

Duluth Township Newsletter

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Included in this issue.

The Annual Resident Feedback Survey

Please return it by January 31st!

Thank you to all contributors to this issue: Leo Babeu, Ann Cox, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hooey, Sue Lawson, Todd Lindahl, Sherry Rovig, Rich Sill and Mary Ann Sironen.

A special thanks to student Sarah Ensign, for drawing this month's masthead. Call the editor (525-0103) if you wish to volunteer to do the March Newsletter masthead!

Income Tax Forms.

The Township has acquired a free copy of most IRS tax forms and instruction manuals for Township taxpayers to photocopy. Check with the Town Hall if you need forms. There may be a small charge for photocopying forms.

School Needs Equipment. Can You Help?

Our North Shore Community School Buildings and Grounds Committee currently has a John Deere 316 lawn tractor with a snow blower attachment. We also have a rotating brush/sweeper attachment that fits the same machine. We are looking for a good deal (or donation) on another used John Deere tractor of a similar size for skating rink maintenance to mount the brush on. If you know of such a machine, or any similar power brush equipment, please contact Bob Engelson at 525-6819. Thanks for any help you can offer.

Lost and Found. See the box in the Town Hall for lost items including: black nylon scarf, tan woven scarf.

Community Book Exchange. There is a free community book exchange table in the Town Hall. Take what interests you. Leave good books and other reading materials that you think others might enjoy.

Congratulations to Duluth Township voters. In the last election 999 of 1215 registered voters in the Township voted...an **82% turnout rate**. *Not a bad showing for grassroots democracy!*

Volunteers Needed

The Township runs largely on the good citizenship of residents who volunteer. How about helping out yourself! Make this an even better community.

- If you are interested in serving as an election judge during 2003, contact the Township Office 525-5705.
- Serve a term as Township Supervisor. One 3-year position is open. Sign up at the Town Hall before January 14th, 2003 at 5pm if you are interested in running. The election is March 11th, 2003 7am-8pm.
- Serve a term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. There is one current vacancy. Contact Caroline Marino (525-5705) or Wayne Dahlberg (728-4293).
- Volunteer as First Responder. We need First Responders, especially ones who are available in the Township during daytime. Often we have only one person and sometimes no one available to respond to calls during the workday. Training, communication and emergency equipment are provided.
- Help keep speeds down. The speed limit inland is 55mph unless otherwise marked. Along the shore the speed limit is lower in congested areas (40mph), as marked.
- Office Help. Often there are special office tasks that need volunteer help. Contact Ann Cox at 525-5705.
- We need a location for the south Recycle garage. We have to close/move it because of the McQuade project. If you have a place (preferably in the shore area) you would consider leasing for this purpose, call the Town Hall, 525-5705.
- Report illegal dumping. Keep alert for folks who dump their garbage along Duluth Township roads, shore and recycling centers. Notify the Peace Officers if you get a license number (call 911 or leave information at the Town Hall 525-5705). The latest was a couple of mattresses and deer carcass dumped at Stony Point.

Mailed to 786 Duluth Township households. Extra copies are available at the Town Hall. Please send your comments and suggestions to volunteer newsletter editor Don McTavish at the Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or in the **NewsBox** on the Town Hall porch. The Newsletter is printed locally by **BB&K Printing**, and mailed for us by **UDAC**.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Jerry Simmons, Fire Chief

Our Fire Department is seeking a renewed ISO rating now that we have a large water tanker and a *foam unit* (it is far superior to water alone in knocking down fires and reducing water damage). Keep posted for possible rating changes (from 9 to 8) that will help reduce your homeowner insurance rates.

Welcome a new volunteer, **Kip Brown**, who will be completing the training the Fire Department underwrites. Active first responders, fire fighters and auxiliary members are:

Fire Auxiliary:

Jody Anderson, Ann Cox, Barb Crow, Trisha O'Keefe, Sherry Rovig.

First Responders:

Kip Brown, Chris Campbell, Ann Cox, Bill Cox, Robert Engelson, Barry Lampi, Jerry Simmons.

