



DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019

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Volunteers Needed — Opportunities to Serve Your Community

"Volunteering is the cost of a good community" (see page 3)

What's Coming Up?

Township Comprehensive Plan Review (see pg 2)

Harvest Dinner Sat. Oct. 12th 5-7pm Town Hall.

A benefit for our Fire Dept. All welcome!

School Starts Sept 4th— Slow down. Watch out for children and stopped school buses.

NSCS News (see page 6)

Rain Garden Workshop Sat Sept 14th, 9-11am ,
Town Hall (see page 3)

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

16th Annual Harvest Dinner Oct. 12th

Come to the Clifton Volunteer Fire Department benefit dinner. Saturday, Oct. 12th, 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!

Duluth Township Art and Heritage Group invites you to: **A Historical Program on the "Social Spots" in the Township**

November 2nd, 6:30—9:00 pm at the Town Hall
Ellen O'Neill

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!

THE HOMESTEADERS

Dorothy Aho

September 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, coffee, snacks. Edward Ojard—Keyboard and piano.

October 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, coffee and snacks. Flu shots available at 11am. Program will be The Ripple Effect, 4-part Barbershop Harmony

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

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Dorothy Aho, Jody Anderson, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Sue Lawson, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Ellen O'Neill, Shawn Padden, Shelly Pierson, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Laura Stone, Carol Surine, Jo Thompson, and Rose Vastila.

Our Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) Update
Core Community Values Approved, Visioning Ahead
Planning Director Sue Lawson, Planning Secretary Beth Mullan

The Community Steering Group is moving forward with their work on the CLUP. Over the summer they have developed a draft vision for the Town for which goals and policies will be developed this fall. The vision weaves together the values our community holds, its resources and assets, and its aspirations. It creates a picture of the community as a whole as we hope it will be in the future.

We have been fortunate to receive another grant from Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program to complete the draft 2030 CLUP. Starting in September, we will be working to develop guiding goals and policies to help move us toward our vision for the Township in 2030.

As we mentioned in the last Newsletter, the report **"Looking Back—Looking Forward: A review of the 2002 Comprehensive Land Use Plan, 2002-2018,"** has been completed and is posted on the Town website. The report details changes and accomplishments in our Township from 2002 through 2018. Some of these changes and accomplishments are highlighted below:

- There have been 159 new single-family dwellings. About half are in the MUNS-4 zoning district, about a third are in the FAM-3 zone district and about a fifth are on the shore.
- In the 10 years since the 2002 CLUP, population growth has continued at a relative steady rate. Population grew 10.4% over the ten-year period from 1990 to 2000, and increased to 12.6% from 2000 to 2010. The estimated population for 2017 is 1,926.
- There have been 30 conditional use permit applications with 27% of those for short term rentals and 17% for subordinate residential dwellings.
- There were 62 variance applications with about two-thirds of them occurring on the shore.
- An inland commercial zone was recognized and established as well as three commercial zones along the shore.
- The distribution of land uses in the Township is about 37% rural residential, 28% farm and forest lands, 28% public forest lands, 6% Lake Superior shore lands, and about 1% commercial and light industrial.
- The largest areas of vegetation land use change have occurred in public lands (about 7%). The vegetation land use has remained unchanged over about 93% of the Township.
- Most of the large rivers in the Township are on the MPCA's list of impaired streams.
- As part of reducing the erosion and sedimentation of streams, the Town adopted a Stormwater Control Ordinance.
- The Town created and adopted a Trails Plan in 2016.
- McQuade Small Craft Harbor was opened in 2008.
- The community, the Town and the school successfully partnered to keep the North Shore Community School in the Township and it continues to thrive.
- The Town added office and community space on to the Town Hall. Access to the internet is also available at the Town Hall.
- An addition to Fire Hall 1 was completed in 2018.
- High speed internet has been brought to the Township through the efforts of Cooperative Light and Power and Lake County's Lake Connections.

These are some of the highlights in the Township over the last sixteen years. We encourage you to go to the Township web site and check out the details of the report.

As we move forward updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, we will be keeping you updated through this Newsletter and our web site.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

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 participated in the brush clearing activity this year. We hope to provide more opportunity for brush clearing and chipping next year. There are free wood chips available at Fire Hall 1 on Ryan Road and Hall 3 on the Laine Road.

