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DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations on Voter Turnout

Duluth Township had 1319 registered voters on our November election day and 1231 ballots were cast, a **93.3%** turnout! There were 133 voter registrations at election time (including changes of name, address, etc.), 86 absentee voters, and 4 military voters.

THE HOMESTEADERS

Helen Hendrickson

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

February 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall, music by Jody Anderson and Lynn Braggala .

March 4th, Wednesday, 12:30, Town Hall. Program to be announced.

Everybody is welcome.

For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.



Supervisor Election in March

There will be one opening on the Town Board of Supervisors and the election will be held March 10th. A special thank you to Supervisor Jeff Cook who will be stepping down in March at the end of his term.

If you are interested in running, you need to let the Town Clerk know and pay the \$2 filing fee by the January 13th deadline. A statement from each candidate will appear in the March Newsletter.

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*).

What's Coming Up...

Township Supervisor Election — Tues. March 10th, Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm, Town Hall on Homestead Rd. This is a Township election to fill one Supervisor position. (*see notice*)

Annual Town Meeting — Tues. March 10th at 8:15pm. *Please stay out of the Town Hall until 8:15pm because polls are open until 8pm and election materials need to be put away and chairs set up for our Annual Meeting.*

Community Center Comprehensive Plan for the grounds and building addition are on an *insert* in this Newsletter (*and see below*).

Open House for potential firearm ordinance in the more densely populated area south of the Expressway, 7pm, January 29th, Town Hall (*see article, page 2*).

Opening for a Commissioner on the Planning Commission. If interested, apply at the Town Hall by February 6th (*see article, page 4*).

Planning Commission Open House for public input on our Short Term Rental ordinance. Feb. 26th, 7-8:30pm at the Town Hall (*see article*).

Community Center Comprehensive Planning

A 2-sided insert in this Newsletter shows the result of a many-month planning effort for the site and building at our Community Center. As you probably know, the planning process has been a rather long one with many announced public open houses and many meetings of community residents involved in the planning communities. The Township hired BDP architects to draw up the conceptual plan of possible additions to the building and CCL to provide the site plan. These will guide Township work on our Community Center site. Larger scale plans are available at the Town Hall and at NSCS.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Margaret France, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hooey, John Kessler, Sue Lawson, Todd Lindahl, Janet McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Ellen O'Neill, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, and our Webmaster, Linda Holliday. A special thanks to Jim Mjunger for pictures in this issue.

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Comments from the Chair

Dave Mount, Town Board Chair

New Year's greetings to all. I hope the holidays were memorable for all. I'd just like to call your attention to some upcoming events, most of which are described in greater detail elsewhere in the Newsletter.

January 13th is the filing deadline for Town Board elections. One position on the Town Board will be up for election. (*Note: file with our Town Clerk, Town Hall*)

On January 29th, the Town Board is holding an open house to solicit resident input on the possibility of a firearms ordinance to restrict firearms use in the area between the freeway and Lake Superior. Please come to share your perspective with the Town Board, 7pm at the Town Hall.

There will be one vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2009. Commissioners are appointed by the Town Board. If you are interested, letters of interest should be submitted to the Town Clerk by February 6th.

March 10th is election day for the Town Board, as well as the day of the Annual Town Meeting. Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm, with the Town Meeting immediately following at 8:15pm. The Town Meeting is where the annual budget is determined, so please plan to participate.

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

Open House

To Discuss Possible Firearms Ordinance

January 29th, 7pm, Town Hall

In recent years there have been safety concerns raised in regard to firearms use in the area of the Township between the freeway and Lake Superior, particularly during deer season. As we all know, rifle bullets and shotgun slugs can travel for thousands of feet, well beyond the immediate target of the shooter. Because of the housing density south of the freeway, the potential safety issues are clear. There have been suggestions that the Town Board consider an ordinance that would address these risks.

At this point, the Board has not drafted proposed language, but we are very interested in gathering citizen input on the pros, cons, and possibilities of such an firearms ordinance south of the freeway. To that end, the Town Board will hold a public open house on Thursday, January 29th at 7pm at the Town Hall.

