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Thanks to Jim Munger for sharing his photographs in this issue.
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.

Open all week, 11am-8pm and open Friday and Saturday until 9pm

Specials:
Wed: fish fry
Thurs: Cribbage 6:30-bring a partner!
Fri: Knife River Fish cakes
Sat & Sun: Breakfast 11am-2pm
Sun: Turkey dinner
5730 Homestead Road • 525-4525

The Homesteaders
Helen Hendrickson
March 4th, Wednesday, 12:30, Town Hall. Potluck lunch. Program: Ron Dicklich, County Auditor. This is Homesteader’s Birthday!
April 1st, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Marlene Wisuri presents “1955 Revisited”. Coffee time follows.
May 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall, Program to be announced.

Everybody is welcome.
For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.

Our Thanks to Supervisor Jeff Cook
Jeff Cook is stepping down as Supervisor after many years of service to our Township. I asked Jeff to comment on some highpoints and he provided the following all too modest recollection.

“When I was first elected to the Town Board as a write-in 15 years ago, the Town roads were in deplorable shape. The whole road budget was spent on emergencies and some grading. Now they are in good shape, thanks to the town people agreeing to double the road budget. That was the first big hurdle for me and the Town Board at the time.” (Jeff has served as the primary Supervisor managing our roads over the years.)

“The Community Center (school) was probably the most important asset that we needed to keep going in our Township. The school was, and I believe is, the heart and soul of our Township. I’m proud that I could play a part in keeping it here.”

“The hardest and longest project was the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning upgrade. I was impressed with the community involvement. Our Storm Water Plan greatly benefited from the insight from that work.” (Jeff has done the leg work and preparation of our extensive, State-required Stormwater Management Plan and follow-up reports.)

“Every Board member that I served with tried their hardest to do what they thought was best for the community. I think the present Board is highly motivated and very well rounded to handle anything that might come their way.”

“Our biggest challenge in the coming years is to keep moving forward and not stagnate, for if we don’t have growth we will see a dying community.”

“Good luck to all and God bless.” Jeff Cook
Our thanks to Jeff for his many years of fine service!

Live Well At Home Project
Mary Garmer
The Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging is conducting a survey of persons who are 60 years and older, live in the greater Duluth area, and are at risk of moving out of your home to access help. The survey is being conducted in this area by Parish Nurse (French River Lutheran) Mary Garmer. There is a short questionnaire that must be agreed to and permission will be sought to send your information on to the consultant nurse, who works for the project. The idea is to find people who could benefit by some assistance to remain in your own home. Those who are willing to participate will find Mary at the next Homesteader’s meeting where they can indicate their interest in the project.
Mary Ann Sironen  
Candidate for Township Supervisor

Dear Townspeople,

My name is Mary Ann Sironen and I've filed for the open position on the Duluth Township Board of Supervisors. I'm a life-long resident of Duluth Township and live at the location known as BlueBird Landing on North Shore Drive. My wishes and goals for our unique area are to preserve its culture and environment at the same time enhancing the tax base by supporting opportunities for well-planned growth. Because we are all affected by the cost of Township government that ends up on our taxes, I think that an important area of the Board’s efforts will be in watching and controlling expenses as closely as possible.

I was an original member of the joint powers board that addressed the needs of sewerage along the shore areas of the Township and then served on the board of the Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District during its formative and construction phases. That experience and the lessons learned there, I believe, will serve the residents well as we move forward. I also served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for 6 years and presently sit on the Lake Superior Coastal Council. I’ve worked with the North Shore Community School Endowment Fund Board from its inception until the present. My membership in French River Lutheran Church as well as The Homesteaders is current and active.

My background is in clinical laboratory science and I retired from SMDC in 1998 after 23 years as a medical technologist, section supervisor and operations manager. Since then I’ve worked as a laboratory director for SuperiorHealth Medical Group and project manager for FirstPlan/FirstSolutions Information Services. Currently I’m on the faculty of Lake Superior College as an adjunct instructor in the medical laboratory program.

I encourage you to vote in the Township elections and hope that you’ll put your confidence in me to represent you on the Town Board. I look forward to working with the present Board members and adding my skills to that mix to help Duluth Township remain a great place to live...and look for opportunities to make our life even better.

