



The recent Community Harvest Dinner, put on as a fundraiser by our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders, was a great success. Many attended and there were lots of door prizes. Thanks to the musicians and all who helped out. Thanks to businesses and individuals who donated door prizes. This photo montage is by resident Barbara Crow.

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2008

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Be sure to

Vote Nov 4th

What's Coming Up...

General Election — Tues. Nov 4th, Polls open at 7am, close at 8pm, Town Hall on Homestead Rd. (See sample ballot on page 7)

Registering to Vote — If you are a resident but haven't registered to vote, you can register at the polls on election day before you vote. *You will need evidence of your current legal residence in the precinct:* This can be a driver's license (or receipt for it) or MN issued ID card. An expired photo ID with a current utility bill (e.g. phone, electric, gas, water, garbage, sewer, rent statement with itemized utilities) with your name and local address in the precinct. There are a few other possibilities such as having a registered voter vouch for you. Check with the St Louis County Elections Office if you have questions 726-2385.

Community Center Comprehensive Plan for the grounds and building addition will be printed in the January Newsletter. Plans have been shown at several public gatherings.

Concern about firearm use in the more densely populated area south of the Expressway has been raised (see article).

Lake County requested an Ambulance tax district. This includes the eastern part of Duluth Township (see article).

Local Home Chore Services

The Newsletter lists various local home chore services for people in Duluth Township. Services might include mowing, snow shoveling, minor repairs, house cleaning, tilling pick-up and delivery, etc. If you want to be listed in the Newsletter or Township web site, leave a note for the editor at the Town Hall.

The "ALL WAYZ CREW". We will in "all wayz" help you clean your home, office, cabin or do your mending and ironing. Call for free estimates!! 525-5906

Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Ann Cox, Barbara Crow, Bob Engelson, Margaret France, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hooley, John Kessler, Sue Lawson, Jan McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Ellen O'Neill, Shawn Padden, Paul Simonson, Mary Ann Sironen and our Webmaster, Linda Hollinday.

THE HOMESTEADERS

Helen Hendrickson

November 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall, Turkey Bingo.

December 3rd, Wednesday, 12 noon, Town Hall. Holiday Pot-Luck, Muusical program by NSCS kids.

January 7th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. New Year's Pot-Luck and bingo. **Everybody is welcome.**

For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.



Open 7 days a week at 11am

Join us for:

Monday 4-9pm BBQ Ribs
Wednesday: 4-9pm Fish Fry
Happy Hour Mon-Fri 4 to 6pm

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Book holiday gathering early!
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 218.525.2286 www.nokomisonthelake.com

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North Shore Community Center Building Assessment Team (BAT) Update

Mary Ann Sironen

The BAT has concluded a series of public information sessions featuring the plans for the grounds and the Community Center/school building that were submitted. Attendees at the North Shore Community School Fall Barbecue, the October 1st Homesteader's meeting and the October 11th Harvest Dinner were able to see the plans, ask questions and submit their comments.

With this activity completed, the BAT has basically fulfilled the charge given them by the Town Board to assess the needs of the school and Township in regard to our Community Center grounds and building. The Duluth Township Board of Supervisors has received the information from the public sessions and invites further questions or comments to come directly to them.

The Clover Valley Locovores

Ellen O'Neill

This is a local group of people who want to buy/grow/share food locally. Monthly open meetings involve sharing ideas, an information program and a potluck.

The next regular meeting is Sunday Nov 23rd at 4pm in the Town Hall (4th Sunday each month). This time, starting at 3pm there is a pressure cooker demonstration class. For information, email Ellen O'Neill at sleon@cpinternet.com.

If you would be interested in participating in an **OPEN STUDIO** to work on arts and/or crafts at our Community Center, call Jan McTavish at 525-0103

LOOKING FOR POETS to start a poetry group in the Township. If interested, call Janet at 525-0103

NSCS has an ongoing fundraiser. Bring your old "glossy" magazines or newspaper inserts to the school for recycling. Questions? Call Jamie Zak 525-0663 x126

Comments from the Chair

Dave Mount, Town Board Chair

Hello again everyone. There are so many things going on right now that it will take all of my allotted space just to list them – many are covered in other articles in this issue, but I want to call your attention to several, even if briefly.

