

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

JULY 2020

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WWW.DULUTHTOWNSHIP.ORG

Public Hearing on the Proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan

July 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Duluth Town Hall

The Duluth Township Planning Commission is seeking comments on the Proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP). There will be a Public Hearing on July 16th at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. The Proposed CLUP can be viewed either on the website www.duluthtownship.org or at the Town Hall Office during office hours.

There are a number of ways to get your comments to the Planning Commission:

- Mail them to: Town of Duluth, 6092 Homestead Rd., Duluth MN, 55804. They must arrive on or before close of business July 16th.
- Drop them off at the Town Hall with the Clerk during office hours or in the box under the information board, at the Town Offices.
- Via email to: townclerk@lakenet.com on or before close of business July 16th.
- In person at the Public Hearing.

We will be following the Governor's Covid-19 directives regarding gatherings. We very strongly urge you to send in your comments rather than attending in person. The same consideration is given to written comments as those from folks who attend the Public Hearing.

The Planning Commission is putting forward this Proposed CLUP that was the result of over a year and a half of work by the Community Steering Group. During that time, a community survey was conducted and the Community Steering Group held three open houses seeking comments throughout the CLUP updating process. The Planning Commission will review and consider all the comments received at the hearing and file a report to the Town Board with recommendations regarding adoption of the Proposed CLUP.

The Town Board is the body that adopts ordinances and has final decision-making authority. It is anticipated that the Town Board will consider adoption of the Proposed CLUP at the August 13th Town Board meeting. The website and public meeting postings at the Town Hall will confirm the date.

We look forward to your comments on the Proposed CLUP. Thank you for taking the time to comment!

What's Coming Up?

All Town Hall events are canceled until further notice.

All July events are canceled until further notice.

Community brush drop. (see insert)

Election updates (see page 5)

Blood Drive (see page 6)

THE HOMESTEADERS

Dorothy Aho

All dates are subject to change, due to Covid-19.

July 1st, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Annual Picnic

August 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, sandwiches and bars, **Program:** Colette Bitz with chair yoga and good senior advice.

September 2nd, Wednesday 12:30pm Town Hall, sandwiches and bars, **Program:** Mark Munger, popular author and speaker who wrote books about our North Country and Finnish information etc.

Homesteaders,

We miss you all and continue to monitor the opportunities for resuming. At this time we are looking at having our annual picnic at the earliest possible date. Possibly a social distancing picnic at the Town Hall in September. If it develops, you will be contacted. If not, keep watching the newsletter for updates.

As we have not been able to meet and to keep in touch, I would like to start putting some Homesteader announcements and news into the Newsletter. If you have birthdays, anniversaries, announcements, or interesting news, please send them to Rvast52@gmail.com. I will put something together for the next newsletter.

Be well, be active,
Rose

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Dorothy Aho, Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Sue Lawson, Beth Luikart
Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, George Sundstrom,
Carol Surine, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila



Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

Clifton Fire welcomes Mark Herman to the department. Mark and his family are longtime residents of our community, He recently retired from Duluth FD and brings over 30 years experience as a firefighter and paramedic. Mark is eager to serve our community.

We are once again making a Fire Department Calendar to be distributed free to all residents.. Anyone who is interested in purchasing an ad or would like to help with production, please call Jody Anderson at 525-4971.

Reminder: please keep track of the hours that you spend clearing trees and brush to reduce wildfire risk and watching the video. This is recorded on the back of the insert and counts toward our In-kind grant contribution.

There is still a need for masks at congregate care facilities and other locations. We continue to provide drop off locations at the town hall and the fire hall on Ryan road for sewn cloth masks. There are labeled bins at both locations. The masks that have already been distributed were received with gratitude. Thanks to all who help keep our community safe and healthy.

Room for Volunteers

We still have room on our roster for a few fire fighters. All training and equipment provided. Contact Chief Bob Engelson if interested. 525-6819

911 SIGN PICKUP

Those who still need to pick up their 911 signs can call the town hall at 525-5705, during office hours, and request their sign (and post, if needed) be placed on the outside of the Town Hall for pickup.

Arrowhead Neighborhood Ambassador Program

Are you interested in leading efforts to help you and your community be more prepared for wildfire?

Arrowhead Neighborhood Ambassador Program Orientation
Wednesday, July 8 6:30-8 pm

Register online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10916536855>

To learn more about the program and how you can be a volunteer Neighborhood Ambassador, attend this informational VIRTUAL meeting!



Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief

For Medical & Police Emergencies Call: 911.

Police Events. The police responded to 110 events in May. Most frequent were vacation home/ business checks (49), attempt to locate reckless driver (8), medical emergencies (6), disturbance complaints (4), suspicious activity (4), and fire alarms (4).

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.

