



DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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What's Coming Up?

Filing for Town Board Supervisor election is January 2nd through 15th. (see article at right)

Annual Town Meeting and Supervisor Election
Tuesday, March 12th in the Town Hall.
Candidate statements and budget information will appear in the March Newsletter.

NSCS News (see page 2)

Youth seeking jobs (see list on page 4)

Township Comprehensive Plan Review
(see article, page 8, and the mail-back insert)

What Do You Value about Living in Duluth Township? Give your view on the mail-back insert in this Newsletter. Please respond by February 1st.

Winter Acoustic Jam and Potluck—Sat. Feb 23rd, noon to 3pm. This is an Arts and Heritage Event. (see article p6)

Saturday Coffee with Duane—Sat. Jan. 5th, 9-noon. An Arts and Heritage event. (see article, p6).

Vacancies on Planning and Zoning Commission. Applications welcome. (see article page 5)..

Thanks for the special artwork above by students of NSCS art teacher Carla Tamburro. See the pictures in striking color in the internet version of the Newsletter on the Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org.

Serving on the Town's Board of Supervisors

Consider contributing your skills and effort to help run our Township for a 3-year term. Two positions on the 5-member Town Board will be on the ballot in the March 12th election.

After the election, the Board meets to divide up responsibilities and discuss plans for the year. The Board meets the second Thursday each month at 6:30. 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. It's been said that volunteering is the price for living in a good Township!

The March Newsletter will have statements from each candidate plus proposed levy and budget information.

To file for election, see the Town Clerk during office hours between January 2nd and 15th. The cost for filing is \$2.00.

THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

January 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, New Year Potluck and Bingo.

February 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall. Coffee and snacks. Buddy Robinson of the MN Citizens Federation will speak.

March 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Anniversary celebration, Potluck and Folk Singers.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Dorothy Aho, Rolf Carlson, Ann Cox, Barb Crow, Bob Engelson, Sue Lawson, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, Penny Morton, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Ellen O'Neil, Shawn Padden, Shelly Pierson, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Mary Ann Sironen, Carla Tamburro (and her students), Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila, and Shary Zoff.

Duluth Township Community Center
Skating Rink Rules & Hours
Supervisor Penny Morton

Skating Rink Hours
(when there is ice!)

**Monday-Friday 6 until 9;
Saturdays noon to 8pm.**

The rink will not be open if there is no adult supervision.



- No foul language.
- No fighting.
- Respect other people and their belongings.
- No hockey sticks on the pleasure rink.
- No children under ten that are left unsupervised.
- Please park in designated areas.
- Have fun!

Please remember that rink attendants are all volunteers and we need them to keep volunteering. If anybody is interested in volunteering for rink flooding, please call Ron Sundberg (355-8074) or Supervisor Penny Morton (525-0576). A big thanks to Fire Department volunteers who help in getting the rink ice ready.

Roads

Supervisor Corlis West

Obstructions on Township road shoulders can be a problem for properly grading and crowning our gravel roads. For example, if driveway blacktopping extends onto the shoulder of the road it will likely be hit by a plow and cause the homeowner added expense. Please be sure that obstructions do not extend into the road shoulder. If you have questions, contact the Road Supervisor (see page 7). If you have concerns, come to a Board meeting to express them, not with our road contractor.

Advocates for the Knife River Watershed (AKRW)

Shary Zoff

AKRW will host a presentation by Cory Goldsworthy, DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor, and Nick Peterson, Lake Superior Area DNR. It will be at our Duluth Town Hall on Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6:00pm.

Come learn about DNR's management of the river, steelhead fish and beavers in the Knife River watershed. There will be discussions of ongoing projects in the watershed and new information on steelhead genetic interactions. For more information, go to our *Facebook* page, "Advocates for the Knife River Watershed".

Deer News. A deer jumped into the basement of a Duluth Township home and had to be wrestled out by two DNR Conservation Officers! See article in the November 27th News Tribune.

