



DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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JULY 2008

What's Coming Up...

Community Meeting on July 22 at 7pm at our Community Center/School to discuss potential **building plans**. Plan to attend and become involved.

"Come On Home" party — August 9th, Annual community gathering. 1-4:30pm, Duluth Town Hall.

Homestead Road will be resurfaced this summer.

McQuade Safe Harbor grand opening July 18th, 2-4pm.

Registering to Vote — New Township residents (and others) who would like to register to vote can do so at the St Louis County Court House *Elections Office* (in the Auditors Office).

Updating Township Business Listing — Please leave a note at the Town Hall for the editor if you wish to be listed on the Township web site "Local Businesses". A Newsletter listing business will appear this fall.

24th Annual Community Come-On-Home Party

**Saturday Afternoon,
August 9th, 1-4:30 pm**
At the Town Hall on
Homestead Road

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**Join your Duluth
Township neighbors**
for lots of
music, dancing and
refreshments, prizes,



family fun.

It's FREE!

For everyone in our community — new residents, old-timers, kids, friends, young and old.

It's a gathering to have fun and build a strong and caring community. Get to know your neighbors.

Find new friendship connections.

Join your community's Annual gathering!

Bring someone you know, introduce yourself to a neighbor you don't know.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

For more information, call Helen Hendrickson, 525-4154

Thanks to Township residents for their work
Ed Bruckelmeyer and the group he assembled to put up the softball field backstop at our Community Center;
Amy Bergerson for all the work she has done on the soccer field;
Phil Strom for moving the wood chips from the recent logging project, off the soccer field; and
George Sundstrom for repairing/resetting a heavy head stone that had fallen over at the cemetery.

Volunteer Fire Fighters Needed

Our *Clifton Volunteer Fire Department* needs residents who would like to be a volunteer firefighter. It's a great way to serve your community. Call Fire Chief **Bob Engelson**, 525-6819.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Bill & Dorothy Aho, Valerie Brady, Jeff Cook, Ann Cox, Steve Dahl, Bob Engelson, Dave Edblom, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hooley, John Kessler, Sue Lawson, Andrea Libby, Wendy Meierhoff, Dave Mount, James Munger, Ellen O'Neill, Shawn Padden, Dan Tanner, and our Webmaster, Linda Hollinday.

How about contributing to the Newsletter! — short articles about our history, poetry, pictures, masthead drawing or picture, etc. of interest to Township residents, leave a note for the editor at the Town Hall or email: dmctavish@lakenet.com

Community Services in Duluth Township
AA meets every Monday at 8pm at the French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road.

Clifton 4-H Club: contact Kate Edblom 525-1276

Cub Scouts: contact David Hooey 525-6617

Boy Scouts: contact Jim Atkinson 343-0119 or

Email: jbatkinson@allete.com

Girl Scouts: contact Julie Igo 726-4710

(Note: If other community service groups should be listed, please leave a note for the Editor at the Town Hall.)

Save Gas — Ride Share Parking

Parking spaces at the Town Hall have been designated to encourage ride-sharing. A map is posted at the Town Hall so parking doesn't interfere with recycling and other Township functions (4 parallel parking spaces at south end of the road fence).

THE HOMESTEADERS

Helen Hendrickson

July 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Annual Picnic and Bingo.

August 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall, program: Health Care Reform by Buddy Robinson.

August 9th, Saturday, 1-4:30pm Come On Home party, Duluth Town Hall.

September 3rd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Program to be announced.

Everybody is welcome.

For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.

Building Assessment Team (BAT)

Supervisor Steve Dahl, Co-Chair

A public input meeting on May 28th was the first of 4 planned meetings to solicit suggestions to pursue development of a **comprehensive plan for our Community Center grounds**. A notice was mailed to all households. A planning meeting was held with school kids to get their suggestions as well. A Steering Committee was formed (including volunteers) who will have 2 open meetings to review options and refine a plan. A community-wide meeting will be scheduled to explain the final plan. These meetings will be posted. The plan will guide projects under the \$70,000 grant which was received to upgrade outdoor facilities.