911 signs will be available for pickup at the fire hall on Homestead Road during recycling hours on September 7th 8-12am.

The **16th Annual Harvest Dinner** fund raiser will be on Saturday, October 12th from 5-7pm. People who would like to help with the event can contact Sue Lan-non at 720-3987.



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Clifton Fire/EMS Auxiliary

The Fire Department Auxiliary is a group of neighbors who help out with various projects in support of our Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical Responders.

No special qualifications needed (*no fire fighting or emergency medical skills needed*). Projects you could participate in range from helping with the annual Fire Calendar or the fall *Harvest Dinner* benefit, helping with refreshments for fire fighters at extended fire fighting events, help with special programs for the Township such as distributing free smoke alarms or 911 signs, help with educational programs for residents, keeping the fire halls organized, etc. If you are interested, contact Sherry Rovig or Barb Crow at cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com or 52505705.

Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical Responders

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

Local Election Judges

Every year the Township needs trained election judges to help with the elections held in our Town Hall. Free training is provided through the County. If you are interested in being on the list of qualified election judges, contact our Town Clerk, Ann Cox, during office hours at the Town Hall or call 525-5705.

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.

Town Supervisor

Every year we elect one or two Town Supervisors to serve a 3-year term on our Town Board. The election is held the second Tuesday in March. The filing period, set officially by the County, is the first several days in January (*check the Newsletter for exact dates*). 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*).

Updating Our Local Business List

To encourage using local products and services, the Township maintains a list of businesses and residents who offer products or services. The list is put on our web site and published periodically in the Newsletter. The list needs updating which involves contacting those on the list and identifying new businesses. If you are interested leave a note at the Town Hall (525-5705) or contact the Newsletter Editor.

Planning Commission

From time to time as terms come to an end, we need new members of our Planning and Zoning Commission. See the Newsletter where upcoming vacancies are listed.

Other Needs — see our Town Clerk, Ann Cox (525-5705)

Hands-on Rain Garden Workshop

Saturday, September 14th, 9-11am, Duluth Town Hall
Jo Thompson

A rain garden collects water from a roof, driveway or street and allows it to soak into the ground. It helps to reduce runoff from your property and can reduce erosion and filter out pollutants. Planted with native grasses and flowering perennial plants, it also becomes an attractive feature to your yard and provides food and habitat for butterflies, bees and birds.

There is a beautiful rain garden filled with native grasses and wildflowers at the Duluth Town Hall that was installed to collect water from the roof and parking lot and to prevent erosion that would wash sediment to the nearby stream which flows into the Knife River.

Rain gardens do need maintenance from time to time, especially the removal of unwanted plants that crowd out other plants. The Township rain garden is in need of such maintenance. We will be holding a workshop on Saturday, September 14th from 9 to 11 to identify and remove unwanted plants and to provide information on rain gardens. There will be local stormwater and native plant professionals attending who can answer questions.

Please bring gloves and a small trowel or weed puller if you have one. Also bring a rain coat if we happen to have a light rain. If you have any questions, email Jo Thompson at woodfarm1785@gmail.com.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

June 27th regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Liz Strohmayer (*chair*), Pam West and Angela Wilson, and Larry Zanko attended, plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Mike Kahl.

Hearing: The Collings requested four setback variances on their property next to Lake County on Scenic 61 for a house (125 ft to 80ft from Lake Superior, side yard 35 ft to 20 ft), and for a garage (110 ft to 84 ft setback from the centerline of the road and side yard 25 ft to 20 ft). After extensive discussion of the proposal and special characteristics of the lot, all but the garage side yard variance were approved with hold harmless release in favor of the Township and members of the Commission (*because of the closeness to the Lake*).

The Planning Director reviewed progress on the update of *Looking Back, Looking Forward: A Review of the 2002-2018 Comprehensive Land Use Plan*. (see pg 2)

July 25th regular meeting. All Commissioners attended, plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Mike Kahl.

Hearing: Craig Brown requested a variance on a setback from East Shilhon Road (100 ft to 80 ft) for a garage addition. The existing garage is also 80 ft from the road and it met requirements when it was built. After discussion of the Ordinance requirements, the variance was approved.

