



Scenes in this issue are by resident Jim Munger

# Duluth Township Newsletter

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May 2009

## What's Coming Up...

**Memorial Day Ceremony** — 11am May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Township's Palmer's Cemetery on Old North Shore Road, east of Homestead. (see article)

**Public Hearing** on some updates to our Zoning Ordinance is planned for Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm, Town Hall. Text of changes is expected to be available by May 20<sup>th</sup> on the web site or at the Town Hall. (see article)

**New Community Center Roof** — Bids for replacing the roof have been accepted. Work will be completed this summer.

**Community Center Grounds** — This summer's work includes grading, installing a drainage wetland, outdoor toilets, and a pavilion, thanks to grant funds the Township and School have received.

**New Burning Permit** procedures.

**Suggestion:** Save the enclosed insert with the Township map and contact information for future reference.



## Our 2009 Town Board

From left to right, new member Mary Ann Sironen (Vice Chair), Wendy Meierhoff, Dave Mount (Chair), Dan Tanner, and Steven Dahl.

Our new Town Board met with representatives of each department (Fire, Police, Roads, etc.) at an **annual work planning meeting** on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each area was discussed including plans/priorities for 2009. Then the Supervisors divided up areas of responsibility/oversight. The areas each Supervisor deals with are listed on the enclosed insert. If you have questions, you could first address them to the Supervisor covering that area. If you attend Town Board meetings you will be impressed by how much work is being done for our Township! Let them know you appreciate their hard work!

## About the Township Election and Annual Town Meeting

The election and our Annual Town Meeting were rescheduled to March 17<sup>th</sup> due to a predicted severe storm.

Mary Ann Sironen was elected to a 3-year term as Town Supervisor by 101 votes among 102 ballots cast.

Our Annual Town Meeting set 5 official posting places: Scenic Cafe, Light-house Restaurant, Town Hall, Fire Hall #1, and our Community Center/School. Department budgets were discussed and the overall levy amount for 2010 was set at \$360,295, down from the listed \$386,295 because of other new non-levy funding that the Township expects to receive in 2010. This total may be further reduced before taxes are set if State or County aid

## Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Amy Bergerson, Dave Chura, Ann Cox, Barbara Crow, Bob Engelson, Margaret France, George Hagglund, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hooey, John Kessler, Sue Lawson, Todd Lindahl, Janet McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, George Sundstrom, and our Webmaster, Linda Holliday. Thanks to Jim Munger for sharing his photographs in this issue. Thanks to Township residents for their mailbox art!

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.)

## Duane's Weird Rock

Todd Lindahl

Duane Madison has a weird rock.

I have lots of friends who have weird rocks, but Duane's is the biggest and weirdest of all. It is a conglomerate that contains smaller rocks of all three categories including igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rock. They are held in a matrix like chocolate chips in a chocolate chip cookie and then baked to perfection by mom nature in some incredibly hot geologic oven. If this was not confusing enough, the glacier rolled and rounded it into a giant ball and dropped it in Duane's yard.

The origin of this unique boulder is somewhat difficult to explain even for a trained geologist. This results in a variety of differing theories about how it was initially formed. Several things are immediately noticeable when looking at the boulder. Some of the smaller rocks are from the iron formation comprising Gunflint silica, jasper, and chert. Some of these individual stones have been rounded by the action of water while others are shattered, sharp, and angular. The sedimentary rocks include round limestone concretions and sandstone. All are mixed, jumbled, and suspended in a matrix rock that resembles a gray volcanic ash. Microscopic examination of the matrix reveals small glassy black beads that may be tektites. They are formed generally by melted silica sand associated with meteorite impacts.

Geologists working for the U. S. Geological Survey and studying the Sudbury, Ontario meteorite impact examined a sample of Duane's rock and stated it is entirely likely it could have originated from an impact. The Sudbury event is the second largest impact known on earth. The third largest is the one blamed for wiping out the dinosaurs. Ejecta from Sudbury has been found as far west as Hibbing, Minnesota and is very similar to the material in Duane's rock. A smaller, but closer impact occurred just south of Gunflint Lake and may also be the culprit. There are as many different opinions as there are people who have looked at it. If the meteorite theory is correct, then consider this. A giant meteorite comes from deep space and smacks into the earth blasting out loose and broken rock. The immense heat of the impact cements it all together as it falls back to earth where it sits for an incredible amount of time. Eventually the glacier comes along and scoops it up and transports it maybe hundreds of miles while rounding it off prior to dropping it in Duane's yard.

