



# Duluth Township Newsletter

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September 2005

Serving the North Shore and Two Harbors Area

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Harvest Dinner

A Benefit Sponsored by our Fire Department  
and First Responders  
October 15<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm, Town Hall

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Harvest Dinner will be at the Town Hall on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 pm.

If you are interested in helping with the event, have items to donate for door prizes, or have questions, call Sherry Rovig (525-0489) or Jody Anderson (525-4971). C'mon down for some great food, music and company!

**Support your volunteer firefighters  
and first responders.**

## ISO Fire Rating Letter

It's Official! The letter announcing the improvement in our fire rating from 9 to 8 is on page 7 in this *Newsletter*. You can show the letter to your homeowner's insurance agent.

## Zoning Ordinance #3 Adopted

After much of work by a lot of residents, our revised Zoning Ordinance was adopted by the Town Board, reviewed by St Louis County and is **in effect** as of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The Zoning Ordinance, Zone District Map and our Township's Comprehensive Plan will be on our Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org), and in our Town Hall. Copies can be purchased at the Town Hall for \$20. A CD with the Ordinance and Map can be purchased for \$5.

**School District #381 Vote.** Our Town Hall will be open for voting on **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 7am to 8pm. See the article on page 3 in this *Newsletter*.

## High Speed Internet Update

Kevin Olson, Coop Light and Power, reported that the Molde Hill antenna is up and residents north of Korkki Road now can have wireless, high speed internet service. Call Kevin if you are interested (834-2226).

## Stay At Home Pet Care Services

Robin Whaley provides safe, trustworthy care for your pets at your home anytime you need it.  
**Call 834-6454 for a free initial visit.**

## Planning and Zoning Questions?

**John Kessler** is the new Assistant to our Planning Director, Wayne Dahlberg. If you have questions about land use permits or our Zoning Ordinance, please contact John first (cell phone **393-8500** – note it has changed). John also has office hours at the Town Hall on Tues. and Wed. 3:30-6:30pm.

## Duluth Township Community Center Events

*Jeanne Anderson, Event Coordinator*

Duluth Township Community Center **classes for this Fall** are listed on an insert in this *Newsletter*. Sign up! For information, contact Jeanne Anderson at 525-0663 x208 or email at [janderson@northshorecommunityschool.org](mailto:janderson@northshorecommunityschool.org).

## July and August Land Use Permits Issued

- 8 Accessory buildings
- 3 Home additions
- 3 Single family dwellings
- 1 Commercial addition and modification

## Citizens Group Interested in Housing for Duluth Township Seniors

Some Duluth Township residents continue to meet each month at the Town Hall to talk and learn about possible housing options for seniors in the Township. The August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting will concern surveying seniors in the area for their views. For information, contact Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.

Mailed to **868** Duluth Township homes and businesses. Copies are available at the Town Hall.

Please send your comments and suggestions to the volunteer *Newsletter* editor, Don McTavish at the Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or use the *NewsBox* on the Town Hall porch. The Newsletter is printed locally by **BB&K Printing**, and mailed for us by **UDAC**

## The Homesteaders

Helen Hendrickson

The "Come On Home" community party at our Town Hall was a great success – great food, music and good neighbors! If you missed it this year, plan on attending next year in August!

**September 7<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall.

Luncheon and meeting. Todd Lindahl (who regularly contributes articles on the area's history in this Newsletter) will have a presentation.

**October 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall.

Luncheon and meeting. Music will be provided by the Lincoln Park Ramblers.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall.

Potluck picnic and Thanksgiving Bingo!

**Everyone is welcome.** For information, call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154

## Township Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief:

*School is starting. Please use extra caution to protect our children. Be alert for stopped school buses.*

**Junk Car/Property Ordinance** – The Duluth Township Board of Supervisors has directed the Duluth Township Police Department to take enforcement action against those property owners who are not in compliance with Duluth Township Ordinance #111496, "Prohibition Against Keeping of Junk Motor Vehicles and Junk Property in Plain View". Officers have been directed to inspect properties when complaints have been received or when there is an egregious violation of this ordinance.

We are requesting that property owners police their own property for such violations prior to the Town Officials having to do so. Several inspections have already taken place and those properties are being addressed.