The Director said the Comprehensive Land Use Community Steering Group developed a draft vision for the Township which will be finalized at their August meeting and in September they will start to look at goals and policies. The Knife River Recreational Council expects to receive a 10 acre parcel on the Knife River. They are seeking grants for the remaining 70 acres of the privately owned parcel but available grants require a governmental agency to hold ownership, thus they are preparing a proposal for the Town Board, requesting that the Township be that government. (see page 8)

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.

2020 Elections to put on your calendar

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)



Mike Kahl, Corlis West, John Schifsky, Rolf Carlson, Penny Morton

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).

June 13th regular meeting. Supervisors Rolf Carlson (*chair*), Michael Kahl, Penny Morton, John Schifsky and Corlis West attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen. Laura Stone discussed the green space project on the lower Knife River (see page 8 for an update).

Reports: *Treasurer:* Deposits of \$3,033.59, expenses of \$43,132.82 for an ending balance of \$382,147.40. *Two hearings* were held on dog complaints. *Fire:* Good interest in brush chipping and fire signs will be here soon for pickup. *Legal:* Hanft Fride requested a fee increase. Our MAT attorney said the Bille variance issue will be reviewed by the State Supreme Court. *Roads:* Grading completed. There are some dust concerns and media reports on chloride vs no chloride. *Town Hall:* Exit sign work approved. *Cemetery:* Memorial Day event went well. *Communications:* The Town Hall sound system was upgraded and our web site was improved.

July 11th regular meeting. All Supervisors attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen.

Advocates of the Knife River Watershed presented plans for purchase of private land along the Knife River (see update on page 8). The Board asked for a written proposal for Township involvement (not financial) that could be reviewed.

Reports: *Finance:* Deposits of \$5,237.80, expenses of \$61,034.23 for an ending balance of \$326,350.97. *Planning:* Our annual stormwater presentation will be in August. *Roads:* Dust issues are mainly on Clover Valley Drive. Areas where chloride has routinely been placed are in poorer condition than places where chloride is not used. There is interest in a more environmentally safe product. *Town Hall:* A new AED was purchased. Exit signs were installed. A backup generator test was done and a service contract is being researched. The Township is seeking a newsletter editor.

August 8th regular meeting. All Supervisors attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Mel Peulen.

Val Brady made an informative report at the Annual Stormwater meeting.

Reports: *Planning:* A Coastal Program grant for updating our CLP was received. *Recycling:* we finally received our WLSSD grant. *Fire:* Chipping day was successful. Free chips are available. The best way to have fire signs installed was discussed. The Newsletter editor position was discussed and whether a stipend may be needed. *Planning:* The CLUP plan progress was discussed (see article).

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.*

CCC Camp on Stoney Point — Part 1

John Schifsky

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 9 (west entrance) turns east to skirt the lakeshore. CCC Company 2753 opened the camp and Company 1751 transferred to the Wayside Park in April 29, 1936. The camp remained open through much of 1937 until the resident company was moved to Jay Cooke State Park.

The photo shows camp barracks and some outbuildings, as well as the camp's location in relation to the lake and the wayside stone wall. In a "News Tribune" article from the period, a reporter notes that plans are already well advanced for construction of a loop road nearly a mile and half long, on fifty acres of park property just east of the Little Sucker River. The road would swing "down toward the lakeshore through a wooded tract with numerous small openings suitable for picnic spots and athletic fields." Near the middle of the loop "where the road approached the lakeshore, a large concourse for automobiles is under construction." The concourse overlooks the lake "from a considerable height from which the cities of Duluth and Superior, the harbor and its shipping may be seen plainly on a clear day."



The "loop road" is today's popular Stoney Point Drive. The camp buildings appear to be situated on the drive as we know it today, the camp perimeter extending to the east as well as the west of the drive which runs north/south. Several weeks ago, I walked the area several hundred feet east and west of the road, between Scenic 61 and the lake, and



found, on the east side, stretches of poured concrete foundation for the south and west walls of two buildings. A large, rectangular, sheet iron box (see photo) clearly intended for use in an outhouse, is adjacent to the foundation walls and appears to be in its original location. Nearby there is also a nearly complete foundation for another building, the enclosed area has been excavated at some depth and filled with large stones. I was not able to find any foundation walls on the west side of Stoney Point Drive.

