

# Duluth Township Newsletter

September 2020

Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

## Town Services during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Please check the website for any developments, updates, or changes to Town services during the pandemic

**Town Clerk's Office:** Open to the public during regular office hours. All COVID precautions issued by the Governor will be followed. We **strongly urge** you to conduct your business via email, phone, or the drop box under the public posting at the Town Hall entrance, or U.S. mail.

**Town Board Meetings:** Open to the public, adhering to the Governor's pandemic directives.

### Planning and Zoning Department

**Land Use Permits:** Submit applications and fees for land use permits to the Town via email, U.S. mail, at the Clerk's Office during office hours, or in the drop box under the public posting at the Town Hall entrance. On-site review for Land Use Permits will be conducted by the Planning Director following the Governor's directives.

**Variations and Conditional Use Permits:** Submit applications and fees for permits to the Town via email, U.S. mail, at the Clerk's Office during office hours, or put them in the drop box under the public posting at the Town Hall entrance. Hearings for permits are open to the public, strictly adhering to the Governor's pandemic directives. Submit comments regarding applications to the Town via email or U.S. mail.

**Questions for the Planning Director:** Contact the Town Clerk

**Police Department:** for emergencies call 911.

**Fire Department or Emergency Medical Responders:** call 911

**Town Roads:** See contact details on Township website.

**Recycling:** Open during regular recycling hours (posted on the Township website). Follow the Governor's pandemic directives.

**Town Hall Community Room:** Closed to the public until further notice

**No Town Hall rental until further notice**

The Duluth Township Election Personnel are encouraging everyone to vote absentee in the November Presidential Election during the Pandemic. We have made every effort to make our polling place as safe as possible, however we are still gathering in one place and 100% social distancing is not possible.

To obtain an absentee ballot application go to the County web site: [www.stlouiscountymn.gov](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov) and look for the Absentee Ballot application tab or call 726-5060.

Absentee ballots will be available 46 days before the election but you may apply anytime. Applications should be returned to the County Auditor's office by mail, fax or e-mail ([elections@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:elections@stlouiscountymn.gov)). During the COVID pandemic Minnesota voters no longer need a reason to vote absentee.

## The Homesteaders

*Dorothy Aho*

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](mailto:Rvast52@gmail.com). I will put something together for the next newsletter.

Be well, be active,

## What's Coming Up?

Non-turkey bingo for Two Harbors Food Shelf (see pg 2)

American Red Cross Blood Drive at French River Church (see cover)

### *Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue*

Dorothy Aho, Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Peggy Dahlberg, Bob Engelson, Beth Mullan, Sue Lawson, Beth Luikart, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Carol Surine, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila



**Clifton Volunteer Fire Department**  
*Bob Engelson, Fire Chief*

Thank you to all the residents who worked to reduce the risk of wildfires in our community. The Chipper Days we hosted in July were, once again, well-received.

There are free woodchips available at the fire hall on Ryan Road and the Alden Hall on the Laine Road. Please use the wood chips for mulch in your gardens and around trees, rather than right next to structures and keep up firewise practices on your property. We are grateful for grant funding for Chipper Days from Dovetail Partners, Inc.

The annual Harvest Dinner benefit for the fire department will not take place this year as we exercise caution and consideration for the health of our community. We will be distributing our annual calendar and thank our local businesses for their support.

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.

**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.

I understand the challenges facing the nation's Law Enforcement agencies at this time. I want to ensure you all that the Duluth Township Police Department agency is in compliance with all of the current model policies outlined for MN agencies as regulated by our licensing board, the MN POST Board. We last went thru a complete training and policy inspection in August of 2018 and received our passing certificate, which hangs in our office. The MN POST Board is currently reviewing new model policy language and training to be pushed out to MN LE agencies once it has been adopted. When this happens, our agency will be notified and I will make the policy changes, if any, that will be required. We do not allow the CNR (Carotid Neck Restraint) to be used in our agency.

The Department's Policies on Use of Force are available upon request.

Chief Shawn Padden



**Police Department**  
*Shawn Padden, Chief*

**For Medical & Police Emergencies Call: 911.**

**Police Events.** The police responded to 191 events in May. Most frequent were Vacation Home/ Business Checks (73), Health and Welfare Check (14), Attempt to Locate Reckless Drivers (9), Traffic Related Warnings/Citations (9), Public Assists (8), Animal Complaints (8), Disturbance Complaints (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.

