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May 2001

On May 1st (noon to 8pm) Duluth Township will have a **Special Election** to fill the two new Town Supervisor positions that were created at the last Annual meeting. Details are described below. *George Sundstrom, Paul Hartley, Corlis West* and *Jim Bruckelmyer* signed up to run for these two positions. See pages 4 and 5 for a brief background statement provided by each candidate.

Its going to be a busy year: work on chartering our North Shore Community School, updating our Land Use Plan, planning for the sewer line along the shore, and regular Township business.

GET INVOLVED! Our future depends upon careful planning and good ideas from folks like you!

Thanks to contributors to this issue: Mary Ann Sironen, Leo Babeu, Julie Igo, Jeff Cook and Helen Hendrickson. A special thanks to resident *Babs Strom* for this month's masthead.

Special Township Election

There will be a special Township election to elect two new Supervisors – **May 1st, noon – 8pm at the Town Hall.** This follows the passage of the resolution to move from a 3-member Board to a 5-member Board. Pros and cons of this move were printed in the March Newsletter (see our web site). The notice of the vacancies was officially posted and the application deadline was April 12th.

The positions are initially for 1 year. They will be up for election again at next year's regular Annual Township meeting in March. Then one candidate will be elected for an *initial* 2-year term and the other will be elected for a regular 3-year term.

Four residents have applied to fill the two positions: *George Sundstrom* (southern area), *Paul Hartley* (east middle area), *Jim Bruckelmyer* (west middle area) and *Corlis West* (northern area). See pages 4 and 5 for a brief statement by each candidate. Be sure to vote!

"Coffee & Chat" Get Together

It is an opportunity to meet Township neighbors and chat over coffee about Township concerns and issues. **Stop in after work the 3rd Thursday, 5-6:30pm, Town Hall.**

May 17th Supervisor *Jeff Cook*, will be available to answer questions on Township **Road Maintenance** planning.

June 21st Zoning Adm. *Wayne Dahlberg* will provide an update on our Town **Land Use Planning** process.

Coffee & Chat attendees **thank** Ed and Tasha Stielstra for their presentation on dog sledding, Lars Fladmark for his update on the DNSSD sewer project, and Kathy McTavish for preparing refreshments.

NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY WILL REMAIN OPEN IN 2001-2002. TIME TO BECOME A PUBLIC COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL.

(More information on page 5 and 6.)

Results of the Annual Township Meeting

This year's Annual Township Meeting was held March 13th after the annual Township election. Approximately 60 people attended (note that we mail *Newsletters* to 730 households). The budget approved at our annual meeting frames what the Township can do in 2002 and our Township taxes are based on the approved budget. Copies of the budget are available in the Town Hall.

Clerk *Ann Cox* opened the meeting. Our current bank (Wells Fargo, Two Harbors) and the newspaper that the Township uses for its legal notices (Duluth News Tribune) were reaffirmed. Resident *Phil Strom* agreed to chair this public citizen's meeting. Our **official posting sites** continue to be: *Town Hall, both Recycling Centers, Fire Hall #1 on Ryan Road, Scenic Café, and North Shore Elementary.* Department budgets for the year 2002 were presented and discussed. A question was raised about the road budget and about the work plan for roadwork that had been requested at last year's annual meeting. The Supervisors indicated that a plan had not worked out but that all three Supervisors make an annual review of the 11 miles of Township roads to see what is needed. The budgets were approved as submitted with minor revision. The budget was summarized in the March Township Newsletter (see our web site www.duluthtownship.org under *Newsletters*).

Results of the election were announced. A total of 167 people voted. Stephen Dahl was elected to a three-year term as Supervisor (115 votes), and Janet Johansen to a

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website, www.dnnsd.org, will be updated periodically to provide the most recent information and provide a convenient contact to Board members. Duluth Township's Board representatives are Lars Fladmark at 525-4471 and Mary Ann Sironen at 525-2010.