The Civilian Conservation Corps was one of many programs initiated in the dark days of the depression by President Franklin Roosevelt. A dedicated conservationist, Roosevelt was committed to provide employment relief. He envisioned the CCC as a corps to offer work to young, unemployed men, "not interfering with normal employment, and confining itself to forestry, the prevention of soil erosion, flood control and similar projects" (*Stories in Log and Stone* 13). A relief program focused on conservation. There were four CCC subdistricts in Minnesota, three of them in forest areas. The Lakeshore Wayside Park was in the East Superior subdistrict based in Two Harbors. Much of the work done in the subdistrict was in cutover areas, developing and enlarging state and national forests, most often by clearing brush and planting trees as well as fighting white pine blister rust.

Another CCC task was state park development, efforts which led to the warm stonework in the Gooseberry buildings as well as the towering stone walls which overlook the falls. CCC employees were also responsible for building the River Inn and the Swinging Bridge abutments in Jay Cooke State Park, as well as the picnic shelter at Oldenburg Point. In the "News Tribune" article quoted above, the reporter's focused on the lake road (Stoney Point Drive) with a brief mention of the concourse in front of the camp. The native stone wall (the reporter referred to it as an "Ornamental wall") they constructed no doubt demanded a great deal of pick, shovel and wheelbarrow work simply to dig the foundations as well as to level the concourse area which was to be paved with flagstones. The wall's depth and breadth, the size and careful placement of stones, and the finish work at its top can only really be appreciated from below on one of the paths CCC enrollees created. Today, unfortunately, the wall has collapsed in several places, victim of unchecked erosion both from water running down Stoney Point Drive and the slumping clay banks that front so much of the lake in our area.

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(More information about CCC enrollees, camp life, and Township memories of Lakeshore Wayside Park, in the next Newsletter).

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Infants to School Age, Licensed
Bus to NSCS & Lakewood Schools
Accepting Full and Part Time

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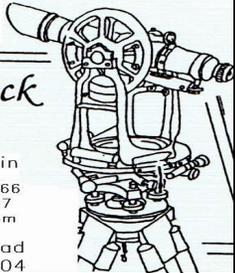
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anthonylueck@northlc.com

6098 Ryan Road
Duluth, MN 55804

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French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

The next meeting is Thursday, September 19th at
7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lu-
theran Church on Ryan Road.

We will be discussing the book *Doc* by Mary Doria
Russell. Carol Surine will be host.

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

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Required**

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7002 App Rd.
Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement

Community Meetings

AA meets 7pm on
Tuesdays at
French River Lu-
theran Church on
Ryan Road.

Youth Groups?

*If there are other
community meet-
ings, please notify
the Newsletter
editor.*

North Shore Community School

Shelly Pierson, Executive Director

Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly. School is just around the corner and we welcome students back on Wednesday, September 4th!

Please watch for buses and students as they make their way back to school.

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

Ice Cream Social: We would like to invite the whole community to join us for an ice cream social on Thursday, September 19th from 4 to 6pm. There will be an opportunity to visit with staff and check out the building if you have not been here for awhile.

Visit our website northshorecommunityschool.org and Facebook page to stay connected with what's happening!

North Shore Community School Preschool News

Shelly Pierson, Executive Director

Welcome **Linda Johnson**, former kindergarten teacher, to her new position as our preschool teacher. It is going to be a great year in preschool!

Preschool begins on September 9th and we will have a **Teacher Meet and Greet** on Thursday, September 5th from 8:45-9:45 and 5-6pm.

We have a few positions open on Monday and Wednesday. Please call the office at 218-525-0663 for more information.

JOBS WANTED For our Township Youth

- Mature, hard working, experienced 18 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call Bridger at 525-0090.

Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

Police Events. Police responded to 178 events in June and July. Most frequent were vacation home/business checks (68), traffic violation citations/warnings (15), medical emergencies (11), animal complaints (11), attempts to locate careless drivers (19) and 6 burglar alarms.



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.



Duluth Township Information 2019

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),
Email: See note below on

using our Township web site.
www.duluthtownship.org

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

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

Supervisors: (see web site for email contacts)

Rolf Carlson (2017-2020) 525-0375 **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, Intergov 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 Bruckelmyer

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

Website Manager: Supervisor Barb Crow.