As I said at the beginning, Duane Madison has a weird rock.

**Any child who is interested in playing soccer this summer** (ages pre-K through age 11 years old) please call Amy Bergerson at 525-3792. North Shore Soccer participates under the AYSA league.

### Board of Adjustment Members

When requested, our *Board of Adjustment* examines decisions by the *Planning Commission* and *Planning Director* to see if the directives of our *Comprehensive Plan* and *Zoning Ordinance* have been followed. The *BOA* is appointed each year. By ordinance, it includes three members, one each from the *Town Board*, the *Planning Commission*, and a resident. This year the *Town Board* representative is Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen. The resident member is Paul Voge who served on the *BOA* this past year. The *Planning Commission* will select its representative at an upcoming meeting. Appeals to the *BOA* are rare although two non-residents appealed this past year.

## The Homesteaders

Helen Hendrickson

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall.  
Luncheon and program: County Attorney Melanie Ford will discuss her office and answer questions.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30, Town Hall.  
Luncheon and music by the Carl Moe group.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall.  
Annual picnic and bingo.

***Everybody is welcome.***

For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.

### NOTICE

Please

**do not drive**

**4-wheelers on**

**our**

**Community**

**Center Soccer**

**Field.**



*Paid Advertisement*

### Home Care Resources That Serve Duluth Township

Margaret France

#### Medical Services:

*Nursing and therapy services; Medicaid/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**

Planning Pointers  
John Kessler



Picture by resident and Fire Auxiliary member Barb Crow

**The 'Liberty' Tanker**

Our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department christened the T1 tanker the "Liberty" tanker in memory of Bruce Liberty (1931-2009). Bruce helped assemble this tanker from our old tanker's 5000 gallon aluminum tank and an MPL chassis. Bruce enjoyed contributing to the maintenance of our fire vehicles. He was awarded honorary membership in the Department prior to his death from mesothelioma. Bruce had a life-long maritime career, retiring as Chief Fleet Engineer for US Steel's fleet of lakers which included current boats like the *Edwin H. Gott, Edgar B. Spear* and *Roger Blough*. A brief story of his life in the Great Lakes maritime industry, written by resident Sheila Packa, will be published in the *Journal of the Inland Seas* which chronicles the history of the Great Lakes.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department  
Bob Engelson, Chief

**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 offers are being sought. If you are interested, contact Chief Engelson (525-6819) and watch for posted notices.

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

**Watch for a fire ban.** Springtime usually brings dry grass before greenery sprouts. Be careful about grass fires. Burning permits are required.

In most worth-while educational programs, a review is presented from time to time, often followed by a test! This is such a presentation, a refresher, if you will, of what appeared in the Newsletters last year, in 2008, discussing highlights of the Ordinance #3, approved in 2005.

Duluth Township does not issue building permits, rather just **Land Use Permits**, which deal with any structural activity that uses or occupies the land surface. Excluded are remodeling, if the footprint doesn't grow larger, and structures of less than 100 square feet. If we went the building permit route, there would also be inspections, and a considerably higher fee structure. Within the borders of the township there are eleven(11) separately defined zones, having differing requirements for uses allowed, and dimensions within parcels of setbacks, and total lot coverages. In addition, two(2) overlay segments have been identified for special concern and treatment: a Sensitive overlay covering the lower middle terrain where steeper water runoff and swampiness occurs, and the Lake Superior shoreline.

Most signs are regulated: the most important thing to remember is that signs off your own land, including on road rights-of-way, are banned.