- We are nearing the end of the planning for the grounds at our Community Center, which has been coordinated by the University of Minnesota's *Center for Changing Landscapes*. Several new features are coming, including a picnic pavilion and toilet facilities, paid for in large part by grant funds obtained by the North Shore Community School.
- The Building Assessment Team, which has been evaluating the Community Center needs and plans for coming on three years, has developed a design for an addition that would address a number of needs. It's an exciting plan with features that will be of interest to many residents. The January Newsletter will have more details and information on a meeting where you can see and discuss in detail the plans for both the building and grounds.
- The Town Board is considering an ordinance to limit the use of firearms in the area of the Township south of the freeway. A meeting to collect input from the public will be scheduled in January.
- At the request of the Planning Commission, the Town Board has issued a moratorium on short-term rentals (less than a month). The purpose of the moratorium is to give the Planning Commission time to evaluate this issue and provide recommendations to the Board on how the Township should manage this activity in the future. The Commission will be soliciting public input as part of their study.
- New roofing was installed on both the Town Hall and Fire Hall #2, and an on-demand hot water heater was installed in the Town Hall; the latter will greatly reduce energy costs considering the infrequent use of hot water at the hall.

There's even more than all this, but I'll cut it off there. *Don't forget to vote on November 4th!*

Community Education Program Coordinator Needed

Make a difference in the community and make some spending money too!

The Township is looking for someone to coordinate our Community Education Program and other activities at the Community Center. We've had a great start for the Community Ed Program and want to see it develop further. The position's primary responsibility is to coordinate the development of the Community Ed Program. This doesn't necessarily mean teaching courses (though that's great too), but working to identify and recruit instructors for a diverse set of offerings. As part of this, the Coordinator will prepare announcements of upcoming courses, register participants, help instructors with logistics, and coordinate use of the Community Center facilities with staff of the charter school.

We estimate the position will require 8-12 hrs per month, at a pay rate of \$10/hr. The Community Education Program has a dedicated budget managed by the Coordinator. This is a chance to use your imagination, and offer unique educational opportunities to the community, building from the courses offered previously. So come on, step up to the challenge to make a real difference in our community, meet some great people, and make a little money at the same time.

If you would like to know more, questions can be directed to **Wendy Meierhoff** (Town Supervisor) at 525-0263. Apply for the position by sending a letter of interest and a brief resume or description of your background to *Duluth Township, 6092 Homestead Rd, Duluth, MN 55804*.

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: Assistant Director: Tue. 4-6pm

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
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(Responsibilities: Town Board Chair, Town Hall, Personnel, Planning & Zoning, BAT, North Shore Management Board)

Dan Tanner (2008-2011) 525-4087
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(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
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Planning Director: Sue Lawson

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

Planning and Zoning Secretary: Beth Mullan
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: (to be announced)
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.

—NOVEMBER 2008—

- 4, Tue, 7am-8pm ELECTION DAY, Town Hall**
5, Wed, 12:30 Homesteader's meet, Town Hall
5, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
12, Wed, 7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District meeting, French River Lutheran Church
13, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
17, Mon, 6:30pm North Shore Community School Board meeting, NSCS Library
18-19 Town Office closed
19, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: training, Hall #1
20, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
23, Sun, 4pm Clover Valley Locovores meet, Town Hall
27, Thu, Thanksgiving—Town office closed

—DECEMBER 2008—

- 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, Town Hall
15, Mon, 6:30pm, North Shore Community School Board meeting, NSCS Library
17, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: training, Hall#1
18, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
23, Tue, Deadline for January Newsletter
28, Sun, 4pm Clover Valley Locovores meet, Town Hall
30, Tue, First day to file to run for Town Supervisor

—JANUARY 2009—

- 7, Wed, 12:30 Homesteader's meet, Town Hall**
7, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
8, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall.
14, Wed, 7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District meeting, French River Lutheran Church
13, Tue, Last day to file to run for Town Supervisor
19, Mon, 6:30pm, North Shore Community School Board meeting, NSCS Library.
21, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: Training Hall
22, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
25, Sun, 4pm Clover Valley Locovores meet, Town Hall

Someone has been stealing pop cans from our recycling area. The cans help fund library books for our kids. If you notice someone doing this, please report it to our Police.