Community Center Rental Coordinator: Jim Salls 600-9015

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

To Email Township Officials and Departments

See Township web site, www.duluthtownship.org/contacts for a dropdown list of personnel and departments you can use to send emails. Note that a copy of all 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

At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road

**April-Oct: Tues 7-11, 3-7pm,
Thurs 3-7pm, Sat 8-12.**

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



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.

SEPTEMBER 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
- 14, Sat, 9-11am **Rain Garden Workshop**, Town Hall
- 17, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training**, Hall #1
- 17, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 19, Thu, 4-6pm NSCS **Ice Cream Social**, all welcome!
- 26, Thu, 6:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

OCTOBER 2019

- 1, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 2, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 5, Sat, 9-10am Coffee and Local History, Town Hall
- 10, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 11, Fri, 9:30am **Arts and Heritage** meeting, Town Hall
- 12, Sat, 5-7pm **Harvest Dinner**, Fire Dept. Benefit
- 15, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training** Hall #1
- 15, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 23, Wed, **Deadline for the November Newsletter**
- 24, Thu, 6:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

NOVEMBER 2019

- 2, Sat, 6:30 to 9 pm, **Saturday Night Out**, Town Hall
An Arts and Heritage historic program.
- 5, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, 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
- 28, 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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A Proposal Toward Creating a Lower Knife River Community Forest Laura Stone, Peg Zahoric, Rodney Johnson, and Deb Manion

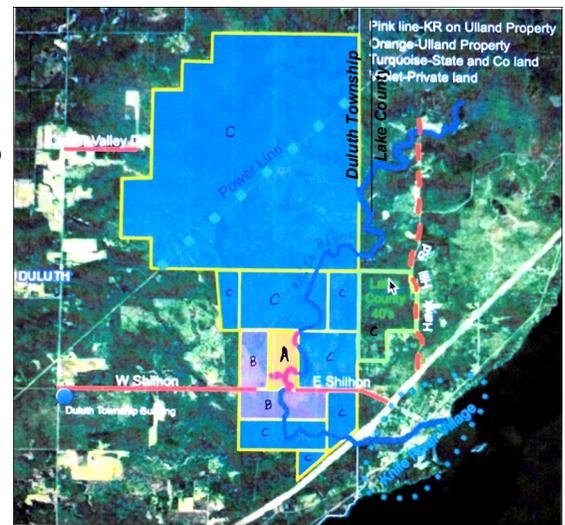
We have lots of land in our area that is undeveloped. Some of this land is useful and valuable being developed or used for agriculture, but some is too loaded with natural beauty and should be preserved for everyone to enjoy.

There are 80 acres at the end of Shilhon Road (see **A** on the map), divided by the Knife River, that is owned privately by the Ulland's and is currently undeveloped. This land includes a winding lower section of Knife River that has carved out cliffs, rapids, small falls, and swimming holes. It includes mixed forest and a fishing easement all within access from both sides of Shilhon Road. There is a long history of use by the community; taking a short trail straight down to the river for wading, fishing or exploring has happened for decades until, for liability reasons, the owner needed to post no-trespassing signs.

This land has not been for sale, but two years ago a small, local group contacted the owner and asked if he would sell; and on July 30th, 2019, this group purchased 10 acres on the east side of the river at the end of Shilhon Road (a part of **A** on the map) that will be gifted to the *Knife River Recreation Center*. Now we can connect this 10 acres to the extensive trail system on the east side of the river via the Shilhon trail entry, winding up to Hawk Hill Road (the east trail entry).

But what about the 70 acres (the remaining part of **A** on the map) on the west, Duluth Township side? We propose to seek funding to purchase the 70 acres on the river's west side through grants. The grants require a governmental agency to be owners and we are asking Duluth Township to be owners but with no expectation of Township funding. There is a *Duluth Township Trails Plan* (see www.duluthtownship.org) showing a proposed future trail between the Duluth Town Hall and Knife River. Purchasing the land now provides Duluth Township with a step toward that plan. It is anticipated that this property would become part of a larger *Lower Knife River Community Forest* including adjacent public land in Lake County. The group will present a written proposal for consideration by our Town Board.

If you have thoughts or ideas to make this happen or concerns, contact Laura Stone at 218-834-4916 or knif-eriver264@yahoo.com.



- A** Proposed 80 acres available for purchase
- B** Private land
- C** State and St Louis County tax forfeit land