**Duluth Township Newsletter**

**November 2019**

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**What’s Coming Up?**

Arts and Heritage historical program, “Saturday Night Out” November 2nd, (see article)

Skating Rink Rules (see page 5)

Filing for Town Board Supervisor election is December 31st through January 15th. (see article)

911 Sign Pickup (see page 2).

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**Serving on the Town’s Board of Supervisors**

Consider contributing your skills and effort to help run the Township for a 3-year term. Two positions on the 5-member Town Board will be on the ballot in March 10th, 2020 Township election.

There are no special qualifications other than being an adult resident of the Township with an interest in contributing to the operation of our Township. If you are interested, come to a Board meeting (second Thursday at 6:30pm at the Town Hall) or call one of the current Board members or our Town Clerk (see page 7 in this Newsletter).

After the March election, the Board meets to divide up responsibilities and discuss plans for the year. Board members receive a modest stipend per meeting. It’s an opportunity to contribute to our Township and learn about how a Township operates to be successful.

To file for election, see the Town Clerk during office hours between December 31st and January 15th. The filing fee is $2.00.

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**Duluth Township Art and Heritage Group invites you to:**

An Historical Program on the “Social Spots” in the Township

November 2nd, 6:30—9:00 pm at the Town Hall

Ellen O’Neil

Historically, Duluth Township was filled with restaurants, dance halls, live theatre, drive-ins, cabins, resorts, taverns and music. See the masthead above for an example! Come share and experience this rich history!

An exhibit of old photos, family stories, maps and other artifacts will be hung up in the Town Hall.

The program will include photos, stories about major gathering spots told by relatives and/or patrons, live music, food and community storytelling. *Make November 2nd at the Town Hall a social spot for you and your neighbors!*

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**The Homesteaders**

Dorothy Aho

November 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Harvest Potluck and Turkey bingo.

December 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, coffee, snacks. The North Shore Community School choir will provide the program.

January 8th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, coffee and snacks and bingo.

*Everyone is welcome.*

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*Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue*

Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief

Police Events. Police responded to 180 events in August/September. Most frequent were vacation home/business checks/ requested extra patrols (75), medical emergencies (16), attempt to locate careless drivers (10), traffic violation citations/warnings (9), fire/burglar alarm responses (8), and animal complaints (7). The Town Board had hearings on two complaints and follow-up on two continued problems.

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 through the Town web site contact list.

For medical & police emergencies call: 911.

Sign up for email police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications at the Township site: duluthtownship.org.

There is No Poop Fairy
Jo Thompson

That’s right, there is no magical person who picks up after your pets. Perhaps you’ve seen the video, if not you can view it here: https://vimeo.com/355427843. This humorous video is one of the many collaborations between Duluth Township and the Regional Stormwater Protection Team to help meet our state education requirements for stormwater. While concern with pet waste in a rural area such as our Township, may seem unnecessary, fecal matter contains bacteria and nutrients and when rain washes it into ditches and streams, it is a threat to clean water and recreational opportunities.

Be mindful of the areas where your pets (including large animals such as horses and livestock) go and fence them away from areas that are vulnerable to drainage into ditches and streams. We all benefit if we, our animals, and the environment are not exposed to poo-contaminated waters. If you live in an area with small lots, do pick up pet waste and dispose of it. If you are walking your pets in public areas, please take along bags to clean up.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

911 fire signs are available at the Town Hall during office hours (see page 7). All residences in Duluth and Alden Townships who don’t already have a sign or have the older non-reflective signs can pick up theirs for FREE. Installation instructions and, if needed, posts and hardware are available.

2020 Fire Department Calendars will be delivered free to Duluth Township households. Call the Fire Auxiliary if you can help with deliveries.

If you are interested in helping the Fire Department in other ways, consider joining the Clifton Fire Dept Auxiliary. To volunteer or for more information contact Sue Lannon at 720-3987.

Volunteers interested in becoming a fire fighter and/or emergency medical responder should contact Chief Bob Engelson at 525-6819. All necessary training and equipment are provided.

Thanks to all who contributed and attended our 16th Annual Harvest Dinner benefit. We are very grateful for all the dessert, produce and door prize donations from the community. It is always a great event.

Elections to put on your Calendar for 2020
Ann Cox, Clerk

March 3, President Nominating Primary (replaces caucuses)
March 10, Town Board election, Annual Town Meeting.
August 11, State and Federal Primary elections
November 3, General Election
(All are held on Tuesdays, 7am to 8pm, Town Hall)

Emergency Generators. The Township has an emergency backup generator at the Town Hall and at Fire Hall 1 on Ryan Road. The Town Hall and Fire Hall 1 are designated in our Township Emergency Plan as our Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and Backup Center (see the web site for the Plan).