Thank you.
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.)

November 13th meeting. Four Supervisors attended. NSCS Director Susan Rose was introduced. NSCS hired Dan Schutte to manage the LP grant. Supervisor Dahl and Planning Administrator Lawson will serve as Town leads in coordinating grants for the Community Center.

John Bowen (our representative) and Scott Smith were approved to serve on the sewer board, D/NSSD.

Treasurer: $103,190.04 deposits, $103,305.61 expenses for a balance of $770,984.39. Much of this is in CD’s at several banks and, where the amount exceeds Federal insurance, a deposit guarantee bond covers our Township funds. As of Dec. 2008 our Community Center fund was about $600,000.

Lake County Supervisor Derrick Goutermont attended to answer questions about their interest in creating an ambulance taxing district that would include homes in the eastern edge of our Township (just west of Homestead Road). Many questions and answers covered a range of topics. No action was taken. The extensive list of questions and answers is in the official minutes on our web site.

Departments: Planning: A facilitator was contacted to help with a meeting of Planning Commission and Odyssey personnel on their Stoney Point development interest.

The Township will contract for an animal placement site to temporarily hold animals that our Police have to pick up.

November 25th special meeting. All Supervisors attended to review the Community Center site plan, grants for projects, and to coordinate efforts. The $75,000 LP grant is for an outside pavilion and various playground facilities. The $23,000 Musser grant will help with site preparation, trees and erosion control. Other grant ideas were discussed.

December 11th meeting. All Supervisors attended. Bob Rodda, our road maintenance person, asked that the road bids go out earlier to facilitate work. A resolution was approved to terminate the McQuade Public Access Joint Powers agreement now that the project is complete. Fire-arms concerns below the freeway were discussed. An open house to get public input is planned for Jan. 29th.

Departments: Fire: The new tanker is due in January (FEMA grant) and a $7,000 DNR grant was received. The need for a third stall in fire hall #2 (Town Hall) to house a rescue rig was discussed. Community Center: Inspection fees (e.g. boiler, septic, fire extinguisher, generator) increased from $300 to $2,817. A motion to pay these from the Community Center fund was approved. Planning: Board of Adjustment upheld Planning on the Bieraugel appeal (a sub-standard lot on the shore with erosion and storm-water issues. Variances have been denied over the years.) An open house will be held in Feb. on the short term rental ordinance. Town Hall: Dave Mount installed doors for an accessible cabinet to house a new leased copier. Recycling: Deer guts were dumped behind a dumpster and again aluminum cans for the school library were stolen. Cemetery: A new lawn mowing company, “Cutting Edge”, gave the low bid. Old business: Chair Mount will call the MN Appeals Board of Adjustment upheld Planning on the Bieraugel variance denial was upheld by the Board of Adjustment but is now going to court Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) will handle the case for us. Long range planning group for the Town Hall site includes Fire Chief Engelson, Supervisors Tanner and Mount, Clerk Cox, citizen D. McTavish, Police Chief Padden, and Planning Commissioner Lannon. They plan to meet in March. Town Hall: Our election judge list approved. Recycling: Fred Johansen fixed our shed lights. Budget and Audit meetings are Feb 17th.

February 12th special meeting. Four Supervisors attended. The meeting was called to review the County’s proposal to auction a 10 acre property (valued at $46,000) near the old Clover Valley High School. The land is largely wetland and a federally listed impaired feeder stream. It would be very difficult or impossible to develop this parcel under our Zoning Ordinance. The Board passed a resolution asking St Louis County to withhold the parcel from auction and allow the Town to pursue purchase of the parcel using Outdoor Heritage or other outside funds.

The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday) Mar 12th and Apr 9th at 7pm in the Town Hall. Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

NSCS Pre-school Registration (2009-2010)

Program purpose: To provide a caring, sharing learning experience for pre-school children. We strive to promote love and respect for ourselves, each other, and the world around us.

