help with this event, call Jody Anderson (525-4971) Thanks!*

*Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue*

Valerie Brady, June Breneman, Ann Cox, Josh Dumke, Bob Engelson, Karen Gran, Sue Lawson, Carolyn Marino, Bruce McTavish, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Ellen O'Neil, Shawn Padden, Jana Pastika, Shelly Pierson, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, and Rose Vastila.

## 2018 Lake Superior 20/20 Studio Art Tour

Rose Vastila

The Lake Superior 20/20 Studio Art Tour embarks on its 7<sup>th</sup> year with many new and returning artists. This year returning Scandinavian Silversmith, Brad Nelson (hosting Jeff Hall from Clover Valley. Helen Hartley hosts the Larson School house with printmaker and fiber artist, Natalija Walbridge and Sheila Staubus. New to the tour is Jennifer Murphy, on the Stanley Road, with whimsical sculptures. Saddlerock Potters return with tiles and other new decorative creations. Paul Zoldahn and Gail Rosenquist, on the Hill Road open their beautiful studio again with jewelry artist Michael Kapsos, of Brimson. Corine Buechner returns with new creations...and many more.

The tour is the last weekend on **September 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>**. Tour hours are Friday through Sunday from 10am to 6pm. Mark your calendar. Additional information and a printable map are on their web site



## What to Recycle and Where

Carolyn Marino

*I know you want to recycle!* It is also important to know which items go into which recycling stream. At our Township Recycling Center we have bins for common household items. Some recycleables need to go to other locations.

For example, we can accept cans, but other metal items need to be recycled at WLSSD sites in Two Harbors or at their Rice Lake Road site. We can accept plastic items but not large plastic buckets etc. (see article). Tires and construction items often are recycleable but not at our Township site.

The reason for these restrictions is that certain recycled items go to an end user who is equipped to use that type of recycled items. If other incompatible but potentially recyclable items are mixed in, it "spoils" the whole load. Separation costs may then make use of the load too expensive.

Check recycle bin labels or ask our recycle attendants for help in finding proper recycling locations. **WLSSD has a Hot-line for questions: (218) 722-0761 or visit wlsd.com.**

Don't leave recycled items when the recycle center is not open (see page 7 for recycling hours).

## Recycle Plastics



### Quick Tips for Recycling

-  Check the bottom of your containers to make sure they are labeled #1-7.
-  Rinse containers to make recycling easier and more efficient.
-  No Film or Foam. This includes any styrofoam, plastic bags, or wrap.
-  No plastic cups, plates, or utensils.
-  No flower pots or trays.
-  No buckets 5 gallons or larger.
-  No plastics that contained motor oil, antifreeze, or other automotive fluids.

## Township Emergency Planning Group

Sherry Rovig and Ann Cox, Co-EMD

We are in the process of dividing our Township into areas to set up phone trees in case of emergency. We hope to have community volunteers in each designated area who are willing to gather the contact information for each household and help make calls when needed. If you are willing to help, please leave your contact information at the Town Hall.

We are also compiling a list of willing residents who have important resources or skills that could be called upon in a Township emergency. For example, heavy equipment and operators, ham radio operations, watercraft, transportation equipment, tree clearing and construction skills or equipment.

## North Shore Community School Preschool News

Shelly Pierson, Executive Director

Preschool begins on September 10<sup>th</sup>! Open House on September 4<sup>th</sup>...visit the website or Facebook page for the time. We still have a few spots open. Visit our website for more information! [northshorecommunityschool.org](http://northshorecommunityschool.org)

## North Shore Community School

Shelly Pierson, Executive Director

School is just around the corner! It's an exciting time for students, parents, and staff. **We welcome students back on Wed. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.** Please watch for buses and students as they make their way back to school. Check out our Facebook page to stay connected with what's happening at NSCS!

Staff attended **ALICE** training on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>. ALICE training prepares staff for emergency situations and helps us do our best to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

**School Board Elections:** Stay tuned for information regarding School Board Elections this fall.

We're inviting the whole community to join us for an **Ice Cream Social on Friday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6pm.** It is an opportunity to visit with staff and check out the building if you have not been here for awhile.