Duluth Township Arts and Heritage Group (DTAHG)

Our Town Hall offers space for people to gather and a place 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 resource center, display space, and gathering place. They welcome your input. The DTAHG has been hosting various history and arts programs. DTAHG is supported through grants and donations. Thank you to all who have shown interest in our efforts. We are hoping to have another program this fall: stay tuned.

If you have stories, historic artifacts, photographs, maps, paintings, quilts, fiber art, and other items that reflect our many talents and heritage that you would be will 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.

DTAHG usually meets monthly. However, at this time we have suspended future meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will resume meeting at 9:30 am on the Friday following the Town Board meeting when it is safe to do so.

One of the unfortunate consequences of the Covid-19 epidemic is the risk inherent to both parties in lengthy, face-to-face interactions. Interviews, the basis for many of the Township history narratives in the past five years, may not be wise. And the phone is not an acceptable alternative; all the important non-verbal cues are lost. The narrative which follows is based on one written fifty years ago. It is an edited version of an article which appeared in "The Landmarks," September 1971. Our thanks to those editors.

The Oldest House in the Township

On Highway 61 between the McQuade and Ryan Roads there is a barrier on the south side where the Old North Shore Road used to cross the expressway. Nearly opposite on the north side and, not visible from the highway, is an older frame house. The George Gruber's owned it in 1971; its current owner is Bruce Lotti. (The 1971 article did not indicate whether the house was on the north or south side of the Highway 61. Looking for the house I drove to the one closest to the barrier on the south side where I had a pleasant conversation with Kellie Luedloff, daughter of Don and Ella Fennessy, who purchased that house in 1965. Kelli, a graduate of North Shore Elementary, lives there now. Her father Don was a member of the Clifton Fire Department and its Chief in the 1980's and 90's.)

Bruce Lotti's house was built by Sam McQuade who was born in Pennsylvania. He died in Duluth in 1896 at age 67. Sam walked to Superior, WI from Ontonogan, MI to look for copper in 1852. He crossed into Duluth on snowshoes in 1854 and is reportedly its third settler. By 1855 he had a claim at Endion where he established a trading post. The next year W.W. Spaulding and D. Cash grubstaked five men, including McQuade to make homesteads or pre-emption claims in the area. McQuade established a claim at French River and lived on it until 1858 at which point he apparently walked back to Michigan. The year before, 1857, McQuade, Cash, Spaulding, Carlton, Parry, Cowell, Kingsbury and Vose Palmer incorporated, with \$400,000 capital, the first mining company (copper) to be formed in the Minnesota Territory.

McQuade served as a second lieutenant in the Grand Army of the Republic for three years during the Civil War. He was back in Duluth by 1870 and had entered a partnership in a sash and door business that lasted until 1875. The mill was on Park Point. He was one of the organizers of the Old Settlers Association in 1886.

McQuade was in turn, a Duluth alderman, a St. Louis County commissioner, and the first St. Louis County sheriff (1878-1888). He was Duluth's police chief from 1890 to 1892.

About 1865, McQuade built a 16 x 20 two-room, story-and-a-half, log home with a hip roof on the French River claim. Today that structure is the rear part of the present building (2275 Old North Shore Drive). After recent remodeling, it houses a bedroom and bathroom. We don't know how long the McQuade family lived there. A son, Robert, added the present front portion to the house about 1920. It consisted of a living room and two upstairs bedrooms built by Frank Shelhon. The carpenter added the decorative eave-facing on the front of the house, a banshee roost. The banshee could roost there rather than on the chimney. If a banshee entered the house (chimney) it could cause the deaths of family members inside.

The property has changed hands several times since 1920. But when she lived there Mrs. McQuade carried water for the family's needs from a shallow well 127 feet from the house. The family dug a new well close to house and found, to their surprise, the water table was at 27 feet. Billy McQuade fell into the first well and was saved from drowning by his mother. McQuade donated an acre of his land, the acre closest to Highway 61, as a site for a one-room school, a little red building in use until 1916. Helen Hendrickson reports that the fishermen's kids walked up to that school from the shore. When it closed the students transferred to School 90.

Bruce Lotti purchased the house and property in 1973 and tells stories of stripping the interior walls of the old building and exposing the original tamarack logs. Driving nails was impossible without pilot holes. Further, the corners of cabin, top to bottom, were more than three inches out plumb, the new wall coverings demanding significant shimming, but there was no rot. Logs are not visible on the exterior; an earlier owner covered them with siding years previous. Lotti is familiar with Sam McQuade's history as well as the history of the house and is comfortable living with its challenges.



Original cabin left side of above building.