Planning for adding some space to the building itself is underway. *BDP Architects* was selected in a bidding process, to propose an overall conceptual building plan that could be accomplished in affordable phases (using accumulating funds from NSCS lease payments). The hope is that a forward-looking master plan would help us make phased additions that would not be in conflict. The architects will also develop bid specifications for roof repair/replacement that appear to be needed, and develop a design for an approximately 2500 sq ft first-phase addition that would be within our "pay as you go" budget. Review and approval of any plans will take place this summer and fall.

A Public Open Information Meeting is scheduled for **July 22nd at 7pm** at our **Community Center (NSCS School)** 5926 Ryan Road. **Plan to attend!**

The BAT Committee has 5 work groups and is planning informational articles/events to inform our residents and get them involved. Supervisor Wendy Meierhoff proposed a vigorous timeline calling for action on a final comprehensive building plan and decision on construction projects by this fall so that any construction could be completed by fall 2010. Attend the **July 22nd** meeting to learn more, ask questions and provide suggestions.



Illegal Tree Trimming Along the Lake

Supervisor Jeff Cook

A reminder to anyone thinking of trimming or cutting down any trees along the shore of Lake Superior, **DON'T DO IT!** That is *Condon Trust* property and it belongs to the City of Duluth. The City told me if they catch anyone cutting on their property, they will enforce the law to the fullest and that could easily be a felony.

We also need to remember that Highway 61 is our *Scenic Byway*, one of very few designated in the U.S. Cutting vegetation also promotes shore erosion and repair costs would be significant.

If you want a view, talk to the City of Duluth Forester. Kelly Sleissner for advice (730-4491). Please immediately report cutting and vandalism to the police.

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Comments from the Chair

Dave Mount, Town Board Chair

There continues to be a lot of planning surrounding the Duluth Township Community Center (DTCC) building and grounds. On May 28th, the Township held a meeting with the University of Minnesota Center for Changing Landscapes (CCL) to discuss the future of the grounds at the Community Center. To remind those that missed the announcement mailed in May, the purpose of this project is to plan the development of the grounds at the DTCC so it is developed in a way that maximizes its value to both the community and the charter school, maximizing the range of activities that can be accommodated while minimizing both the effect on the environment and the cost to maintain it. About 15 people turned out and brought with them a lot of good ideas for CCL to consider in developing their draft plans. If you missed the meeting but would still like to provide input, please contact the Township Planning Director, Sue Lawson.

In a parallel but separate effort, there will be a community meeting on **July 22nd at 7:00pm at the DTCC** (aka, the North Shore Community School) to discuss future plans for the building itself. The Township's Community Center fund, which is funded by the lease income generated by the DTCC, has grown to a size that the Township can consider investing some of those funds in expanding the capabilities of the building. As a result, the Township has hired BDP Architects to work with the Township to develop a long range plan for the building that could accommodate a range of community and school needs. I think it's really important that we lay a course to enhance use of the DTCC by the community as a whole in addition to housing the charter school. The only way that will happen is if people get involved and lend their ideas. I hope you'll consider attending the meeting on July 22. You don't need to bring anything, know anything, or have been involved before—you can learn all you need to know at the meeting. The DTCC is too often looked on as being only a school — we need the community in order to really make it our Community Center. It's also a great chance to meet some other Township residents.

The Clover Valley Locovores

Ellen O'Neill

This is a local group of people who want to buy/grow/share food locally. Monthly (except summer) meetings involve sharing ideas, an information program and a potluck. The next meeting will be Sunday Sept 28th at 4pm in the Town Hall (4th Sunday each month). For information, email *Ellen O'Neill* at sleon@cpinternet.com.

Planning Points

John Kessler, Assistant Planning Director

As the last issue discussion closed, you were tipped off that there was more about signs, so here we go!

Certain signs that we have come to expect do not need permits.