Our current Emergency Management Co-Directors are Ann Cox and Sherry Rovig (EMD’s). There is an Emergency Planning Group that meets to review emergency plans. The current focus is on reducing wildfire threats due to the spruce budworm damage (the FIREWISE cleanup and chipping program) and getting reflective 911 signs distributed and properly installed (sign pick-up is handled by Co-EMD Ann Cox during office hours). Grants have been received for much of this work, thanks to Co-EMD Sherry Rovig and others.

Contact the Town Hall if you are interested in volunteering for the Emergency Planning Group.
The last Duluth Township Newsletter (September 2019) reported the Lakeshore Wayside Park, Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp No. SP-18, opened September 27, 1935. The camp was located close to the shore of Lake Superior in the area just north of the stone wall which fronts the lake at the point where Stoney Point Drive (west entrance) turns east to skirt the lakeshore. The camp remained open through much of 1937.

Some of the camp buildings are shown in the aerial photo above. Most likely the Lakeshore camp began as a temporary tent camp and the enrollees built the more permanent structures with logs as well as lumber milled from trees in the area. In many CCC locations unemployed local craftsmen were recruited and paid to assist in the building, particularly in those areas where winter conditions demanded warmer shelter. This may have been the case at Lakeshore. Buildings included barracks, mess hall, kitchen, officers’ quarters, dispensary, rec. hall, store house, latrine and bath house. The structures were built to last about five years. Camps were self-contained and staffed with doctors or medical support. Dentists, if not on site, visited regularly.

In the June 18, 1936 issue of the “Lakeshore Camp News (Co. 1751 CCC)” the commanding officer congratulates company members: “Every individual in this camp has shown me and the other officers an exhibition of how immature boys become real men under the cooperating guidance of appointed leaders. Resourceful futures are waiting for that type of young man who goes out with aching back and tired limbs to dig holes, plant trees, paint and beautify the barracks, lay company streets and sidewalks, and always remain in a joyful mood.” Tightly scheduled days devoted to hard work under careful supervision led, it was assumed, to character building.

Enrollees were required to be “needy unemployed,” between the ages of 18 and 25, U.S. citizens, physically fit, and capable of manual labor. That age limit led to some grumbling about discrimination; certainly there were large numbers of older, unemployed men having difficulties supporting their families. So, some months into the program the CCC began recruiting locally experienced men who acted as foremen and brought valuable trade skills as carpenters and stonemasons to specialized work projects. The young men—boys, they are called in the newsletter—signed six month enrollment contracts initially, but many of them reenlisted and eighteen months after the program began (1933), contracts were extended to one year. Enrollees received a dollar a day and could keep up to eight dollars, the rest being sent to dependents and parents, many of whom were very grateful for that cash. Food, shelter and clothing (army uniforms, WWI surplus) were provided. As the numbers of recruits increased exponentially, and there were ongoing complaints about the old uniforms, new fatigues were provided.

While the principle motive for enrolling might have been helping their families, many of the boys also wanted to improve their literacy or continue high school educations. English classes were regularly offered. Other educational offerings focused on vocational skill development: photography, auto mechanics, lettering and sign painting, business English, typesetting, agriculture. Reading was encouraged when time allowed: Time, Colliers, Literary Digest, Liberty, and American were some of the periodicals available in the Rec. Hall. Enrollees were often reminded to consider the question: “Where do we go from here?” The CCC program was never meant to offer long term employment and benefits. Most boys spent between a year and 18 months in camp. In creating CCC, President Roosevelt stipulated the program not interfere with normal employment. During CCC’s life, unions regularly objected to what they considered labor exploitation. They were probably more concerned about the low wages.

Many of Lakeshore’s boys were from this area. There are lists of names of Duluth residents as well as individuals from the Iron Range. Perhaps because so much time has passed, there are not many locals who remember the camp even though it was in Duluth Township. Helen Hendrickson knew there was a camp “down there.” Howard Abrahamson remembers numbers of young men hitching into Two Harbors on weekends. One of Merle Norgren’s childhood companions, sliding on cardboard down a hill behind the Shorecrest Restaurant, ran into a pitchfork. His father took the youth, his friends riding along, up the shore to the CCC camp for medical attention. Merle says the camp roads were straight and picked up. Carol Pierson remembers when “the government people” moved out they left a lot of stuff. Her mother recovered a cupboard with drawers and shelves which the family used as a room divider in their small home on Stoney Point. Carol’s brother, John Rasmussen, says the camp was vacated suddenly; a clean-up crew gave tools to locals, and dumped a quantity of picks and shovels in the lake. People fished them out of the lake as needed, and John says there was no shortage of such tools in the area for years.
**Empathy and inclusivity:** Last year, teachers worked on lessons for each grade level focused on relationships and building empathy. Over the summer, a group of teachers created our RC (Responsive Classrooms) Caring Classrooms framework. Each month has a theme, with monthly readings and videos, weekly vocabulary words, and morning meeting greetings and activities all related to the theme. November’s theme is Responsibility and December’s theme is Empathy.

