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The Come on Home! Party was held last month on August 13, 2022, at the Town Hall. Although the weather may look gloomy in this photo, it was nothing but cheerful conversation and good food inside. More photos from the event are on page 6.

Interested in attending? Mark your calendar for the second weekend in August of 2023.

Homesteaders
Dorothy Aho

September 7, 2022: Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Town Hall. Sandwiches and bars. Entertainment has changed and now it will be Glen Laspi with his acoustic guitar.

October 5, 2022: Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Town Hall. Sandwiches and bars. Entertainment will be Ripple Effect, four-part barbershop harmony.

November 2, 2022: Wednesday, 12:30 pm, We will have our annual fall harvest potluck and play bingo afterwards.

Everyone is welcome!
Clifton Fire Department has two important events coming up. September 17th will be a special Firewise event at the North Shore Community School with great resources, refreshments, and fabulous door prizes. **This event is FREE and open to all residents in Duluth and Alden Township.** (See the flyer on page 10.)

Our annual Chipper Days will be Oct. 5 – 9th. This service is made possible by a grant from the MN DNR. Please keep track of the time you spend making your property Firewise. It will be counted as part of our in-kind contribution for the grant. (See flyer and form on pages 11 and 12.)

**911 Signs**
We still have signs that need to be picked up and installed. More posts have arrived. You can pick up posts and signs from the Town Hall during business hours.

**SMOKE DETECTORS AND FIREWISE ASSESSMENTS**
The Red Cross has provided us with more free smoke detectors for our community. If you lack working smoke alarms in your home or your existing smoke alarms are out of date, we can provide new ones. If you have difficulty installing them yourself, you can sign up for our volunteers to do the installation.

We are also offering Firewise assessments for Township residents. An assessment includes a site visit with specific recommendations for ways the property can be improved for fire safety and emergency access.

To sign up for any of the above services, mail the form below or email us at cliftonfiredpartment@gmail.com or leave a message at (218) 525-9240 with your contact information, including a phone number. We will get back to you to arrange a convenient time. Please indicate which service(s) you would like.

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For medical & police emergencies, call 911. Sign up for email police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications at the Township website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

**Police Events:**
For the months of June 2022 and July 2022, there were 113 recorded police events. The following is a complete list of Initial Complaint Reports and officer-related activity within Duluth Township. Most were direct service to residents. There were 17 medical emergencies and 16 request for checks on homes or businesses. There were 7 reports of traffic related warnings/citations, attempt to located careless drivers, and animal complaints. There were 6 reports of both suspicious activities and disturbance complaints as well as 5 reports of burglar alarms being set off and civil process. There were 4 reports of mental health crisis, hazard checks, and damage to property accidents. And 3 reports of the following: complaint of suspicious vehicle, theft, and assisting other agencies. There were 2 of the following reports: vehicle theft, health/welfare check, unknown trouble complaint, personal injury accident, and damage to property. And finally there was 1 of each of the following reports: garbage dumping, fire alarm, assisting motorist, neighbor trouble, public assistance, and request for extra patrolling.

If you have any information about any criminal activity in our community, please contact the Duluth Township Police Department at: 218-525-5705, on our mobile phone: 218-393-8407, or by email: duluthtwppolice@duluthtownship.org.

**Note:** If you need/want/expect a police squad to respond immediately, call 911. Other than 911, the quickest way to get our police response is to leave a message on our squad phone (218-393-8407).

Duluth Township has a Facebook Page. Be sure to go check it out. Search Town of Duluth on Facebook.
June 23, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting.
Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Pam West, Blane Tetreault, Dave Meyer, and Tony Mancuso.

A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance Number 6. A discrepancy had been found in the Ordinance involving Community and Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems. This use is shown as a conditional use in Article V, Table 5.3, but the requirements for it are identified under Performance Standards in Article VIII, Section 23. Conditional uses require a public hearing and an application can be denied if it does not meet the decision criteria. The process also provides for input from the community regarding the proposal. A use permitted under performance standards needs only to meet those standards to be permitted; there is no public process. It was felt that the use had been intended to be a conditional use and the discrepancy was probably the result of a clerical error.