To Place an Ad, or list community meetings in the newsletter, contact the newsletter editor at magnellnathan@gmail.com

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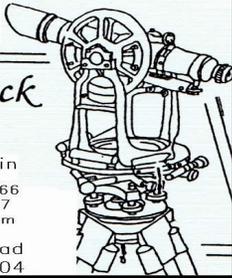
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anthonylueck@northlc.com

6098 Ryan Road
 Duluth, MN 55804

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

Address signs are still available at the Town Hall during office hours. If you would like to pick yours up please call (218-525-5705) or e-mail (townclerk@lakenet.com). During the Governors "Stay at Home" order the signs will be placed outside on the sidewalk for pickup.

Laughter Yoga
 Join us for this unique opportunity August 16, 2020 6:30-7:30 pm, French River Lutheran Church 5310 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN

Event is FREE!
LIMITED TO 30 PARTICIPANTS

Direct questions or RSVP to drjockmock@msn.com (“Laughter Yoga” in subject line) or 218.341.4181. Include your name and phone number.

No yoga experience needed! Come as you are -- no mats or special clothing required. Dress for the weather; we hope to be outside but will move indoors if necessary. Session will be led by a certified, laughter yoga instructor.

Childcare is NOT available onsite for this session.

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Reservations Required
 218-525-4842
 7002 App Rd.
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Job Opportunity

The Town is looking for 6 people to work the August 11th and the November 3rd elections.

The positions needed are: 2 greeters; 4 people to clean voting booths and election spaces.

The positions will be half days. First shift from 6:30am - 2:00pm, second shift from 2:00pm - 8:00 PM.

Pay will be the Township flat rate of \$12.78 per hour.

Please contact the Clerk at 525-5705 if you are interested.

Township Election Updates
to make VOTING safer in 2020
Clerk, Ann Cox

In response to Covid-19 safety guidelines, we have revised the physical layout of upcoming elections for the August 11th Primary and the November 3rd General Election.

We are encouraging everyone to consider voting by **Absentee Ballot**. It is especially easy to do in Minnesota. And remember your clerk is a notary if you need your ballot envelope notarized.

Apply online at <https://www.mnvotes.org>, or the St Louis County web site.

You will be sent an Absentee Ballot Application by mail to complete and mail back to St Louis County.

You can keep track of your ballot status at: MNVotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx.

If you plan to vote in person at the Town Hall, we have made some changes:

- **Please wear a cloth mask.**
If you forget, we will provide one.
- **Everyone will go in through the main Office door** (*not the usual Town Hall doors*).
Someone will be there to give directions and help maintain 6-foot safety distances.
- **Sign in as usual at the Election Judge table in the office hallway and you will receive a registered voter receipt.**
If you need to register to vote you can do that at the clerk office window and then sign in.
- **Once registered you will be directed up the handicap accessible ramp in the lobby** which goes into the main Town Hall. **A ballot is available there from the Ballot Judge** in exchange for your registered voter receipt.
- **Voting booths will be spaced out** but you vote as usual and insert your completed ballot in the ballot counting machine at its usual place in the corner.
- **Please exit through the front door with the ramp** when you are finished voting.

We will sanitize tables and the voting machine surfaces periodically. Sanitizer will also be available for voters to use as well.

Otherwise everything will be as usual. Polls will be open from 7am to 8pm. If you are unable to leave your car to vote, two election judges will bring materials to you so you can vote from your car.

If you are a new voter in Duluth Township and need to register you may do it before the election in the Clerk's office during regular business hours. Please bring an ID with your current address, or a utility bill with your name and current address, or a Duluth Township registered voter who can vouch for you.

Thank you for your help in keeping the election process safe for everyone.

French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

We chose *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery as our book for July.

This is a Book-Club-in-a-Bag offering, so I will have 10 books to share within the group. To claim a copy call: 525-4426.

The next meeting will be via Zoom, on July 16th at 7:30pm. Hope to see a lot of you then!

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

Town Book Exchange

Take books. Bring books.

Open during township office
and recycling hours.

DO NOT BRING:

Cookbooks

Reference/DIY books/guides

Books with torn covers/pages/mildew



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

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

All meetings are postponed until further notice.

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.

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).

All meetings are postponed until further notice.

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.

Memorial Day

We would like to recognize the contribution of the Poe family to Memorial Day. Even though there was no cemetery service this year, Fred, Betty and their children posted flags at all the veterans' graves. Every year the Poe family assists in this event, and before them, Melvin and Aili Johnson did the same. The Town appreciates their service.

Thank you to all the talented people who sewed face masks and left them in the bins placed at our fire halls and the Town Hall. The face masks were donated to St. Lukes, and a variety of care houses in the City of Duluth. Masks were also kept at the Fire Hall for use on calls. Thank you again for all of your hard work it is very greatly appreciated.

What Happens in the Watershed Doesn't Stay in the Watershed!