North Shore Community School

Shelly Pierson, Executive Director

NSCS prides itself on offering opportunities for our students that begin within the classroom and extend beyond the walls of our school. We are able to do so because of the generosity of our families and our greater school community! Some of the ways to give to North Shore happen when you shop, without directly sending money. These include selecting NSCS as part of the Amazon Smiles program. We also offer gift cards through Scrip. When you purchase gift cards through us or select NSCS on Amazon Smiles, we receive a percentage in return.

With direct giving we have our *Endowment Fund*, where only the interest is drawn to use, and watch for our *Annual Giving Campaign* coming in the spring. If you would like to know more about ways to support our amazing and innovative programs, please call.

North Shore Community School Preschool

Shelly Pierson, Executive Director

NSCS Preschool has 2nd semester openings. Children ages 3-5 may attend 1, 2 or 3 days a week, Monday-Thursday. Half-day session: 9:00am-12:15, full day session: 9:00am until 2:45. A monthly tuition fee is charged. Please contact Jessi Anderson at 525-0663 to schedule a tour or enroll.

NSCS Endowment Fund

Carla Tamburro

This holiday season give a gift that will go on giving for generations — make a charitable contribution to the North Shore Community School Endowment Fund.

The Endowment Fund provides money for special projects at NSCS. The fund is managed by the *Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation* where funds are invested and only the earned interest each year is awarded to selected school programs. Your donation keeps on earning interest and providing award funds year after year! All donations help by investing in our children.

Awards are granted by the *NSCS Endowment Advisory Board* to projects that nurture students in special ways. For example, teachers wrote proposals for a two-day workshop to teach 6th graders about regional history and how early settlers in our region hunted, lived and survived. It was an indoor and outdoor, hands-on learning experience. Another grant brought in 16 artists to present mini-workshops on ceramics, felting, painting, weaving, harp and banjo playing, etc.

Please send your tax deductible donation to: NSCS Endowment Fund, 5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804. Thank you!

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

October 25th regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Liz Strohmayer, Jo Thompson (*chair*) and Larry Zanko attended, plus Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Rolf Carlson.

Discussion: The Township has been assigned TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) standards for sediments for the French and Sucker Rivers. The MPCA named Duluth Township as a permitted discharger into the French River because we have Township roads within the watershed and are an MS4 (*and required to report annually on storm-water mitigation*). The amount of sediment the Town roads are allowed to contribute is extremely stringent and may not be realistically possible to meet. Jo and Supervisor Dave Mount will meet with MPCA to get clarification. It was noted that the County has about 90% of roads and ditches in the Township but are not under this program.

November 15th rescheduled regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Dave Edblom, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Liz Strohmayer, Jo Thompson (*chair*) and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Rolf Carlson.

Hearing: The New Scenic Café requested a variance from the road for a 16x16 entryway addition and roof reconfiguration. After detailed discussion, the variance was approved. Water runoff will be addressed. One email comment was received from neighbors in the notification area and it was positive.

The Town received a STAR grant from the Coastal Program for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan update. The Board approved Sue and Beth to work on it starting in December. See the article on page 8 for update plans.

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.



Police Events. October and November had 189 police events. Most frequent were vacation home/business checks (83), traffic citations and warnings (16), medical emergencies (14), and property damage accidents (8).

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.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief



FIREWISE Update — Our Firewise grant will extend into 2019 so that we can get the 911 signs and posts to residents. The company making the signs wasn't able to deliver our order as anticipated due to production equipment problems. We are told that the delivery will likely happen in January. Please continue to report your time spent clearing brush and other fuel reduction activities. Hours can be emailed to cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com or via phone to Sherry at 343-4909.

We will be taking part in another grant in 2019 that was arranged by the St Louis County Firewise Coordinator, Gloria Erickson. The new grant will continue our work in wildfire prevention and fuel reduction. Details will be in the March Newsletter.