A PUBLIC D/NSSD MEETING

Including full discussion of the most current financial plan will be held

SUNDAY, May 20 at 7 pm at Lakeview Castle.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

List of Small Businesses and Artists In Our Township

If you are an artist, artisan, offer services or have a small business let the editor know so you can be included in a future *Newsletter* insert. This is to let residents know about the variety of services available in our Township and so we can support our neighbors.

Summary of Town Board Meetings

(Official minutes are available at the Town Hall)

March 8th meeting. Attending: Supervisors Aho, Connolly, and Cook, Treasurer Johansen, Clerk Cox, Attorney Strom. Department reports were received. The Treasurer reported expenses of \$17,476.86, deposits of \$200 and an ending balance of \$157,639.22. There was 1 fire and 2 first responder calls in the past month. Eight members of our fire department will attend the annual Fire Sectional School at the end of March. The grant for half of the consultant cost to update our land use plan was approved. The northern recycling center will be moved to the Town Hall parking lot sometime later this spring. The Culas road issue has been resolved. One response to our request for bids for road maintenance was received. It was from Hagglund Construction. It will be acted upon at the April meeting. Town Hall rental prices were set as follows. To residents: \$200 for weddings and dances with the security deposit \$300 and \$50 for general rentals with the security deposit \$300 (exceptions to these prices are for the Homesteaders, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts). To non-residents: \$450 for weddings and dances with the security deposit of \$500 and \$100 for general rental with the security deposit of \$500.

April 12th meeting (reorganization). Attending: Supervisors Aho, Cook and new member Dahl; clerk Cox, treasurer Johansen, and about a dozen residents. The new Supervisor, Steve Dahl, took the oath of office. Janet Johansen was appointed as Treasurer and Ann Cox was appointed as Town Clerk. The Board elected Jeff Cook as Board Chair and agreed that all would share the workload until the 5-member Board is established May 10th when the responsibilities will be assigned. The Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$133,543.48 after expenditures of \$24,097 and no deposits.

Department reports were read. The northern recycling center will be moved as soon as possible to the Town Hall parking lot and closed in the mean time. A volunteer to staff the recycling site is needed. The road maintenance contract for this year was awarded to Hagglund Construction, the only bid received. The moratorium on conditional use permits along the Shore area was

extended 18 months while the DNSSD sewer project planning proceeds. The date for the special election for the two new Supervisor positions was set for May 1st with voting to take place from noon to 8pm at the Town Hall. The deadline for application was legally posted two weeks in advance and with the deadline of April 12th. There will be a Western Lake Superior Sanitary District presentation prior to the May 10th Board meeting (7:00-7:30pm).
Next Town Board meeting: (2nd Thur) May 10th, 7:30pm

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

(Official minutes are available at the Town Hall)

Feb 22nd meeting. Attending: Bourgeois, Bowen, Wm. Cox, Fladmark, Gustofson and Lawson with Dahlberg, and Marino. Bowen provided an update on the sewer project, noting that the cost of hookup may be an issue. Dahlberg indicated that the CDBG grant to help with the cost of a land use consultant had not come through so far. The watershed study is in its early stages.

A variance request was heard involving a 25' side-yard setback (50' is required), and a request for a 225' lot building width instead of 300' to permit a lake view. Other building site and driveway options are available. The requests were felt to be rather severe. Septic, hardship and rural setting issues were discussed. The request was tabled pending a consideration of alternative building sites and a review of the septic system.

The Commission will write a letter to the Legislature expressing concern about the Legislature overriding local zoning ordinances and setting a precedent. The proposed bill would make shooting ranges exempt from all local zoning regulations.

Next Planning Commission meeting April 26th and May 24th, 7:30pm, (4th Thursday) at the Town Hall.

Duluth Township Information for 2001

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
Phone (218) 525-5704 (voice message), fax (218) 525-3845,
web site: www.duluthtownship.org

Town Office Hours: Thursday 9:00-12:00 and 4:30-7:30

Supervisors: **Bruce Aho, Jeff Cook, and Stephen Dahl**
(plus 2 vacancies to be filled May 1st)

Clerk: **Ann Cox** (now appointed)

Treasurer: **Janet Johansen** (now appointed)

Attorney: **Tim Strom**

Cemetery: **Denise Connolly**

Planning and Zoning Administrator: **Wayne Dahlberg**

Planning and Zoning Secretary: **Carolyn Marino**

Planning and Zoning Committee: **Regina Bourgeois,**

John Bowen, Bill Cox, David Edblom, Toni Fladmark, Wendy Gustafson, Sue Lawson

Peace Officers: **Chief Shawn Padden, Paul Johnson**

Fire Department: **Chief Jerry Simmons,**
Assistant Chief Bill Cox

Recycling:

North site – **temporarily closed** (to be moved to the Town Hall parking lot this spring.)