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)

Home Care Resources That Serve Duluth Township

Margaret France

Medical Services: *Nursing and therapy services; Medicate/insurances may cover cost; need a physician order for services, and must be homebound.*

Gentiva Health Services: 723-8999

Interim Healthcare: 722-0053

(if they have staff available in the area)

Regency Home Health Care: 727-0296

St. Luke's Home Care: 249-6111

St. Mary's Home Health: 786-4004

Senior Friend Home Care: 727-1111

Superiorhealth Community Care: 834-7205

Non-Medical Services: *Light housekeeping, meal prep, shopping, med. Reminders; most insurance does not cover costs; no physician order needed.*

Caring Companions/Touching Hearts at Home:
724-4743

Home Instead Senior Care: 727-8810

Senior Linkage Line: 1-800-333-2433

Where to go for an Absentee Ballot!

Ann Cox, Town Clerk

Absentee ballots for Primaries, General and Presidential elections may be requested from the *St. Louis County Auditors Office Election Division, St Louis County Court House room 214, phone number 726-2385.*

Absentee ballots for Township elections may be requested from the *Duluth Township office, 6092 Homestead Road, phone number 525-5705.*

Absentee ballots for the Lake Superior School District referendums may be requested from the *Lake Superior School District offices, 1640 Highway 2, Two Harbors, MN 55616, phone number 834-8201.*

Voter Registration may either be done at the *St Louis County Auditors office Election Division room 214* prior to the election **or on election day at your polling place.** Please remember to bring a utility bill or your drivers license with your correct address.

Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

Our Police reported 178 events in August and September. Most frequent were requested vacation home and business checks (51), 14 traffic warnings (plus 5 citations and careless ATL driver), 12 animal bite/complaints, 14 public assists, 10 suspicious vehicle checks, 9 burglar alarms, 6 fire alarms, 17 various interpersonal problems, and 1 mountain lion sighting! Beyond this are regular patrols, reports, etc.

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



The Johnson home on West Knife River Road was destroyed in a tragic fire. Our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders helped at the scene.

A Thank you from the Johnson family

To all our friends and neighbors in Duluth Township, we thank you. Jeff and I have lived in Duluth Township since 1999. Our home has been a part of the Duluth Township Community for many years. While it began as a home for other families before us, as we know it, it began as a small trailer house, well settled on a foundation with a beautiful timber-walled living room addition. Jeff spent 9 years working on our home, continuing its transformation through the growth of our family. Over the years, we spent much time, year 'round, working cutting trails and riding four wheelers and snow machines through the property and hiking and snowshoeing. Jeff hunted deer, bear, grouse, and rabbits on the hill behind the house. I designed and planted gardens in the yard, just last year three apple trees. We were sheltered under old maple, oak, and basswood trees. Alex collected monarch caterpillars from the milkweed plants in the rain garden every year, since he was three, hatching beautiful butterflies that returned every year. We enjoyed walks down to our neighbors, Corlis and Pam West, to visit and feed the sheep. Bless Pam for all her loans of baking supplies to keep us going when we were missing just one ingredient. A few times a year, we would take Emily, our golden retriever, down to Janine Johnson's for her groom. This summer, Emily never looked more beautiful.

It was not really until our son, Alex, was born, that we truly began to experience the joy, support, and friendship of our neighbors. Our relationship with the community and our love for the character of the Township grew over the years as we lived and explored on our own land, and made our lives in our home. We have long respected the history, long-lived and extended families, and natural beauty throughout the few square miles that make up our Township. In 2005, our daughters, Heidi and Sarah were born. Lacy LaGarde and, later, Bev Berg, provided loving care for the kids for four years. Our pride in the transformation and growth of the North Shore Community School grew even more when Alex started Kindergarten last year.