An ordinance could be structured a number of ways, including applying only in certain areas or applying only to certain firearms (e.g. rifles/single projectiles versus shotguns with pellets). It's important to note that the Town only has authority to regulate firearms, but no activities such as hunting. So, for example, bow hunting for deer would not be affected.

We on the Town Board really want to hear what residents think of this issue, so please consider attending the meeting. (*Information provided by Supervisor Dave Mount*)

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Chief

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.

Burning permits are not required while there is 3 inches of snow on the ground.

Fire Safety Reminders

Check and clean stove chimneys to avoid fire danger. Did you check/replace batteries in all smoke alarms this fall? Are fire extinguishers fully charged?

Reminder About School Bus Safety

Chief Shawn Padden

Chief Padden forwarded a reminder from the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety about bus safety for parents, children and motorists. Every Minnesota resident is responsible for knowing school bus laws and common ways to prevent school bus accidents.

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, 72% of the nation's school bus fatalities take place outside of the bus. Drivers can help promote the safety of school bus riders by knowing the laws of traffic flow around buses.

Two common mistakes that drivers make now are misdemeanors in Minnesota, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and 90 days in jail. "The most common are: failing to stop when the bus stop arm is extended; and driving around the right side of the bus when it's stopping," said Shari Danzeisen of the Minnesota School Bus Operators Association, a statewide organization that represents privately owned school bus companies and school districts that own and run bus transportation operations.

The Duluth Township Police Department is urging families to have discussions with their children and for motorists to pay attention to current bus safety laws. Children who know the procedure of where they can wait and how to walk around the bus have a better chance at beating the odds of becoming the victim of a potential accident. Motorists who become more aware also can help with school bus safety.

Chief Padden is a member of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, which provides services to 350 Minnesota chief members and has existed since 1954. The association strives to promote professionalism in modern law enforcement practices and legislation that protects the citizens of Minnesota.

Anyone who is uncertain about a law or regulation relating to bus traffic may contact the Duluth Township Police Department at 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or 218-525-5705.

Minnesota Trapper Education Class

Shawn Johnson, Instructor

Improve your knowledge of Minnesota's fur-bearers and provide basic information needed to trap them in an ethical and responsible manner.

Learn basic techniques that will help avoid the most common mistakes that plague beginners.

This course is geared primarily to young people ten years old and up. (*Must be reading at grade level to successfully handle reading and comprehension of Minnesota Trappers Manual.*)

This course fulfills the State requirement for all first time license holders born after December 31, 1989 to become Certified in order to purchase a trapping license. Parents are encouraged to attend with student.

Tentative time and dates: Jan 13th-Mar. 17th Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm. 10 classes, 1 field day. Class offered free of charge. Limit 25 students. At the North Shore Community School.

Inquiries and to register contact Wendy Meierhoff at 525-0263 or email: wendy@bendtec.com.

Interested in Adult Recreational Volleyball?

Plans are for a time starting in March or April at the Community Center. If interested, call resident Amy Burgerson or Wendy Meierhoff at 525-0263.

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By Jim Munger

Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

Our part-time Police Department (Shawn, Steve and Mike) reported 87 events in October and 68 in November. Requested vacation/home and business checks were most frequent (69). There were 12 traffic warnings (plus 5 citations), 8 animal complaints, 7 burglar alarms (plus 2 residential burglaries), 5 medical emergencies (and 2 natural deaths), 3 suspicious vehicle checks, 4 arrests, 1 stabbing, and assistance with the NSCS carnival, plus regular patrols, reports, etc.

TV COMMERCIAL CONTEST ENCOURAGES TEENS TO "BUCKLE UP!"

Minnesota teens have a chance to produce TV spots that will send a "buckle up" message to their peers and have a chance to win \$1,000.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers, and seat belt non-use is a main factor cited in teen traffic deaths. Over the last three years, 149 teens ages 16-19 were killed on Minnesota roads and half of them were not wearing seat belts.