Emergency Fire Key Box Update: If you have a fire key box by your doorway and need to update keys or if you no longer want the box, please leave a message at the Town Hall. If you would like a fire key box, let us know as well.

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

Emergency Operations

Sherry Rovig

Neighbors helping neighbors. It is essential for every residence to have a visible 911 sign so emergency services can find you when you need help. A great way to accomplish this project is for neighbors to help each other. Do you know your neighbors? If you can, get a group of nearby addresses to share information and resources, it will make emergency preparedness easier in many ways. It will be more efficient when *Gopher State One-call* comes to mark the utility lines before sign post installation. You can also determine which neighbors might need a hand installing their signs or other assistance. Once you have made the neighborhood connections, the EOC (our Emergency Operations Center) can help you establish phone trees, arrange for wildfire assessments for your properties, assist with fuel reduction activities, and help your neighborhood pool resources to be a "Firewise Community".

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

- 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.
- 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

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 (Mar.) Newsletter is Feb.. 23rd

French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

The book for January discussion is After the Floods by Bruce Hendricksen. Darlene procured enough copies for all of us. The next meeting is Thursday, January 17th at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Rhonda O’Leary will be host.

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

Primary Election Results

The Township started November 6th with 1,387 registered voters and 61 registered at the election. We had 1,028 who voted at the Town Hall plus 143 absentee voters for an 80.9% participation among those registered.



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).

November 8th 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 reported deposits of \$2,139.47, expenses of \$50,831.30 and an ending balance of \$439,985.36. Claims were reviewed and bills approved for payment.

Public Comment: A new non-profit, “North Shore Community Rink” (NSCR) has been formed by volunteers to oversee the skating rinks. The Board had previously approved \$5,000 to be used by NSCR to pay for a volunteer and small maintenance items for the skating rink (*see skating rink article on page 2 for contacts*). A memo of understanding is being drafted. In the mean time, the Board approved spending \$3,500 of the \$5,000 for sand and improved lights. Lighting for the skating rink is not considered small maintenance and so the rent money will continue to come to the Township. Consideration of help with repairs for ABC’s sweeper (used for NSCS sidewalks and the skating rinks) awaits information from ABC.

An issue with CLP’s apparently uncontrolled chemical spraying from ATV’s into ditches in our Township was discussed. MPCA is being contacted. Coop Light and Power apparently claims no responsibility for its sub-contractors.

Fire: Insurance will be reviewed for Hall 1 with its new addition. **Planning:** A grant was received to help with updating our Comprehensive Land Use Plan. A motion was approved to augment added staff time spent on the project. **Arts and Heritage** had standing room only for their 1918 Fire presentation.

Roads: Grading is done although late snow and rain created problems. D/NSSD election of Kevin Bovee was adopted by the Board. **Cemetery:** The shed is being repaired including walls and floor. **Communication:** Landmarks, the earlier Township newspaper, will be put on the web site for reference.

December 13th 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:** The Treasurer reported \$ \$1,811.62, expenses of \$34,941.82 and an ending balance of \$403,234.92. **Public Comment:** Ed Bruckelmyer presented the ABC, Inc. request for support for half of snow sweeper funding (\$1,679). The sweeper is used for the rinks and NSCS sidewalks. The request was approved. The skating rink volunteer group memo of understanding was approved.

The Comprehensive Land Use Plan update schedule was introduced and will be discussed further at the next Board meeting. The annual employee COLA adjustment was approved. The cemetery building floor repair is finished.

The meeting adjourned for its annual holiday potluck. Volunteers and Township employees are invited.