## 1982 - A Landfill in Duluth Township?

*John Schifsky*

Township resident Rich Sill, in the course of an interview about another subject, observed that an initiative by the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) in 1980, and another by Lake Superior School District (ISD 381) in 2000, united residents in vigorous opposition to what they believed were challenges to the quality of life in the Duluth Township.

A brief history of WLSSD's plan to begin a landfill site search, an explanation why a new site was necessary, and the final outcome of that search follows. ISD 381's decision to close North Shore Community School in 2000 will be the subject of a future article.

The landfill located in Rice Lake Township was operated from 1965-2001. WLSSD purchased the site in 1978. Shortly after that purchase, the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) stated its concern that Rice Lake's location just south of the Duluth International Airport constituted a hazard to air traffic because gulls were attracted to the piles of waste. The gulls posed a threat to aircraft taking off and landing, and the FAA insisted a process begin which would lead to removing the threat. Since waste attracted gulls, the Rice Lake site would probably have to be capped and closed, and a new site found.

In early 1981, a Landfill Site Search Citizens Advisory Committee (LSSCAC) was created by the WLSSD Board of Directors. The committee was charged with the responsibility of finding suitable landfill sites which would accommodate ash and refuse disposal. The new site was to be in WLSSD's service area.

The LSSCAC included one representative from each township and municipality within WLSSD's boundaries, as well as two members of the WLSSD board, a total of 20 members. Richard Bakke, then chair of Duluth Township's Board of Supervisors, was the Duluth Township representative.

The committee, together with WLSSD staff and other outside experts, met for two and one-half years. They reviewed site search criteria by agencies and municipalities, both within and outside the state, that had recently opened new landfills. This review helped in developing site search criteria which recognized characteristics and needs unique to WLSSD's service area. LSSCAC also developed a detailed rating system, based on agreed upon criteria, which they would use to rank potential sites.

Factors considered in siting a new landfill fell into two broad categories: 1) environmental (physical) and economic. Physical criteria included geology, soils, hydrology, vegetation, land use. 2) Economic criteria included land value, haul distance, capital costs, operating costs, economics of scale, future cost trends. The committee decided that water quality and resources were the most important physical criteria, soils and geology the second most important.

In their search, committee members were looking for areas in WLSSD's service area which had contiguous 40 acre sites with few restraints and which were within a mile of a suitable haul road. By September 1981, 15 potential sites had been identified. Public hearings were scheduled and comments gathered, the result of the input being that all of the potential sites were eliminated for reasons including issues involving hydrology, geology, site location complications, and public resistance.

In May 1982 the committee began the search process again, their first step being to refine site search criteria. Members were asked to forward to the WLSSD board 15 preferred landfill sites by August 2, 1982. In January 1983, Richard Bakke reported to Township residents on this phase of the site search process. Of the 19 new potential sites, three were in the Township. He wrote: "Necessary conditions do not exist in our township for the location of a sanitary landfill." Reaction to the possible siting of a landfill in the Township was negative. Some residents formed a group which called itself North Shore Citizens against the Landfill.

In the review process, two of the three Duluth Township sites were evaluated as potential sanitary landfill sites. The first was 1½ miles south of Hegberg Road and ½ mile west of Homestead Road. The second site was 1½ miles south of the Clover Valley School and ½ mile east of Homestead Road. Both of these sites are in the Knife River watershed.

In the end, the Board chose not to open a new landfill site in its service area. The Lake Superior Site Search Citizens Committee was dissolved in September 1983. Prior to that, Richard Bakke received a letter from the WLSSD Board stating that it was reviewing a list of waste reduction and recycling options.