The **Buckle Up, Teens!** TV Commercial Contest is sponsored by the *Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS)* and AAA. Minnesota students in grades 9-12 are eligible to enter. The 30-second spots must be received by DPS by **April 20**. DPS and AAA will post the top spots online in May for a public viewing and voting period to determine a winner. AAA will award a grand prize of \$1,000 for the winning producer, \$600 for second place and \$400 for third place. The winning spot will also make its TV broadcast premiere in the spring of 2009 on programming to be determined.

"The goal of this contest is to encourage peer-to-peer reinforcement about the importance of wearing a seat belt," says Cheri Marti, director of *DPS Office of Traffic Safety*. "Teenagers continue to take greater risks behind the wheel, and they need to know that something as simple as buckling up can greatly reduce their chances of serious injury or death in a traffic crash."

Teens are encouraged to post their spots on popular video-sharing websites and social networking pages, and share with other students. Schools are encouraged to establish competitions with other local schools for regional contests. Find rules and entry forms online at www.dps.state.mn.us/ots, click the "Buckle Up, Teens!" link.

This is the fifth year of the *DPS-AAA* teen TV commercial challenge. Past competitions focused on the importance of speaking up to stop dangerous driving and distracted driving. The contest is being launched to correspond with *National Teen Driving Safety Week, Oct. 19-24*. The week was established last year by Congress to focus attention on the nation's epidemic of teen car crashes and to find solutions to lower teen drivers' fatal crash risk. For more information on National Teen Driving Safety week visit www.ridelikeafriend.com. (from the MN Dept. of Public Safety)

Call 911 for all emergencies

To leave messages and non-emergency information:

Duluth Township Police: 393-8407 or 525-5705,
or, St Louis County 911 office: 727-8770

Planning Points

John Kessler, Assistant Planning Director

Since this is the first issue of the new year, we'll keep it short, but to the point. Animal husbandry is very important in our rural setting, is definitely addressed in Ordinance #3, but has some very important intricacies that need to be spelled out.

The ordinance provisions cover a concept that may seem strange: the *ANIMAL UNIT*, which is defined as the number of acres per animal required for various types of animals. In everyday conversation, it computes like this:

- One slaughter steer, heifer, or horse is allowed on one acre of land, thus one animal unit.
- One dairy cow requires 1.4 acres of land, equating to 10 cows on 14 ac.
- One swine needs 0.4 acres (four-tenths) of an acre.
- One sheep, goat, dog or cat requires 0.2 (two-tenths) of an acre.
- One duck, turkey or chicken allowed on .1 (one-tenth) of an acre.

Another way of looking at this is that 2.5 pigs, 5 dogs, cats, or goats, and 10 turkeys or chickens can be kept on each acre of land, providing the total parcel is 2 acres or greater. Pets only are allowed on parcels less than 2 acres, and cannot total more than 1 animal unit, or 5 pets.

The standard formula spelled out above applies in some, but not all zones in the Township: other limitations and requirements enter into the picture, such as conditional use permits, penning and fencing, setbacks, business operations, and, naturally, waste disposal.

The intricacies of these additional concerns lead us to suggest strongly that if you get into a dilemma about how many of what you can keep boarding on your place, PLEASE call us at 218-393-8500. You'll get our prompt and helpful attention. ASAP too.



Jim Munger

The Oldest Resident in Duluth Township

Todd Lindahl

Back on September third I presented a program for the Homesteaders group at the Duluth Town Hall. This presentation was an update of the ongoing excavations at Two Harbors on the *Whiskey Row* archaeological site. Included were a few slides of some likely prehistoric artifacts. After the program ended I was approached by one of the group who said he had dug up a stone artifact from his garden and asked if we could take a look at it. Later, archaeologist Don Menuey and I met with the gentleman at his home to examine his find.

It turned out to be an *Agate Basin* type projectile point made out of high quality jasper and approximately 7,000 to 9,000 years old. Prehistoric quarries in this type of iron formation jasper are found just outside of Thunder Bay, Ontario. It can, however, be found locally, scattered in till deposited by the Superior sub-lobe of the glacier.