South site – Tues 7:00-11:00, Thurs 3:00-7:00,
and Sat 8:00-noon

Four Candidates for Supervisor Vote May 1st to Fill Two Vacancies

Each candidate running for Township Supervisor was asked to provide a statement of their background and interests to help introduce them to Township residents. The following statements were provided and are given in alphabetical order.

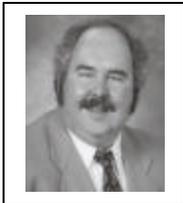


Jim Bruckelmyer

I am 51 years old and live at 2277 Reimer Road. We have lived in Duluth Township for the past 6 and a half years. My wife, Debbie and I have been married 31 years and have 8 children and 10 grandchildren. I currently work at the "Tool Crib" as a supervisor, and have been involved in sales and management all of my working life.

I consider myself to be a middle-of-the-road conservative, believe in strong family values and complete honesty. I would like to make sure that common sense is used on all issues and to keep the best interest of the people first and foremost. I feel the roads, waste water system and school issues are our priorities.

I can be contacted at 525-2439.



Paul Hartley

Hello, my name is Paul Hartley. I am running for one of the newly created Town Supervisor positions. I have lived here since 1987 in a house I built with the help of my neighbors and friends.

My qualifications and experience includes:

- * I am a licensed real estate agent and a graduate of Realtor Institute. I am knowledgeable on land usage, zoning, assessments, property values and owners rights.
- * I own rental properties, including an 8-unit building that involves managing, budgeting, maintenance, etc.
- * I have been involved in local politics. I have convened election caucuses, represented Duluth Township three times in a House District 6B party convention and was elected into the Congressional District 8 convention. I have served as Vice-Chairman and am currently Chairman of one of the major parties for our township. (I have not included my party affiliation because I don't believe the Town Supervisors should run with party endorsement or agenda.) I've included this because it has given me experience in conducting meetings and contacts with some of our elected state officials.

As Town Supervisor I would:

- * Try to bring a balance to those issues that often bring

division to neighbors. I would find the common ground between being able to use your land without over-regulation and preserving the environment.

* I would work hard to represent everyone for we all have one thing in common, we love our Township.

* I believe in limited government and fiscal conservatism.

* I am very open and will always be available to listed to things that concern you.

I can be contacted at 525-3299 or online at

paulhartley77@hotmail.com.



George Sundstrom

Introduction: I live at 1966 on the Old North Shore Road with my wife, Judee (Haanpaa). We have been married 32 years and have two children; Bryan in Florida and Darcie Rolfe in Edina, plus two grandchildren, Jennifer and Gregory Sundstrom in Savage, MN. I am a lifelong resident of this township (except for a short stint in South and North Carolina), a graduate of Clover Valley, and now a retired Sheet Metal Worker and union representative for Sheet Metal Workers' Local 10.

Background: I served on the Township Planning & Zoning Committee when it was first formed in this Township but I don't remember for how long. I was trustee (director) of the Duluth Building and Construction Trades Health & Welfare Fund for 20 years and the supplemental unemployment fund of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association for 5 years. I have held elected positions with Sheet Metal Workers' Local 10 as Business Representative, the Duluth Building and Construction Trades Council and the Duluth AFL-CIO Central Labor Body as president, and vice-president of the Minnesota AFL-CIO.

What I would do if elected: I would listen to the people of this Township. I would use my experience in elected office to be a voice and vote for those people as a member of the Board and do my best to prudently manage the assets of the Township. Duluth Township has been growing significantly. In addition, we face greater growth and even higher property values with the proposed new sewer line on the shore. The Board of Supervisors will ultimately decide how the Shore and the Township are developed. We may also be faced with the decision of whether or not we purchase the North Shore Elementary School in order to keep the school open in this area.