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.*

Winter Frolic

John Schifsky

The poem was typed on what is now a deeply creased piece of paper dated 2/23/36. It seems fair to assume Maxine Esterly, whose signature appears at the bottom, wrote the verse. The poem's opening lines are:

Township residents of a certain age tell stories of the winter celebrations which took place in the past, most at school, in January and February each year. As they reminisce, their faces soften and their gaze seems to turn inward; the memories are clearly pleasant ones of playing with classmates at these special events. There was sledding down Abrahamson's Hill, tobogganing, skiing and ski jumping, races, and food.

The "viipu kelkka" (Finnish for lever sled) is especially memorable. It consisted of a 20' to 30' pole anchored at one end to a wooden post with a log attached to the pole's opposite end. Riders sat on the log as their friends pushed the pole around in a circle, faster and faster. Or, a sled was attached to the pole's end and the circular track it rode on was iced. Still featured at Laskiainen, it has another, perhaps more appropriate name: the "whip sled".

"The Winter Frolic"
February 23rd, that's the date,
Come one, come all, and don't be late.
The place is "Eli Johnson's Hill"
It's just the spot to fill the bill.
The occasion, a Winter Frolic gay
Sponsored by the P.T.A.
Of Bloomingdale and Clover Valley
We hope the whole countryside to rally.
Twenty cents for adults, that's the rate
What cheaper way to celebrate?



Queen Dorothy Shelton, 1937

In 1941, the annual Clover Valley Winter Sports Frolic was held at the high school, the Coronation Ball at the Town Hall. In the yearbook "Cavalier," the Ball gets most notice: Miss Mary Salby was crowned Queen of Winter Sports. Miss 1941 as well as queens from 1936-1940, processed under an arch of skis to the Queen's Court, their approach heralded by trumpeters from Two Harbors. A bonus: the sale of Booster Tags, and refreshments, netted the G.O. and PTA \$100.

A small black and white photo taken during the Bloomingdale School 1946 Winter Carnival features the king and queen and their court, all standing on top of a tall mound of snow. Jimmy Lundgren is king, Delores Oberg, queen, flanked by

Billy Aho, Phil Carlson, and Alice Swartz. Mrs. Williams, fourth grade teacher, is on the side. The event took place on the school grounds in mid-February because the busses came at the end of the school day. The entire school was involved; there were races, the coronation, cookies, and other goodies. When asked how the king and queen were chosen, Phil Carlson said the students who sold the largest number of 5 cent tickets were the winners. It helped if there was a parent, uncle, or aunt who would buy a lot of tickets.

On February 27, 1953, Clover Valley held its annual Sno-Carnival at the school. Hazel Jackson reigned as Sno-Queen, Diane MacLean as Sno-Princess. Runners up for the queen were Delores Oberg, Marilyn Jackson and Louise Mattson. Runner-up for princess was Carol Anderson. Activities during the afternoon included snow modeling, bingo, bake sales, and a hall of horrors.

"The Winter Frolic" quoted above ends:
The affair winds up with a Frolic Ball
To be held at the French River Hall.

The records suggest Clover Valley School dances and balls were held in the Town Hall in the 1930's and 40's. In the 50's, activities were limited to the school. Winter frolics and festivals were and continue to be common occurrences in the lives of many and have been documented throughout the course of human history. That they didn't occur in Township schools before Christmas may have been because that time was already overscheduled; thus January and February. Three or four weeks after the winter solstice when we are motivated by the basic human need to celebrate individual and communal survival, to reaffirm the primacy of life, the importance of family and friends, and to recognize the hope which a returning sun nurtures. What better way than by playing, dancing, sharing food.

Vacancies on the Township Planning and Zoning Commission

Planning Director, Sue Lawson

The P&Z Commission, a 7-member board, guides implementation of the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. No special qualifications are necessary to serve on the P&Z Commission other than an interest in the Township's future and a willingness to serve. Commission members serve 3-year terms and cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. The Commission holds regular monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month, with occasional special meetings as the need arises. Commission members receive a per-meeting stipend.