The artifact could have been used as either a spear point or a knife. They were essentially a multi-purpose implement used by the hunters of what is called the "*big game culture*." Elsewhere, this style of projectile point has been associated with extinct giant bison kill sites. Unfortunately, northeastern Minnesota is not a very good area for the preservation of skeletal remains. As a result of this, we do not know what these people hunted here locally. Only the stone artifacts remain.

Whoever this ancient resident of Duluth Township was, it can be said that he was incredibly skilled at working stone. The design of the point and method of flaking implies that he was from the late *Paleo-Indian* culture. His world would have been a very different place from the Duluth Township we recognize today. Exactly how different we will never know, but due to the willingness of the individual from the Homesteaders group to share what he found, we get a fleeting glimpse of one of Duluth Township's oldest residents.

Vacancy on the Township Planning and Zoning Commission

This year marks the end of Dave Miller's term on the Township Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission, and he leaves with everyone's thanks for the time he has committed to serving our Township. While we are sorry to see Dave go, this provides an opportunity for another Township citizen to step forward to serve.

The P&Z Commission is a 7 member board that guides the implementation of the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. No special qualifications are necessary to serve on the P&Z Commission, other than an interest in the Township's future and a willingness to serve. Commission members serve 3-year terms and cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. The Commission holds regular monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday each month, with occasional special meetings as the need arises. Commission members receive a per meeting stipend.

Interviews to fill the Commission vacancy will be held by the Town Board after the Feb 6th application deadline. Interested citizens should submit a letter of interest and relevant past experience to Duluth Township, Attn: P&Z Commission Vacancy, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804. If you have questions or would like more information, please email P&Z Chairman Dave Chura at dchurapz@lakenet.com or leave a message for Supervisor Dave Mount or Dave Chura at our Town Hall: 525-5705.

Planning Commission Open House

The Planning Commission will hold an Open House seeking input on Short Term Rentals. The Open House will be on Feb. 26th from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Town Hall. Please stop and share your thoughts with the Planning Commission.

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)

September 25th meeting. All Commission members were present. The August minutes were approved with minor corrections and the agenda was adopted.

Public Hearing on Bieraugel land use permit request (continued from Aug 28th). This is a 1.85ac lot on the lake next to Blue Bird landing. A variance for sewage treatment and setbacks was applied for. Criteria for a variance were reviewed. The variance request was denied (see detailed reasons listed in the official minutes).

The Planning Director, Sue Lawson, reported that the North Shore Management Board Technical Assistance Committee denied a request to remove the erosion hazard designation from areas that have had some stabilization work (apparently to avoid setback requirements). The Board of Adjustment upheld the decision regarding Odyssey Development on Stoney Point and overturned the denial of Worden's short term rental conditional use permit in the Greenwood Road area. (The 3-member Board of Adjustment acts on the appropriateness of Planning Commission procedures in reaching their decisions). The Commission will be proposing some ordinance changes regarding fees, short term rentals, etc. These will be announced via information meetings and a public hearing. The Community Center site and building plans were discussed.

Chair David Chura reported on a working group to meet with Odyssey about new ideas for their proposed development.

The Commission felt that a proposed removal of two cabins and a single family home permit on a parcel in the Stoney Point area was not a problem if the remaining cabin is used as an auxiliary structure. There are no set-back problems.

A draft copy of what the "Community Participation Report" part of a Conditional Use application package should look like was approved to add to the application package.

There were no concerns from the audience.

October 23rd meeting. Present were Chura, Kahl, Levanon, Miller and Rutford. The September minutes were accepted with modifications and the agenda was approved.

Planning Director report: An appeal was received from the Wordens regarding their short term rental conditional use permit. The appeal was sent by registered mail to the Township but it was not an office day (we have a part-time office) and it was returned to the Wordens who remailed it after the deadline for appeal. There is a question of when we legally "received" the notice.

Plans for a site visit and facilitated discussion with Odyssey Development were discussed. There will be a pre-meeting with the facilitator to set out parameters. Two facilitators were discussed, Al Katz and Bob Bruce.