Between the years 1991-1994, the Board placed a cap over the Rice Lake landfill and constructed a lined industrial waste landfill nearby. The Rice Lake landfill was officially closed in 2001. A review of planning documents suggests that opening and operating a new landfill was much more expensive than hauling waste to another, established site. Consequently, the WLSSD facility in Duluth off Interstate 35 was designated a transfer station for municipal solid waste, and an agreement reached to haul waste from this transfer station to a landfill in Sarona, Wisconsin. That practice ended in 2006, when an agreement was reached with the City of Superior. Currently solid waste from the WLSSD transfer station is being disposed of at the Moccasin Mike Landfill in Superior.

*Thanks to Richard Bakke, Township resident, and*

*Karen Anderson, Director of Community Relations, WLSSD, for their assistance with this article.*

### **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**

- 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.
- Collin Bruckelmyer, age 14 looking for work: yard work, gardening, anything! Call 525-1780.

**Advertise for free:** For Township youth who are seeking work and Township residents who need help with various jobs suitable for youth (*babysitting, lawn, garden, maintenance, snow shoveling, house cleaning, etc.*). Leave your ad & contact information at the Town Hall (messages: 525-5705).

Deadline for the next (Nov.) Newsletter is Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **French River Readers Book Club**

Carol Surine

The book for September discussion is on The Last Voyageurs by Lorraine Boissoneault. The next meeting is Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road.

Future books: October: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. November: *The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery.

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

### **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.



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

**June 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Barb Crow, Penny Morton, Dave Mount (*chair*) and Corlis West attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen. **Reports:** Treasurer: deposits of \$165,746.11, expenses of \$84,338.84 for an ending balance of \$710,899.58. Bills were approved for payment. Notices of the Town tax exempt status were approved. Comments: There was concern about trash at the Old French River Store site. Police: Garbage dumped in the ditch at Swanson Road was cleaned up at Township expense by North Shore Sanitary. Fire: The addition is progressing but all siding is in bad shape and may have to be replaced. Planning: Piles of wood ash mulch along Homestead Road may need to be spread. Emergency Planning: Mary Ann Daniel resigned as EMD. Ann Cox and Sherry Rovig were appointed Co-EMD. Materials Management: Jennifer LaBelle was elected to the D/NSSD Board of Managers. A new film and plastic bag collection bin will be installed.

**July 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** All Supervisors attended plus the Town Clerk and Treasurer. **Reports:** Treasurer reported deposits of \$3,611.01, expenses of \$33,395.80 for an ending balance of \$681,114.79. Sinclair refuses to send their bill (fire and police use) in time for legally required Board approval. The result is they cut off card use and often limit use to much less than a fire truck tank fill after a fire. Both our Fire and Police have experienced problems and many complaints and request for emergency use have been refused. The Board approved attempting to keep a \$1,000 balance in the account. Holiday stations are accommodating in Two Harbors or Duluth but require extra travel for emergency fills. **Fire:** old French River Store has been tidied up. Fire: LP Two Harbors has donated siding to reside the entire Fire Hall 1. A resolution to transfer agreed upon funds from other departments to the Township Capital Improvement Fund for the Fire Hall 1 addition to minimize the loan needed for the project. **Planning:** A letter was approved responding to the County's request for comment on their draft goals and objectives for a County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. **Roads:** Notify Supervisor West if there are road washout problems. **Town Hall:** Striping the lot will be requested. Swing seats for the playground by the Town Hall were ordered. AV equipment for the Town Hall was approved. **Cemetery:** Entry road will be repaired. **Old Business:** MPCA says piled wood ash is not a problem. The Board thanked Duane Madison for his donation of a 2,000 gallon water tank for the bay addition of Fire Hall 1.

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.*

## Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

**Summary of April-July meetings.** Commission business is conducted by 7 Commissioners: (see page 7), Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Rolf Carlson. In April, officers were elected. These four months included 5 public hearings plus work on Ordinance updates and responses to various requests for comment and information.

**Ring Bed and Breakfast Hearing.** They would use their home at 5736 North Shore Drive. There was one supportive statement from neighbors. After extensive discussion of the relevant criteria, an interim use permit for 3 years with conditions about keeping records, having relevant licenses, and on-site parking was approved.