The keeping of animals is also regulated – remember 'animal units'? Lots of detail here, but the minimum is five(5) household pets per two(2) acres. How many of what kind of two- or four-legged creatures you can have and care for is determined by how much land you have, and what variety of animal suits your taste. The ordinance, available in the Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road or on the internet at [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org), spells out all, or most all, of the detail referred to above. You are certainly welcome to call and ask any questions; just dial John Kessler at 218-393-8500. No question is too unreasonable or too simple. In fact, because of several factors last year, there will be no staffing at the Town Hall this year: the phone method has worked well, and a meeting can be arranged at any place and time of your convenience. Please do call: 218-393-8500.

Now the good news: there is no test!

**Annual Public Safety Expo** is August 22nd 10-3 Hermantown Police Dept. It's a public family event showing police, fire, and emergency equipment. Demonstrations, food, and fun!



Learn fun facts about Lake Superior and how to protect it, get a rain barrel, and have fun with the kids at the Lake Superior Watershed Festival, **Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>**. Events run from 10am – 4pm at the Duluth K-Mart parking lot, 1734 Mall Drive, Duluth, in a Big-Top tent. **The event is free.**

**Highlights:**

- Rain barrels for sale (only 20 available)
- Shows by acclaimed children's entertainer Tricia and the Toonies (11:30 and 1:30)
- Door prizes, food, and home & garden workshops for adults

## 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](http://www.duluthtownship.org).)*

**February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.** Supervisors Cook, Dahl, Mount and Tanner were present. Minutes for Jan 8 and Feb 2 were passed. There were no concerns from the audience. January deposits were \$60,710.90, expenses \$173,966.12 for an ending balance of \$791,656.74. Bills were examined and approved.

**Department reports:** Fire: New tanker arrived. Hall 2 needs to have a single door installed in place of the current two doors to provide ample width for the new truck (\$5,500 bid). Rules for sale of the old milk tanker were discussed. Planning: Commission opening advertised. At our request, the County withdrew its plan to sell a stream/wetland parcel of tax forfeit land. Legal: We were served papers regarding the Worden 5232 short term rental property issue. Roads: We will order the same quantity of class 5 gravel from the County as last year. The annual storm water meeting is April 9th at 6:30pm. Community Center: Musser grant funds were received. Other grants sought included IRRB which is out of funds but will hold our request. Stimulus funds are a block to the State Dept of Education. NSCS sent a letter of intent to apply to their office.

A Joint Oversight Committee (JOC) was formed to coordinate work at the Community Center. It includes 2 school members and 2 Board members (*Supervisors Steve Dahl and Wendy Meierhoff*). A quote is being sought from our cemetery lawn mowing company to mow our Community Center grounds. Town Hall: The copier arrived. The Town Hall needs painting this year. Cemetery: *Cutting Edge* proposal is for 10 mowings at \$240/time. Old business: The open house on fire arms concerns between the lake and freeway was discussed including further education instead of an ordinance.

**March 9<sup>th</sup> emergency meeting.** All Supervisors present. The meeting reviewed legal rules for postponing an election in the face of major storm warnings. They voted to postpone the election and Annual Town meeting one week to March 17<sup>th</sup>. Legally both have to be held on the same day. An effort will be made to get the word out via news, emails and calls, plus regular postings.

**March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.** All Supervisors attended. The Feb. minutes were approved. Audience Concerns: Parents spoke about the North Shore Community School skating rink and its possible closure. There have been problems with unsupervised children, lights being broken, electrical panel broken into, lack of helmets on the skating rink, garbage, shovels and brooms left laying around and children not following skating safety policies. There has been quite a bit of interest from parents to create an association of 5-6 group leaders with 12-14 members in each group to rotate supervision of the rink. They requested guidance on how to proceed. Having a sustaining skating season is a goal. Supervisors Steve Dahl and Wendy Meierhoff will schedule a meeting.

*(March 12th minutes summary continued)*

February deposits were \$204,399.25, expenses \$127,567.21 leaving a balance of \$870,948.01. Bills were examined and approved for payment.