Fire Fighters:

Andy Aug, Kip Brown, Ann Cox, Bill Cox, Keith Darsow, Jason Dorgan, Robert Engelson, Pat Farley, Dean Godding, Bill Hartman, Will, Hartman, Terry Hesch, Kurt LaGarde, Barry Lampi, Ray Leppala, Neal Myrdal, Dan Nieman, Tom Ocel, Jeff Scully, Karl Seckinger, Jerry Simmons, Don Walli.

Corlis West is the *Town Supervisor* who is the liaison with the Fire Department.

Township Police Report
Shawn Padden, Chief

Welcome our new Peace Officer, **Tom Wick**, who joins Shawn Padden and Steve Peterson to serve Duluth Township. Our three Peace Officers share the 160 hours per month coverage that the Township has arranged. Tom Wick is also an officer with the Hermantown Police Department where his specialized training and experience also benefits our Township.

Thanks and best wishes to Paul Johnson, our former peace officer who left to assist a friend with a new business.

The Homesteaders
Helen Hendrickson

January 8th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Homesteaders will meet at the Duluth Town Hall on Homestead Road for their Annual New Year's Pot-Luck lunch. The Rainbow Band will entertain.

February 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm. Homesteaders meet and Lloyd Mattson will present a variety show.

March 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Homesteaders meet for the annual anniversary meeting.

Everyone is welcome at these meetings. No charge. For information, call 525-4154.

The History Corner
Rich Sill

Since North Shore Community School opened its doors this fall I have been trying to spend at least one day a week there volunteering in my son's fourth grade class. Most weeks find me there Monday mornings. I usually start off the time talking to the class about the weather. Has it changed from last week? How cold did it get last

night? When do you think we will get our first snowstorm? It doesn't take much to get the class talking.

Fourth graders are by nature an inquisitive group. In fact, I usually find it necessary to stop the discussion so we have a least a little time to get out on the nature trail, something we try to do every week. Since September we have witnessed many changes along the trail that winds through the woods just east of the school. There have been weeks that we have studied the difference between deciduous and coniferous trees, tried out binoculars to see what birds we can identify, searched for frogs, and even once went on a scavenger hunt. But some weeks we just go out and walk, observing the changes the seasons bring to us.

For quite a while this fall that seasonal transition seemed to be mired in mud but mud season is now finally well behind us and snowshoes are not yet necessary so walking the trails in the last few weeks has become a leisurely affair. Some mornings, if a light dusting of snow has fallen overnight, tracks of deer, snowshoe hare, and other animals can be seen. It interests me to note the depth of knowledge many students have of the environment around them. Those students that can distinguish the tracks of animals, recognize and identify the wide variety of trees, and even differentiate birds by simply listening to their songs, impress me. Helping our children to better understand and appreciate the natural environment that surrounds them is a major focus of North Shore Community School's mission and from what I can observe on Monday mornings it is working.

Along with an environmental emphasis the school is also trying to instill within students an appreciation for the historical and cultural heritage that comes with being a member of our community. This spring the fourth grade class will be studying the homesteading era, primarily the period of time from 1890 to around 1920. It was during this thirty-year period that much of our inland community was settled, creating the small hamlets of French River, Molde, Normanna, and Alden. Why our community became the destination of so many people of Scandinavian descent will be just one of many questions we will be hoping to answer. We will also be studying what life was like to those early settlers who broke the land, built their homes, and raised their children in a time before mechanized farm machinery, cars, and electricity. We will be using the "Roots" book as a curriculum guide but we are also hoping to have several hands-on artifacts that will help students understand what life was like a century ago.

If you have something you would like to contribute to the school that could help explain this era to the children of today, please call me at **525-6458** or drop them off at school during weekday hours. We are looking for artifacts that can be held in a child's hand, such things as a hand crank food grinder, woodworking tools, school primers, kitchen utensils, and flatirons would be examples of things that would work well. The children of our community thank you in advance.

* PS. For new residents, the book, Roots In The Past, Seeds For The Future, is a collaborative work prepared by Township residents and school students. It can be found in local bookstores, the Scenic Café, or the school library.