Jo Thompson and Val Brady

Everyone in Duluth Township lives in a watershed. Think of a watershed as an irregular shaped tipped bowl, with low and steep surfaces and a deep groove down the middle. When it rains some of the water which falls on that "bowl" makes its way to ditches, creeks, and streams and eventually to Lake Superior. Other water seeps into the ground, is taken up by vegetation, or evaporated into the air. Watersheds are generally named after the main body of water that receives the rainwater. We all live in the large Lake Superior Watershed, but we also live in smaller watersheds. In Duluth Township, these are mainly the Talmadge, French, Sucker, and Knife rivers. Much of what we do in the watershed affects these bodies of water. As summer brings showers and heavy storms, pollutants leave the land and end up in the streams and eventually the lake. These pollutants can be harmful to aquatic life, impact our recreational uses (like swimming and fishing), and take away from the beauty of these waterways. There are things we can do on our land to minimize this impact. Some of these include:

- Keep dirt piles covered.
- Put hay bales or barriers around construction sites.
- Plant vegetation on disturbed areas as soon as possible
- Wash vehicles at a car wash or in the grass where detergents are better contained.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly.
- Maintain vegetative buffers along streams.
- Maintain vegetation in ditches and don't mow them.
- Locate livestock away from streams and areas that slope toward streams.
- Do not dump chemicals such as motor oil, paints, solvents, etc. on the ground. Take them to WLSSD.
- Report any Illicit Discharges (chemical spills, dirt washing into ditches or streams, etc.)*

*For more information http://www.duluthtownship.org/pdf/ordinances/031413_Illicit_Discharges.pdf



Duluth Township Information 2020

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, 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 Schifsky (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

Nov.-March: Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm,

Thurs. 2-6pm & Sat. 8-noon.

At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road

April-Oct: Tues 7-11am, 3-7pm,

Thurs 3-7pm, Sat 8-12pm.



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.

A reminder that all events are canceled until further notice. The calendar is provided in case that fact changes. Check the website as well, for further info.

July 2020

July 1st: Homesteaders 12:30pm Town Hall

July 7th: Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Mtg. 7pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road

July 9th: Town Board mtg. 6:30 pm Town Hall

July 21st: North Shore Sanitary Dist. Mtg. 7am French River Church

July 21st: EMR Training 6pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road

July 21st: Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Mtg. 7pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road

July 23rd: Planning and Commission Mtg. 7pm Town Hall

August 2020

August 4th: Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Mtg. 7pm Fire Hall #1

August 5th: Homesteaders 12:30pm Town Hall

August 8th: Come on Home Party 1-4:30pm Town Hall

August 13th: Town Board Mtg. 6:30pm Town Hall

August 18th: North Shore Sanitary Dist. Mtg. 7am French River Church

August 18th: EMR Training 6pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road

August 18th: Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Mtg. 7pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road

August 27th: Planning Commission Mtg. 7pm Town Hall

September 2020

September 1st: Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Mtg. 7pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road

September 2nd: Homesteaders 12:30pm Town Hall

September 10th: town Board Mtg. 6:30pm Town Hall

September 15th: North Shore Sanitary Dist. Mtg. 7am French River Church

September 15th: EMR training 6pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road

September 15th: Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Mtg. 7pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road

September 24th: Planning Commission Meeting 7pm Town Hall

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American Red Cross Blood Drive at French River Lutheran Church

Dates & Times: Thursday, July 30, 2020 – 1 pm to 7 pm Friday, July 31, 2020 – 9 am to 3 pm

Place: French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN, 55804

The American Red Cross recently announced that for a limited time, they will test all successful blood, platelet, and plasma donations for Covid-19 antibodies at no charge, as an additional health service for donors.

This antibody testing will be available during the community-wide blood drive hosted by the French River Lutheran Church Outreach Committee. Due to increased demand because of the available antibody testing, appointments are highly encouraged and may be made in one of these ways:

1. Going to RedCrossBlood.org and searching our Zip Code for the French River Lutheran Church blood drive. First time donors will need to create a profile with a username and password.
2. Downloading the Blood Donor App by searching "Red Cross Blood" on the App StoreSM or Google PlayTM store.
3. Contacting Beth Luikart (call 218-525-1596, or e-mail her at bluikart@outlook.com).

All members of the Duluth Township community are welcome and encouraged to donate blood, as the need continues to be great.

Covid-19 safety protocols will be followed during the blood drive. Donors and staff will have their temperatures checked before entering the Fellowship Hall, social distancing guidelines will be followed in all areas, and all donors, volunteers, and staff members will be required to wear a mask or face covering. You are encouraged to bring your own mask. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided.

Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within 7 to 10 days of their donation through the Blood Donor App or their donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. Further information about the antibody testing and the blood donation process can be found online at RedCrossBlood.org.