In August, our home and family suffered a tragedy beyond our comprehension. The result of this tragedy was the loss of our home and the loss of our daughter, Sarah. I write this tonight, to thank you all. Thank you to the volunteer firefighters, first responders, and EMTs who were there on Tuesday night, to help my mother, Cathy, and Alex and Heidi. Thank you to those who prayed at the end of our driveway for days and from your homes and as you drove past. Thank you all for your generous donations of supplies, gifts, clothes, and funds to us, to Sarah's Memorial Fund, to the Fire Department or Red Cross in her name, and for Alex, at school. Thank you for your friendship and love and faith. Please understand if we must move on, to be closer to our families in Duluth. We hope that whomever may take new residence with our property will love, respect, and enjoy its beauty and place in Duluth Township, as we did for many years. Thank you all. Sincerely, Charlene, Jeff, Alex, and Heidi Johnson

School Bus Safety — Take special care around school buses. Be alert to kids getting on and off.

Observe speed limits in our Township

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.

Planning Points

John Kessler, Assistant Planning Director

At the end of the last 'Points', two special overlay districts were identified that require extra scrutiny and evaluation prior to the granting of a Land Use Permit.

Sensitive Areas Overlay: The first, titled 'Sensitive Areas Overlay' or 'SENSO', covers about one-third of the MUNS-4 and some FAM-3 zones, above the expressway. The overlay area covers steep slopes and shallow soils which may have a high erosion potential. There are also a fair amount of wetlands which can serve as water storage areas and prevent flooding down-slope. These wetlands may also limit building opportunities and waste water treatment options. The objective of the SENSO overlay also serves as a way to reduce flood damage downstream along Lake Superior.

In this area, a permit to build or alter structures on a parcel of less than 9 acres involves a closer look at the following:

- Only up to 5% of the land surface can be covered with impervious (unable to absorb water) surfaces unless there is a stormwater management plan.
- If springs, seeps, wetlands, water courses, steep slopes or shallow soils are present, a plan of action/s to minimize impact and disturbance of such areas is required: it is called a *Mitigation Plan*.
- The Planning Director or qualified designee will inspect the site after a *map* to scale of the parcel and the *Mitigation Plan, Land Use Permit Application* and *fee* are all submitted.
- No wetland credits shall be permitted or allowed.
- All underlying MUNS-4 or FAM-3 zone requirements must also be met.

Shoreland Overlay Area: The second overlay is the 'Shoreland Overlay Area'. It naturally covers all the land from the expressway to the ordinary high water level (OHWL) of Lake Superior. It also includes land up to 1000 feet from the OHWL of a lake, pond or flowage, and 300 feet from the OHWL of a river or stream designated by this ordinance and/or the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR).

Development is permitted within the 300 feet defined above, but minimum setbacks apply for both structures and roads:

- 200 feet for roads and buildings from DNR designated trout streams.
- 100 feet for both from tributaries of trout streams and other public watercourses, as well as from Lake Superior.
- 50 feet for both from unclassified watercourses with defined bottoms, as determined by the Planning Director.

Some highlights of ordinance provisions, in place to insure preservation of the quality of our water resource as it flows through our community and into the greatest Great Lake:

- Setbacks listed above function as filter strips, retain natural vegetation within them; cultivated lawns and fertilizers are not permitted in the setback areas.

- Vegetation removal is allowed only by permit from the Planning Commission, and in no case no more than 25% of the trees, shrubs and plants may be removed between the water body and the principal structure within the impact zone.
- An erosion and sediment control plan for soil handling, mulch and vegetative cover application, and sediment entrapment measures must be taken.
- Fill or excavated material on steep slopes must be stabilized as designed by qualified professionals.
- Site development plans must be submitted and approved by the Planning Director in the Erosion Hazard area, as defined by the North Shore Management Board.

