



Fire Dept Harvest Dinner photo by Judith Torrence



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# Duluth Township Newsletter

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November 2010

## What's Coming Up...

# VOTE!

**Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Election:** Note our Town Hall is open for voting from 7am to 8pm on election day.

**Winter Community Education Classes** with registration form insert (see article).

**Duluth Township Community Center (DTCC)/North Shore Community School (NSCS) Addition Update** — (see article and NSCS News insert)

**Planning Commission meetings rescheduled** to avoid holidays: Nov/Dec meeting is Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm the Board of Adjustment meets** on appeal of action terminating Worden's short term rental conditional use permit because of continuing failure to meet terms of their permit. The Town Board now serves as our Board of Adjustment to hear appeals of actions of the Planning Commission.

**Plans for high-speed fiber optic connection** for homes in Duluth Township are being discussed. This could include phone, internet, and other video by 2013.

## Town Board of Supervisors Election

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues) we hold an election to fill any open Town Board positions. The deadline to sign up to run for Supervisor is specified by law and is usually about Dec 30<sup>th</sup> to Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost of filing is \$2 and the application is handled by our Town Clerk. The January *Newsletter* will provide information about openings and the official filing deadline.

## Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Leo Babeu, Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Mary Ann Daniel, Bob Engelson, George Hagglund, Cindy Hale, Helen Hendrickson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Jim Munger photos, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, Judith Torrence, and our Webmaster, Linda Holliday.

## Duluth Township Community Center/NSCS Skating Rink and Warming House Construction Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

There's a great deal of activity taking place at the Duluth Township Community Center/North Shore Community School these days (see article on building construction in the insert).



In addition to the construction of new rooms on the building, a dedicated, energetic group of volunteers has been transforming the 'winter recreation' spaces, i.e. ice rinks and associated facilities.



At the end of the summer, a search discovered good, used hockey boards ready for sale by Eagle River (WI) Recreation Association. A good deal was struck and the volunteers made the trip, loaded the boards and brought them back here where they are ready for installation. Before that could happen, however, the rink base needed to be prepared to allow for efficient flooding and maintenance. This work is progressing rapidly.

A revised site plan has been developed that separates the hockey and pleasure rinks, provides additional parking and includes a new warming house. A \$31,000 grant obtained through Representative David Dill along with many hours of volunteer expertise and labor is making the warming house a reality. The initiative, dedication and energy of the community has been remarkable in getting this large project to its current state and, hopefully ready to use by the time ice season arrives.

Thank you to all who are making this possible!

Interviews for Recreation Coordinator are being held.

There were two applicants for the new position.  
(see notice in the last Newsletter).



Clifton Volunteer Fire Department  
*Bob Engelson, Chief*

It's time to check your wood stove chimneys for winter. Be sure that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have new batteries!

We have upgraded our fire fighting equipment by purchasing a 1982 fire engine from Scanlon (*using our existing budget*) to replace an old engine on loan from and returned to the DNR. This engine will serve from Station #3 in Alden. We have also submitted a FEMA grant to replace our oldest (1978) engine with a new quick response unit.

The Harvest Dinner benefit was a success (*see article*).

*Thanks to two more of our volunteers!*



**Neil Igo** is a special kind of volunteer...not a fire fighter or first responder, but a person who volunteers to keep the fire fleet going. Currently Neil is checking and outfitting our new (*to us*) fire engine. He is pleased that we have this new truck and also in the interest of new recruits to the Department. Neil has been an Electrical

Technician for *Enbridge Energy* for 23 years and before that he did mechanical work on boats, tugs, barges, and trucks. He has been a volunteer for 2 years, starting when he delivered an *Enbridge* donation check and ran into our Fire Chief! Neil is motivated to give back to the community. Neil's hobby is sailing. He and his wife, Julie, live along the lake. They have a daughter in Duluth and twins off to college. Julie has been a Girl Scout leader in our Township for many years.