Log Rafts

Todd Lindahl

The timber industry in northeastern Minnesota began to increase dramatically in the 1880's. As a result of this several large sawmills became established in Duluth and Superior to satisfy the increasing demand for lumber. The easiest and cheapest transportation method was to raft the timber down Lake Superior to the mills. Generally speaking the logging operations could only be effectively carried out within two to three miles inland from the lakeshore. Therefore the earliest logging along the north shore was in this narrow strip. The logs were hauled by sleigh during the winter months to a suitable log landing on the shore and stored there. The following summer, when the weather was good, they would be rolled into the lake and gathered into a log boom. A towing tug would then tow the raft to Duluth or Superior delivering them at the sawmill.

By the early 1880's there were various rafting operations all the way up the shore as far as the Gooseberry River. Scott & Holsten had a large landing at Clifton for rafting in the 1890's. Peyton, Kimball, & Barber Lumber Company, who owned a large mill in Superior, Wisconsin, had landings at French River, Sucker River, and at Lakewood. Duncan-Brewer Lumber established landings at the Sucker River as well. The Lesure Lumber Company conducted one of the largest rafting operations out of Duluth Township. They built an extensive sleigh road from their landing at the mouth of French River into Normanna Township. The company was so concerned about the safety of descending the hills that they hired only men who were sworn to be teetotalers. E. L. Bradley, another Duluth sawmill owner, rafted logs from the Sucker River during this same period.

Log rafting had its drawbacks however. Obviously weather was a huge factor and a sudden storm could scatter the entire log raft over a huge area. At times the rafts had to wait outside of the Superior ship entry for boats to clear the harbor. As time went on, the congestion became greater and the waiting grew longer. Because the booms were wide, they at times destroyed docks along the interior of the harbor. On one unfortunate occasion the passenger steamer *Mary Martini* became entangled in a log boom and tipped over on its side scaring the passengers thoroughly.

Another drawback was that the booms could not negotiate the Superior entry if a wind was blowing out of the southwest. Rafts coming from up the north shore would stop just west of Stony Point and then drift back with the wind until they rested against the shoreline. There they waited until the wind direction changed before continuing on.

The last log raft to enter the Duluth harbor was in 1903. By then most of the logging companies had turned to railroads to transport their logs. Log rafting continued on Lake Superior in other locations for a long time afterward with logs going mostly to sawmills in Michigan and Wisconsin. As far as the western end of the lake and Stony Point, it was for the most part finished. The era of the logging railroad had arrived.

Township Calendar

See updates on www.duluthtownship.org.

January 2003

- Jan 6, Mon, 6:30pm PTA meeting, NSCS cafeteria.
 Jan 7, Tue, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 Jan 8, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet TownHall
 Jan 8, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
Jan 9, Thu, 7:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 Jan 14, Tue, 5pm DEADLINE for signing up to run for Town Supervisor. Sign up in the Town Hall.
 Jan 16, Thu, 6:30pm **Steering Committee** meeting to update our zoning ordinances, Town Hall.
 Jan 17, Fri, No school at NSCS – Teacher Workshop
 Jan 21, Tue, 6:30pm at NSE School Library, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting.
 Jan 22, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** work night
Jan 23, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
 Jan 24, Fri **Deadline** current families to re-enroll students in North Shore Community School for 2003-2004
 Jan 25, Sat, 11am-3pm NSCS school *Winter Frolic*.
 Jan 30, Thu, 6:30pm **Steering Committee**, Town Hall.

February 2003

- Feb 3, Mon, 6:30pm, PTA meeting, NSCS cafeteria.
 Feb 4, Tue, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 Feb 5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet TownHall
 Feb 5, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road.
 Feb 8, Sat. 1pm, **Alternative Energy Information** meeting, North Shore Community School.
Feb 13, Thu, 7:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall 20
 Feb 15, Sat, **Deadline** for new family student enrollment in North Shore Community School.
 Feb 18, Tue, 6:30pm at NSE School Library, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting.
 Feb 19, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** work night
 Feb 23, **Deadline** for news for the March *Newsletter*
Feb 27, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

March 2003

- Mar 3, Mon, 6:30pm PTA meeting, NSCS cafeteria
 Mar 4, Tue, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 Mar 5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet TownHall
 Mar 5, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 Mar 11, Tue, 7am-8pm **Township ELECTION**, Town Hall
 Mar 11, Tue, 8:15pm **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**, in the Town Hall. Discuss and vote on budget for 2004 and other items that may be introduced.
 Mar 11, Tue, 11:30-7:30 Kindergarten roundup at NSCS for accepted new Kindergarten students.
Mar 13, Thu, 7:30pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 Mar 18, Tue, 6:30pm at NSE School, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting.
 Mar 19, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** work night
Mar 27, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

Summary of Town Board Meetings

(Official minutes are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org).