These have been highlights of ordinance provisions that would require an entire issue of the Newsletter to completely cover. By all means, if you have any need to deal with situations in either of the Overlay zones, please contact the Planning Department for assistance — we'd be glad to help.

Summary of Land Use Permits 2007 & 2008 to Oct 22 nd		
	2007	2008
Single Family	5	10
Garage	12	10
Deck	0	3
Shed	1	3
Accessory Structure	0	2
Addition to Home	1	4
Addition to Other	0	2
Pole Building/Barn	3	2
Other	6	1
Total Permits	28	37



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Lake County Ambulance Service—About half of Duluth Township, the eastern portion, is served by Lake County Ambulance, which has a large service area covering much of Lake County as well as portions of both Cook and St. Louis County. Lake County Ambulance is a non-profit organization formed about a decade ago when the Two Harbors hospital decided they would no longer operate an ambulance service. For a variety of reasons, costs for providing ambulance service to this largely rural area exceed revenues; historically, Lake County has provided funds to cover this shortfall, even though the service area extends beyond Lake County, and does not service all of Lake County. This year, the Lake County Commissioners have proposed establishing a special property tax district so that the tax revenue to cover the ambulance service shortfall comes from those who are serviced by Lake County Ambulance. This is a complicated issue, and would require several pages to fully explain all the relevant information. The Town Board has been discussing the issue for several months, and has been looking for alternatives to the taxing district. Lake County Commissioner Rick Goutermont will be attending the November Town Board meeting to answer questions from the Board regarding the proposal. *Supervisor Dave Mount*

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.)

Aug 14th meeting. All Supervisors attended. *Treasurer:* \$28,008.81 deposits, \$44,017.66 expenses, ending balance \$907,294.31. Township membership in the North Shore Management Board approved. The *Peak Co.* \$16,905 bid to roof the Town Hall and adjacent fire hall was approved (low of 2 submitted). *Dept. Reports: Fire:* 1 first responder call, no fire runs. *Roads:* Chloride finished; roads to be graded again before winter. *Community Center:* Well is 71ft, outdoor facilities and comprehensive grounds and building plans are proceeding. *Legal:* Citation will be served on the Nelsons for construction and refusal to get a building permit. Elden and Meyer cartway processes continuing. Pine Park land use permits can proceed since the roadway access problem is resolved. *Planning:* Worden's second CUP for short term rental was denied. There is discussion of updating fee structure. *Recycling:* Hagglund's were asked for a bid to move the shed to the side of the parking lot to avoid winter ice problems. The Board approved a motion to accept Superior Construction's bid for phase 2 of the required Community Center septic system upgrade, not to exceed \$93,187 (2 bids).

Sept 4th special meeting. All Supervisors attended. The Board approved a 1yr moratorium on conditional use permits for short term rental of properties to provide time for the Planning Commission to address possible modifications of our current Ordinance.

Sept 11th meeting. All Supervisors attended. *Treasurer:* \$21,209.93 receipts, \$157,404.28 expenses, ending balance \$771,099.96. *Dept reports: Police:* Noted safety issues with hunting below hwy 61. An ordinance was discussed, allowing bird shot and bow hunting. Once language is drafted it will be published for resident comments. Uncontrolled animals are a problem. We need a contract with an animal shelter. *Fire:* 3 fire and 4 first responder calls (one a fatality). *Community Center:* The sprinkler system diesel generator could power the building in an emergency with the addition of an electric panel. Septic system work is complete. \$3,850 was approved for electrical/light repair to the hockey and skating rinks (Community Center funds). Building concept plans were presented. *Planning:* Board of Adjustment upheld decision procedures on the denial of Odyssey Development's Stoney Point variance requests. *Town Hall:* Copier needs replacement. *Recycling:* \$1,500 approved to move the shed. Lake County's request for an ambulance taxing district on the eastern part of Duluth Township was discussed and several concerns were raised (no action).