The following is a synopsis of the Ordinance:

1. No person shall allow or permit the storage of more than two junk motor vehicles in open view on any property that the person owns or occupies within the Town of Duluth. (*A junk car is defined by Ordinance as, a) it does not display current license plates, or b) it is not in operable condition.*)
2. No person shall allow or permit the storage of more than five items of junk property in open view on any property that the person owns or occupies within the Town of Duluth. (Junk property is defined by Ordinance as "wrecked, inoperable, partially dismantled, or abandoned property, other than motor vehicles, that has no value other than nominal salvage value".)

"Open view" is defined by Ordinance as: The junk motor vehicle or junk property can be seen with the unaided eye from any public road or public road easement, including any Town road, County road, State road or otherwise.

We ask that you please inspect your properties for any such Ordinance violations and address them accordingly. A copy of the Junk Car/Junk Property Ordinance #111496 can be obtained at the Duluth Town Hall. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

To receive notices from our Police Department **email Crime Alert** service (also on our web site) send your email address to [PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org).

## Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District

Mary Ann Sironen

Frontier Pipeline has two crews working long hours on the sewer project to make the most of the good construction weather.

One crew is doing restoration on the yards of the customers who've had their grinder pumps and lines to the house completed. There have been problems in completing restoration due, first, to the wet weather that made it unwise to bring equipment into muddy yards, and then, to the dry weather that hasn't allowed grass seed to "take". Residents are asked to water the areas that have been seeded and try to help get the grass growing.

The other crew is installing grinder pumps and connecting homes in the area east of the Ryan Road that didn't get hooked up last season. The residents in this area are looking forward to having their sewer hook ups completed. The latest reports indicate that there may be a few customers whose property is in the ledge rock east of Stony Point that will not be installed yet this year due to the difficulty in chipping away the holes needed for the grinder pumps and lines.

In other business:

- The Board will be approving the 2006 budget at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Electronic payment for customers has been set up and cash flow is being established.
- Negotiations continue with the Knife River-Larsmont Sanitary District that will bring the flow from the Knife River system through the D/NSSD main line to WLSSD.
- Discussions are under way with WLSSD to clarify the allocation that allows additional customers to be added to the D/NSSD system.
  - Communications are going on with Duluth Township Planning and Zoning to define the processes that will be needed to approve permits for new construction.
  - NTS has added staff to meet the growing needs of the sanitary districts in the Arrowhead region. D/NSSD is one of them.
  - A "Celebration Event" is being planned (probably in October) to mark the substantial completion of the D/NSSD Sewer System. More to follow on that later.

If/when a problem occurs in an individual home, the customer should evaluate the situation to see if it might be an internal problem. Northeast Technical Services (NTS) at 624-8042 is always available to respond to an emergency but if the problem is found to be due to a clogged toilet or other similar situation the homeowner will be charged for the call.

Full information and minutes of the D/NSSD Board meeting are on the website: [www.dnssd.org](http://www.dnssd.org).

**The D/NSSD Board of Managers meets monthly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7am in French River Lutheran Church. The next meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup>. The public is welcome.**

**Please Mark Your Calendars**  
**Vote at the Town Hall – Thursday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

*Kaye Jacobs, Chair*  
*Lake Superior School District #381 Board of Education*

Lake Superior School District #381 is asking residents to vote **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** on moving funds from the restrictive *Lake Superior School District Debt Service Fund* to the less restrictive *Construction Fund*.

**Transferred Funds can Fill Deferred Needs.**

It's important that you understand the proposed transfer. The *Debt Service Fund*, used to pay off our construction bond debt, is very limited in how its dollars may be used. The Board of Education is asking whether voters approve transferring \$1.3 million from that Debt Service to the Construction Fund. Such a move would pay for critical building and related improvements which we have been obliged to delay for several years.

While use of the transferred funds would still be restricted, they would pay for or reimburse much-needed capital items. Moving the \$1.3 million only as authorized by the State of Minnesota would allow the following planned uses, approved by the Board of Education:

- New buses and other student transportation vehicles.
- New textbooks and instructional equipment.
- Roof and mechanical repairs, window and door replacement at the Minnehaha Elementary School.
- Replacement of some 40+ year old windows and doors, roof and interior repairs, work on severe parking lot problems at William Kelley School.