**Department reports:** Police: They are working with the Community School on a crisis intervention plan. Fire: The old milk truck tanker is being sold and offers are being sought. Planning: Stimulus funds are being watched as they might apply to our community and/or school. The final site plan for the Community Center has been received. A short term rental open house was held and 10-11 people attended. The zoning fee schedule and clarity on the "60 day" rule are also being discussed. Proposals to the Town Board are forthcoming. Legal: The Worden's attorney filed for a summary judgment meaning that facts are in and the judge decides the outcome on their short term rental issue. The Meyer cartway hearing was scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Community Center: School Director Susan Rose received a letter from the Red Cross asking if the Community Center could be used in the event of a major disaster. We have a sprinkler system emergency generator that is large enough to power the whole building if we have a switch to shift from grid to generator power. The *Red Cross may be able to help in getting* Homeland Security funding for this switch. This potential use of the Community Center was favorably received. Roof bids are to be opened March 26<sup>th</sup>. Johnson Control's contract for NSCS/Community Center maintenance is up in June. We need to give them 90 days notice to renegotiate the contract. Approval was given for Supervisor Meierhoff to write a letter requesting this. Town Hall: Our office computer's hard drive crashed. Supervisor Meierhoff was authorized to spend up to \$2000 to find a replacement with software. Correspondence: USDA rural development grant information, MN Dept of Revenue provided new Taconite Mutual Aid funds for the Township for 2009. The Program of Work meeting set for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Information needed for the March 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was discussed.

**March 24<sup>th</sup> special meeting.** Supervisors Mount, Dahl, Meierhoff and Tanner were present to interview the two residents who applied for one Planning Commission vacancy. Barbara Crow was selected for the 3-year term on the Commission. Thanks to both candidates who stepped forward to offer their time and expertise.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> program of work meeting.** All Supervisors were present: Chair Dave Mount, Steven Dahl, Wendy Meierhoff, Mary Ann Sironen, and Dan Tanner, plus our Town Clerk Ann Cox, Planning Director Sue Lawson, Police Chief Shawn Padden, Attorney Tim Strom. The round-table meeting discussed 2009 plans of each Department area and divided areas of oversight among Supervisors (*see insert for work assignments*).

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)  
May 14<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.duluthtownship.org))

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.** Commissioners present: Dave Chura, Mike Kahl, Bill Lannon, Seth Levanen, Dave Miller, and Yvonne Rutford. The agenda and minutes for the previous meeting were approved. Sue Lawson, Planning Director, reported that Odyssey will submit a new variance request for their Stoney Point subdivision but this has not yet been received. The notification area for Odyssey's *Community Participation Report* will be the same as before. A public hearing for the Mohs request for a conditional use permit for a home business and an open house for public input on the short term rental issue were scheduled. Currently there is a moratorium on short term rentals while the Commission works up recommendations for potential ordinance changes. The Board of Adjustment upheld the Planning Commission's decision to deny Worden's request for a short term rental conditional use permit at 5232 Greenwood Road. Wordens are also appealing the interpretation of conditions on their other short term rental. An open house is scheduled for January 29th on firearms use between the expressway and the lake where there have been some complaints about firearm use near homes during hunting season.

The Planning Commission's denial of Bieraugel's variance was upheld by the Board of Adjustment. They are going to court on the issue. The Minnesota Association of Townships is representing us and our insurance covers costs after a deductible. It was mentioned that variance requests on this small parcel have been denied twice in past years. The Town has been sued on planning issues only once in past memory.

A planning team for the Town Hall/Fire Hall/Recycling area includes Fire Chief Bob Engelson, Supervisors Dave Mount and Dan Tanner, Town Clerk Ann Cox, Planning Director Sue Lawson, Planning Commissioner Bill Lannon, and resident Don McTavish. Several issues will be discussed and options for possible future action will be proposed to the Town Board.

The 2010 Planning Commission budget request was discussed. This year the Commission ended up in the black even with higher legal fees because there was a carry over balance of \$11,000 from the prior year. The carry over balance into 2009 is \$3,748. Building permit revenue is down and costs such as legal notices in the Duluth News Tribune and legal fees are higher. Staff costs and increasing workload were discussed.

Coop Light and Power plans to sell about 35 acres from their 40 acre sub-station site on Homestead Road. Yvonne Rutford was voted to represent the Commission at D/NSSD (Duluth North Shore Sanitary District) meetings. A working group will recommend revisions to our fee structure for discussion at the next meeting.