**French River Lutheran Church Sponsored (Non-) Turkey Bingo to Support the Two Harbors Food Shelf**

While we are unable to conduct Turkey Bingo as we have in the past, we are still able to **support the Two Harbors Area Food Shelf (THAFS)** in this annual event. Sure, we will miss the excitement, variety of prizes, and family fun while gathered at French River Lutheran Church (FRLC), but here is an opportunity to participate in a slightly different way.

How much did you typically spend or what non-perishables did you bring when participating in past Turkey Bingo events? Can we equal or break the 66 pounds and over \$2,000 the community raised last year? **Between October 1 and November 15**, we will receive non-perishable food items and financial support for the THAFS.

Contributions for *(Non-) Turkey Bingo 2020* may be dropped off or mailed to: **French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804.** Monetary gifts are payable to FRLC; clearly note *(Non-) Turkey Bingo 2020* in the memo line of a check donation. If bringing gifts directly to the church, please use the secure drop box slot to the right of the lower entrance doors (these face Lake Superior) for financial gifts or leave bagged non-perishable items outside this entry.

When making a monetary donation, **include your name, address, and phone to be entered into a drawing for a grocery gift card.** One entry per mailing address will be considered. Two gift card prizes will be awarded.

“Thank you” to all who have joined us in the past, and special thanks to the Homesteaders for use of their bingo cards. We hope you (and invite others) will participate with us in this year's *(Non-) Turkey Bingo 2020.* All donations will be sent to the Two Harbors Food Shelf.

French River Lutheran Church 2020 Hospitality Team

**WAGGIN' Tails**  
**Boarding Kennels**  
 Long & short term boarding  
  
**Reservations Required**  
 218-525-4842  
 7002 App Rd.  
 Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement



**North Shore Meanderer**  
 Longarm machine quilting services, specializing in computerized edge to edge quilting.  
 Call Lori Sorvik at 218-349-1588,  
 email northshoremeanderer@gmail.com or visit my website  
 northshoremeanderer.com

Paid Advertisement

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

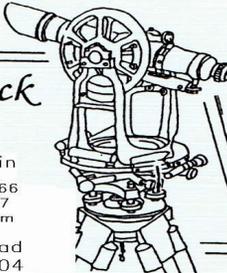
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**LOOKING FOR A HOME TO RENT?**  
 or,  
**LOOKING FOR A RENTER FOR YOUR NICE HOME?**  
 Call **Apartment & Home Advisors** – we can help!  
 We specialize in properties of distinction  
 and we help “take the stress out of moving”.  
 Call **Susie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

Paid Advertisement

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

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

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

**Address signs** are still available at the Town Hall during of-  
 fice 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 out-  
 side on the sidewalk for pickup.

**French River Readers Book Club**  
 Carol Surine  
 The French River Readers have chosen Iron Lake by William  
 Kent Krueger as their choice for the September meeting.  
 This is a Book Club in a Bag offering. The books have been  
 ordered from the library, and she will let everyone know when  
 she has them in hand. You may pick up your copy from her  
 house at 5227 Greenwood Rd. You might want to call first -  
 525-4426 - and bear in mind that she is not an early riser.  
 The next meeting will be Thursday, September 17th at 7:30  
 PM via Zoom.  
 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  
 Thanks!

## Clifton Volunteer Fire Department History, Fire Halls, Fire Fighters and EMR's, Equipment

The Clifton Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) was founded in 1947. The name "Clifton" was adopted by the first volunteers; they wanted to avoid name confusion with the nearby Duluth Fire Department. According to a "Duluth News Tribune" feature (June 7, 1953), Clifton is the site of Northern Minnesota's first village (1855) "at the mouth of the Talmadge River platted, surveyed and duly recorded as a town site in the county of Superior, territory of Minnesota." The DM&IR adopted the name for its flag stop there on the Duluth-Winton run.

The CVFD, initially an informal organization, was the first volunteer fire fighting group in this area. It was housed in a wooden garage which had been the site of a failed business. Originally CVFD served the area including Lakewood, Normanna, Alden, and Duluth Townships. As the years passed, Lakewood, Normanna, and Alden organized and supported their own volunteer departments.