**No New Taxes If You Vote Yes On This Issue.**

The best part about this opportunity to support improved educational facilities for our community is that a successful **YES** vote means that property owners pay **no new tax dollars**.

A **YES** vote for this one-time transfer approves only the transfer of funds, through a one-day sale of bonds worth \$1.3 million. Costs for preparing legal documents for the bond sale and for running the election which would yield this investment are estimated at less than \$30,000.

All Lake Superior School District registered voters will be asked to vote on **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** on this proposed transfer. A volunteer committee of concerned community members and parents from all areas of the District is distributing informational materials and hosting meetings to help share facts about this vital question with the public.

**Longer-term Problem**

Would this one-time bond sale solve the long-term problem of School District #381 revenue shortfalls? No. Even if some of these 1-day bond sale funds offset possible 2006 budget deficits, the need to bridge the gap between our rising expenses and falling revenues remains. The District is working hard to cut expenses as we face increasing inflation, added State and Federal requirements, and decreasing enrollment. To address this problem, the School Board will request a voter referendum for an operating levy during 2006.

I invite you to take a few minutes to learn more about the Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1-day bond sale vote. A **YES** vote will result in critical improvements to Lake Superior School District schools and learning environment -- **and it does not raise your taxes**.

Please give me, Kaye Jacobs, a call (525-7749) if you have any questions or want additional information on this unique opportunity for our students. Other members of the School Board, volunteer committee, and District Administration staff will also be pleased to answer your questions.

**Township Calendar**

See updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).

Official calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

**September 2005**

- 6, Tue, **School starts at NSCS**
- 7, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 7, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 8, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 14, Wed, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran
- 14, Wed, 7:00pm *First Responder* meeting, Hall #2
- 20, Tue, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
- 21, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* training
- 22, Thu, 7am-8pm District #381 Referendum **Vote**, Duluth Town Hall
- 29, Thu, 7:00pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall  
*(Note the meeting date is shifted due to the school vote on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.)*

**October 2005**

- 5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet Town Hall
- 5, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 12, Wed, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Ch
- 12, Wed, 7:00pm *First Responder* meeting, Hall #2
- 13, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 15, Sat, 5-7, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Annual Harvest Dinner**, Town Hall
- 18, Tue, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 19, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* Training Hall #1
- 22, Thu, 7am-8pm School District referendum voting
- 24, Mon. **Deadline** for news for the Nov. *Newsletter*
- 27, Thu, 7:00pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

**November 2005**

- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 2, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 9, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 9, Wed, 7:00pm *First Responder* meeting, Hall #2
- 10, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 15, Tue, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 16, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* training, Hall #1
- 24, Thu, 7:00pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

## Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

*Barry Lampi, Fire Chief*

It's nearing time to check your chimney to see that it is clean and ready for the heating season.

Be sure to get fire permits when you plan to burn brush. Permits are available at the Town Hall during office hours. *A fire permit ban is currently in effect.*

The **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Harvest Dinner**, a benefit sponsored by our Fire Department and First Responders, is scheduled for **October 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**, from **5-7** at our **Town Hall**.

The 2006 Clifton Fire Department calendar is being planned. The calendar is a project of our Fire Department and First Responders and is distributed free to Township households.

## Township Artists, Musicians, Artisans

*Diane Daniels*

This is a starter list of artists, artisans, musicians, potters, quilters, painters, and other artistic people in our Township area. We know the list is not complete.

Artists seem to be a shy and modest group! If you or someone you know should be on the list, please call Diane (525-9289). The purpose of the listing is to acknowledge and highlight some of the creative talent in our Township.

### Music

#### Jody Anderson

Strings lessons for beginners in the classical style.

#### Steve Dahl, 525-4679

Harp craftsman

#### Cindy Ensign 525-4905

Piano teacher, church organist, plays for weddings and gatherings

#### Louisa and Bob Fabbro 525-4788

Southern old time music, fiddle and guitar. Plays for special events, parties and dances. Fiddle lessons

#### Michael Furo 525-1487

Musician and teacher. Plays many instruments, teaches guitar

#### Georganne Hunter, 525-4679

Harpist. Harp, dulcimer and piano lessons

#### Kathy McTavish 525-7637

Quintet, cello and piano, soulful jazz. Will play background music at your events.