Classes are offered for 3-5 year olds on Tues/Wed/Thur. Both morning (9:15-11:30) and afternoon (12:15-2:30) sessions are offered. Children may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. Those going on to kindergarten the following year are encouraged to participate in the 3-day program. As $25.00 registration fee is required to hold a spot. Scholarships will hopefully be available again next year. If you would like to help assist a family, contributions can be made to NSCS Pre-school Scholarship Fund and mailed to our Community Center at 5926 Ryan Road. For more information contact: Kathy Johnson (525-0663 ext 106 or 834-5429)
What Happens at our Annual Town Meeting

For those who may not have attended a Town meeting, here’s a bit of background. We gather in our Town Hall on Homestead Road after the polls close (8:15pm). Our Town Clerk, by law, calls the meeting to order and we nominate and elect a resident to lead the meeting.

Our Town Clerk, Ann Cox, hands out a packet that includes minutes from last year’s meeting plus summary information provided by various Township departments—2008 activities and expenses, the previously approved 2009 budget and the proposed 2010 Township budget (see the table at the right).

This Annual Meeting votes on the budget for 2010... a year away because our figures have to be included with County and School District figures for tax statements you receive in 2010. In 2009 we are operating on the budget adopted at our 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

Last year’s minutes are approved, we vote on official posting and our official bank. Then the proposed 2010 budget is discussed and approved. Other business of the Township is raised and discussed and results of the Town election are announced. The meeting is usually suspended rather than adjourned. This permits a special meeting to be called in August in case there is other business that needs to be conducted by Township residents.

This meeting is grass-roots democracy but it depends upon the participation, respect and good ideas of all of our citizens. The Town Meeting is also a good place to meet some of your neighbors and to discuss important Township issues.

Absentee ballots are available from the Town Hall. The Town Hall is open, by law, Saturday, March 10, from 10-12 for absentee voting.

Township Budget Comparisons

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Footnotes:
(1) Note that the actual expenditures include expenses that may be partially covered by fees (e.g. permits, Community Education class fees etc.), grants (e.g. Fire Dept FEMA grant and Alden Township’s contract for fire coverage), or carry-over funds. Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.
(2) Some Departments designate funds for special projects: Road and Bridge emergencies ($35,000), Fire and Police to replace aging fire and police vehicles. These funds are included in the year end balances shown in the Clerk’s report at the Annual Meeting.
(3) The budget amount we approve may be reduced, when levied, by State or County aid to local governments. These funds have been severely cut or eliminated in recent years.
(4) The average annual cost per household uses 740 as the number of households for comparisons here. The Newsletter is currently mailed to about 943 addresses (the U.S. Census counted 704 homes in Duluth Township in 2000 and estimated 723 for 2007).

Tax Levy Budgets (excludes income from fees and other sources)

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Township Expenses and Budget for 2010

The table above shows actual expenses for 2007 and 2008 plus the approved budget for 2009 and the proposed budget for 2010. Actual expenses include income from various sources other than the tax levy, such as permit fees, grants (we’ve been successful in getting several), and carryover from budget savings in a prior year. There is an increase of 16% for 2010 over the budget approved for 2009. Note that actual expenses for last year are higher than anticipated. Township budgets have been pretty flat since 2000. Increases in the proposed 2010 budget stem mostly from Road maintenance needs (and fuel costs), and reflect lower receipts from permit fees, higher legal charges in the Planning budget, and higher insurance costs. Detailed information will be distributed at the Annual Meeting where each budget will be presented.

Your total property tax includes County and State level budgets, any State aid for local governments, and from special assessments (e.g. school district, sewer). The 2010 budget will be voted on at the upcoming March 10th Annual Town Meeting. Plan to attend!
December 17th meeting. Commissioners present: Mike Kahl, Seth Levanen, Dave Miller, Janet Green and Bill Lannon. The Mohs’ explored the possibility of a conditional use permit for a home based business at the corner of Greenwood Road and the Scenic Drive. They make dolls and furniture. A hearing will be held January 22nd. Draft minutes from the Dec 12th facilitated, pre-application meeting with Odyssey concerning ideas for their Stoney Point development were reviewed with no action (no application for a new variance has been submitted).

The Planning Director reported on the Master Site Plan for the Community Center and related grants for site development work. There will be an open house in February to gather views on the short term rental issue. There are issues with lot lines along the shore. The county apparently misplaced benchmarks and problems are being caught with newer survey technology. For example, a garage and well thought to be on one lot are actually on an adjacent lot. Given the problem, the Commission moved to require a registered survey for properties between the expressway and shoreline when requesting a variance or conditional use permit.