Early equipment included a well-used Diamond T with a tank and front mounted pumper, some military surplus 6 x 6's, and a Willy's jeep which served as a brush truck. The lakeside location was important because of North Shore Drive, a good road which made access to McQuade, Ryan and Homestead roads easier, although those roads were not in the condition they are today. Response time then to a structure fire near the end of the McQuade or Ryan roads would have been slow. Everett Swartz, a volunteer fire fighter from 1961 – 2019, recalls many early calls were for what his fellow volunteers called "basement savers." Little structure remained.

Hall Two on Homestead road was built in part to qualify for membership in a volunteer fire fighter relief association pension fund, as well as to provide a fire station in a more central township location. The qualifications required a two-hour fire rating on at least one of the department's fire stations. The original fire hall did not meet this requirement so discussions to build a new station next to the Town Hall began; the hall was built in 1983. The new structure qualified for the two-hour fire rating, and the volunteers joined the pension fund. Some, but not all of the equipment then housed on the shore was moved into the new building.

Hall One on North Shore Drive remained in service until the new Hall One (funded by an IRRRB grant) was built (1994) at its present location on Ryan Road. At that time the DNR was making plans for a safe harbor, which plans included extensive parking areas some of which space was occupied by the old Hall One. The fire department turned necessity into an opportunity and burned the old building in a training exercise. Fourteen years later (2018) an addition (paid for by the Township) was made to Hall One, providing a dedicated equipment bay for each vehicle. Space was also available for gear, a 2000 gallon water tank, hoses, and equipment storage. The office and meeting room were expanded; the kitchen and laundry were already present. Hall Three in Alden is on Laine Road.

The most recent Clifton Volunteer Fire and EMR Personnel Roster includes 23 names. There are 18 fire fighters (five of whom are EMR certified). Of the 23 volunteers listed, 15 are EMR's. The personnel roster includes two volunteers, one of whom is the lead pump operator who also does equipment maintenance and drives the trucks. Another keeps fleet maintenance records. Bob Engelson has been the chief for 13 years; he was elected by his peers in 2007. The Assistant Chief, Rob Peldo, and the three captains, Dan Rosenlund, Ken Peterson, and Liz Strohmayer are also elected. Business officers include: Jason Bruckelmyer, president; Sherry Rovig, secretary; and Ann Cox, treasurer – all elected.

Those interested in volunteering should be able to perform needed services and reside within the primary response area of Duluth and Alden townships. All fire fighters now have to complete two courses offered by Lake Superior College or Central Lakes College: Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II. Those courses require 110 hours of classroom or online course work coupled with training; the courses are the same ones required of professional fire fighters. Successful completion leads to certification as FFI & FFII. Annual refresher training is required to maintain certification. All department members, fire fighters and emergency responders, do monthly training, such as apparatus operation, driving, pumping and drafting, auto extrication, and medical topics. Training costs are paid by both Duluth Township and grants received by the department.

CVFD's charter stipulates a maximum number of 25 names on the roster. As noted above there are 23 currently. 16 of the current 18 fire fighters have an average of 10.3 years in the department. Two newer recruits have extensive experience with other departments. Persons interested in joining CVFD are encouraged to certify in both FF and EMR.

CVFD added the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) capability in 1995. Prior to that date, emergency medical service was solely provided by ambulance services from Duluth or Two Harbors. But the need to get necessary, emergency medical services more quickly to those requiring help led Gold Cross to offer a training program for individuals interested in becoming EMR's. At present all EMR's are required to have 40 hours of initial training and 16 hours of refresher training every two years. Training costs are paid by the Township and grant funding.

There are 15 EMR's in the CVFD. They are, as their titles indicates, the ones to make initial contact, provide care for the most immediate life threats and assist ambulance personnel as needed. EMR's are certified by Mayo Clinic (Gold Cross before that). They are overseen by a physician and follow Mayo protocols.

Emergency communications in St. Louis County have improved immensely over the years, to the benefit of both Township residents and CVFD. All the fire fighters and the Emergency Medical Responders have pagers and portable radios which allow them to receive page-outs from 911, as well as communicate with one another. They also have a phone app that provides emergency call information.

The CVFD is a member of the Lakehead Mutual Aid Association, a group of area fire departments committed to assist one another in time of need. The chiefs of each service meet quarterly.