1. Non-commercial signs bearing numbers, names, or other identification of the premises not exceeding 6 square feet in area, must be set back at least 10 feet from the front, side or rear lot line.
2. Signs directing and guiding traffic and parking on private property.
3. "For Rent" or "For Sale" of a dwelling on the premise only, not over 6 square feet in area.
4. Rummage, garage, yard, estate, produce sales, not over 6 square feet.
5. Home-based business and B&B's allowed one on-site sign not over 20 square feet, nor higher than 8 feet. A home occupation sign must be no larger than 6 square feet.
6. Political posters cannot exceed 32 square feet, and must be removed within 30 days after the election for which intended; the town may remove them after 30 days at the expense of the candidate.

Where commercial and industrial uses are allowed, one on-site sign is allowed, set back at least 10 feet from any lot line, no larger than 50 square feet, and no higher than 20 feet. Illumination is permissible only from a light source directed from above the sign, toward the ground.

Seasonal outdoor lighting is permitted, of course, no Scrooges here! Other highlights in Ordinance #3 are:

1. Floodlight projection above the horizontal plane or onto adjoining properties is prohibited, as is stray light aimed across property lines.
2. Search, strobe, laser and any high-intensity light source is also banned, except for fire and police emergencies and weather data-gathering.
3. High efficiency lamps are recommended for illumination purposes.
4. Only government tower lighting is allowed higher than 35 feet.
5. Lighting that is non-conforming at the time of the adoption of Ordinance #3 may remain in place, but cannot be modified nor replaced without bringing it into compliance. If abandoned or damaged beyond 50% of the replacement value, if replaced, it needs to be in conformity.

Lighting has not been a big issue nor a contentious factor at all in Duluth Township, but the ordinance is rather comprehensive, as you can now understand. The important elements to remember are NO OFF-PREMISE SIGNS, NO SIGNS ON THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS, setbacks from property lines, and sign dimensions.



Orange Insect Traps used to study the spread of forest insects in sections of our Township.

Muddy streams are not solely the work of Mother Nature How well are we protecting northern Minnesota's water quality?

By Valerie Brady and June Kallestad

*Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Minnesota Duluth
(Brady is an aquatic ecologist and Duluth Township resident)*

Can you imagine breathing air that's so polluted you can hardly see through it? You breathe in and bits of dirt clog your throat. In the dirty haze you miss the turn into the grocery store. Your house is covered in, and becomes filled with, dirt that settles over it.

That is what it's like for fish and bugs eking out a living in a muddy stream. Scientists call it "excessive suspended sediment" and this year's stormy spring just exacerbates the problem. Sand, silt, and clay from exposed soil and construction sites are common sediments that get into streams—especially during heavy rainfalls and spring snow melt.

Local aquatic ecologists are working to get people to understand their role in taking care of the streams, otherwise there's little hope to keep them clean.

Many residents live in northeastern Minnesota because of the beauty of the natural surroundings, but they don't realize that each person has an impact. As more and more people move into the area, there is more stormwater runoff from the land.

It seems strange that streams need to be protected from too much water, but the higher stream levels after rain storms cause clay stream banks to erode much faster than they would naturally. When forests are turned into lawns, roads, and neighborhoods, less rain soaks into the ground and more rain flows straight into the streams. Yes, even lawns create more runoff than forests. And climatologists are forecasting more and heavier rainstorms with high runoff over the next 30-50 years, which makes it even more important to watch what washes into the streams and Lake Superior.

So far, 12 streams flowing into Lake Superior from Minnesota's north shore have been designated as "impaired," many because of their excessive muddiness, or turbidity. And this number may increase as the problem is investigated on more streams.

Sediments are a natural part of streams and other water bodies. Even the least disturbed streams in undeveloped watersheds will run muddy when the water is high if they flow through areas with clay soils. However, excessive sediments in streams and rivers are considered to be the major cause of surface water pollution in the United States, followed by pathogens and nutrients.

What is the muddy water hurting?

Some insects and fish are visual hunters and the reduced clarity makes finding food more difficult for them. The visual cues of courtship and mating can also be affected and impair reproduction.

Fine particulates in the water can clog sensitive fish gills and scour the algal and microbial life on rocks. As sand, silt, and clay particles settle on the bottom, they can suffocate fish eggs and interfere with larval and adult fish and aquatic insect feeding activities. Spaces between rocks are filled by settling sediments reducing fish spawning areas and habitat for bugs.