**February 26th meeting.** Commissioners attending: Jan Green, Mike Kahl, Bill Lannon, Dave Miller, and Yvonne Rutford. The public hearing on Robert and Leslie Mohs' conditional use permit for a home-based business was held. Their business is "Light of the Moon" including an art doll gallery at 5163 Greenwood Road. The proposal is for occasional retail sales up to 30 days per year. Definitions and requirements were reviewed. There were no objections from the audience and the CUP was approved.

*Planning Director report:* The Wordens are going to court on their 5232 Greenwood Road short term rental issue. Huck Andreson, the same attorney representing the Bieraugels, is also representing the Wordens. The Wordens are appealing the Commission's interpretation of the conditions of the conditional use permit on their 5249 Greenwood property short term rental property.

The proposed revision of the fee structure was sent to Commission members and will be discussed at the March meeting. A question was raised about the two commercial billboards on the Scenic Highway. Off site signs are not permitted in the Township and are being banned from roads with Scenic Byway designation. These two are currently in use. It was noted that they were grandfathered in.

**March 26th meeting.** Present were Commissioners Chura, Crow, Kahl, and Rutford. After updates by the Director, the Commission listed potential items of business for the year. These included setting the fee structure to respond to suggestions at the Annual Meeting that more of the P&Z costs could be covered by increased fees. Education, adding to the web site including a frequently asked question section were among a list of items.

The fee structure was discussed at length and fees were added for things such as variance and conditional use processing. An effort was made to keep usual permit fees lower. See full minutes on the Town web site.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings: May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) at 7pm in the Town Hall.**

*Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.  
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.*

### Updating our Listing of Local Businesses

For several years Duluth Township businesses have been listed on our web site and, periodically, printed as a reminder insert in the Newsletter. The purpose is to highlight our businesses and urge residents to use local businesses. It is past time to update our list. If you have a business — home business or otherwise, please let us know. You can see the current list on the Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) and click on the "Business" tab. Thanks for your help.

Order your **garden dirt or rotted manure** early. I'll put you on the list.

**Driveway work and septic repair, large rock and small rock. Lawn mowing.** Call Walt at 525-5092

Dusty Homestead Road  
*George Hagglund*

Blacktop on the Homestead Road was a long time in coming. During the 1930's and 40's we had to tolerate a fog of fine dust whenever it was dry, especially in the summertime. I grew up living just a quarter-mile off the road and can still remember seeing the dust clouds of red clay that were thrown up whenever a car traveled up or down on the main road. And since I didn't own a car for much of my early youth, can recall being enveloped in choking clouds of dust whenever a car passed me by.

The residents of the houses next to the road suffered the most — the Ivarinen's, the Ben Carlsons, and the Vostries in the early days of the 30's. Putting the washing on the line was to invite fast-moving trucks and cars to speed up and create a bigger cloud.

The first car in line had it good, but the cars that followed were exposed to choking dust and flying rocks. Pock-marked windshields were the rule, not the exception. There was so much dust thrown up on some days you couldn't pass the slow car in front because you couldn't spot oncoming traffic. Family cars were always dirty and covered with dust.

Henning Carlson was infamous — he traveled fast in his '46 Chevy and the dust would rise to record heights.

And then came the blacktop road. What heaven! Life was never the same.



*Jim Munger*

Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Changes

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm, Town Hall

There are several proposed changes to our Zoning Ordinance that need to be addressed. Main items include revisions to our short term rental ordinance, revising our permit fee schedule, clarifying wording for our *Board of Adjustment* and the 60-day rule, plus a few minor text changes. Proposed changes will be available for review by May 20<sup>th</sup> on our web site [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) or at the Town Hall during office hours.

New Fire Permits

**Burning permit is required** unless there is at least 3 inches of snow on the ground. In the dry early spring there often is a burning ban in effect. Check the Town Hall.

This year we have a new burning permit form and some new rules:

One Day Permit — This is picked up the day of the burn and is activated by the fire warden/forester.

Three Day Permit — can be picked up several days before start. You, the "permitee" activate the permit and write the activation number on the permit.