There was no one from the public present at the meeting to comment on the proposed change, and no comments had been received prior to the meeting.

A motion was made that the Commission recommend to the Town Board that the language for the use be moved from Article VIII Section 23 (Performance Standards) to Article IX Section 27 (Conditional Uses) with the reasoning that requiring the use as a conditional use is consistent with the Planning Commission’s goals of allowing community input when the character of a neighborhood could be altered by a proposed project.

In other business it was noted that Val Brady had completed the Town’s MS4 report which was due in July.

July 28, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting.
Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Dave Edblom, Justin Osadjan, and Dave Meyer.

The Planning Office has had a lot of Land Use Permit applications, site entry and driveway applications, and parcel split reviews. There have also been a lot of inquiries from folks, especially with more properties coming on the market. The Clerk’s office handles initial responses and Sue and Liz follow up on more complicated questions. It has been a very busy summer.

All the permit application forms are being updated and will be on the web soon. The hope is to make the applications into fillable pdfs for the website at some point. Sue also discussed accepting credit card payment for applications, but it may not be practical for the Town. There are liability and security issues involved.

There will be a public hearing for extension of a short-term rental interim use permit in August.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings
Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township website: www.duluthtownship.org

Regular Planning Commission Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall.
Here in the northland we are proud of our cold clear streams. Unfortunately, our streams are getting warmer and less hospitable to our beloved trout, in part because of warm stormwater running into them. Water temperature is one of the most critical factors determining what can live in a stream.

You can learn more here: [http://www.lakesuperiorstreams.org/understanding/impact_temp.html](http://www.lakesuperiorstreams.org/understanding/impact_temp.html)

What can we do to help? We can create more shade and more ways for stormwater to soak into the ground rather than running down our ditches. Some specific ways to help the fish include: planting trees and shrubs in our yards, along our driveways, and along stream banks; letting our lawns get a little longer; and trying to keep rainwater runoff in our yards instead of running down our driveways and into the ditches. We may like warm water, but the trout do not.
Hall Rental

The Town Hall is now available for rental. Contact the Clerk’s office to make reservations.

The Community Room is also available for public use during office and recycling hours. The hours are posted on the Town’s website: www.duluthtownship.org and on page 9 of this Newsletter.

BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

JoVanna Balquier

Come on down to the little free library located in the community room at the Town Hall to find a good book to escape in!

There are many varieties of books on our shelves waiting to be discovered.

If you are considering donating books, we kindly request no non-fiction books, old textbooks, manuals, etc.

French River Book Club

Carol Surine

For September we’ve chosen a book that is closely associated with Duluth: Ghost Burglar: The True Story of Bernard Welch: Master Thief, Ruthless Con Man, and Cold-Blooded Killer by Jack Burch and James D. King.

We will meet on Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church. Everybody bring a snack or dessert to share. We will discuss when we should return to daylight hours. If you have questions, please reach out to Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com.

Country Kids Day Care

218-343-6370

Infants to School Age

Licensed

Bus to NSCS & Lakewood Schools

Accepting Full and Part Time

For our Township youth: Advertise for FREE! Any youth seeking work or Township residents needing help with various jobs suitable for youth (babysitting, lawn and garden maintenance, house cleaning, etc.) can submit an ad by email, by phone, or by dropping it off at the Town Hall to be published in the next edition of the Newsletter. I have had calls looking for workers!

The deadline for the next Newsletter is October 18, 2022. 525-5705 or deputyclerkduluthtwp@gmail.com

Two Harbors Area Food Shelf

Our Mission: To reduce hunger and improve the health of those in need.

Serving Lake & St. Louis County residents.

Food Distribution on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 3:45 pm. Call 218-391-8191 with any questions.