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday)
Nov 13th and Dec 11th at 7pm in the Town Hall.
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings**

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

July 24th meeting. Members attending: Dave Miller, Chair Dave Chura, Yvonne Rutford and Seth Levanen. Chair Chura discussed public hearing procedures and our 'communications agreement for public meetings'. Planning Director Lawson reviewed the 12 criteria for granting a conditional use permit (CUP). The **first hearing** was on Worden's request for a second short term rental CUP in the Greenwood Road area (SMU-8). The request was presented. In public testimony 10 residents spoke. The Planning Commission discussed the request and the CUP was denied as not compatible in the residential area. The second hearing was on Schousboe's short term rental CUP adjacent to Dodges Log Lodges (SMU-6). No one spoke in public testimony. The Planning Commission approved the CUP as compatible with the area and a number of specific conditions were included. If, on review, conditions are not met, the permit shall be terminated.

Other business included a discussion of a moratorium on short term rentals to permit a review of the existing ordinance. It was noted that some have built without permits. Penalties will be reviewed and updated. A concern from the audience was about the Township's ability to enforce a short term rental ordinance.

August 28th meeting. Members attending: Kahl, Levanen, Miller, Rutford, Green and Lannon. Planning Director Lawson reported the Worden's were appealing the revocation of their short term rental CUP for non-compliance to the Board of Adjustment. Barking sled dogs and lack of stormwater mitigation on a property near the shore will be addressed. A master site plan for the Community Center meeting was held Aug 27th. A letter to the Board requesting a moratorium on short term rentals was sent. Variance and CUP forms are being updated. **Public Hearing** on Bieraugel variance request for a non-conforming lot next to Bluebird Landing (SMU-6). Zoning requirements were reviewed and the request was presented and discussed. In public testimony 7 residents spoke. Since there were additional questions, a motion was approved to suspend the hearing and ask for a 60 day extension. Bob Kreps from the St Louis Land Dept. attended to describe their procedures in sale of tax forfeit land. A computer model identifies potential properties. If they are too small for building, they are first offered to adjacent land owners and then the Township. They work on a 60yr rotation on forest management. Our Planning Director noted that some pieces of land such as the recreational-use land on the Old North Shore Road around the Sucker River is very important to the Township (it is listed for "exchange"). There were questions about sale of wetlands and land on trout streams with building problems. Better communications with the Township was desired. The Township can purchase tax forfeit land or without cost for specific public purposes.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings: Nov 20th and Dec 18th
(usually the 4th Thursday) at 7pm in the Town Hall.
Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.**

FRONT OF BALLOT

**STATE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote, complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s) like this:

FEDERAL OFFICES		CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT	
PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT VOTE FOR ONE TEAM		Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment, will have the same effect as voting no for the amendment.	
JOHN MCCAIN AND SARAH PALIN Republican		To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, complete the arrow next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, complete the arrow next to the word "NO" for that question.	
BARACK OBAMA AND JOE BIDEN Democratic-Farmer-Labor		CLEAN WATER, WILDLIFE, CULTURAL HERITAGE AND NATURAL AREAS	
CYNTHIA MCKINNEY AND ROSA CLEMENTE Green		Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to dedicate funding to protect our drinking water sources; to protect, enhance, and restore our wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve our arts and cultural heritage; to support our parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore our lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater by increasing the sales and use tax rate beginning July 1, 2009, by three-eighths of one percent on taxable sales until the year 2034?	
RÓGER CALERO AND ALYSON KENNEDY Socialist Workers	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	COUNTY OFFICES	
RALPH NADER AND MATT GONZALEZ Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> NO		
BOB BARR AND WAYNE A. ROOT Libertarian		COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5 VOTE FOR ONE	
CHUCK BALDWIN AND DARRELL CASTLE Constitution		<input type="checkbox"/> PEG SWEENEY	
write-in, if any		<input type="checkbox"/> SAM HADDAD	
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. SENATOR VOTE FOR ONE		write-in, if any	
DEAN BARKLEY Independence		SOUTH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 1 VOTE FOR ONE	
NORM COLEMAN Republican		<input type="checkbox"/> HARTLEY SANDSTROM	
AL FRANKEN Democratic-Farmer-Labor		write-in, if any	
CHARLES ALDRICH Libertarian		SOUTH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 4 VOTE FOR ONE	
JAMES NIEMACKL Constitution		<input type="checkbox"/> DAVID T. DAVIS	
write-in, if any		write-in, if any	
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 8 VOTE FOR ONE			
MICHAEL CUMMINS Republican			
JAMES L. OBERSTAR Democratic-Farmer-Labor			
write-in, if any			
STATE OFFICES			
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 6A VOTE FOR ONE			
MARTY BREAKER Republican			
DAVID DILL Democratic-Farmer-Labor			
write-in, if any			