Dark, muddy waters also absorb more heat from sunlight making the waters warmer, which is made worse by the hot water that runs off parking lots and roads, and by the removal of trees and plants along the stream banks. The beloved trout streams of the north shore are especially vulnerable to heat because trout are a cold-water species.

Okay, we want to keep our streams clean. What can we do? There are many things, but a few easy ones are listed here:

- Minimize erosion on land with responsible construction practices and landscaping—keep exposed dirt from running off construction sites and yards. Try to get dirt seeded quickly or cover it with plastic before it rains.

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- Solid, impervious surfaces run warm, dirty water down ditches and straight into streams, so catch as much of it as you can off your roof and driveway before it gets to the stream with rain barrels and rain gardens that slowly infiltrate the water into the soil. Studies show that streams with more than 10 percent solid surface in their watershed are more likely to have degraded water quality and habitat.

- Don't sweep or dump dirt (or anything else) into the gutter or catch basins on your street. Sweep dirt and lawn clippings off your driveway and onto your lawn or into a trash can before they get washed away. Everything we put in the gutter or the ditch ends up in a stream.

How clean are the streams near your house? Take a walk after a decent rain-storm. If the water is more than just a little muddy, it's polluted with sediments. The more muddy—and the less rain it takes to make it muddy—the larger the problem. The good news is that we can all help protect the water quality from excessive rain runoff. Read more about it at LakeSuperiorStreams.org.



*2008 Grandma's
Marathon at
Homestead
Crossing*

Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District

D/NSSD Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 in the morning at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. The public is welcome. For sewer service, contact **Eric Appelwick**, Northeast Technical Services, 624-8042, cell: 590-5911, Email: eaapelwick@nettechnical.com.

Senior Housing Initiative

Dave Edblom, Chair

The St Louis County survey for which we have been waiting, has been distributed. It supports the need for a senior housing option and recommends a 10-12 coop housing campus. It also commends local involvement and recommends that the committee pursue the project.

The Committee discussed the report and is pursuing the postponed meetings with St Louis County and the Northern Land Trust, and seeking grant aid to purchase land and continue with the project.

Memorial Day in Duluth Township

The following heart-felt speech was delivered by Bill Aho on Memorial Day at Palmers Cemetery, prompting requests that it also be printed in our fourth of July Newsletter.

I'm honored to be here to pay respect to our fathers, grandfathers — all veterans.

Memorial Day is about remembering the generations of brave armed service men who fought and protected us in war and peace time, ordinary Americans who faced extraordinary challenges...AND our responsibilities to them, along with our heart-felt gratitude. This day is sacred, with the almost visible presence of those that have gone before us.

Last summer, I had the honor of meeting an amazing, humble veteran, from the 101st Airborne Division who parachuted into Normandy and Holland and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He told me that many heroes received medals, but many heroes never came home, and made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives, so altogether our most prized and decorated servants are honored, let's not forget the many unsung heroes.

First of all, let's think of the suffering of soldiers who are challenged with the mental and physical anguish of war.

It's a time today to think about the tears shed by mothers, fathers, children and families of the veterans and victims of strife, such as the parents who lost a partner, causing struggle raising their children. Unsung heroes here were the grandparents, families and strangers who helped them.

To memorialize is to remember and renew a commitment, that we as individuals, have to not let all this struggle and tears be in vain.

It means stepping up to the plate and thinking about what we are doing to generate peace and prosperity in our families, within ourselves, our community, and learning to live in peace with all countries.

Miracles can be created with combinations of time and talent. Rethink what we are giving, not taking!

May the ceremonies of today deepen our reverence for our departed friends and comrades. Let's renew our pledge of loyalty to our country and its flag. Let us resolve by word and deed, to emphasize the privilege and duty of patriotism.

May God watch over all our veterans. Bless them. May they rest in peace. *Bill Aho*

Clifton 4-H Report

Andrea Libby, Clifton 4-H Reporter

On Sunday, April 27th, we did a roll call on what we wanted to do this summer. Then we talked about 4-H events, also we read late Valentine cards. Next, Sammy Anderson did a demonstration on bow hunting and Lauren Smith did a demonstration on a delicious fruit salad she made. Last, we ate the fruit salad. It was great!