**WIN Time:** We have started implementation of WIN Time. WIN stands for “What I Need”. Each grade level has a designated WIN Time where classroom teachers and paraprofessionals will provide what each child needs from additional supports to extensions that dive a bit deeper into content.

**Annual Meeting and School Board Elections:** NSCS will hold their Annual Meeting on November 7, 2019, at 5:30 in the Library. Conferences will be held November 25th in the afternoon and December 2nd and 5th in the evening.

Follow us on Facebook and check out our calendar on the school’s website northshorecommunityschool.org for up to date information.

**Regular Community Meetings**

AA meets 7pm on Tuesdays at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road.

To list community meetings, notify the Newsletter editor.

**Gentle Yoga**

Chair Yoga 3:15 and Gentle Yoga 4:30 Wednesdays at French River Lutheran Church
A wellness class for beginners
$6 per chair class, $13 per mat class.

kshamapractice@gmail.com
French River Readers Book Club  
Carol Surine

The next meeting is Thursday, November 21st at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road.

We will be discussing the book *The Bookwomen of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Molly Hoeg will be host.

In November we collect children’s board books to distribute at Christmastime.

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

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Scandinavian Christmas on the Shore and Olde World Baked Goods  
Saturday, December 14th, 9am-2pm  
French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road

Your one-stop Christmas shop including: Olde World baked goods, artisans and crafters, raffle, Finnish rye bread, Lefse, candy shop, pantry.  
Swedish Smorgasbord served 11am—1pm.

Everyone welcome. For more information, call 525-5659 or fric5310@gmail.com.

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Turkey Bingo  
Sunday, November 17th, 5:30-7:30pm  
French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road

Proceeds go to Two Harbors Area Food Shelf.

Boards range from 25¢ to $1.00. *Bring a non-perishable item for the food shelf and receive a 25¢ board free (one per player for the evening).* Food can be purchase too.

Join us for family fun, fellowship and great prizes! Everyone welcome. For more information call 525-5659 or email fric5310@gmail.com.

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Be A Census Taker  
The 2020 U.S. Census is seeking Census Takers. You can apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs) or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

Extra income, flexible hours, weekly pay, paid training

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Newsletter Editor  
The Town Board is seeking an editor for our Township Newsletter. If you have some skills in this area, an interest in learning about and serving the Township in this important function, please call Supervisor John Schifsky at 525-9363 or leave a message at the Town Hall (525-5705). A modest stipend may be involved.
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)

**September 12th regular meeting.** Supervisors Rolf Carlson (chair), Michael Kahl, John Schifsky and Corlis West attended along with the Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen.

**Reports:**
- **Treasurer:** Deposits of $40,536.93, expenses of $45,831.04 for an ending balance of $513,463.52.
- **Public Speaker Laura Stone of the Knife River Community Forest Group** was unavailable.
- **Police:** Dog complaints: second violation for owners of Turbo, and owners of Rev. Rev has been taken home twice since early September. Animal Ordinance 101096 has a $100 fine for a second violation. A motion was unanimously passed to assess a fine for Turbo’s owners and, (due to different circumstances) Rev's owners will be sent a notice to appear at the next Town Board meeting.
- **Fire:** PERA, the Fire Fighter Pension Fund, will be asked for a cost analysis on the relationship of the healthy level of our pension fund and the current per-year payout schedule for Fire Fighters when they retire. The Fire Department is sometimes asked to fill the steam train when it stops at Homestead. The Department will negotiate a more formal cost agreement with the railroad.
- **Roads:** Fall grading is being done. Initially roads were too dry and then too wet. There was a complaint of individuals spinning tires and ripping up West Clover Valley Road. **Town Hall:** insurance documents will be reviewed. Our well water will have its required chlorine treatment.
- **Communication:** A replacement for the current volunteer editor is being sought and a motion was approved to earmark an annual stipend.

Regular **Town Board meetings** are held on the second 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.

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

**August 22nd regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Dave Edblom, Jerry Hauge, Liz Strohmayer (chair), Pam West, Angela Wilson, and Larry Zanko attended along with the Planning Director Sue Lawson, and Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Mike Kahl.