SolFed Farm

Support local food production and get to know where your food is grown! Offering full and half CSA Farm Shares and seasonal farm stand. Farm shares run June-October. For more information check out our website or follow us on Facebook.

www.solfedfarm.com
American Red Cross Blood Drive at French River Lutheran Church

Date & Time: Monday, October 17, 2022, 1-7 pm
Place: French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804

This community-wide blood drive is hosted by the French River Lutheran Church Outreach Committee. We know the need for blood donations is great throughout the U.S. and especially in the Northland. All members of the Duluth Township community are welcome and encouraged to donate blood.

Appointments are highly encouraged and may be made in one of these ways:

1. Go to RedCrossBlood.org and searching in the 55804 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).
2. Downloading the Blood Donor App by searching “Red Cross Blood” on the App Store℠ or Google Play™ store.
3. Contact Beth Luikart (call 218-525-1596, or email her at bluikart@outlook.com).

COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed during the blood drive. 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.
**Fall School Planning**

It is that time of year...the start of school! The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 7 for K-6, and Monday, September 12 for Preschool**. Teachers and staff have been preparing for the return of students, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in a few short weeks.

As a reminder, drive safely, watch for students at bus stops, and stop and wait when a bus arm stop sign is extended.

**Start Time Change**: School hours are from 7:50 am to 2:40 pm (bus dismissal) and 2:50 pm (parent/family pick-up). Please note there is a change for the start time: School begins at 7:50, and students will be marked tardy after 8:05 am.

**Breakfast/Lunch**: We are returning to a "For Fee" Breakfast and Lunch program. Breakfast is free for all Kindergarten students.
- Fees: Breakfast: $1.00 for 1st-6th grade students
- Lunch: $2.40 for all K-6th grade students

Students may also qualify for free and reduced breakfast and lunch. To see if you qualify, complete the free and reduced lunch application located on our website at https://northshorecommunityschool.org/food-service/. The free and reduced application is also used to determine Title I and other federal grant funds (such as the American Rescue Plan funds). Thank you for taking a minute to see if you may qualify and completing the form.

**Upcoming Events**:
- The Ice Cream Social: Thursday, September 22, from 4-6 pm
- Grandparent and Special Friends Day: Friday, October 7
- The return of Fall Fest on Friday, October 28

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**Don’t forget to come out and vote on November 8, 2022.**
The polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm at Town Hall. To see who’s on the ballot, visit the Secretary of State’s website at: https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot/

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**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 will be followed. If you would like you can conduct your business via email, phone, U.S. mail, or the drop box under the public posting at the Town Hall entrance.

**Town Board Meetings**: Open to the public, adhering to 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 pandemic precautions.

- **Variances 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 the permits are open to the public, following state guidelines. 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 on Town website.

**Recycling**: Open during regular hours (posted on the Township website www.duluthtownship.org). Follow the Governor’s pandemic directives.

**Town Hall Community Room**: Open to the public during office and recycling hours.

**Town Hall Rentals**: Contact Clerk’s office to reserve Town Hall facilities.
It that time a year again! The time of year where our gardens are starting to produce the fruits and veggies of our labor. It seemed like a slow start to the produce season, but my zucchini and tomato plants are growing wild. The berry bushes are also full and it’s time to start preserving, baking, and enjoying our beautiful bounties.

The recipe I’m sharing this month is one of my favorites for blueberry muffins. I’m a sucker for a streusel topping and this is an easy recipe that you can have prepared and baked in an hour. I like to add a little bit of lemon to bring a brightness to the muffins. You can use a few drops of a good food grade essential oil or use fresh lemon juice, whatever you have on hand. If you are not a fan of the added lemon, you can omit that from the recipe, and they will still be wonderful. These are a large muffin so make sure you fill your muffin tin to the top edge of your liner. I find that with this recipe I can fill 20-24 muffins. Since I will have some empty muffin spaces in my pan, I add about 1 tablespoon of water to the empty spaces when baking. By doing this, I will prevent my other muffins from burning during cooking. Since muffins/cupcakes tend to burn faster in a pan with empty cups.