On May 18th we picked up garbage on Ryan Road, spruced up the garden at North Shore Community School, and planted flowers at the (Township) cemetery.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

May 22nd meeting. All members present.

This was Secretary Jeanne Anderson's last meeting and she was thanked for her valuable service. A hearing was held on the Ulanowski request for splitting a lot. The variance was approved. An 1/2 mile area of impact was set for a new Worden conditional use application for short term rental (this determines who gets a formal notification letter). It was noted that conditions for their last short term rental conditional use permit had not been met by the deadline.

A fact finding meeting with Odyssey Development will be held concerning their Stoney Point development project.

June 2nd special meeting on planning for the Community Center grounds development. A grant is in hand and an overall plan is being prepared to guide development projects.

The Next Planning Committee meetings: (4th Thursday) July 24th and August 28th at 7pm in the Town Hall.
*Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.*

Thanks to members of the *French River Lutheran Church* for music and refreshments at our Township's Memorial Day ceremony.

Storm Water Reporting

Supervisor Jeff Cook

Hello, everyone! "Another Storm Water Moment". You might have heard that statement before, through the local media. The *Regional Storm Water Protection Team (RSPT)* hopes that you see or hear those educational commercials. They give you some information about what you can do with little effort to protect your waters from runoff.

Our Township is a part of **RSPT** along with cities, the county, townships, colleges and other entities in this area. **RSPT** helps fulfill Duluth Township's federal mandate on storm water management. We are required to file and update a stormwater management plan for the Township (called an **MS4** report).

History: When Duluth Township was first listed by the Federal Government, the *Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)* wasn't sure what to require of small townships. Then, the **MPCA** said that small townships would be sent a short check-off form. As it turns out, that is not what happened. A substantial report and considerable action is required. Our Clerk, Ann Cox, just finished typing a 40-plus page document. The *Storm Water Pollution Protection*

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Plan (SWPPP). This document describes in detail what we, as a township, are doing now and what we expect to do in the future to fulfill our **MS4** requirements. We need to include **Best Management Practices (BMP's)**, a public education and outreach program (*this and the article on page 4 help meet this requirement*), public participation/involvement (*we hold an annual public meeting for comments and information about stormwater*), action on illicit discharge detention and elimination, seeing that construction site storm water runoff is controlled, post-construction storm water management in new development and redevelopment, and pollution prevention/good housekeeping. It's a daunting task for volunteers in a small township.

Our Township has pretty well met those objectives. We still have some things left to do but the main part of the work is completed. Some delays were due to the **MPCA** getting ready for the small townships. They just assigned two people to assist townships and I couldn't complete the yearly report until I knew what they wanted us to do with the **SWPPP's**. We are waiting for the **MPCA** to okay that document. Then we can complete our yearly report.

The protection of our waters will be an ongoing task for Duluth Township. I believe in the future that the **MPCA** will audit our program. We will need to be diligent and keep updated on stormwater management and keep our program current. This is serious stuff and I believe the Federal Government will use a heavy hand if we don't follow our plan and complete our tasks. Recently, Supervisor Dave Mount has been using GPS to pinpoint our larger Township culverts. Planning Director Sue Lawson will be mapping the location of all of the culverts in the Township! This is all part of the things we have to do.

We are lucky to have citizens in our Township with the knowledge to fulfill obligations like this. I would like to acknowledge Ann Cox, Dave Mount, Sue Lawson, and our Zoning Commission for their help and input. This is and will be a team effort for years to come. Thanks to all!!

(Editor note: Jeff Cook's specialty includes stormwater management. The Township is very fortunate to have his expertise and help as a Township resident and Supervisor in handling the MS4 work and reporting in our Township over the last several years.)

Summary of Town Board Meetings

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

May 8th meeting. All Supervisors attended. Minutes and agenda were approved. The Treasurer reported receipts of \$33,775.86 last month and expenses of \$34,301.95 for an ending balance of \$723,075.40. We have funds in 3 CD's at two banks. Among tabled items: It was noted that St Louis County does pay mileage to both Lake County Ambulance service and Gold Cross for calls outside their area.