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Zoning updates, updated fee structure, 60-day rule clarification, and Board of Adjustment authority will be considered at the next meeting.

The Next Planning Committee meetings: Mar 26th and Apr 23rd (4th Thursday) at 7pm in the Town Hall. Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.

Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief

Our Police Department (Shawn, Steve and Mike) serves our Township 140 hours per month on random shifts. In 2008 they initiated or responded to some 1034 calls for service. Most frequent were requested checks of homes and businesses (353), followed by traffic warnings (62), requested extra patrols (60), checking suspicious vehicles (52) and animal complaints (46). Police responded to 39 burglar alarms, 20 fire alarms and 10 business or residential burglaries. There have been 26 medical emergencies and 2 water emergencies, 1 stabbing and 8 suicide attempts plus serving legal notices. They processed one permit to acquire and one to carry handguns. Our police responded to a great variety of other requests for assistance. These are listed in the Annual Meeting report.

Firearms Meeting
Dave Mount, Chair, Board of Supervisors

On January 29, 2009, the Town Board held a public open house to discuss safety concerns resulting from firearms use between the freeway and Lake Superior, and ways in which these safety issues could be addressed. About 45 people turned out for a very constructive discussion, including representatives from the Minnesota DNR and the Township Police. Of the people that spoke, most expressed concern about creating new rules that might prevent people who are hunting safely to continue doing so. Some citizens echoed concerns reported previously to Township Police in regard to shots fired close to residences and/or deer hunters acting with disregard to various rules and lacking courtesy with respect to landowners. Officers of the DNR and Township Police are committed to enforcing existing rules, but their resources are spread very thin during rifle deer season. One very important tool for controlling unwanted hunting is posting of private land against either trespassing or hunting specifically. While some recognized that posting land might seem “unfriendly,” it was agreed that if people talk with their neighbors to explain why they are posting their land, that concern can be alleviated.

The ability of law enforcement to take action against uninvited hunters on private land is limited if the land is not posted. Another important tool is to make sure to call the DNR and/or the Township Police if there are incidents of unwanted hunting or reckless behavior. Even if law enforcement cannot respond immediately, it is important that they are made aware of issues as they arise. In future Newsletters, we will be providing additional information on Minnesota’s trespass laws and the legal requirements for posting private land.

At their February monthly meeting, the Town Board reviewed the discussion from the open house and decided to focus on public education efforts on posting of private land and contacting law enforcement where firearms-related issues arise. Additional steps, such as an ordinance, will be considered only if these measures do not adequately protect public safety. If you have suggestions regarding these topics, feel free to contact a Town Board member (see page 7). And, most importantly, if you hunt in the area south of the freeway, please be extra aware of nearby homes and roads. Note also that the railroad right-of-way is not public property and is posted against trespassing.

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Call 911 for all emergencies
To leave messages and non-emergency information:
Duluth Township Police: 393-8407 or 525-5705,
St Louis County 911 office: 727-8770

Crime Alerts 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.
Building Permits Issued 2000-2008

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Planned and Zoning: Year in Review
Dave Chura, Chair, Duluth Township Planning Commission and Sue Lawson, Planning Director

This past year, 2008, was one of the busiest years the Commission has experienced in recent memory. The Commission held eight public hearings. Three of the hearings were in regard to short term rental conditional uses and one of them in regard to a short term rental permit revocation. There also were three variance hearings. One of those hearings was for a proposed subdivision development on Stoney Point. This was the culmination of numerous discussions over the last three years with the community and the Commission. As part of the subdivision proposal the developer was seeking a variance from the shoreland setback. The Commission denied the variance and the decision was appealed to the Board of Adjustment where the Commission’s decision was upheld. Discussions continued between the Town and the developer and both parties mutually agreed to continue with a formally facilitated discussion to search for common ground in regard to development concepts that could meet the goals of the Town and the developer. This alternative was mutually beneficial to both the Town and the developer in that both parties were willing to explore options outside of the courts. It is expected that there will be a new development proposal for the Stoney Point subdivision this year.