**Boyce-Schimpff Short Term Rental Hearing** (5820 Alseth Road). The hearing process and the application were reviewed. It would be for a vacation rental of their home during the summer. There was one supportive comment and two citing problems. There was extensive discussion of their application and relevant Ordinance conditions. An interim use for one year was approved with several conditions: summer use, a maximum of 6 guests, quiet hours, no campfires, pet control, etc.

**Lewis Subordinate Residential Dwelling Hearing** (2081 E Pioneer Road). A second floor apartment over a stable would be used for their horse farm workers and a new home would be built on a previously considered site on the property. Neighbors were supportive. There was a discussion of drainage and impervious coverage. The CUP was approved on condition that St Louis County approves the septic system.

**Lillo Recreational Camping Vehicles** (Korkki and Shilhon Roads). The Ordinance permits one licensed RV per parcel. There were 3 on this non-conforming lot. The Commission provided information about needs for a variance and other requirements.

**Johns River Setback Variance Hearing** (6344 McQuade Rd) for a 50 foot variance from the required 200 feet from the Sucker River. After discussion of alternatives, the variance was approved with conditions of a minimum of a 10 foot riparian buffer. It was noted that the DNR has plans to reforest the river in that area.

**Other Topics:** The Commission is looking into data needs for updating the Township's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. A grant is being written to support the updating process. A point was raised that with the rising frequency of short term rental requests in the Town, at what point are we saturated or are we proactive before saturation occurs? A projection and sound system is being pursued to help in meeting presentations. Updates for the Ordinance were discussed (see article in the July Newsletter) and a hearing was held in June. Extensive comments were provided at the County's request, on their proposed Comprehensive Plan update.

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.*

## Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

**For medical & police emergencies call: 911.**

Sign up for email police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications at the Township site.  
[www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).



**Police Events.** In June our police responded to 84 events. 38 of these involved requested checks of homes or businesses. There were 7 traffic citations/warnings. Other events included 2 medical emergencies, 6 suspicious activity and 6 animal complaints.

**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](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org).

## Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

**Fire hall addition** is on schedule to be completed later in September. Drive by to see the progress.

**Welcome** new member **Mason Eckman**. Mason comes to our Department with EMT certification.

Clifton brought an engine and crew to the **Neighborhood Night Out** gathering at French River Lutheran Church on August 7th. Fire risk reduction information was shared and many residents signed up for a free 911 fire sign. There are still a few sign ups available for one of the 100 free 911 signs available through a grant. The signs will be ordered soon but be patient.

The combination of spruce budworm damage to trees and recurring dry conditions give us **heightened fire danger**. Dry vegetation can easily ignite from hot metal (lawnmower or ATV exhaust). Know where your fire extinguishers and water sources are!

Let Sherry know the hours spent in clearing trees and brush on your property. Hours count as our in-kind contribution for the FIREWISE grant. Call 343-4909 or email [cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com) with hours/location.

Special thanks to Town residents **Steve Twining** (General Manager) and **Matt Rolfe** (Accountant) for facilitating the **Louisiana-Pacific Corporation** (Two Harbors) donation of new and replacement primed lap siding for Fire Hall 1 on Ryan Road.

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



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

[kshamapractice@gmail.com](mailto:kshamapractice@gmail.com)

Paid Advertisement

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*Anthony Lueck*  
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[anthonylueck@northlc.com](mailto:anthonylueck@northlc.com)

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Duluth, MN 55804

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Infants to School Age, Licensed  
Bus to NSCS & Lakewood Schools  
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or,  
**LOOKING FOR A RENTER FOR YOUR NICE HOME?**  
Call **Apartment & Home Advisors** – we can help!  
We specialize in properties of distinction  
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Call Susie Lannon at 218-720-3987

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Boarding Kennels  
Long & short term  
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Reservations  
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218-525-4842  
7002 App Rd.  
Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement

**Community Youth  
Groups**

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

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

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

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

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

## Beaver Dams: Good or Bad for North Shore Streams?

Karen Gran, Josh Dumke, and June Breneman  
Natural Resources Research Institute, UMD

Steelhead trout were introduced to Minnesota’s North Shore streams in the early 1950s as a sportfish. They spend their adult life in our “inland sea” of Lake Superior and the streams up the watershed give them a place to spawn. But their upstream progress often gets thwarted by beaver and their dams.