### Sculpture

#### Diane Daniels 525-9289

Stone mosaic mirrors, wood and stoney sculpture, painting

### Fiber Art

#### Janet McTavish [www.artistquilts.com](http://www.artistquilts.com)

Teaching pictorial and art quilt classes, oil painting

#### Karen McTavish [www.designerquilts.com](http://www.designerquilts.com)

Quilt artist teaching the design and creation of whole cloth quilts

### Baking

#### Rita B. Bergstedt 525-6500

Cooking classes and artisan bread

### Glass

#### Ron Paul Benson 525-3355

Glass Artist. Fused glass, leaded artistic glass.

#### Sue Meredith 525-9375

Stained glass, pottery, jewelry

### Clay

#### Dave Yungner 525-2846

Pottery

### Metal

#### Jim Cowper 525-5234

Custom metal work, log racks, plant holders, weathervanes, etc.

#### Jim Sage 525-7265 [www.sageforge@CS.com](mailto:www.sageforge@CS.com)

Art metal and blacksmithing

#### Molly Tillotson 525-6933 [www.tillotmo@yahoo.com](mailto:www.tillotmo@yahoo.com)

Welding metal fabricating for designer artists and other small jobs welcome

### Others

#### Dorothy Aho,

Writer, working on a spiritual book "Journey of Love into Peace", available January 2006.

#### Deb Manion 525-2518

Traditional upholstery and art furniture

#### Jana Pastika 525-3177 [jpastika@earthlink.net](mailto:jpastika@earthlink.net)

Art and exhibition framing with mat and frame selection made at your home or business. Hanging and cataloging of artwork.

#### Sherry Rovig, ATP 343-4909

Habilitation designer. Custom rehab solutions that enable you to continue to practice your art, craft or music.

## The French River Section House

*Todd Lindahl*

Duluth Township had within its borders two Duluth & Iron Range Railroad section houses. One was located at French River and the other at Palmers. The French River section house was the older of the two dating back to May 1887 and generally not as well known. It became section # 3 since it was the third section house from the start of the D&IR line at Endion. Peter Norman became section foreman at French River until 1899 when Peter Johnson replaced him.

The number of men stationed here fluctuated over the years, but for much of the time it was home base for a foreman and six laborers. In September 1900 Foreman Peter Johnson complained to his boss that the handcar they had was in such bad shape and was so dangerous that the men were considering quitting if they had to continue riding on it. Johnson went on to say that they could not get any gravel for the track and that he had only three men, which resulted in little work being accomplished. Unless things improved soon, he too would quit along with his men. Apparently all of these were legitimate complaints since the railroad immediately set about correcting the shortcomings.

Laborers had the option of living in the section house if they wished and paid a small fee for room and board. For the single men this was a pretty good deal since the

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price was much less than what they would have paid elsewhere. In many cases the section foreman's wife did the cooking and cleaning. The groceries and other sundry items were ordered and arrived sometime later on the train. In 1910 the railroad allowed Matt Johnson, the French River section foreman, a half tariff rate for items in less than carload lots (called LCL) that were intended for servicing the section house. This special rate was also extended to Mrs. Sanberg at the Palmers section house. The practice continued for three years until 1912 when the railroad assumed that items not intended for use on the railroad were being sold to or by private individuals. Whether this was fact or just rumor is unknown, but the railroad stopped the half-rate service anyway. Perhaps it was simply an excuse for the railroad to get out of their half-rate policy.

The French River section house not only served the purpose of boarding the section crew, but also served as a passenger depot. The west end of the building contained a waiting room with 6 settees for people to sit on while waiting for the train. This service continued for 72 years until the depot closed permanently on March 11, 1959. Other buildings also located here were a freight depot built in August 1912, a handcar & tool house, outhouse, and icehouse. A two-story barn built in 1923 had four stalls for cows and an indoor chicken coop. In August 1927 a 17-year-old girl with a 6-month-old baby had been hired as caretaker. At this time there was one cow and two pigs that were kept in the barn.