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Department Reports: **Police:** The new squad is here. Another citation has been issued regarding loose animals on West Knife River Road. Trees on the shore were cut in the 5500 block of North Shore Drive (*see article*). Duluth will be addressing this problem through their attorney. **Fire:** The FEMA grant tanker specifications are set for bids to be opened June 12th. **Road and Bridge:** Chloride has been ordered. Grading will begin once road bans are off. The Board agreed to work on widening parts of Bergquist (Jacobson) road if the School district agrees to drive to pick up students on the road, and if FEMA agrees to the changes in the engineering of the road under a grant to repair previous storm damage. Dave Mount will use GPS to locate larger culverts in the Township for our required stormwater MS4 report. **Community Center:** LHB was contracted to do a site survey for planning use and Paul Voge donated his time for the project. **Legal:** The escrow fund (\$12,150) for the Elden cartway petition was received and a hearing will be posted once the check clears. The Attorney sent another letter to the Nelson's regarding their refusal to get a land use permit for a building. Since there has been no response after many requests, legal action will be pursued. Supervisors Mount and Meierhoff with Attorney Strom will negotiate a contract with the Center for Changing Landscapes to help develop a comprehensive plan for Community Center grounds. **Planning:** The Odyssey Development hearing was reviewed. Four other variance or conditional use hearings are being scheduled. Dave Chura and Michael Kahl were reappointed for second 3-year terms on the Planning Commission. **Town Hall:** 3 bids for roofing were reviewed. Dave Mount will select between Peak Roofing and Miller's Roofing based on not going over \$15,500 (for the Town Hall and adjacent Fire Hall roofs). **Recycling:** The WLSSD grant for next year was completed. There is an ice buildup problem by the recycle shed. Someone cut the lock on the aluminum storage cage and cans were stolen (*funds from these cans go toward books at the school library*). **Cemetery:** Repair problems were noted. Supervisor Tanner did seeding. **Other business:** An ordinance #050808 regarding damaging runoff from private driveways onto Township roads was passed. Supervisors Dahl and Meierhoff will follow up on bids for planning for Community Center additions and provide information at a special meeting to be scheduled. Paul Voge was appointed as the "citizen" appointment to the Board of Adjustment (*the seldom used board hears appeals from action of the Planning Commission*). **May 20th Community Center Architectural meeting.** All Supervisors were present. BDP Architects and SJA Architects submitted proposals. A motion was made and passed to pursue a design contract with BDP Architects for replacement of the Community Center roof and development of a comprehensive design plan for the Community Center within previously approved \$15,000.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday)
July 10th and August 14th at 7pm in the Town Hall.
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings**

Duluth Township Information

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
 Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),
 fax (218) 525-3845, web site: www.duluthtownship.org.
 or Email: TownHall@duluthtownship.org

Town Office Hours: Tues. and Wed. 8:30am-12am
 Thursday 9am-12 and 4-6pm

Planning Office Hours: Secretary: (vacancy—no hours)
 Administrator Assistant: Tue. 2-4pm

Supervisors:

Jeff Cook, (2006-2009) 525-4010
 or Email: JeffCook@duluthtownship.org
 (Responsibilities: Road & Bridge, Police, McQuade Harbor, Board of Adjustment)

Stephen Dahl, (2007-2010) 525-4679 or
 Email: SteveDahl@duluthtownship.org
 (Responsibilities: Recreation Facilities, Duluth Assn of Townships, BAT, Community Center)

Wendy Meierhoff (2008-2011) **Vice Chair** 525-0263
 or Email: Wendy@duluthtownship.org
 (Responsibilities: Newsletter, Website, Community Education, Personnel, BAT, Senior Housing, Community Center)

Dave Mount (2007-2010) **Board Chair** 525-7961
 or Email: DaveMount@duluthtownship.org
 (Responsibilities: Town Board Chair, Town Hall, Personnel, Planning & Zoning, BAT, North Shore Management Board)

Dan Tanner (2008-2011) 525-4087
 or Email: DanTanner@duluthtownship.org
 (Responsibilities: Cemetery, Fire Dept, RSPT, MPCA, Annual SSSP)