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(Planning, continued)

There were no concerns from the audience.

Old Business: The Commission broke into two working groups: (1) Short term rental issues (Lawson, Kahl, Miller) listed a set of issues (safety, enforcement, character of the Township, possibility of not having short-term rentals, how short term rentals affect property values). (2) Ordinance changes and the permit fee structure (Kessler, Chura, Rutford). Fees were discussed with examples from St Louis County. Potential ordinance changes include the time table for appeals, developing findings immediately following a hearing rather than waiting for the minutes to be approved.

November 20th meeting. Six of 7 members were present: Chura, Rutford, Green, Kahl, Lannon, Miller. The October minutes were approved and the agenda was set. The meeting with Odyssey Development concerning Stoney Point will be facilitated by Al Katz on Dec. 13th. An agreement on issues to be used was discussed. A clarification of conditions of Worden's short term rental conditional use permit at 4329 Greenwood Road was requested and settled. Enforcement issues and the definition of the 7-day short term rental definition were discussed. There is currently a moratorium on short term rental conditional use permits.

It was determined that a public storage business on Homestead Road was not a permitted use in the zone district. Due to few office calls, the Assistant Planning Director will consult and arrange appointments by phone and not hold regular office hours at the Town Hall.

The Planning Director reported on the status of expenses. We will be over budget on wages by about \$1000, over the budgeted \$500 on legal expenses, and over public notice costs because of the number of public hearings. Fees will be discussed to see that these expenses are being covered.

Audience concerns: Hearing the definition of neighborhood commercial use, one audience member felt that short term rentals did not fit in the Greenwood Road area.

There was a discussion of the need to have minutes and other Planning and Zoning information on the Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org.

The Commission broke into two working groups on short term rentals and fee structure changes. (see last meeting minutes).

The Next Planning Committee meetings: Jan 22nd and Feb 26th (4th Thursday) at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.

Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.



New Winter Hours — Closed Monday
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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).

October 9th meeting. All Supervisors attended. Minutes for 5 meetings in September were all approved. The agenda was augmented and approved.

Concerns from the audience: Janet Green requested the Board approve a letter supporting the Coastal Program in Two Harbors planning for estuarine land. Approved. There was also a group attending concerned about a Lake County proposal for an ambulance taxing district that would include the east part of our Township.

Ambulance tax district: Supervisor Mount researched and presented facts underlying this proposal (and written up in an article in the November Newsletter). An extended discussion was held. A member of the Lake County Board will attend the next meeting to answer questions.

Treasurer report: \$27,826.84 deposits, \$59,042.90 expenses, \$739,883.90 ending balance. A CD will be coming due and it will remain with the North Shore bank as part of the strategy of having Township funds spread over different institutions. The claims list was reviewed and approved for payment. One of the elements of work to be assigned to a Supervisor was proposed to be dealing with CDs, budget tracking, and signature authority on the account. Wendy Meierhoff was nominated for that responsibility.

Department reports: *Police:* We need to contract for place to take nuisance animals. *Roads:* Close to budget, last grading this month. *Community Center:* A request to allow the gym to be open 9-11 on Saturdays for basketball as a no-fee program was approved. *Legal:* Draft ordinance language restricting firearms below the expressway was distributed to Supervisors. It will be published in the Newsletter and a public meeting date will be set. The Elden cartway request was withdrawn. The Meyer cartway meeting was cancelled. Nelson land use permit matter has a court date of Oct. 16th. Two Board of Adjustment items were discussed. **Planning:** A meeting with the BAT will be Oct. 28th. The required Storm Water Plan is being finished. **BAT (Building Addition Team):** Planning is being finalized and now we need to search for grants to help with proposed additions. The roof will be completed with an R value going from 0 to 36! Plans for phased additions to the Community Center building will be opened to public comment (see insert and article). **Town Hall:** On demand water heater installed. Parking lot guard rail will be removed and replaced by breakaway posts. Steps will be installed at kitchen door.