During the winter months of 1916 foreman Matt Johnson had only Sam Lahti and Matt Lahti working with him. This was a normal procedure for the winter months during this period in time. Some big changes were about to happen soon at French River starting the next year.

In 1917 the Duluth & Northern Minnesota Railway. (The Alger-Smith Line) decided to take up the rails on its Greenwood Lake branch. It was along this branch that the State of Minnesota had its fish hatchery. Since no roads existed to access the hatchery, it would therefore become totally isolated with no way to get the fish out. An immediate search for a new hatchery site was begun after which the state selected French River as its new home.

In early June 1918, at the request of E. W. Cobb Superintendent of Fisheries, a new 325-foot siding was put in across from the section house. This track was intended for use during the construction of the hatchery complex and then later for routine fisheries operations. This plan worked well at first, but soon forest products began to accumulate next to the siding. This prompted the railroad to extend the siding in 1920 to provide more space for the fisheries. A road was considered from the hatchery to the freight house, but amazingly the old French River Mining Company was still in existence and owned the land where the road needed to go. Before very long the new highway 61 would be built adjacent to the hatchery.

As the stock market crash approached in 1929 there was one foreman and six laborers working out of French River. By 1930 things were starting to deteriorate rapidly. The railroad began to look at ways to save money by eliminating as much as they could. In June

1933 the French River section house was retired from service in this cost cutting strategy. The crew from section house # 2 at Lester Park was then assigned to handle all of the French River track maintenance duties.

On December 7, 1940 Lester Park foreman Charles R. Swanson ran his speeder into the wreckage of the derailed Ely local freight train.

Sadly, he was totally and permanently disabled as a result of this terrible accident. Gilford Axelson, who was also onboard the car, was badly injured as well. This was the dimax of the Lester Park section and it was afterward consolidated with the Endion section crew. All of the track work between Duluth and Two Harbors was now the responsibility of the crews from Endion, Palmers, and Two Harbors. The former sections working out of Lakeside (London), Lester Park, and French River had vanished forever. At its peak there were almost 400 men working in the track department on the Duluth & Iron Range division alone. Today there are roughly 35 men covering what's left of the division. I wonder what Peter Johnson would have thought about that?

### Summary of Town Board Meetings

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

**July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.** Supervisors attending: Wendy Anderson, Jeff Cook, Chair Stephen Dahl, Dan Tanner, and Corlis West. After preliminaries and approval of the minutes, Mark Weber and Scott Occhino spoke about Tax Forfeit Land that the County manages. There has been concern about potential sale of public lands.

The Treasurer reported \$144,088.78 deposits, \$57,070.09 expenses for a balance of \$530,646.15. Police and Fire reports were made.

**Community Center** -- A special meeting was set to discuss the North Shore Charter School lease and insurance on our Community Center Building. The road maintenance contractor, Hagglund, contributed moving compost from WLSSD for the school water garden project.

**Legal** -- A junk card ordinance tour is pending.

**Planning** -- John Kessler accepted the position of Assistant to the Zoning Administrator (now called Planning Director). He will hold office hours. Cell phones were purchased for the Planning Director and the Assistant to facilitate communication and site visits. Applications for an opening on the Planning Commission will be posted and interviews held August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Recycling** -- As of now, we have been told that the south recycling shed cannot be opened when McQuade harbor is opened.

**Roads** -- Jeff Cook noted that residents whose culverts wash out due to poorly drained private drives should be responsible for the repairs. Greenwood road maintenance is needed before scheduled work begins. Chloride for dust control arrived. It should be ordered by May so it can be delivered in June. Roads need to be dry prior to application and this was a rainy spring.

**Cemetery:** The lawn maintenance contractor

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resigned and the former contractor (now Miller Creek Landscaping) was hired. Cemetery building needs repair, Cemetery records were returned to the Town Hall. A new section of the cemetery can be opened once a survey has been completed. Due to debris, artificial flowers will no longer be allowed in the cemetery.