Town Clerk: **Ann K. Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
 or Email: TownClerk@duluthtownship.org

Treasurer: **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
 or Email: TownTreasurer@duluthtownship.org

Attorney: **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)
 or Email: TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org

Cemetery: **Denise Connolly** 525-7161 or 525-1902
 or Email: Cemetery@duluthtownship.org

Planning Director: Sue Lawson

Assistant Director: **John Kessler** 393-8500,
 Email: JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Secretary: (vacancy), 493-8500
 Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Commission: **Dave Chura** (Chair),
Jan Green, **Michael Kahl** (Vice Chair), **Bill Lannon**,
Seth Levanen, **Dave Miller**, and **Yvonne Rutford**
 Email: PlanningZonng@duluthtownship.org

Peace Officers: **Chief Shawn Padden**,
Officers: Mike Peterson and Steve Peterson.
 Emergencies 9-1-1, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407
 Email: DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org

Fire Department: **Chief Bob Engelson**, **Assistant Chief Keith Darsow** Email: FireHall@duluthtownship.org

Community Education Coordinator: **Abby Ferazzi**
 Email: EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

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

Township Calendar

See updates on www.duluthtownship.org.
 Official calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

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- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 2, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 9, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 10, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
 16, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** Training Hall
 18, Fri, 2-4pm **McQuade Safe Harbor** grand opening
 21, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
 22, Tue, 7pm **Open Public Meeting** on future plans for our Community Center (NSCS school) building. At the Ryan Road Community Center/School.
 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
July 28-Aug 3rd Town Hall closed for floor maintenance.
 28, Mon, 6pm **Locovores** (see article), place posted

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 6, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 9, Sat, 1-4:30pm **COME ON HOME PARTY**, Town Hall. Community gathering, all are welcome (see article)
 13, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 14, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 18, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
 20, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
 23, Mon, Deadline for September Newsletter
 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

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- 3, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
 3, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
 10, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 11, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Organization meeting, Town Hall
 15, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
 17, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall#1

Township Recycling Center

North site – at the Town Hall, on Homestead Road
 Staffing by **Carolyn Marino** and **Al Anderson**, **Marlys Livingston**, and **Kathy Peer** **Tuesday 7-11am, 2-6pm, Thursday: Nov-March 2-6pm, April-Oct 3-7pm and Saturday 8-noon.**
 Below freeway curb recycling pickup service is now available.
 (Drop off only during recycling hours)

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Chief

Two bids for a new tanker were received. The Forstner Fire Apparatus bid was accepted and it will be delivered next February. The FEMA grant we received for the new tanker requires us to sell our old milk-truck tanker, a 1978 International with a 300hp Cummins diesel L10-300 engine. It will be put up for bid in February.

Burning Permits required — You will need a burning permit if you need to burn brush/etc.

Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief

There were 2 **residential burglaries** on Old North Shore Road June 23rd and one on Greenwood Road earlier. Please report any suspicious activity and take preventative action. At press time, Police were looking for a newer, small, red, 2-door car driven at about 2pm by a young white male and possibly a passenger.
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With high gas prices there have been reports of **stolen license plates** used on vehicles who drive off from gas stations without paying. Check your vehicle and call the Sheriff's Office to report missing plates.

Police reported 80 events for April and 73 for May in addition to regular patrols. For the 2 months, there were 50 requested home/business checks, 10 animal complaints, 10 civil process, 8 suspicious vehicle checks, 8 public assists, 8 traffic warnings.

New Minnesota law regarding teen drivers is effective August 1, 2008. It limits newly licensed teen drivers from night driving (12-5am with exceptions), and limits under 20yr passengers to one. There are cell phone and texting restrictions as well. For a summary of the new law, see our web site or a posted copy at the Town Hall.

Crime Alerts. Our Police Department maintains an **E-mail Crime Alert** service (it is also on our web site). To receive notices send your email address to PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org.

Call 911 for all emergencies

*For Messages and non-emergency information:
Duluth Township Police: 393-8407 or 525-5705
St Louis County 911 office: 727-8770*

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