I can be contacted at 525-5655 or by E-mail:

georgesundstrom@juno.com.



Corlis West

I am 45 and I am a candidate for one of the two new positions for Township Supervisor. I live in the northern part of the Township on West Knife River Road. I've lived here since 1986 and work at the EPA lab by the Lester River. My wife, Pam is a teacher and we have two sons who are now in college. I grew up in Apple Valley, a suburb of the Twin Cities. A few years ago, I served on the Duluth Township Board for a short time to fill a vacancy on the Board.

Our Township is changing and will continue to change. It is up to us, the citizens of Duluth Township, to make sure that this change happens in a responsible way. If this is done, I believe the Township will continue to be a good place to live.

If voters would like to discuss issues concerning the Township or my views, please call me at 525-7719. If I am not home, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.



Reflections on Community

Julie Igo

I originally wrote this article for the March 22 North Shore Connections school paper and was later asked for permission to repeat it in the Township Newsletter. In perspective, the miraculous turn of events for North Shore on April 10 is a credit to the extraordinary commitment and efforts of many who persevered. The spirit and strength of this community will be cornerstones in the development of our charter school.

"A Personal Commentary and Response to the March 20, 2001 School PTA Meeting"

My social conscience was deeply stirred by the people and the process of last night's meeting. The wisdom and vision shared by each speaker could have been mistaken for months of careful preparation. While these issues have indeed been heavy on our hearts for a long time, I sense that each presenter spoke so articulately and thoughtfully concerning the courses of action we need to take because he/she sincerely cares about the welfare of every child in this school district and is moved by a deep love for this place in which we live. The contrast between last night's meeting and how most decisions have been made regarding the future of North Shore is tremendous.

I thank the core group of leaders for giving us promise and hope and for carving out a plan that reflects integrity. The strength and style of your leadership alone is effecting social change. You are teaching us all how to work together to solve problems in respectful, worthy, and effective ways. These, I believe, are the same lessons we want to teach our children. I think of my two sixth graders

who are currently studying local and state government. Despite the high ideals of the democratic process, they have already developed a cynicism about realities that influence government. You are modeling an enlightened approach to conflict resolution for all of us.

I also commend the teachers and staff of North Shore for carrying on in this time of turmoil. You continue to teach and care for our children as if the world were not crashing down around us. They desperately need to have confidence in their future and be assured that no matter what, they are loved and that things will be okay. I am so happy to hear there is now the 60% teacher support needed for the charter school initiative. I have long felt chartering is North Shore's only future. I know you've had many difficult issues to consider which I don't fully understand. But, to me, it's cause for genuine celebration to know that the North Shore community charter school is a stronger possibility because of your support.

I am proud to be a member of this community for the very reasons evidenced at Tuesday night's meeting and so many others before that. I am filled with gratitude that my family lives and learns in this special place.

North Shore Elementary School

Leo Babeu

BIG NEWS! It has been a challenging and ultimately an extraordinary month for the future of our community and the possibilities for our children's education. I will give you a short summary.

After months of uncertainty and indecision, the *Lake Superior School District* (ISD 381) Board of Education abruptly voted on March 14th, 2001 to close North Shore Elementary and Silver Bay's Mary MacDonald School. As you know, this would have been a devastating blow to our community.

Now for the extraordinary. On April 10th, after intense efforts by individuals too numerous to thank, the School Board approved a plan that keeps both schools open next year (2001-2002), while various steps are taken to deal with an anticipated \$1 million shortfall in next year's operating budget. This vote allows North Shore to determine its own future by seeking approval to become a public charter school, to be known as **North Shore Community School**.

This is an opportunity to develop a stable, community-based pre-K through sixth grade school setting, tied to the anticipated new high school in Two Harbors, where NSE has historically sent over 90% of our graduates. The charter school will be a distinct entity, supported by federal and state funding-independent of the ISD 381 budget and directed by a community board. Duluth and Alden residents will also remain vital stakeholders in the Lake Superior District's financial and educational decisions.