**New Business:** The Township has hired an accounting firm to do a financial audit the last two years. This costs about \$5,000 and takes some 3 months to do. The first audit showed no problems. The State Auditor requires an audit following General Approved Accounting Practices (GAAP) for Townships over 2500 population with annual revenues over \$670,000. Duluth Township does not meet either of these criteria. Jeff Cook recommended and the Board agreed that the Township have a GAAP audit once every 5 years.

**July 20<sup>th</sup> special meeting.** Supervisors attending Wendy Anderson, Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl and Corlis West. Attorney Tim Strom, NSCS Board Chair Phil Strom and NSCS Director Sheri Camper were present. The meeting was called to settle the school lease. Corlis made a motion that Steve Dahl be given authority to sign the lease agreement finalized at the meeting and agreed to by Phil Strom and Sheri Camper. Jeff seconded, motion passed.

**August 24<sup>th</sup> special meeting.** Supervisors attending: Wendy Anderson, Jeff Cook, Chair Stephen Dahl, Dan Tanner and Corlis West. The meeting was called to address four issues:

Personnel pay rates (many of which had not been changed in the last four years). Effective immediately, a base rate for Township hourly work was set at \$10/hr, including a cost of living adjustment. The Clerk had been paid under a variety of different rates and these were consolidated into an annual salary with a cost of living adjustment. Board members who do tasks that can't be hired out may also submit hours at the \$10/hr Township base rate.

Publication of Zoning Ordinance. The text of the summary was approved for publication in the official Duluth paper.

Approval of a letter concerning tax forfeit land in the Township.

Discussion of information for the 2004 audit.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) September 8<sup>th</sup> & October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Town Hall. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.**

end of Pine Park Road (off North Shore Road). A neighbor spoke in support of the use. The conditional use was granted with conditions that it be reviewed in 5 years to see that runoff issues are addressed, limited to the requested 10 horses, pasturing not more than 50% of the property, and development of a manure containment area. It was mentioned that neighbors be kept in mind regarding waste when riding in the area.  
2. Tim Peterson requested a side and rear yard setback for construction of a garage in the Greenwood Beach area. Concerns included closeness to neighbors and fire hazards. The variance was approved.

**July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.** Members present: Adam Hendrickson, Michael Kahl, Sue Lawson, Seth Levanen, Janet McTavish and Dave Miller.

Chair Lawson and Supervisor Dahl met with the County Planning regarding the Township ordinance. They requested two minor changes. One was to use SCO-8A and SCO-8B as labels for our SCO-A and SCO-B districts. The other was to add a sentence from the County regarding notifying the DNR for variance or conditional use hearings along the shore area. The changes will be made. There will be a meeting with the County in September regarding the County's potential change from their 2.5 acre minimum to our requested 2.0 acre minimum lot size in a part of the shore area.

The Shorecrest property was discussed regarding road easement issues.

A budget of \$1000 was set for doing research on an adult use business ordinance.

Sue reported on a meeting with WLSSD about sewer flow limits. The DNSSD "first come" process of granting new sewer permits was discussed. The concern was that the capacity could be allocated on a "first come" basis to some communities and prevent others from acquiring connections later due to the overall flow limits. Board members will discuss the issue with DNSSD.

The educational brochure is progressing. Yvonne Rutford will meet with Commission members on August 17<sup>th</sup> to review the draft.

The required culvert mapping project was discussed. Supervisor Anderson will pursue this with elected officials.

The Commission, after discussion of pros and cons, recommended unanimously that our Township continue membership in the North Shore Management Board. The Board is a collaboration of jurisdictions along the North Shore to provide special planning for Lake Superior shoreland that is different from shoreland rules for other lakes in Minnesota.

**Next Planning Commission meetings: (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) September 29<sup>th</sup> & October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Town Hall. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.**

**Summary of Planning Commission Meetings**

**June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.** Members present: Adam Hendrickson, Michael Kahl, Chair Sue Lawson, Seth Levanen, Janet McTavish, and Vice chair Dave Miller. Two hearings, delayed from June 23<sup>rd</sup> due to a lack of a quorum, were conducted.

1. Russel Krook of Duluth sought a conditional use permit to keep horses on their 36 acre property at the

## Duluth Township Community Education Session I Class Offerings

Duluth Township is pleased to offer the following Community Education courses. The first session will run from October 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup>. Each session will be 6 weeks in length. Piano, Tae Kwon Do and Yoga will continue throughout the school year if there is continued interest. Your participation will help make these classes a success. If you have questions contact Jeanne Anderson at #525-0663 x 208.