These muffins freeze well and make a nice quick breakfast. I pull some muffins the night before I would like to eat them, or I pull directly from the freezer and defrost the muffin in my microwave for a couple of minutes. These muffins are delicious on their own or with a little butter.

I am always looking for new recipes to test in my kitchen. If you have a recipe you would like to share with the community, email the Town Clerk, townclerk@lakenet.com. Happy cooking!

Blueberry Streusel Muffins

3 cup Flour
1 ½ cup white sugar
4 teaspoons Baking Powder
1 teaspoon Salt
2/3 cup Vegetable oil
2 egg
2/3 cup milk, or more as needed
3-4 drops lemon essential oil or 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice, (optional)
2 cup fresh blueberries

Streusel topping
1 cup white sugar
2/3 cup flour
1/2 cup quick oats
½ cup butter, cubed
3 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F and grease muffin cups or line with muffin liners
2. Wisk flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl
3. Pour oil into a small liquid measuring cup. Add egg and enough milk to reach the 1-cup mark. Stir until combined. Pour into flour mixture and mix just until batter is combined.
4. Fold in blueberries and set batter aside
5. Combine sugar, flour, oats, butter, and cinnamon for the streusel topping in a small bowl. Mix with a fork or a pastry cutter until crumbly.
6. Spoon batter into the prepared muffin cups, filling to the top edge.
7. Sprinkle with crumb topping
8. Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick comes out clean, 20-25 minutes.
9. Enjoy
**Township Recycling Center**
Carolyn Marino

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

**April-October:**
- Tues. 7-11 am & 3-7 pm  
- Thurs. 3-7 pm, Sat. 8 am-noon

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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.
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**Township Calendar**
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**Township Office Hours:**
- Tues 9 am-12 pm, Wed 9 am-2 pm,  
- Thurs 9 am-5 pm, Fri 9 am-2 pm

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

**Supervisors:**
(See website for email contacts)

- **Rolf Carlson** (2020-2023) 525-0375 Board Chair  
  - Primary contact: Personnel, Cemetery  
  - Alternate: Intergovernmental Relations, Planning, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

- **Penny Morton** (2021-2024) 525-5443 Vice-Chair  
  - Primary contact: Business Mgt, Communications, North Shore Mgt Board, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board  
  - Alternate: Personnel, Intergovernmental Relations

- **Tim Strom** (2021-2023) 525-5705  
  - Primary contact: Arts & Heritage, Planning  
  - Alternate: Intergovernmental Relations, Business Management, Roads/Invasive Weeds, Materials Management, Town Hall, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

- **Jim Ward** (2022-2025) (218) 260-5689  
  - Primary contact: Roads/Invasive Weeds, Public Safety  
  - Alternate: Arts & Heritage, Intergovernmental Relations, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

- **Stacia Grayson** (2022-2025) (612) 239-2292 or 525-5705  
  - Primary contact: Materials Management, Town Hall  
  - Alternate: Cemetery, Intergovernmental Relations, Communications, North Shore Management Board, Public Safety, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

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**Town Clerk:** Nicole Chatterson 525-5705 (Town Hall)
**Deputy Clerk:** Hannah Jurek 525-5705 (Town Hall)
**Treasurer:** Mel Peulen 525-5705 (Town Hall)
**Attorney:** Scott Witty 722-4766 (Office)
**Cemetery Sexton:** Molly Tillotson 218-626-7005
**Planning Director:** Sue Lawson 525-5705 (Message)
**Planning Assistant:** Liz Strohmayer 525-5705 (Message)
**Planning Secretary:** Beth Mullan 525-5705 (Message)
**Planning Commission:**
  - Angela Wilson (Chair), Blane Tetreault (Vice-Chair), Dave Edblom, Dave Meyer, Justin Osadjan, Pam West, and Tony Mancuso