October 28th special meeting. All Supervisors present. Mary Vogel and Laurua Ditzler of the Center for Changing Landscapes, presented the site plan for the Community Center. Suggested first steps are to fix the drainage issue, re-grade the site to allow for planned site elements, then we can add elements as funding becomes available.

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Supervisor Mount will pursue the Musser Fund grant which is due by Nov 5th. BAT is revamped as a fund-seeking group.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday)
Jan 8th and Feb 12th at 7pm in the Town Hall.
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings**

DWI Crackdown

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety recently announced the 13 deadliest counties for impaired driving. These 13 accounted for about half of the state's alcohol-related deaths and serious injuries during 2005-2007. St. Louis County is on this list. In December there was a DWI crackdown and there will be continuing programs to reduce the number of DWI deaths. Don't add to these statistics! Drive safely in 2009.

North Shore Locavores

Sherry Rovig

The next meeting will be January 25th at the Town Hall. A goat cheese making demonstration will be at 3pm with the meeting and potluck to follow at 4pm.

The February 22nd meeting will feature a greenhouse tour and chicken raising seminar. For more information, contact: Sherry at 525-0489 or Georganne at 525-4679. The meetings are free and open to the public.

Community Skating Rinks

The Town Board and NSCS thank ALL those involved in getting the skating rinks repaired and flooded for the community to have a great year skating. We have an operational recreational **hockey rink** this year! There are rules for both rinks (see below). NOTE: There is NO phone and NO restroom on weekends or after school hours. Hours and rules are posted. If you have any questions, please contact Supervisor Wendy Meierhoff at 525-0263 or email wendy@bendtec.com.

Hours: Weekdays: 4pm to 9pm — Weekends: 10am to 9pm

Posted Rules

- ▶ No one under 13yrs shall be left without adult supervision.
- ▶ No rough playing, fighting, obscene gestures or language.
- ▶ Children under 12 have priority on hockey rink until 7pm.
- ▶ No hockey playing or broomball outside the hockey rink.
- ▶ Recommended hockey gear MUST be worn by ALL while playing hockey.
- ▶ No smoking or alcohol permitted on Township property.
- ▶ Township nor NSCS are responsible for thefts, accidents or injuries.

Building Assessment Team (BAT)

This Committee has completed work on comprehensive planning for the Community Center site and building (see insert for diagrams). Larger versions are posted at the Community Center and Town Hall). Its members are now seeking grants to help fund various parts of the design.

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: No posted hours, call the
 Assistant Director for an appointment (393-8500)

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)
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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,
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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 Rufford**
 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

Burning 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).

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.
 Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

—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.
- 13, Tue, Last day to file to run for Town Supervisor
- 14, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 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 North Shore Locavores meet, Town Hall
- 29, Thu, 7pm **Open House** on possible firearms ordinance south of Hwy 61, Town Hall

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- 4, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 4, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 6, Fri, Application deadline for Planning Commission opening (see *Board Chair's* article)
- 11, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 16, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
- 18, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
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- 4, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 4, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 10, Tue, 7am-8pm **ELECTION** for Town Supervisor, Town Hall
- 10, Tue, 8:15pm **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**, Town Hall
- 11, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
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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)

Please report theft of aluminum cans at recycling, to Police.

Local Home Chore Services

This is a free listing of **local home chore services** by and for people in Duluth Township. Services could include mowing, snow shoveling, minor repairs, house cleaning, 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 a free estimate. 525-5906
- ▶ ...?

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.)

Crime Alerts

Dangerous — Sprint cell phone users are receiving text messages purportedly from US Bank requesting them to call regarding their US Bank Account. **Delete, do not open message.** You can log on to www.mnscams.org to read about how to protect yourself from scams.

Our Police Department maintains an **E-mail Crime Alert** notification (also on our web site). To receive notices send your email address to:

PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org.



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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

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NEW COMMUNITY CENTER ENTRANCE -

A New entrance will create a new identity for the North Shore Community Center. This will provide a location for easy pick-up and drop-off for community childcare programs such as Preschool and Latchkey. It also provides the opportunity for the community center to run independently of the school classrooms while leaving the gym and cafeteria as shared space.