### PIANO LESSONS

Private, thirty minute piano lessons for students age 5 to adult. Lessons will be held every Thursday beginning at 3:00pm and continue every half hour until 5:30pm. There are only 5 lesson spots available, so register early. Instructor Cindy Ensign has 10 years of experience. (\$11 per lesson)

<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Oct 6 – Nov 17</b>
<b>3:00 - 5:30 pm</b>	<b>\$66 – 6 sessions</b>
<b>North Shore Community School</b>	<b>Music Room</b>
<i>*no class Oct 20<sup>th</sup></i>	

### YOGA - Beginner

A gentle, non-religious approach to yoga which includes stretching, strengthening and balance for the body. Yoga is a technique for relaxation and stress reduction. Instructor is Michelle Torgerson. *Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a non-slip mat.*

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Oct 4 – Nov 8</b>
<b>7:00 - 8:00 pm</b>	<b>\$60 - 6 sessions</b>
<b>North Shore Community School</b>	<b>Library</b>

### WILL & TRUST Seminar

This seminar will explain how the probate system works, why wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and health care directives (living wills) are important. Let Melanie Ford answer your questions. Ms. Ford is a local attorney with over 10 years of experience.

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct 27</b>
<b>7:00 - 8:00 pm</b>	<b>\$5 – 1 session</b>
<b>North Shore Community School</b>	<b>Library</b>

### TAE KWON DO – Grades K - 6

This course will introduce children to the basic concepts, movements, and philosophy of Tae Kwon Do. Tae Kwon Do is practiced for physical fitness, self-defense, and personal growth and is based upon the tenets of courtesy, integrity, self-control, perseverance, and indomitable spirit. Promotional testing (optional, additional fee) will be offered at the end of the Level I course. Uniforms are encouraged but not required. Kukkiwon certified Black Belt instructors from North Shore Tae Kwon Do will be teaching this course. If you would like to know more about Tae Kwon Do please go to the North Shore Tae Kwon Do web site at [www.nstkd.com](http://www.nstkd.com). If adults are interested in taking a Tae Kwon Do course through Duluth Township Community Education call 525-0663 x 208 and leave your name and phone number.

<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Oct 6 – Nov 17</b>
<b>3:00 - 4:00pm</b>	<b>\$31 - 6 sessions</b>
<b>North Shore Community School</b>	<b>Cafeteria</b>
<i>*no class Oct 20<sup>th</sup></i>	

### SELF DEFENSE for Women

Learn self-defense techniques from Bruce Sodahl of North Shore Tae Kwon Do. Bruce is a certified self-defense instructor.

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct 13</b>
<b>6:30 – 8:30 pm</b>	<b>\$22 - 1 session</b>
<b>North Shore Community School</b>	<b>Cafeteria</b>

### Duluth Township Community Education Class Registration

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Total(\$): \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and mail this form with payment to: Duluth Township Community Education, 5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804. Make checks payable to Duluth Township. Fees must be paid in advance to attend course(s). You will not receive confirmation of registration, but will be notified by phone if class is cancelled. If you have questions please leave a message at (218) 525-0663 x 208. ***Duluth Township Community Education is a self funded program and all course fees go toward instructor and administrative costs.***



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August 5, 2005

Corlis West, Twp. Board Chairman  
Duluth Twp.  
6092 Homestead Rd.  
Duluth, MN 55804

RE: Public Protection Classification Results  
Duluth TS FDS, St Louis County, MN

Dear Mr. West:

We wish to thank you and the other community officials for your cooperation during our recent Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey. ISO is the leading supplier of statistical, underwriting, and actuarial information for the property/casualty insurance industry. Most insurers use the PPC classifications for underwriting and calculating premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties.

ISO has completed its analysis of the structure fire suppression delivery system provided in your community. We would like to report that the resulting classification is a Class 8/10. Congratulations on your commitment to serve the needs of your community's property owners and residents.