Early on in 2008, the Commission adopted communications agreements/ground rules that are used during public hearings and meetings. These agreements have been successful and have served the Commission well. Often public hearings are stressful and challenging. Although these agreements are helpful, the civility of Commission meetings is truly a testament to the values of the people in our Township.

There were 39 total building permits issued this past year which was an increase of 9 from 2007. The majority of these permits, about 80%, were in the inland portion of the Township. Single family homes accounted for about 25% of the permits.

The highest number of permits this decade occurred from 2000-2005 with an average of about 64 permits per year. Of those permits, on average, 20 per year were for single family residences.

In response to the Town Board’s direction to proactively plan, the Planning Director coordinated a planning effort with the University of Minnesota Center for Changing Landscapes to develop a Master Site Plan for the North Shore Community Center/School. The Town received a $5,000 planning grant from Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program to help complete the Master Plan. The Plan is complete and has already successfully been used to seek grant funding for implementing a part of the Master Site Plan. The Town has received $23,000 from the Upper Fund to re-grade around the school building, construct rain gardens, and restore a swale.

The Planning and Zoning Department also applied for and received a Coastal Program grant for a computer projector and screen. These have been very helpful in our public hearings. We also anticipate using them in other educational and public meeting settings.

Based on the experiences and testimony from various short term rental hearings and the number of enforcement issues with those short term conditional uses, the Commission recommended to the Town Board that a moratorium be placed on short term rentals. The Town Board enacted a moratorium and the Commission has been reviewing and studying this issue.

Planning and Zoning in the Township works for two reasons: The people of the Township and the Planning staff and Commission members. It works because of the incredible amount of volunteer hours put in by the Commission. In addition to their monthly evening meetings, the Commission members put in enormous amounts of volunteer time preparing for the meetings. This year Commission members put in over 300 hours preparing for meetings, researching short term rental information, and reviewing fee schedules.

It also works because of the support of the people in the Township for embracing the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Regulations and their commitment to providing the financial resources for an effective Planning and Zoning Department. Thank you for that support.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Chief

Our new 3000 gallon tanker has been delivered. It was built by Forstner Fire Apparatus, Madelia, MN on an International 330hp diesel chassis. The tanker was funded by a FEMA grant with some assistance from the Township. It is currently located in Hall #1 because there isn’t sufficient door width at the intended location in Hall #2 (by our Town Hall). Plans are being considered to install a single door in Hall #2 once Township approval is received. Planning for added fire hall space is needed.

For Sale: 1978 International diesel tanker (formerly a milk truck). A condition of the FEMA grant for our new tanker was that this old vehicle be taken out of fire service. It will be sold and bids are being sought. If you are interested, contact Chief Engelson (525-6819) and watch for posted notices.

$7,000 DNR grant received for various equipment and firefighting gear.

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. Note that there is often a burning ban during the dry part of spring.
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
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
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   (Responsibilities: Recreation Facilities, Duluth Assn
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   Community Center)
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   Management Board)
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   (Responsibilities: Cemetery, Fire Dept, RSPT,
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Town Clerk: Ann K. Cox 525-5705 (Town Hall)
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   or Email: TownTreasurer@duluthtownship.org
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   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,
   or Email: JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org
Planning and Zoning Secretary: Beth Mullan
   or Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org
Planning and Zoning Commission: Dave Chura (Chair),
   Jan Green, Michael Kahl (Vice Chair), Bill Lannon,
   Seth Levanen, Yvonne Rutford (and a vacancy)
   or Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org

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

Fire Department: Chief Bob Engelson,
   Assistant Chief Keith Darsow
   or 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)
   or Email: EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

Note: Where possible, email is forwarded to the person, other-
wise 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.

---MARCH 2009---
4, Wed, 12:30 Homesteaders’ Town Hall
4, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business
   meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
7, Sat, 10am-12 noon Office open for absentee ballots

10, Tue, 7am-8pm ELECTION for a Town Supervisor
   Town Hall — Be sure to vote!
10, Tue, 8:15pm ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
   Town Hall
   (Please do not enter the Town Hall until 8:15 to allow
   voting to end, equipment to be stored and chairs to be
   set up for the meeting.)

12, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
13, Wed, 6-8:30pm 4-H Bingo fundraiser, NSCS
16, Mon, 6:30pm, North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library
17, Tue, 7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District
   meeting, French River Lutheran Church
18, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: training, Hall#1
22, Sun, 4pm North Shore Locavores, Town Hall
26, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall

---APRIL 2009---
1, Wed, 12:30 Homesteaders’ meet, Town Hall
1, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business
   meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
9, Thu, 6:30pm Annual Stormwater meeting, Town Hall
9, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
15, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: Training Hall #1
20, Mon, 6:30pm, North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
21, Tue, 7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District
   meeting, French River Lutheran Church
23, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
23, Thu, Deadline for May Newsletter
26, Sun, 4pm North Shore Locavores meet, Town Hall

---MAY 2009---
6, Wed, 12:30 Homesteaders’ meet, Town Hall
6, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business
   meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
14, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
18, Mon, 6:30pm North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library
19, Tue, 7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District
   meeting, French River Lutheran Church
20, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: training, Hall #1
24, Sun, 4pm North Shore Locavores meet, Town Hall
28, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall

---JUNE 2009---
2, Tue, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
4, Thu, 6-8pm Annual Stormwater meeting, Town Hall
8, Sat, 10am-12 noon Office open for absentee ballots
11, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business
   meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
15, Tue, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
16, Mon, 6:30pm North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
19, Thu, 7pm Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District
   meeting, French River Lutheran Church
23, Thu, Deadline for June Newsletter
26, Sun, 4pm North Shore Locavores meet, Town Hall
27, Fri, 7pm Annual Stormwater meeting, Town Hall

---JULY 2009---
3, Wed, 12:30 Homesteaders’ meet, Town Hall
3, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business
   meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
10, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
13, Mon, 6:30pm North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
15, Thu, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: Training Hall #1
19, Mon, 6:30pm, North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
23, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
23, Thu, Deadline for July Newsletter
26, Sun, 4pm North Shore Locavores meet, Town Hall

---AUGUST 2009---
2, Wed, 12:30 Homesteaders’ meet, Town Hall
2, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business
   meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
9, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
13, Mon, 6:30pm North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
15, Thu, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: Training Hall #1
19, Mon, 6:30pm, North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
23, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
23, Thu, Deadline for August Newsletter
26, Sun, 4pm North Shore Locavores meet, Town Hall

---SEPTEMBER 2009---
3rd week, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
3rd week, Deadline for September Newsletter

---OCTOBER 2009---
4, Wed, 12:30 Homesteaders’ meet, Town Hall
4, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business
   meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
11, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
12, Mon, 6:30pm North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
14, Thu, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: Training Hall #1
15, Fri, 7pm Annual Stormwater meeting, Town Hall
19, Mon, 6:30pm, North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
22, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
22, Thu, Deadline for October Newsletter
25, Sun, 4pm North Shore Locavores meet, Town Hall

---NOVEMBER 2009---
5, Wed, 12:30 Homesteaders’ meet, Town Hall
5, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business
   meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
12, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
13, Mon, 6:30pm North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
15, Thu, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: Training Hall #1
19, Mon, 6:30pm, North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
22, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
22, Thu, Deadline for November Newsletter
25, Sun, 4pm North Shore Locavores meet, Town Hall

---DECEMBER 2009---
5, Wed, 12:30 Homesteaders’ meet, Town Hall
5, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business
   meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
12, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
13, Mon, 6:30pm North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
15, Thu, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: Training Hall #1
19, Mon, 6:30pm, North Shore Community School
   Board meeting, NSCS Library.
22, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
22, Thu, Deadline for December Newsletter
25, Sun, 4pm North Shore Locavores meet, Town Hall

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.
(Drop off only during recycling hours)
Please report theft of aluminum cans at recycling, to Police.
Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.
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 March 12th 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 leave a message for Supervisor Dave Mount, at the Town Hall: 525-5705.

Meeting on our Stormwater Plan

On April 9th at 6:30pm the Township will hold its annual citizen’s meeting on our Stormwater Plan in our Town Hall. It is a time to ask questions about the plan and raise issues related to stormwater. This is a required meeting and a part of our State-mandated stormwater report. Attend and participate in this meeting and stay for the regular Town Board meeting which follows at 7pm.

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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