CVFD is audited every five years by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) which examines records of response times and training. CVFD has a "7/10" rating. A "7" is for locations within five road miles of a fire station. A "10" is for locations beyond five miles of a fire station. In order to lower the score for those locations with the "10" rating, the Township would need to build more fire stations. The "7" rating is the best score that can be achieved without a municipal water supply required to address the increased water needs of the larger commercial structures in the Township. The score is important to homeowners and businesses; insurance providers consider it when setting premiums. In addition, the department is under the auspices of OSHA, and the National Fire Protection Association.

Both fire fighters and EMR's complete detailed incident reports for each page-out. Fire incident reports are sent to MNFIRS, Minnesota Fire Incident Reporting System and both fire and EMR incident reports are kept on file.



The fire department and EMR's responded to 136 page-outs in 2019. All but five were in Duluth or Alden Townships. A large majority of them were for the EMR volunteers only. At least 16 page-outs were for emergencies such as: structure fire, fire in the area, accident, alarm call. This year, from January 1, 2020 to August 15, 2020 there have been 74 page-outs.

Over the years the CVFD has purchased vehicles and equipment as needed and resources allowed. The department owns the following vehicles:

**Hall One (Ryan Road)**

Engine 1: pumping capability with 1000 gallon water tank

Water Tender 1: 5000 gallon capacity

Rescue van (donated by Mayo Ambulance)

Wildland truck (donated by Enbridge)

**Hall Two (Homestead Road)**

Engine 2: pumping capability with 1000 gallon water tank

Pumper/Tender 2 with 3000 gallon water tank

**Hall Three (Alden)**

Engine 3: pumping capability with 1000 gallon water tank



Two of the engines listed above were purchased used by the Township. Pumper/Tender 2 was purchased new with a FEMA grant. FEMA grants were also awarded separately for the purchase of hose and nozzles, PPE (turnout gear), SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus), and extrication equipment.

Duluth Township has a contract with Alden Township to provide fire response. Alden had their own department until 1997, at which time they combined with Clifton. In 2002 Alden signed a formal service agreement with CVFD to provide fire response. For that service Alden contributed 13% of CVFD's annual budget which, in 2020, is \$45,400.

CVFD is staffed by volunteers; there are no salaried positions. CVFD has a pension plan through the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). The Township makes a yearly contribution to the PERA Firefighters Plan.

A geographical reality often forgotten, the Township is made up of two sections; nearly all other townships are made up of one. CVFD's response area, including Alden, is approximately 90 square miles.

While size presents a challenge for the emergency services, there is another, more significant and counterintuitive challenge: water. Lake Superior's commanding presence belies the scarcity of accessible, sizeable water sources. There are no hydrants in the Township. Engines and tenders carry a limited amount of water; they can fill at McQuade Safe Harbor, Knife River Marina, and from a limited number of accessible ponds and streams. Therefore, engines and tenders carry collapsible drop tanks. When necessary those drop tanks are deployed and kept full by shuttling tenders so the engines have sufficient water to fight the fire.

Besides responding to fires and medical emergencies, CVFD is trained in assisting helicopter landings, dealing with hazardous material incidents, responding to pipeline emergencies, downed power lines, and other emergency needs as they arise.

Among its services, CVFD works with the DNR Forestry Division and others to provide information as well as mitigation strategies to reduce wildfire risk. The brush chipping program is one of those outreach efforts.

There is a CVFD Auxiliary which includes fire department personnel and community members. They host the Harvest Dinner, produce and distribute the yearly calendars, host the annual dinner for the fire department volunteers, and provide other support services.

A rural community, Duluth Township's residents have a long-standing, laudable record for service to their community, service gladly given. CVFD's roster includes 23 names. It is important to note their vitally important efforts are only possible with the behind-the-scenes efforts of many more volunteers.

Bob Engelson, Sherry Rovig, and Ann Cox provided much of the information above and gave invaluable editing help.

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

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

If you see raw dirt along the ditch, consider taking the time to plant some grass seed now or note the area and plant some in the spring.

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

Thanks for helping protect our streams and Lake Superior.



### Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

Planning Commission meetings resumed with the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. This meeting was held entirely via videoconference. It was the first meeting for new Commission member Blane Tetreault. At this meeting the Commission agreed on definitions for types of greenhouses, and determined where in the Township the different types of greenhouses would be allowed.

