

Community Education and Recreation News

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Two separate, but integrated, Township efforts are gaining momentum.

Community Education



Have you ever wanted to learn to talk Norwegian? Would you be interested in classes in dancing, crafts, cooking, gardening, gun safety, snowmobile safety? Perhaps you would like to know more about contract, accident, or constitution law! Are you interested in learning about living wills, reducing your car insurance by taking a driver refresher course, learning how you can save on energy costs in your home, or taking a required trades course close to home? Would you be interested in township sponsored opportunities to participate with others in book, singing, or knitting groups? How about skating, basketball, volleyball, etc.? These are just a few of the possibilities.

Michelle Libby, Mary Ann Sironen and Jo Thompson have been working on the logistics for putting a community education program together. Look for opportunities in the September newsletter. Your ideas and suggestions would be most welcome.

Recreation Planning



On June 7, Ray and Ron Sundberg, Steve Dahl, Jo Thompson, Tim Strom and Mary Ann Sironen met to discuss needs for coordinating the Township's recreational planning and use of our Community Center. There was a consensus that a Recreation Council should be established to cooperate in using and maintaining the facilities at the Township Community Center at North Shore Community School. Foremost on the agenda was the need to improve the

hockey rink. The Township Board approved \$5000 to increase the rink size and purchase boards for the perimeter. Ray Sundberg is exploring the potential to purchase used boards. Volunteers will be installing or building them if used ones can not be found.

The Township has also received a grant to improve our warming shed. Input is being sought on what approach would best fit the needs for our Community Center and community for this project. It is expected that in January, 2011, a Recreation

Coordinator will be hired by the Township.



If you would like to be notified of future recreation planning meetings or volunteer opportunities, please leave a message at 525-2010 or email at

MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org.

Share What You Know.....TEACH

If you have a particular skill or area of expertise, consider teaching a Duluth Township Community Education course or workshop.

Instructor Training

Not sure how to get started? Michelle Libby will be offering an instructor's workshop to teach you facilitation skills and help you organize your lesson plan.

This instructor workshop will be: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 from 7:00-8:30pm. North Shore Community School Cafeteria. There is no charge for this class. Reserve your spot by calling Michelle Libby at 525-5032 or email at libby@lakenet.com.

We welcome your participation and encourage you to work with us to grow the Community Education program and make it a viable resource for our community.

Duluth Township Knitters

Come share knitting skills and ideas the last Tuesday of each month 6:30-8:30 pm.

Experienced as well as want-to-be knitters are welcome. Someone will help beginners get started.

We will meet at the Duluth Town Hall June 29 and August 31 and at the North Shore Community School on July 27.

If you would like more information or would like to be added to the knitters email list,

contact Jo Thompson at woodfarm@wildblue.net or 525-5854.