At a community meeting held at North Shore School on April 17th, the school community worked out an initiative to pitch in to help support the voluntary district-wide fund drive that was a key component of the Board's response to the budget shortfall in the resolution adopted on April 10th (and the basis for our year's extension). That

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resolution called for a one-time donation drive in all communities in place of any efforts for an immediate excess operating levy proposal. All tax-deductible donations will go to the general operating fund. It is important to understand that the Board estimates that up to \$370,000 will be needed to offset next year's shortfall and preclude any staff or program cuts this school year.

Local Fund Raising Drive for Schools

Leo Babeu

Here's what the community has set up for our part of the School District fund drive: donations will be solicited from residents and businesses as contributions to the existing North Shore School Community Foundation Fund. Our initial goal is to collect \$40,000, to be presented to the Lake Superior School District from the North Shore Community fund by June 1st. All additional proceeds beyond our \$40,000 goal will be split equally between the district fund drive and our Community School Foundation endowment. This 50/50 match will extend our commitment to helping our District at a critical time while also building a needed reserve for our efforts to plan and launch our charter school by the Fall of 2002. The matching fund drive will officially continue through June, 2002 (the end of the fiscal year). Our intensive effort to reach everyone in the community will peak in May and early this summer, when contributions can help the district stave off serious cuts. Donations earmarked wholly for the school foundation endowment are welcome also.

This is a great opportunity for us to act positively and in concert with the other school communities for the long-term good of our school and ISD 381 as a whole. It's a creative response to a fiscal crisis, and we should acknowledge our responsibility to be part of such a solution. The Lake Superior School District must inevitably pass some future referenda to allow it to build and operate needed schools, but the current fund drive is CLEARLY about balancing this year's budget so that the students and communities in Silver Bay and North Shore aren't seriously harmed.

You can help! Call **drive coordinator Dennis Kaminski** at **834-2479** to see how you can work with the fund drive committee to get the message out to all our neighbors and help *North Shore Community School* at the same time.

Individual donations can be sent through the school; **checks should be made out to North Shore Community School Foundation**, and may be sent to:

North Shore Elementary School
Attn: Barb Jackson
5924 Ryan Rd.
Duluth MN 55804

We hope to keep tabs on the drive with a *rising thermometer chart* at the school. Please help push it towards \$40,000 by the time of our community celebration on May 10th, which we can easily do if everyone considers pledging a fair share.

Update On Our Charter School

Leo Babeu

At the April 17th meeting, the community embraced the first steps on the path to establish **North Shore Community School** as a public charter by seating a nine person Interim Board that will guide us through our planning and application stages to the anticipated September 2002 opening of the new school. The community will be consulted for input to the board over the next several months, as we seek ideas for how to build on and complement the existing NSE programs that connect our children with the natural world and their human neighbors who value them so highly.

We are forming advisory committees on *Buildings and Grounds, Finances, Educational Programs and Curriculum, Charter Organization, and Fund Raising*.

To help in any of these areas, or to offer specific suggestions, talk to one of these **Interim Board** members:

- Pat Anderson
- Leo Babeu
- Bob Engelson
- Lars Fladmark
- Julie Igo
- Phil Strom
- Bob Sundstrom
- George Sundstrom
- Gail Trygstad

Everyone's energy is needed for the school to thrive. Thanks.

Spring Celebration at North Shore

May 10, 2001 6:30 pm

Two special events will be celebrated at North Shore on Thursday evening, May 10. A community celebration patterned after last year's production will be combined with the *School of Excellence Award* presentation. This celebration will serve as the school's spring music program. All students and classes will be performing, so please mark this date on your calendar now! Past principal, Phil Carlson, will be Guest MC for the evening.

The evening will feature stories of elders, singing, and a power point presentation focusing on the Environmental Integrated Curriculum (ELC) grant, which has fostered use of the natural environment as a theme for integrating learning in all grades and all disciplines at North Shore. A different group of community elders will again be the spotlight this year as we continue to connect our children with the rich past and special people of this community. This year's guests are Clarian Frink, Don Oberg and Marguerite Blaisdell.