The June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting was held by videoconference with Planning staff present at the Town Hall. A public hearing was scheduled to have horses in SMU-6, but it was determined that the Ordinance allowed one animal unit per acre in SMU-6 and the public hearing was deemed unnecessary. The Commission reviewed an application for a short-term rental that included an STR in a tent and one in an RV. They determined that the Ordinance allows only one STR unit on a property and that temporary sleeping facilities are not allowed as STR-s. An individual potentially buying the old Shorecrest property presented their prospective project. The determination of use was tabled until the next meeting so the Commission could research it.

The July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting was held at the Town Hall. An interim use for Laughing Leaf bed and breakfast was approved. It was determined that the proposed project at the old Shorecrest property would potentially be allowed as a conditional use as a planned unit development. The Commission moved to recommend the proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan to the Town Board.

See the Town's website under Planning & Zoning, Minutes, for further information from these meetings.

Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. At this time, due to COVID concerns, we encourage the public to submit concerns and comments ahead of time in writing.

Regular **Planning Commission meetings** are held on the fourth Thursday at **6:30pm** in the Town Hall.

Mike Kahl, Corlis West, John Schifsky,  
Tim Strom, 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](http://www.duluthtownship.org)).

The July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was attended by Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Michael Kahl, John Schifsky, Penelope Morton, and Tim Strom.

**Finances:** The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$441,839.01, deposits of \$3,147.90 and expenses of \$60,612.76 for an ending balance of \$384,374.15.

**Planning:** Stormwater has been submitted. There is a proposed health spa project at the former Nokomis site that does not fit into any of the current ordinances. Sue will discuss with the attorney.

**Roads:** County Maintenance Request: the letter identifies Township roads and turnarounds with issues that need attention.

Chloride application went well. There will be no chloride application in 2021.

**Town Hall:** A motion passed to cancel the verbal contract with AmeriPride, costing the town hall \$1800 per year to provide floor mats. Instead, the clerk and custodian, supervised by Tim Strom, will purchase mats and a carpet cleaner for no more than \$2000.

Tim Strom made a motion to authorize our Clerk, with supervision by Strom, to replace the Town Hall's door lock security system at a cost not to exceed

Regular **Town Board meetings** are held on the second Thursday at **6:30pm** in the Town Hall.



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

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

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

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

**Rolf Carlson** (2017-2020) 525-0375 **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 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:**

Blane Tetreault (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](mailto:cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com)

Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief Rob Peldo,  
President Jason Bruckelmyer

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

**Website Manager:** Supervisor Barb Crow.

**Community Center Rental Coordinator:** Jim Salls 600-9015

### To Email Township Officials and Departments

See Township web site, [www.duluthtownship.org/contacts](http://www.duluthtownship.org/contacts), for a dropdown list of personnel and departments you can use to send emails. Note that copies of all emails go 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](http://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.**

### September 2020

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

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

**September 15th:** North Shore Sanitary Dist. Mtg. 7am French River Church  
EMR training 6pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road  
Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Mtg. 7pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road

**September 24th:** Planning Commission Meeting 7pm Town Hall

### October 2020

**October 6th:** Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Mtg. 7pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road

**October 8th:** Town Board Mtg. 6:30pm Town Hall

**October 20th:** North Shore Sanitary Dist. Mtg. 7am French River church.

EMR Training 6pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road  
Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Mtg. 7pm

**October 22nd:** Planning commission Mtg. 7pm Town Hall

### November 2020

**November 12th:** Town Board Mtg. 6:30pm Town Hall

**November 17th:** North Shore Sanitary Dist. Mtg. 7am French River Church

EMR Training 6pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road  
Volunteer Fire Dept. Business Mtg. 7pm Fire Hall #1 Ryan Road

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

JULY 2020

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## American Red Cross Blood Drive at French River Lutheran Church

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020 - 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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

This community-wide blood drive will be hosted by the French River Lutheran Church Outreach Committee. At the last blood drive in July, 67 units of blood were collected, which means that the lives of 201 people were saved. Appointments are highly encouraged and may be made in one of these ways:

Going to RedCrossBlood.org and searching in 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 (if you don't already have one from donating previously).

Downloading the Blood Donor App by searching "Red Cross Blood" on the App Store<sup>SM</sup> or Google Play<sup>TM</sup> store.

Contacting Beth Luikart (call 218-525-1596, or e-mail her at [bluikart@outlook.com](mailto: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.

Further information about the blood donation process can be found online at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).