0435 TOWN OF DULUTH

General Election Voting

Tuesday, November 4th, 2008
7am to 8pm, Duluth Town Hall, Homestead Road

BACK OF BALLOT

**STATE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote, complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s) like this:

JUDICIAL OFFICES		6TH DISTRICT COURT	
SUPREME COURT		JUDGE 4 VOTE FOR ONE	
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE 3 VOTE FOR ONE		<input type="checkbox"/> DAVID M. JOHNSON Incumbent	
TIM TINGELSTAD		write-in, if any	
PAUL H. ANDERSON Incumbent		JUDGE 7 VOTE FOR ONE	
write-in, if any		<input type="checkbox"/> GARY J. PAGLIACCETTI Incumbent	
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE 4 VOTE FOR ONE		write-in, if any	
DEBORAH HEDLUND		JUDGE 9 VOTE FOR ONE	
LORIE SKJERVEN GILDEA Incumbent		<input type="checkbox"/> ERIC HYLDEN Incumbent	
write-in, if any		write-in, if any	
COURT OF APPEALS		JUDGE 12 VOTE FOR ONE	
JUDGE 16 VOTE FOR ONE		<input type="checkbox"/> SALLY L. TARNOWSKI Incumbent	
TERRI J. STONEBURNER Incumbent		write-in, if any	
DAN GRIFFITH		JUDGE 15 VOTE FOR ONE	
write-in, if any		<input type="checkbox"/> DALE A WOLF Incumbent	
JUDGE 1 VOTE FOR ONE		write-in, if any	
EDWARD TOUSSAINT, JR. Incumbent			
write-in, if any			
JUDGE 8 VOTE FOR ONE			
THOMAS J. KALITOWSKI Incumbent			
write-in, if any			
JUDGE 9 VOTE FOR ONE			
ROGER M. KLAPHAKE Incumbent			
write-in, if any			
JUDGE 10 VOTE FOR ONE			
HARRIET LANSING Incumbent			
write-in, if any			
JUDGE 15 VOTE FOR ONE			
KEVIN G. ROSS Incumbent			
write-in, if any			
6TH DISTRICT COURT			
JUDGE 1 VOTE FOR ONE			
DAVID E. ACKERSON Incumbent			
write-in, if any			
JUDGE 3 VOTE FOR ONE			
ROBERT E. MACAULAY Incumbent			
write-in, if any			

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Chief

Burning Permits required — You will need a burning permit if you need to burn brush/etc. Permits are **available from** the Town Hall during office hours, and from Fire Wardens: Jay Zink (525-5589), Jeff and Caroline Marino (525-6431), or the DNR office in Two Harbors (1568 Hwy 2, 834-6609).

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.



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Considering a Firearms Ordinance Between Expressway and Lake Superior — At the suggestion of the Township Police, the Town Board is considering an ordinance to limit the use of firearms in the area between the freeway and Lake Superior. This is generally the most densely populated area of the Township and there have been situations in past years where use of the area by hunters has created potentially dangerous situations. The Town Board will be holding a public meeting after the first of the year to solicit public input on the topic and make sure that any ordinance protects public safety while not being unnecessarily restrictive. Watch for more details on the proposed ordinance and information on a meeting date in the January Newsletter. *Supervisor Dave Mount*

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.)

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