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**September 2022**

- September 1: Recycling 3-7 pm
- September 3: Recycling 8 am-noon
- September 6: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting Hall #1 7 pm
- September 7: Homesteaders 12:30 pm
- September 8: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- September 10: Recycling 8 am-noon
- September 13: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm
- September 15: Recycling 3-7 pm
- September 17: Recycling 8 am-noon; Firewise Event 1-3 pm at North Shore Community School
- September 20: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm
- September 21: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting 7 am
- September 22: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm
- September 24: Recycling 8 am-noon
- September 27: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm
- September 29: Recycling 3-7 pm

**October 2022**

- October 1: Recycling 8 am-noon
- October 4: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting Hall #1 7 pm
- October 5: Homesteaders 12:30 pm
- October 6: Recycling 3-7 pm
- October 8: Recycling 8 am-noon
- October 11: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm
- October 13: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- October 15: Recycling 8 am-noon
- October 18: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm
- October 19: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting 7 am
- October 20: Recycling 3-7 pm
- October 22: Recycling 8 am-noon
- October 25: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm
- October 27: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm
- October 29: Recycling 8 am-noon
Firewise Event
Hosted by Duluth Township

September 17, 2022
1 - 3 PM
Outdoor event, rain or shine. Dress appropriately for weather.
Refreshments and Drawings for Prizes

Location:
North Shore Community School
5926 Ryan Road
Duluth, MN

Learn how to be more wildfire resilient

Interactive stations will address
- Preparing your home and property before a wildfire event
- Evacuation planning
- Learn about potential Grant funding opportunities
- Demonstration/ Information about clearing and disposing of hazardous woody debris

If you have questions?
Contact:
Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
218-525-5705
ciftonfiredepartment@gmail.com

Gloria Erickson
Firewise Project Coordinator
218-365-0878
gloria@dovetailinc.org

Sponsored by:
2022 Chipper Day: Sharing the Responsibility
You Cut and Stack - We'll Chip

This is an opportunity for your neighborhood to reduce risk to your homes by implementing wildfire prevention strategies.

Event Details

Woody Debris Drop-Off Option for All Residents:
When: Drop-off can happen from Wednesday, October 5 through Sunday, October 9 up to 4 pm
Where: Fire Hall 1 on Ryan Road & Fire Hall 3 on Laine Road

Pile Guidelines
- Cut and pile your woody debris along the driveway
- Piles must be stacked neatly with ends facing the road
- No limit to the number of piles, please make sure they are not obstructing traffic or under power lines.

What's Acceptable?
- Woody limbs and branches and trees
- Small trees, branches, and limbs (balsam fir, spruce, and brush will be accepted)
- No construction or building materials
- Piles only, no bags allowed
- No trash, weeds, root wads, dirt, rocks, or buckthorn
- No grass clippings or bags of leaves
- No household garbage

Questions? Contact: Clifton Volunteer Fire Department 218-525-5705
cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com

Sponsored by MN DNR Firewise Program, St. Louis County Firewise Program and Duluth Township

Firewise Recording of Volunteer Hours (This counts toward the grant)
Firewise Recording of Volunteer Hours (These hours count towards the grant)

Name:

Property Address:

Preferred Contact information:

Number of hours spent on Firewise Project:

Please return this information to:
Sherry Rovig, Emergency Operations Director for Duluth Township
6092 Homestead Rd., Duluth, MN 55804
Or Email: cliftonfiredpartment@gmail.com
   Subject: Firewise Project Volunteer Hours
Or call 218-525-9240 and leave message

THANK YOU for your participation!

**Volunteer hours can be filled out by Duluth and Alden residents. Recorded hours can include: any hours spent on fuel mitigation activities, i.e. clearing their property of balsam and other woody debris that can easily ignite, particularly near structures. Hauling the brush or other ways of dealing with it (chipping, burning, burying) counts as well.**