North Shore is one of only eight Minnesota Schools of Excellence selected this year and will be receiving it's second School of Excellence Award. The first was awarded seven years ago. Students will share this honor and each will receive a certificate at the May 10th program.

For more information, call the North Shore School office at 525-6614.

On Township Road Repairs

This is the season! If there is an urgent Township road washout or repair problem, you should call Board Chairperson Jeff Cook (home number 525-4010) and leave a voice message if he is not at home. You could also call one of the other Board members, Bruce Aho (home 525-4033) or Steve Dahl (home 525-4679). Remember that Supervisors are largely volunteers and have other jobs and a family, so courtesy in making a request always helps!

In the spring when road restrictions are on, as they are now, Supervisors have to call the County for special permission to drive heavy equipment to the problem. The County also has the equipment to steam open frozen culverts. On weekends, the County does not staff their office so a voice message is left. Otherwise permission is pretty quick. Once the County gives permission, the Supervisors call our road maintenance contractor (also a Township resident), Hagglund Construction. Once authorized, he can schedule repair work. Often in the spring, because of mud and frost in the ground, the repairs are temporary and soon will need to be redone once the ground becomes firm. Thus it benefits all of us, tax-wise, if a serviceable minimum is done until the ground is settled and a real fix can be scheduled. This year we also have some FEMA funds for repairs to certain roads but these repairs have to be done according to strict specifications so it is beneficial, if possible, to wait a bit to spend that money rather than use Township road funds for temporary fixes on those roads.

Residents are a key source of information on problem roads. It is helpful if residents can help distinguish between absolutely urgent spring fixes and those that can wait a bit for better repair conditions.

Supervisors try to anticipate problems. Bruce Aho said that after this spring's early washouts, Supervisors drove all of our 11.4 miles of Township roads to check on problems and order fixes before anyone called to report a problem. Supervisors also plan to visit all Township roads in May to identify needs and order roadwork to be done during the summer repair season. They try to group repair work by area to help save time and cost of equipment moves and set-up.

Supervisor Jeff Cook will be available for an informal question and answer chat about roads at the May 17th **Coffee & Chat** (after work at 5:00 – 6:30 in the Town Hall)

Most of the roads in the Township are *County* roads rather than Township roads. The March *Newsletter* listed Township roads. Our roads tend to be short and scattered throughout the Township. The County maintains county roads and while the Supervisors can call for needed repairs, the County schedules its own work. The number to call about County road repair work is 525-7000.

Conducting Business at Home

As a point of information, our Township's ordinance distinguishes between two types of business conducted in a home (see p4 of the current zoning ordinance manual).

One type is called a **HOME OCCUPATION**. It is defined as "A use of non-residential nature conducted entirely within the dwelling or accessory buildings and

carried on only by the inhabitants thereof, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes, and which does not include an operational activity that is or may be a nuisance to or otherwise incompatible with the surrounding area." No permits are required.

The other type is called a **HOME BUSINESS**. This is defined as "A commercial or minor industrial business use conducted on the same property on which the owner's home is situated, which may employ no more than 5 persons who are not residents of the owner's home, which is of a type or character consistent with rural residential lifestyle, and which is established and operated under such conditions that the use may not be a nuisance to or otherwise incompatible with the surrounding area." Home Business types may require a conditional use permit from the Township Planning Commission, depending on the zone area. Zoning Administrator Wayne Dahlberg can help determine if a permit is needed.

Regular commercial property has separate zoning regulations.