There are two other types of permit,

a "*variance permit*" and an "*internet permit*" with other rules. These appear to be oriented toward commercial or longer term projects.



Police Department  
*Shawn Padden, Chief*

Our Police Department logged 87 events plus regular patrols and paperwork in February. These included 6 traffic violation warnings, 6 motorist assists, 4 suspicious vehicle checks, 2 fraud complaints, 2 medical emergencies, and 57 vacation home/business checks.

Our Police are working with the North Shore Community School to develop a crisis intervention plan.

Reminder—with summer on the way, more joggers, walkers and pedestrian traffic in general will be back out doing their thing. We have a great number of calls during the summer related to dogs chasing these folks and terrorizing them. Sometimes repeatedly. We do have a **Leash Law** in the Township and generally, after the first warning about a dog being in violation of it, the dog owner will be cited on the second reported offense.

Also, the *North Shore Scenic Railroad* will be starting operations soon. Drivers are expected to obey the stop signs at the railroad crossings in the community. The railroad is **not** open to public use and violators found trespassing are subject to fines if found ignoring No Trespassing signs that indicate such.

**Vacation/Business Patrol** — If you are away or need extra police checking, there is a form you can use to request police checking while you are away. See the Town Hall or our web site.

**Township Email Contact**

Our webmaster, resident Linda Holliday is developing a way for you to sign up to get Township notices by email. Shortly you will notice that when you get on our Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org), you will see a form to use to sign up. It asks only for your email address and name. This is confirmed by an automatic response email sent back to you to be sure your email address works!

An email contact list would have been handy to notify people about the storm-delayed Annual Town meeting last March and might be useful for notices of special Township meetings or events. It would only be used by the Township to send you timely information.

Watch for this new option!

Join your neighbors in honoring service men and women from our Township

### Township Memorial Day Ceremony

At our Palmers Lakeview Cemetery  
North Shore Road just east of Homestead Road  
**11am on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

A memorial tribute to current and past service women and men will be given.

Other participants include the *Boy Scout Troop* and music by led by members of the *French River Lutheran Church* who often also provide coffee and donuts. Mark your calendar to attend!

For further information, contact George Sundstrom

### Possible Problems with

#### Lakenet email Going to Yahoo Accounts

Kevin Olson of Coop Light and Power indicated that they were having problems delivering email to Yahoo email addresses. Yahoo was blocking all Lakenet emails.

Lakenet's providers are working with Yahoo to get the issue resolved. The consequence is that Lakenet urges people to sign up for free email service with Yahoo or another email service either as a permanent or temporary solution. Call Kevin at 834-2226 for information.

### North Shore Locavores

Sherry Rovig

No meetings are scheduled for May, June or July. The next meeting will be Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, (4<sup>th</sup> Sun.) at our Town Hall. For more information, see "[Locavore](#)" tab on our Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org), or call: Sherry at 525-0489 or Georganne at 525-4679. Meetings are free and open to the public. An educational hour often precedes (3pm) a 4pm meeting with a pot luck meal at 5pm.

### Added Community Education Class

*Pruning Miniature Roses along the North Shore.* Did you know that pruning a rose bush is really telling the bush in what direction to grow? Want to learn more about pruning miniature roses, then you may want to sign up for a free demonstration class, June 3rd at Pine Tree Miniature Roses, 5283 North Shore Drive. Please sign up by May 25th with our Township's *Community Education*. Wendy Meierhoff (525-0263)

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](mailto:PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org).

## Township Calendar

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

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### —MAY 2009—

- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** 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
- 25, Mon, 11am **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE** at the Township's Palmer's Cemetery
- 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### —JUNE 2009—

- 3, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 3, Wed, 7pm **Public Hearing** on Zoning changes, Town Hall (see article)
- 3, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 4, Thu, Last day of school at NSCS
- 11, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 15, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
- 16, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 17, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall#1
- 23, Tue, Deadline for July Newsletter
- 25, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### —JULY 2009—

- 1, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 1, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 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

### 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.

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



**Open daily at 11am**  
**Specials:**  
*Mexican Monday*  
Wednesday: fish fry  
Thursday: ham dinner  
Fri: Knife River fish cakes  
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*wood shed, yard shed, raised garden beds, etc.*  
**CALL FOR SPRING SALE PRICES**  
 George A. Sundstrom 525-5655