“Minnows and brook trout can live and reproduce each year above beaver dams, but steelhead need an open connection from stream spawning grounds to Lake Superior to thrive”, said NRRI scientist Josh Dumke.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has been clearing the path for steelhead by regular removal of the beavers and dams. But what are other impacts of removing dams? On the one hand, beaver ponds hold water, releasing it slowly through dry periods and raising groundwater levels. On the other, the beaver ponds heat up surface water and are subject to evaporation.

“Many people like the dams because they provide habitat for many other species,” said Karen Gran, UMD science professor and project lead. “Generally, the beavers are removed to help the local fishery, but it’s not clear what removing the dams does to the overall hydrology of the area.”

For this study, four pairs of watersheds on the Knife River will be compared; all eight have active beaver populations. The UMD scientists will collect streamflow data, evaporation rates, rainfall, and water temperature data. NRRI will conduct the fish study to determine how dams are affecting steelhead spawning migrations. This year, the first of the two-year study, the DNR will not remove beaver dams from any of the study sites. Next year, beaver management will resume on four of the eight streams and data will again be collected and compared. The results should tell how beaver dams affect steelhead movement and stream hydrology.

*This study is funded by Minnesota Sea Grant.*



In the August 14<sup>th</sup> Primary Election, Duluth Township had 469 residents voting. There are 1371 registered voters (10 of these were newly registered at the polls); a 34% turnout.

The State Demographer estimates we currently have 1926 residents and 751 households.



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

**Town Office Hours:** Tues. & Wed. 9am-noon  
Thurs 2-6pm, Fri 9-11am

**Planning Office Hours:** No posted hours  
Call the Town Hall for an appointment: 525-5705

**Supervisors:** (see web site for email contacts)

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

**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](http://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.**

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

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

**Plastic bags will be accepted soon (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](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### SEPTEMBER 2018

- 4, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,  
Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 5, Wed, School Starts at NSCS
- 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
- 21, Fri, 4:30-6pm **Ice Cream Social**, NSCS all invited.
- 27, Thu, 6:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### OCTOBER 2018

- 2, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business  
meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 3, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 11, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 13, Sat, 5-7pm **Harvest Dinner**, Fire Dept. Benefit
- 16, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training** Hall #1
- 16, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**  
meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 23, Tue, **Deadline for the November Newsletter**
- 25, Thu, 6:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### NOVEMBER 2018

- 3, Sat, **1918 Fire!** Art and Heritage Event, 7-9pm at  
our Town Hall.
- 6, Tue, **Election, 7am-8pm, Town Hall — VOTE!**
- 6, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,  
Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 7, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 8, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 20, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 20, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**  
meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 22, 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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SEPTEMBER 2018

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Thanks to Mary Tennis for her beautiful work on the flower barrels by the Town Hall.

**Thank you** to all those — official and unofficial — who help keep our roads and ditches cleaned up each year. Apologies to those whose sign was missed in our road tour!

Do your part! Keep trash off our roadways.

## Fall ditch care can protect our streams and your driveway

*Valerie Brady*

Fall ditch care is similar to that of other seasons with the exception that you can think about mowing parts of your ditches. This is the appropriate time to mow the edges of your ditches. If you can, don't mow the very bottom of the ditch or wait until the plants are dying back before doing so. Those plants with their long roots are still helping slow the water and keep dirt out of streams. If you see raw dirt along the ditch, consider taking the time to plant some grass seed now or note the area and plant some in the spring.

As the plants die back, it is a good time to walk your ditches and make sure that there aren't loose branches, trash, or loose wads of weeds that could clog culverts during next spring's snow melt. We have enough trouble with culvert icing without having additional blockages! Thanks for helping protect our streams and Lake Superior.