Opportunities to Volunteer in the Township

1. **Land Use Plan Steering Committee.** Dedicated residents who would like to assist on planning with the consultant, please contact Carolyn Marino or Ann Cox at the Town Hall. They are looking for a good cross section of our residents so that we have the benefit of all viewpoints and suggestions.
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2. **Donate to the 2001- 2002 School Operating Fund.** Donations help offset projected District-wide program cuts. The District voted to keep NSE and Mary Mac schools open one more year to help school planning. See the articles on page 5 and 6. Donations are voluntary, one-time, *not* property tax, and fully tax deductible. **Send checks made out to:** "North Shore Community School Foundation" to: North Shore Elementary School, Attn: Barb Jackson, 5924 Ryan Rd, Duluth MN 55804
3. **Help with the School Fund drive. Call** drive coordinator **Dennis Kaminski** at **834-2479**.
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4. **Volunteer Fire Department & First Responders.** Many skills are needed. Anyone with medical training would be especially helpful. Many other skills are needed as well. See Ann Cox for details.
5. **Donate your old PC to the Township.** The Town Hall needs a second computer to connect to the internet so we can keep the one we have separate from potential viruses (it contains vital Township records). The PC computer needs to have a reasonably fast modem.
6. We need a **volunteer to staff the north recycling center** once it is relocated to the Town Hall parking lot. Volunteers for this important function can call Ann Cox at the Town Hall.
7. Several **small outdoor wooden signs** are needed. If you could paint a sign, let the Editor know.
8. **Masthead art.** If you or someone you know would like to draw the masthead for an issue, please contact the Editor. We need artwork for the July issue.

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

MAY 2001

Tuesday, May 1st Special Township Election at the Town Hall

Inside this Issue:

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If your name and address are in error or you know of someone who is not receiving a Newsletter, please send a note to the Newsletter Editor at the Town Hall (News box on the Town Hall porch). Extra copies are also available in the Town Hall.

Upcoming Township Events and Issues

Special Township election May 1st at the Town Hall from **noon to 8pm**. The election is for 2 new Township Supervisors to fill the 2 new positions on our 5-member Board. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Hall through April 26th.

URGENT! Steering Committee members are still needed to **work on updates to our Land Use Plan** and Zoning Ordinances. Able and interested Township residents representing all main interests in our Township (north, middle, south, business, ecology, new and old residents, etc) are needed. We have a list of about 10 thus far. It will involve conscientious work with the consultant we have hired to assist us. The process will take about 18 months. If you are interested, call Ann Cox at the Town Hall: 525-5705

Special DNSSD sewer district Public Meetings, April 29, 30 and May 20 (see calendar)

School Fund Drive! See the articles on pages 5 and 6.

Web Sites:

Duluth Township: www.duluthtownship.org
DNSSD (Sanitary District): www.dnssd.org
North Shore School: www.geocities.com/mac55804.

Town Hall Hours: Thursdays 9-12am and 4:30-7:30pm.
Ann Cox, Town Clerk. Town Hall phone: 525-5705 with voice messaging. Fax number: 525-3845.

Deadline for the July Newsletter is May 23rd. If you have an announcement of broad interest to Township residents, send it to the editor or put it in the *NewsBox*.

Calendar

Apr 26, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

Apr 29, Sun, 6:30pm DNSSD **public meeting** on the sewer, Knife River Recreation Center.

Apr 30, 2pm and 6pm DNSSD **public meetings** on the sewer, Lakeview Castle

May 1, Tue, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church

May 1, Special Township Election noon-8pm, Town Hall, to elect 2 new Supervisors - 4 are running.

May 2, Wed, 12:30, Homesteaders meet, Town Hall

May 10, Thu, 7:30pm **Town Board**, Town Hall

May 10, Thu, **Community Celebration** & North Shore Elementary **School of Excellence Award**

May 17, Thu, 5-6:30pm **Coffee & Chat**, Town Hall. Supvrs Jeff Cook chat about Town road maintenance.

May 20, Sun, 7pm DNSSD public meeting on sewer including costs. Lakeview Castle.

May 24, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

May 28, Mon, 11:30am, *Veterans Memorial* Dedication, Town Cemetery off Old North Shore Rd (east).

June 5, Tue, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church

June 6, Wed, 12:30 Homesteader's meeting, Town Hall

June 14, Thu, 7:30pm **Town Board**, Town Hall

June 21, Thu, 5-6:30pm **Coffee & Chat**, Wayne Dahlberg will update us on our Land Use Plans, Town Hall

June 23, **Deadline** for news for the July Newsletter

June 28, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

July 4, Wed, 12:30 Homesteader's meeting, Town Hall