NEW COMMUNITY CENTER MEETINGS ROOM AND PRESCHOOL -

This space is set up to satisfy many community functions. The primary function of the space would be a new home for the Preschool. The coat room for the kids also has the potential of maximizing storage within that space. There is also direct access to a bathroom. In addition, there is a large storage closet that can be used to store preschool activities when the room is used for another purpose. With the Preschool occupying the space for about 12 hours per week, most of the week for this space can serve other community functions such as community meetings, workshops, and lectures.



NEW COMMUNITY COMMONS & LATCHKEY -

The Community Commons is the ideal multi-purpose space and is at the heart of the community center. The main focus of the space is to serve the need for Arts and Crafts to the community as well as the school. This large space has the ability to be divided into small alcoves for smaller meetings or group activities or open up to the gym for large community events with a portable storage.



NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REMODEL -

The existing allocation of space for the administration offices is inadequate to meet the needs of the school. Shuffling around the existing programmed spaces we can provide the necessary room. By creating specific administration groups we are able to locate office space closer to their teaching space. Keeping the existing art room reduces the strain of trying to relocate and do everything at once. This gives the school options for future office space once the full development is complete.



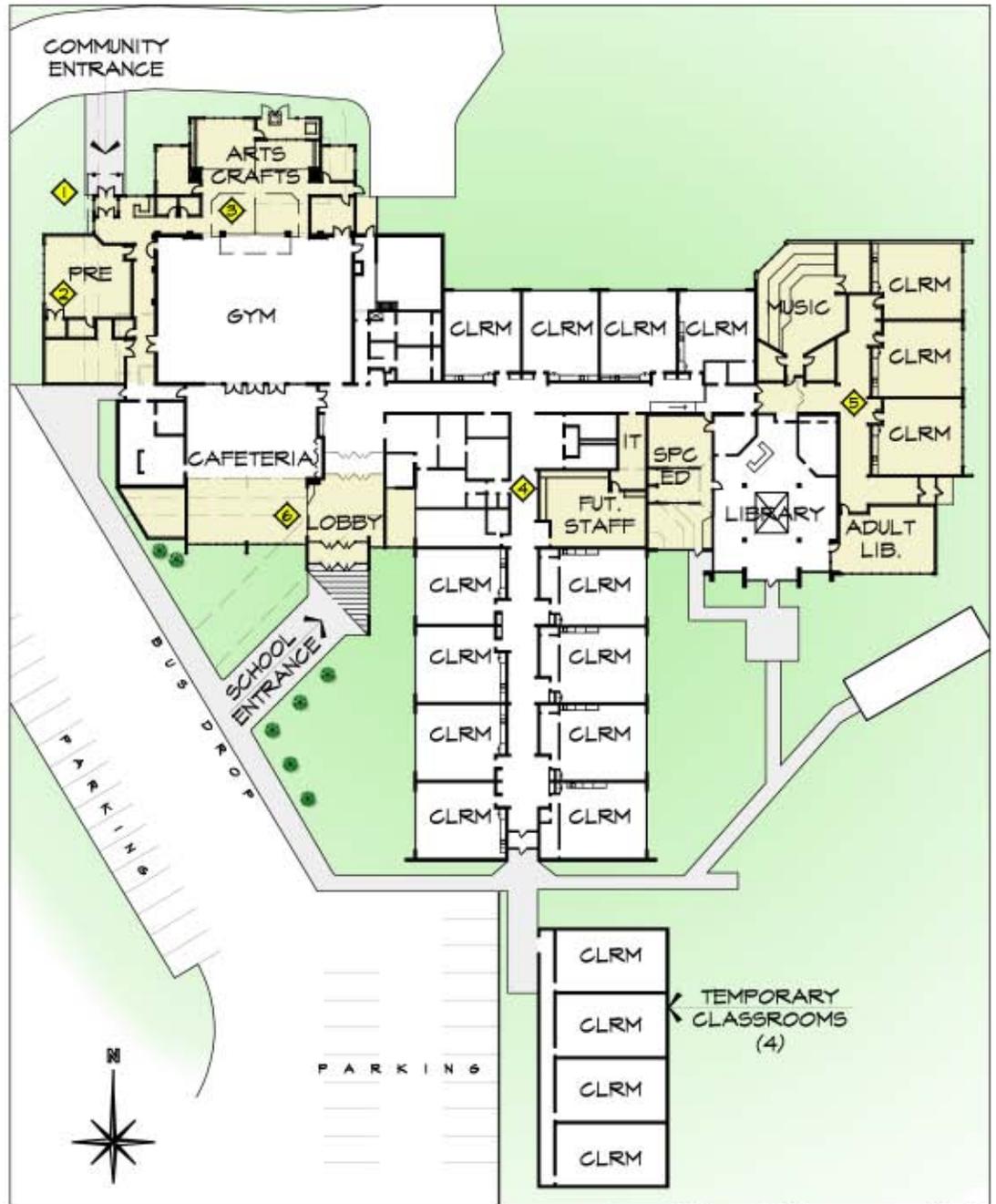
NEW MUSIC CENTER, CLASSROOMS, AND ADULT LIBRARY -

The school does not have a room specifically designed for music. They are currently in a typical classroom without any acoustical separation. Creating a new music center along with appropriate music storage and small practice rooms will be able to benefit both the community and the school. The additional classrooms are necessary to fill the need of the school. Once these classrooms are built there will not be a need for the portable classrooms to the south. They can be removed and ultimately replaced with another community and school related function when future needs demand such. Adding an adult section for the library will give the community a space more appropriate for adult learning and education.



EXPANSION OF LOBBY AND CAFETERIA -