October 10th meeting. Attending: Chair George Sundstrom, Secretary Ann Cox, Treasurer Janet Johansen, and Supervisors Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, and Corlis West. Minutes were approved. Candidate Penny requested and was granted a few minutes to speak along with candidates Tom Norman, Rodger Skraba and Kay Jacobs.

After audience (about 20 in attendance) concerns (one about Como Oil now providing propane service to the Fire Department), the agenda was approved and correspondence was reviewed for possible action. The Treasurer reported expenditures of \$59,639.79, deposits of \$39,572.54 for an ending balance of \$145,452.86. It was noted that all departments except road and bridge are within budget. Discussion of the quarterly audit was deferred.

Department reports: Chief Shawn Padden reported that the mobile radar speed display unit requested for use on the North Shore Scenic road will be made available in June. Supervisors suggested using warning tickets first for those going over the speed limit on that road. A meeting was scheduled on signs and overnight parking along the Congdon Trust property on the shore.

Fire Chief Jerry Simmons reported 2 medical calls and no fires this month. The foam unit will be installed on a fire truck by the end of the month. An ISO review may drop our rating from 9 to 8. The old fire hall on McQuade and the shore was to have been burned for fire fighter practice but permits to do so have not been granted. Como propane was used because of a special price break. The Alden Township fire coverage contract has been signed and a check received.

The south recycling center will have to be moved. There is no new site at this time but WLSSD will pay to have it moved for temporary storage at the Town Hall site. Dumping household garbage at recycling centers at night is still a problem.

Various legal issues were reported. Discussion of the *North Shore Management Board Joint Powers* agreement was tabled until November. Attorney fees for acquisition of the Township Community Center (the old North Shore Elementary School property) exceeded the \$10,000 approved by the March 2002 Annual Town Meeting by \$4250.75. A motion to take some of the legal fees from the rent that the Township receives from the North Shore Community School was discussed and withdrawn. It was decided that \$10,000 would be paid at this time and a decision on the remainder would be postponed to the next Annual Town Meeting on March 11th, 2003. (Chair Sundstrom abstains from these votes since he served on the School Board.)

The Town Sexton, Denise Connolly, will be asked to submit a wage request. The Township Cemetery abstract was found in the Town Hall together with a number of historic burial certificates. These will be turned over to George Sundstrom, the cemetery supervisor.

The North Shore Soccer Club is applying for a grant to complete the soccer field at the school. They requested exclusive use of the land for 15 years. Due to language in

the purchase contract for our Community Center, the request was denied.

A Lake Superior Regional Water Committee is being formed to seek Federal money to bring city water to townships and outlying areas. A motion to join the Committee died for lack of a second.

After paying bills, the meeting was adjourned.

November 14th meeting. Attending: Chair George Sundstrom, Secretary Ann Cox, Treasurer Janet Johansen, and Supervisors Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, and Corlis West. Minutes were approved. After audience concerns, correspondence was read and the agenda was updated and approved. Departments reported. Chief Shawn Padden reported that a "garbage dumping" cop is available through the WLSSD to investigate illegal dumping. An ongoing problem of a horse on a neighbor's property will be resolved with a letter. Officer Paul Johnson has resigned. Chief Padden will look for another police officer and he and Officer Steve Peterson will cover the hours in the mean time. The police contract was negotiated and signed for \$11.35 per hour effective Feb. 1, 2002.

The Fire Department reported 3 car accidents, 1 fire and 2 medical calls.

Town Hall duct cleaning is pending. A motion was passed to add 2 hours of time to the Town Clerk's time to help Bob Abrahamson with various custodial work.