The Planning Commission is planning to fill 2 vacancies, starting in April, 2019. Interested residents should submit a letter of interest by March 1, 2019. Please include relevant past experience and send it to: *Duluth Township, Attn: P&Z Commission Vacancy, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804*. Interviews to fill the vacancies will be held by the Town Board. If you have questions, leave a message for the Planning Director at the Town Hall, 525-5705.



Gentle Yoga
Chair Yoga 3:15 and Gentle Yoga 4:30
Wednesdays
at French River Lutheran Church
A wellness class for beginners
\$10 per class

kshamapractice@gmail.com

Paid Advertisement

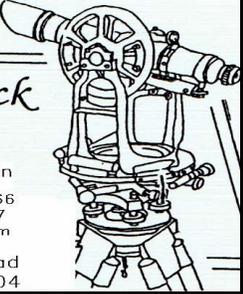
NORTH COUNTRY
LAND SURVEYOR, INC.

Anthony Lueck
Surveyor

Minnesota/Wisconsin
MN.LIC.24587/WI.LIC.2366
BUS.TELE.218-348-8037
anthonylueck@northlc.com

6098 Ryan Road
Duluth, MN 55804

GPS
Drafting
Mapping
Property Lines



Paid Advertisement

Country Kids Day Care, 218-343-6370
Infants to School Age, Licensed
Bus to NSCS & Lakewood Schools
Accepting Full and Part Time

Paid Advertisement

LOOKING FOR A HOME TO RENT?
or,
LOOKING FOR A RENTER FOR YOUR NICE HOME?
Call **Apartment & Home Advisors** – we can help!
We specialize in properties of distinction
and we help “take the stress out of moving”.
Call Susie Lannon at 218-720-3987

Paid Advertisement

WAGGIN' Tails
Boarding Kennels
Long & short term
boarding



Reservations
Required

218-525-4842
7002 App Rd.
Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement

Community Youth Groups

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

Cub Scouts: call David 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.)

The Art and Heritage Group
Jo Thompson

Our Town Hall offers space for people to gather to share experiences and memories. The Arts and Heritage group consists of community members who have been working on identifying ways in which the Town Hall can be a resource center, display space, and gathering place. They welcome your input.



If you have historic artifacts, photographs, maps, paintings, quilts, fiber art and other items that reflect our many talents and heritage, that you would be willing to loan for inside display, please contact Jo Thompson (woodfarm1785@gmail.com) or Duane Madison at 525-5645. We do not have the capacity to store items so please contact us to

make arrangements for having items on display.

We meet on the 2nd Friday morning of each month at 9:30 in the Town Hall Community Room. All are welcome. The next scheduled meetings are January 11th and February 8th 2019.

Scheduled Events

Winter Acoustic Jam and Potluck—Saturday, February 23rd, noon to 3pm in the Town Hall. Join in for an afternoon of food and music. Bring your instruments and play (sing and tap) along to folk, Celtic, country, rock and bluegrass tunes. We're looking for folks who are willing to take the lead on some songs and who could provide lyrics and chords for some songs ahead of time, so that folks would be comfortable to follow along. Bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jo Thompson or Duane Madison.

Saturday Coffee with Duane—Saturday, January 5th, 9 to noon. Bring your recycling to the Town Hall and then stop in the Community Room for coffee and conversation. Share stories about the history of our Township and brainstorm on ideas people would like to see regarding the arts and heritage of our Township. We're hoping this event will lead to a regular Saturday morning thing!

Fall Event—Stay tuned for details, we're working on the history of dances, dance halls and other



entertainment in our Township. We are also planning on a program of related music for this event.



Pictures here are from the Nov 3rd 1918 Fire Program at the Town Hall.



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

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 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 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.

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

Township Recycling Center

Carolyn Marino

At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road

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

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

Plastic bags accepted in ORANGE bin only.

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



Township Calendar

See calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org.