An appeal of a decision by the Planning Director about a conditional use for a short term rental on an under sized lot on the shore. The owners have a separate property near but not contiguous with the proposed short term rental house. The Commission set the appeal notification area of 1/4 mile of the property. The hearing was slated for the September meeting but was postponed to the October meeting.

A question was raised about a possible repair shop for autos, pickups, and some larger vehicles and trailers at Lismore and McQuade roads. It was decided the use would come under Highway Commercial Use.

The Comprehensive Land Use Community Steering Group finalized and approved the draft version for the vision for the 2030 CLUP.

**September 26th regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Dave Edblom, Jerry Hauge, Liz Strohmayer (chair), Pam West, Angela Wilson, and Larry Zanko attended along with the Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Mike Kahl.

Owners of a short term rental on West Knife River are applying for a conditional use permit. The notification area was set at the usual 1/4 mile.

The Planning Director, Sue Lawson reported on short term rental policy and how it applies in various situations, progress on the Steering Group’s work toward a Comprehensive Land Use 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.
Duluth Township
Information 2019
Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
Phone (218) 525-5705
(voice message),
www.duluthtownship.org

Town Hall rentals:
Community Center Rental Coordinator:
Website Manager
Burning Permits
Clifton Volunteer Fire/EMS Department
Peace Officers
Planning and Zoning Commission
Planning and Zoning Secretary
Planning Director

Supervisors:
Rolf Carlson (2017-2020) 525-0375 Board Chair
Primary contact for Cemetery, Personnel
Alternate for: NS Mgmt Board, Intergov. Relations
Michael Kahl (2019-2022) 525-1594
Primary contact for Planning & Zoning
Alternate for: Bus. Mgmt, NSMB, Introgov Rel, Roads
Penny Morton (2018-2021) 525-5443 Board Vice Chair
Primary contact for: Business Mgmt, CCtr,NS Endow
Alternate for: Personnel, NS Mgmt Bd, Intergov Rel.
John Shifsky (2019-2022) 525-9363
Primary contact for Arts&Heritage, Communications,
Public Safety
Alternate for: Cemetery, Intergov REL, NS Mgmt Bd.
Corlis West (2017-2020) 525-7719
Primary contact for Materials Mgmt, Roads, Town Hall
Alternate for: Intergov Rel, NS Management Board

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 (chair), Pam West,
Angela Wilson and Larry Zanko
Peace Officers: Chief Shawn Padden, Officer 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:
Email: cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com
Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief Rob Peldo,
President Jason Bruckheimer

Burning Permits are available online at mndnr.gov/permits or the
Town Hall (office hours), or from Fire Wardens:
Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), Jay Zink 525-5589
or DNR in Two Harbors, 1568 Hwy 2, 834-1418.
Website Manager: Supervisor Barb Crow.
Community Center Rental Coordinator: Jim Salls 800-9015
Town Hall rentals: contact the Town Clerk, 525-5705.

To Email Township Officials and Departments
See Township web site, www.duluthtownship.org/contacts,
for a dropdown list of personnel and departments you can
use to send emails. Note that a copy of all email 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
Carolyn Marino
Nov.-March: Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm,
Thurs. 2-6pm & Sat. 8-noon.
At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road
April-Oct: Tues 7-11, 3-7pm, Thurs 3-7pm, Sat 8-12.

Household plastic bags accepted in ORANGE bin only.
Please do not put black plastic bags, tarps,
or plastic feed bags in the plastic bag recycle 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.
Recycle only during recycling hours. No household garbage.

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

NOVEMBER 2019
2, Sat, 6:30 to 9 pm, Historical Program on “Social Spots” in the Township, Town Hall
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 meetings, French River Lutheran Church
28?, Thu, 6:30pm Planning Commission, Town Hall

DECEMBER 2019
3, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
4, Wed, 12:30 Homesteader’s, Town Hall
7, Sat, 9-10am Coffee and Local History, Town Hall
12, Thu, 6:30pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
13, Fri, 9:30am Arts and Heritage meeting, Town Hall
17, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept training, Hall #1
17, Tue, 7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District meetings, French River Lutheran Church
23, Mon, Deadline for the January Newsletter
26?, Thu, 6:30pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
31, Thu Start of filing to run for Town Board Supervisor

JANUARY 2020
4, Sat, 9-10am Coffee and Local History, Town Hall
7, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
8, Wed, 12:30pm Homesteader’s, Town Hall
9, Thu, 6:30pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall.
10, Fri, 9:30am Arts and Heritage meeting, Town Hall
14, Tue, Deadline to file for Town Board Supervisor
21, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept training Hall #1
21, Tue, 7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District meeting, French River Lutheran Church
23, Thu, 6:30pm Planning Commission, Town Hall

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