The existing lobby currently does not meet the requirements of the community during large events that take place at the Community Center. The idea is to open up the cafeteria to both the gym and the lobby to better serve the large community functions through out the year. Creating a new projected entrance will not only give the school a new identity but also be more visible from the parking lot. This creates a better use for the front courtyard with landscape features and provides a great spot for outdoor activities. This expansion will benefit both the Community and the school and really help energize the western part of the site.



FLOOR PLAN

SCALE = 1" = 64'-0" 12/22/08



**NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY CENTER
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Expanded Pond/Wetland
Demonstration with
Reworked Soils

Expanded Tree Nursery

Area on Improved Pond
for Winter Hockey/Skating

Expanded Warming House

Service Court for Service
Vehicle Access

Community Multi-Use
Space

Expanded Entrance,
Cafeteria, and Kitchen

Expanded Event Patio

Existing Rainwater
Garden

Existing Firetruck
Access/Path

New Bleachers &
Dugouts

Expanded Parking

Optional Future
Parking Expansion

New Bridges
for Creek
Viewing

Existing Log
Shack Gathering

Expanded Septic Mound

Septic Garden

Tetherball

Relocated Soccer

Paved Handicapped Trail

Trail Orientation

New Classroom

Grade
4-6 Play

Community & School Gardens
& Greenhouse

Soccer Moved East &
Regraded/Resurfaced

Grade
1-3 Play

New Rainwater Garden

Reinforced Turf for
Emergency Vehicle Parking

Picnic Pavillion with
Ski Storage

Toilet

Renovated Fields

New Bridge

Existing Clear Cut

Existing Clear Cut

Expanded Trails

Master Site Plan Community Center and North Shore Community School

The Master Site Plan, completed by the University of Minnesota's Center For Changing Landscapes, is intended to provide a guide for updating and development of the grounds at the Community Center / North Shore Community School.

These updates and developments will be phased in over a period of years as funding becomes available. The Master Site Plan is structured in a phased manner to facilitate funding and flexibility.

The Plan structures the site to function as a campus for both the Community Center and the North Shore Community School. It enhances the connections and cohesiveness of the site in terms of the environment, the circulation systems, play areas and athletic fields, and gathering spaces.

If you would like a closer look at the Master Site Plan, it will be available at the Town Hall and the North Shore Community School. It is also anticipated that it will be available on the Town's Web Site.



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