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# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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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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fax (218) 525-3845, web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
or Email: [TownHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownHall@duluthtownship.org)

**Town Office Hours:** Tues. and Wed. 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:**

**Stephen Dahl**, (2007-2010) 525-4679 or  
Email: [SteveDahl@duluthtownship.org](mailto:SteveDahl@duluthtownship.org)  
(Responsibilities: Shares Roads, Community Center,  
Recreation Facilities (JOC) )

**Wendy Meierhoff** (2008-2011) 525-0263  
or Email: [Wendy@duluthtownship.org](mailto:Wendy@duluthtownship.org)  
(Responsibilities: Community Education/Recreation  
Coordinator, Police, Alternate on Planning, Shares:  
Recreation Facilities (JOC) and Community Center)

**Dave Mount** (2007-2010) **Board Chair** 525-7961  
or Email: [DaveMount@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveMount@duluthtownship.org)  
(Responsibilities: Board Chair, Planning &  
Zoning, North Shore Mgmt Bd, Shares Town Hall, )

**Mary Ann Sironen**, (2009-2012) **Vice Chair** 525-2010  
or Email: [MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org](mailto:MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org)  
(Responsibilities: Personnel, Newsletter/web site,  
Duluth/County Assn of Twps, Senior Housing, Board  
of Adjustment, Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District,  
Alternate: North Shore Management, Board Chair)

**Dan Tanner** (2008-2011) 525-4087  
or Email: [DanTanner@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DanTanner@duluthtownship.org)  
(Responsibilities: Cemetery, Fire Dept, RSPT,  
MPCA, SWPPP, Shares Town Hall and Roads)

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

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

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

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

**Planning Director:** **Sue Lawson**  
**Assistant Director:** **John Kessler** 393-8500,  
Email: [JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org](mailto:JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org)

**Planning and Zoning Secretary:** **Beth Mullan**  
Email: [PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org)

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** **Dave Chura** (Chair),  
**Barbara Crow, Jan Green, Michael Kahl,**  
**Bill Lannon, Seth Levanen, Yvonne Rutford**  
Email: [PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PlanningZoning@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](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org)

**Fire Department:** **Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief**  
**Keith Darsow, President Bill Cox**  
Email: [FireHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto: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:** Supervisor Meierhoff  
Email: [EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org)

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**Welcome to Duluth Township** is a booklet that provides  
a guide to land use and living in Duluth Township  
(available in our Town Hall)

**Township Legal Notices** (meetings, hearings, etc.) are  
posted at the Town Hall and published in the *Duluth*  
*News Tribune* and posted at the *Lighthouse on Home-*  
*stead, Scenic Café, Community Center, & Fire Hall #1,*

### Regular Township Meeting Dates

(There may be other meetings and/or cancelled meetings.  
See notices posted at the Town Hall, in the Newsletter, or on  
our web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org))

**Town Board:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7pm, Town Hall

**Planning Commission:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs 7pm, Town Hall

**Duluth/North Shore Sewer District (D/NSSD):**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7am, French River Lutheran Church

**Homesteaders:** First Wednesday at noon, Town Hall

**Fire Department meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed., 7pm, Hall 1

**Annual Town Meeting** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. in March.

**Newsletter:** Published every other month—Jan, Mar,  
May, July, Sept, Nov. **Deadline** is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month  
prior to publication (e.g. Feb 23 deadline for March issue).