A report on the progress of the Zoning Commission's Steering Committee was made. Supervisors George Sundstrom and Jeff Cook plus Zoning Administrator Wayne Dahlberg attended a Storm Water Management meeting. Many government units discussed storm water management for the entire State. Only a small part of Duluth Township is affected but we will eventually have to become more involved. We are under the same laws as is WLSSD (*Western Lake Superior Sanitary District*). Culvert problems on Wildwood Road were noted.

There has not been a quorum for the North Shore Management Board's Joint Powers agreement so that item was postponed. The Township and County have put money into the Community Center's soccer field project and the NSCS PTA was to have completed the project. The \$4,250.75 over the allotted \$10,000 legal bill for transfer of the Community Center to the Township was discussed. While the rent from leasing the Community Center to the school was being treated as a capital fund to care for potential property repair and improvements, residents were also assured that the Community Center would not result in cost to the Township residents. A motion to pay the remainder of the legal bill passed. A boiler insurance bill (\$589) will be paid out of the capital improvement fund. (Chair Sundstrom abstains from these votes since he served on the School Board.)

The Township Sexton was asked to send all cemetery checks to the Treasurer each month. Ron Sjoberg passed away. Another plot digger is needed. Norm Bourdage will be used until a decision is made. The Sexton's pay request was received and paid. In the future, only pay requests not 6 months overdue will be honored.

There was a meeting with the City of Duluth about the Congdon Trust land along the shore. Signage is being

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NSCS holds elections, first General Membership Meeting

Calendar of Events *January*

- 6 PTA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Cafeteria
- 17 NO SCHOOL
(Teacher Workshop)
- 18 4—6 Grade Boys Basketball Tournament
- 21 NSCS Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Library
- 25 Winter Frolic

February

- 3 PTA Meeting
6:30 p.m. Cafeteria
- 8 4-6 Grade Boys Basketball Tournament
- 12 NSCS Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
- 17 NSCS Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Library
- 17-22 NO SCHOOL
(Winter Break)
- 22 Girls Basketball Tournament

North Shore Community School (NSCS) members (parents and staff) participated in the first annual school board elections and general membership meeting on Nov. 19.

With 110 members voting, teacher Cathy Gunsolus and parent David Sundberg were elected to three year terms on the board (terms running to November 2005).

During the general membership meeting attended by nearly two dozen members, the founding NSCS board acknowledged the contributions of four retiring members. Board members expressed deep gratitude for the efforts of Bob Engelson, Julie Igo, Gail Trygstad, and Lars Fladmark, each of

whom was instrumental in the creation of NSCS.

The board presented the inaugural report of District 4084, North Shore Community School. Included in the report are yearly updates from eight committees and a report from Phil Strom, chairman. A copy of the annual report is available by calling the school office.

In addition, attendees had the pleasure of seeing a wonderful visual presentation on the evolution of our school that was created by staff member Alisha Franckowiak.

At the regular monthly NSCS board meeting which followed, the two newly elected board members were

installed and officers elected for the coming year: Chairman-Phil Strom, Treasurer-David Sundberg, Vice-Chairman-George Sundstrom, and Secretary-Robert Sundstrom

The board also approved the following as chairs of its standing committees:

Buildings and Grounds-Bob Engelson, **Curriculum**-B.J. Kohlstedt, **Communications & Community**-Leo Babeu, **Personnel** -Cathy Gunsolus and Sheri Camper, and **Finance**-David Sundberg .Bob Sundstrom was selected as the board representative for the North Shore Community School Fund board.

-Leo Babeu

Seeking students for 2003-2004

North Shore Community School is beginning its enrollment process for the 2003-04 School Year.

If you know of neighbors or friends who are interested in attending NSCS, encourage them to apply as soon as possible.

Application forms are available in the office.

2003-2004 School Year enrollment begins

During the first week in January, currently enrolled families will receive a mailing regarding next year's enrollment process. As a charter school, we will need to get your commitment for the following year. If we do not receive a form saying that you will be returning to

NSCS, then we will need to consider another application for the 'open spot' your exiting student left behind. Included in the mailing will be a form for re-enrolling your student in the 2003-2004 school year and an application form if you have a Kindergarten beginning next

school year. Both forms will be due back to the office by Jan. 24.