ISO will advise its subscribing insurers of this classification change within the next 30-days and assign an effective date of September 1, 2005. This date allows insurers the necessary lead time to incorporate the Public Protection Classification change into their policy rating systems.

Enclosed is a summary of the ISO analysis of your fire suppression services. If you would like to know how your community's classification could improve, or if you would like to learn about the potential effect of proposed changes to your fire suppression delivery system, please call us at the phone number listed below.

The PPC program is not intended to analyze all aspects of a comprehensive structure fire suppression delivery system program. It is not for purposes of determining compliance with any state or local law, nor is it for making recommendations about loss prevention or life safety.

If you have any questions about your classification, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

*Public Protection Classification Dept.*

Public Protection Classification Dept.  
(800) 930-1677 Ext. 6209

cc: Barry Lampi, Fire Chief  
Ann Cox, City Clerk

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2005

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## Duluth Township Information for 2005

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Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message), fax (218) 525-3845,  
web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) or  
email: [TownHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownHall@duluthtownship.org)

**Town Office Hours:** Tues. and Wed. 12:30-3:30  
Thursday 9:00-12:00 and 4:00-7:00

### Supervisors:

- Wendy Anderson** (2005-2008) 525-0263  
(responsibilities: Community Center, Board of Adjustment, NSCS endowment)
- Jeff Cook, Board Vice Chair** 525-4010 or Email:  
[JeffCook@duluthtownship.org](mailto:JeffCook@duluthtownship.org)  
(responsibilities: Personnel, Police Dept, DNSSD, Zoning, N Shore Mgmt Board, RSPT stormwater team, McQuade Harbor)
- Stephen Dahl, Board Chair** 525-4679 or Email:  
[SteveDahl@duluthtownship.org](mailto:SteveDahl@duluthtownship.org)  
(responsibilities: Community Center, Town Hall)
- Dan Tanner** (2005-2008) 525-4087  
(responsibilities: Roads, Cemetery, outside mtgs.)
- Corlis West**, 525-7719 or email:  
[CorlisWest@duluthtownship.org](mailto:CorlisWest@duluthtownship.org)  
(responsibilities: Roads, Fire Dept, Zoning)

**Town Clerk:** **Ann Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)  
or Email: [AnnCox@duluthtownship.org](mailto:AnnCox@duluthtownship.org)

**Treasurer:** **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)  
or Email: [JanetJohansen@duluthtownship.org](mailto:JanetJohansen@duluthtownship.org)

**Attorney:** **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)  
or Email: [TimStrom@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TimStrom@duluthtownship.org)

**Cemetery:** **Denise Connolly** 525-7161 or 525-1902  
or Email: [Cemetery@duluthtownship.org](mailto:Cemetery@duluthtownship.org)

**Planning and Zoning Administrator: Wayne Dahlberg**  
Assistant to the Administrator: **John Kessler**  
**393-8500** or Town Hall hours: 3:30-6:30 Tue/Wed

**Planning and Zoning Secretary: Carolyn Marino**  
Email: [CarolynMarino@duluthtownship.org](mailto:CarolynMarino@duluthtownship.org)

**Planning and Zoning Committee: Sue Lawson (Chair), and Dave Miller (Vice Chair), Dave Chura, Adam Hendrickson, Michael Kahl, Seth Levanen, and Jan McTavish** – [PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org)

**Peace Officers: Chief Shawn Padden,**  
**Mike Peterson, Steve Peterson, Tom Wick**  
Email: [PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org)

**Fire Department: Chief Barry Lampi**  
**Assistant Chief Bob Engleson**  
Email: [FireHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:FireHall@duluthtownship.org)

**Community Center Event Coordinator:**  
**Jeanne Anderson** 525-0663 x208  
Email: [janderson@northshorecommunityschool.org](mailto:janderson@northshorecommunityschool.org)

**Note:** Where possible, email is forwarded to the person, otherwise it is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up.

## Township Recycling Centers

**North site** – at the Town Hall, on Homestead Road  
**Bob Abrahamson and Caroline Marino** now share staffing the center **Tuesday 7-11am, 2-6pm, Thursday 3-7pm, and Saturday 8-12 noon.**

**South site** – Closed due to McQuade Harbor construction  
(Drop off only during recycling hours)