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### 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

**Girl Scouts:** contact Julie Igo 726-4710

**Crime Alerts:** Our Police Dept has an email *Crime Alert*  
notification (also on our web site). To receive notices  
send your email address to:

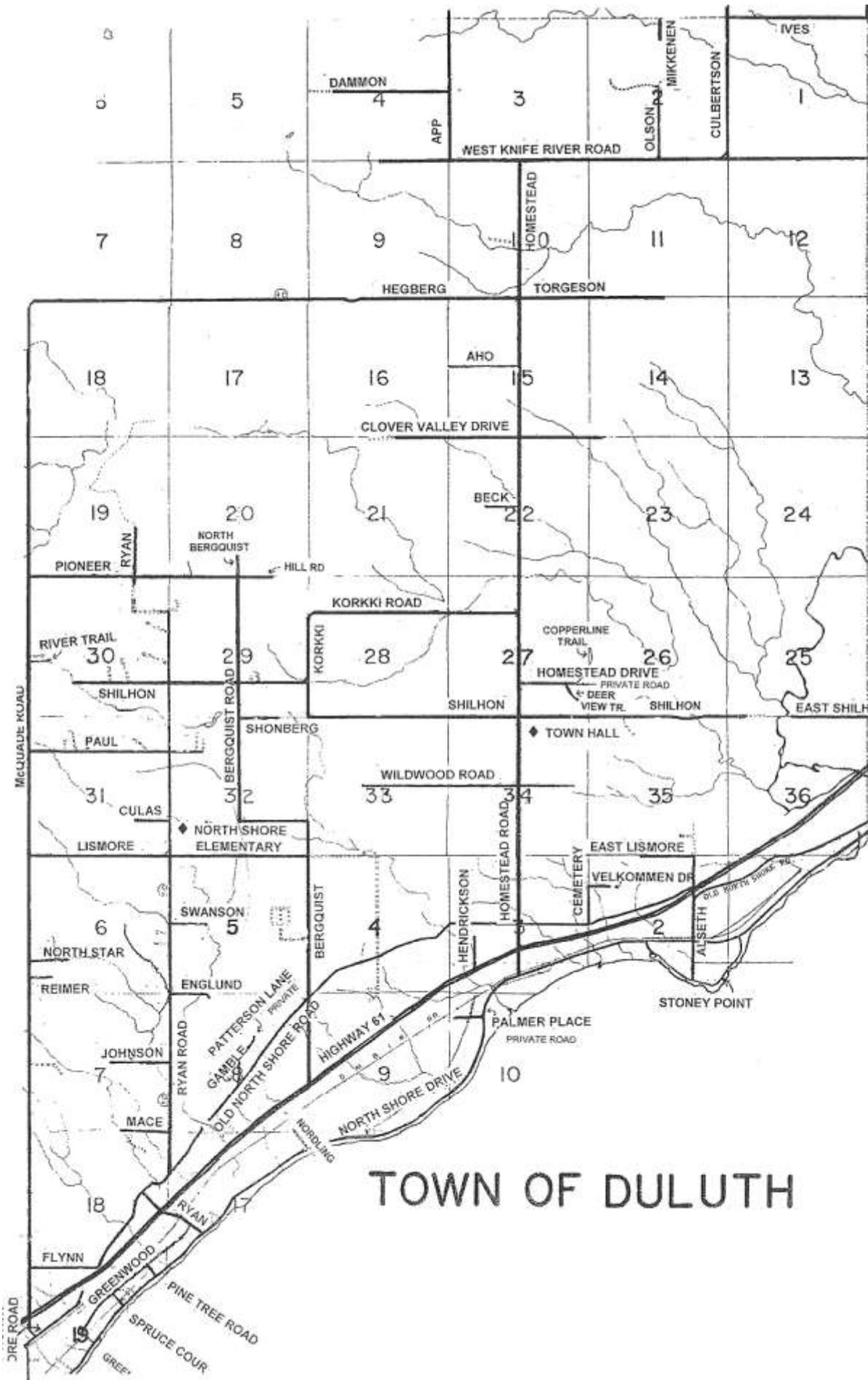
[PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org).

**Community Center:** 5926 Ryan Road. Has community  
recreation facilities. It also is the site of our:

**North Shore Community School (NSCS)**, a public  
charter school for grades K-6.

**Your Fire Insurance Rates:** Our Clifton Volunteer Fire  
Dept. currently has a level 8 rating (for insurance use).

**Governance Procedures and Regulations.** Duluth  
Township has an elected 5-member Town Board, and  
appointed Treasurer and Town Clerk. We have our  
own *Comprehensive Plan, Zone Map and Zoning*  
*Ordinance*. These and an explanation of Township  
governance can be found on our Township web site:  
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