During the week of Jan. 27-31, the re-enrollment and Kindergarten forms will be processed and tallied. New applicants (with no current siblings enrolled) will need to submit applications by



Mark your calendars for Sat., Jan. 25, 2003, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Rosy cheeks and warm smiles will abound at this fun-filled event that North Shore Community School children look forward to each year.

North Shore Community School Fund Building partnerships, assets to enrich students' education

The North Shore Community School Fund is a charitable organization created to build partnerships and assets in order to provide supplemental funding, independent of the school budget, to enrich and extend the education of students of North Shore Community. The trustee of this fund is the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation, a Minnesota non-profit corporation. A Board of Trustees has been established for the North Shore Community School Fund, an organizational endowment.

The Board of Trustees:(Representing)

Phil Carlson	Ex-officio
Bob Sundstrom	NSCS Board
Helen Hendrickson	Homesteaders
Amy Giddings	NSCS Staff

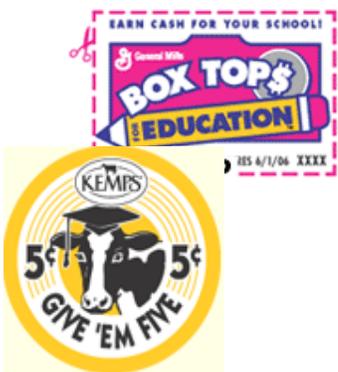
Jeff Cook	Duluth Township Board
Wendy Anderson	NSCS PTA
Rod Garver	At-Large
Kathy Johnson	At-Large
Fred Poe	At-Large
Don Schreiner	At-Large
Mary Ann Sironen	At-Large
Jo Anne Wantaja	At-Large

The first organizational meeting was conducted on Nov. 26. A draft mission statement was developed to be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the NSCS Library.

-Wendy Anderson

Betty Crocker Boxtops for Education, Kemp's Give 'em Five programs; Easy ways to contribute funds to North Shore Community School



North Shore Community School recently learned of the opportunity to purchase 30 pairs of cross country skis and poles and 40 pairs of boots for a very reasonable price.

The NSCS staff have committed the NSCS's "Boxtops for Education" money to this purpose. This includes percentages earned from purchases at Box Tops Marketplace stores.

NSCS has also enrolled in the

Kemp's "Give 'em Five" program. Milk caps with the official sticker (Kemps plastic gallon and half gallon jugs) and the official Give 'em Five proof of purchase symbols (Kemps paper half gallons) are both worth 5 cents to the school. The Kemps money will also be used toward the skis and boots. Of course, donations are also welcome.

The goal is to earn the \$3,000

needed for the skis and boots.

For convenience, collection boxes or bags have been placed at the Duluth Town Hall, the French River Lutheran Church, and Al's Bait. The Boxtops or Kemps caps can also be sent directly to the school! The NSCS office and all classrooms have containers.

Thank you for your support!

-Barb Jackson

Fourth graders pose with their completed bird-houses made with the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center staff on Nov. 26. Wolf Ridge staff devoted time with individual classes doing a variety of indoor and outdoor activities were designed to match the environmental studies areas that have been selected by teachers and will be used throughout the school year.



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Feb. 15. Interested families may call the school for information and to request an application packet

If a lottery is needed due to an abundance of applicants it will be held during the week of February 24. We will notify applicants of their status during the first week in March and send en-

rollment forms to be completed and returned to school by March 21. Families will need to return enrollment forms by this date in order to be guaranteed their spot. Kindergarten roundup for accepted applicants will be held March 11 from 11:30-7:30 pm.

-Sheri Camper

installed along wayside rests. Peg Sweeney was asked to have Stoney Point posted as well. A motion was made and passed to accept the resolution approving the reappointment of Scott Smith and Lars Fladmark to the DNSSD Board.

The voting machine contract was approved. The Community School Fund (part of the Northland Community Foundation) now has over \$25,000. A trustee will manage the fund. Supervisor Jeff Cook volunteered to sit on the trustee board. Helen Hendrickson represents the Homesteaders on the trustee board. The meeting adjourned after bills were paid.