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

JANUARY 2019

- 1, Tue, Office closed
- 2, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 2, Wed, Start of filing to run for Town Board Supervisor
- 2, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 10, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 11, Fri, 9:30am **Arts and Heritage** meeting, Town Hall
- 15, Tue, Office hours today are 1-5pm
- 15, Tue, Last day to file to run for Town Supervisor
- 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 **AKRW** meeting, Town Hall (see article)
- 24, Thu, 6:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

FEBRUARY 2019

- 5, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 8, Fri, 9:30am **Arts and Heritage** meeting, 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
- 23, Sat, 12-3pm, **Winter Acoustic Jam and Potluck**, Arts and Heritage, Town Hall, (see p6)
- 23, Sat, **Deadline for the March Newsletter**
- 28, Thu, 6:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

MARCH 2019

- 5, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 8, Fri, 9:30am **Arts and Heritage** meeting, Town Hall
- 12, Tue, **7am-8pm Town Board Election, Town Hall**
- 12, Tue, **8:15 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, Town Hall**
- 14, Thu, 6:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
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- P&Z Vacancies announced

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Our Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update

Supervisor Rolf Carlson, Planning Director Sue Lawson, Planning and Zoning Chair Jo Thompson

Our Township will be updating its Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) this year. The last CLUP was adopted in 2002 and sunsets in 2020. We are taking this year to involve our community to help create a vision of our Township for the next ten years and to develop guiding goals and policies to help move us toward that vision.

A CLUP represents a way forward for the future of our community. It is used to guide the writing and interpretation of a zoning ordinance and other land use ordinances, decisions on development projects and to guide the Town Board and Planning Commission's decisions regarding public projects. The Town Board makes the final decision and approval of the CLUP.

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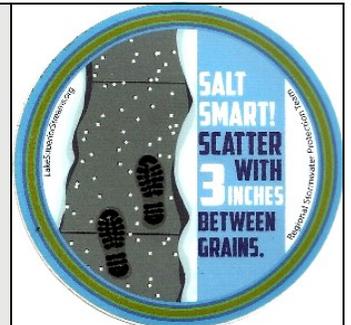
As we did in 2002, we are using a planning process that is community based. We intend to do this by having Community Open Houses and community-wide input over the coming year as we move through the planning phases. Your input regarding our core community values will be used by a Community Steering Group that will guide and help develop the CLUP. To that end, we are asking (*in the enclosed mail-back insert*) for your thoughts on what you believe are the core community values for our Township.

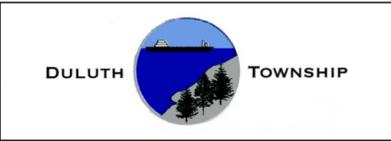
The insert in this Newsletter asks for your response to a the question:

"Above all else, I most value _____ in the Township, because _____".

Your response will be used to help update the CLUP.

Please respond by February 1st.





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Our core community values will be used to help create a vision for our Township and to write the goals and policies to help achieve that vision.

To help identify our core community values, we ask that you answer the following question and return your reply to us by February 1st. You can return it by dropping it off at the Town Hall, or by mailing it to Duluth Township, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804.

It may be helpful in responding to the question below to think about the many facets of our Township such as the community aspects, the natural environment, public life, governance, community facilities in our Township, etc.

Complete the following sentence: Please feel free to write down more than one answer to this question.

“Above all else, I most value: _____ in the Township, because: _____.”

- What area do you live in?** (check one) [] on the shore side of the expressway (highway 61) in Duluth Township.
[] on the inland side of the expressway (highway 61) in Duluth Township.
[] outside Duluth Township.

Your Name

To receive email notifications of Open Houses, please provide your email address: _____

Please return your response by February 1st.
Thank you

*Mail your completed questionnaire to the Town Hall
or put it in the locked Mail Box on the Town Hall porch.*

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Duluth Town Hall
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Duluth, MN 55804**

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Thank you for providing your feedback!
Responses will be used to help update the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

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