The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday) Jan. 9th and Feb. 13th at 7:30pm, Town Hall. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings
(Official minutes are available at the Town Hall)

October 24th meeting. Attending: Chair Sue Lawson, secretary Caroline Marino, and members David Edblom, Adam Hendrickson, and Janet McTavish.

After approval of the minutes, it was noted that there is \$4,400 left in the DeSotelle contract to assist with developing our updated zoning ordinance. The citizen Steering Committee has completed work on the commercial zones on the shore and it will continue work on the shore and on mapping. Dates for Steering Committee meetings were set for Dec 5 and 19, Jan 16 and 30 all at 6:30 in the Town Hall.

The Committee discussed its future agenda. Once the zoning regulations are complete, capital improvement plans will be discussed. There are grants available for development of community facilities.

November 21st meeting. Attending:

The committee discussed Steering Committee progress. It was felt that the Planning Commission has responsibility for completing the plan in a timely fashion and submitting an updated ordinance to the Town Board. The Planning Commission hopes that the Steering Committee can resolve all issues; however if for some reason it can't, then those decisions will fall to the Planning Commission.

(No December meeting).

Next Planning Commission meetings: (4th Thursday) Jan 23rd and Feb 27th at 7:30pm, Town Hall. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.

Update on the Land Use Planning Process
Sue Lawson, Chair Planning Commission

The citizen Steering Committee met twice in December and plans two meetings in January. The group examined commercial and residential areas along the shore and generally accepted current standards, updated by St Louis County regulations and suggestions from the Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District. In some respects the current zones were simplified.

The next discussion was about identifying streams currently designated as trout streams and concern for preserving the quality of these streams. Current DNR and County regulations provide some buffer. After this, the Committee plans to continue discussing residential and agricultural upland areas.

The spirited and respectful discussions are educational and helpful in moving to an updated zoning ordinance in an orderly fashion. Generally the process is to select a topic, identify information that is needed for the discussion, listing concerns of all and then moving forward to resolve issues. Once zoning is reviewed, then uses (without conditions and conditional uses or uses with design standards) are listed.

Probably some time in later spring there will be a public information meeting and a public hearing leading to a Township decision on the updated document.

To contact someone about the planning process, call: **Wayne Dahlberg**, our Zoning Administrator, **728-4293**, 6022 Bergquist Road, Duluth, MN 55804, or leave a message at the Town Hall (525-5705).

Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District
Mary Ann Sironen, D/NSSD Secretary

Construction on the Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District sewer line has pretty much suspended for the winter. The goal for this construction season of bringing the main line to Greenwood Road was not quite met. The S.J.Lewis Construction crews reported being slowed down when they encountered utilities that were not shown or discovered in a different location on the plans than they found in the field. It is hoped that time will be made up if we get favorable construction weather in the spring. Finishing work on the completed portions of the pipe are only partially done and property owners can expect to have finishing touches put on the landscape when the ground thaws.

The project is generally within budget at this point. All property owners in the district will see a levy on their taxes for 2003 that reflects the start up costs and work accomplished in bringing the project and its associated value to properties in the area. Actual construction costs and maintenance fees will be borne by the properties receiving service from the sewer once it becomes operational.

The D/NSSD Board of Managers will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month (except September when the meeting is on the second Tuesday) at 7am at French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. The public is invited and the every agenda provides for public input. Additional details are available on the web site – www.dnssd.org.

Volunteer Fire/First Responder Auxiliary
Sherry Rovig

The first *Clifton Fire Department* calendar has been distributed free to Township households. We need first responders and Fire Auxiliary volunteers.



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JANUARY 2003

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Duluth Township Information for 2002

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Township Recycling Centers

North site – Town Hall, **Bob Abrahamson** staffs the
center *Tuesday 2-6pm and Saturday 8-12noon.*

South site – *McQuade & Scenic Hwy*, **Caroline Marino**
staffs the center *Tues 7:00-11:00, Thurs 3:00-7:00,*
and Sat 8:00-noon (phone: 525-4592). **This site will
be closed soon to make way for the McQuade
project. We are looking for an alternate location.**

(Leave items only when Recycling Centers are open.)