**Dave Dahlberg** has been a fire fighter with our Fire Department for 4 years and also a first responder. He is Training Officer for our Clifton Fire Department. Dave became a volunteer because he was interested in the challenges and felt he could contribute to the community and the people he knows. Especially noteworthy

is getting the new FEMA pumper/tanker planned and in service (*you don't just buy it off the shelf!*). Planning for Department training is more involved these days with driver certifications needed and special training for such things as how to deal with the new electric cars and airbags which can pose issues for rescuers. He will be arranging for training classes on new equipment such as the "Jaws of Life" car rescue tools. Dave drives for Rohlffing Distributing in Duluth. He, his wife Susan and their 7 year old daughter Adrianna, live in the Township. Dave's current "hobby" is building a new home!

**Our North Shore Community School 2009-2010 Annual Report** will be available. The colorful report lists the NSCS mission, growing enrollment (*now about 326*), achievements in academic performance, programs and facilities, overview of finances, and a listing of current and new faculty and staff.

Revisions in Charter School law include not being able to give preference to students who reside in the rural townships that surround the school, a rule that is being challenged.

Police Department  
*Shawn Padden, Chief*



There were 80 initial complaints reported for August and 82 for September. Of the 162, the most frequent were requested vacation/home/business checks (60), traffic violation warnings (11), traffic violation citations (5), unknown trouble calls (11), public assists (10), suspicious vehicle checks (8), medical emergencies (4), burglar alarms (4), residence burglary (2), thefts (3), ATL careless driver (4), permits to acquire/carry handguns (5), personal injury accident (3), and check hazard (3). You can get the full listing by signing up for the Township's email notification service (*see our web site*).

The **CRIME MAPPING** web site maps area crimes [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com). You can enter your address and see a map with the location of our Police Office and any recent crimes in your area.

*If you have any information regarding any criminal activity in this community, please contact the Duluth Township Police Department at 218-525-5705, (patrol mobile phone 393-8407) or email us at [DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org).*



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**PLEASE HELP SOLVE A TOWNSHIP CRIME!**

On Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, about 9pm, a newer model, dark blue or black pick-up truck with no top-per, stopped along the Homestead Road and shot two pigs at Clover Valley Farms, 6534 Homestead Rd, home of Jeff Hall and his family. Multiple weapons were used and more than one person was present. The perpetrators also cut the electric fence, climbed into the paddock and physically attacked one of the pigs. One of the two pigs died during the attack and the other, mortally wounded, died the next day.

If you have information that may help lead to apprehension of the perpetrators, please call or email the Duluth Township Police at 525-5705 or [PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org). You could also contact the St Louis County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Labore at 391-2553.

Please keep our Township safe from such future acts of violence by reporting what you know. *A rumor circulating that the perpetrators have been caught is NOT correct. This is still an open felony investigation.*

*Cindy Hale*

Duluth Township Information — 2010  
 Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804  
 Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),  
 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**, (2010-2013) 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** (2010-2013) **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:** **Town Clerk** 218-525-5705  
 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, Brigid Pajunen, Yvonne Rutford**  
 Email: [PlanningZonng@duluthtownship.org](mailto: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](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:** Jo Thompson and Michelle  
 Libby, email: [EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto: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 calendar updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
 Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### NOVEMBER 2010

- 2, Tue, VOTE!** 7am-8pm **General Election**, Town Hall
- 3, Wed,** 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 3, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,  
 Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 6, Sat,** Barnes & Noble Book Fair for NSCS library.
- 7, Sun,** Daylight savings time ends! Set your clocks.
- 10, Wed,** 6:30 Board of Adjustment on short term rental  
 appeal. Town Hall
- 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
- 18, Thu,** Planning Commission cancelled—see Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 25, Thu,** Thanksgiving Official Holiday—office closed.
- 28, Sun,** 3pm Locavores, Town Hall (see article)
- 30, Tue,** 6:30 Township Knitters, Town Hall

### DECEMBER 2010

- 1, Wed,** 12:00 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 1, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business  
 meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 2, Thu,** 7pm **Planning Commission**, 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,** Planning Commission meeting cancelled
- 23, Thu,** **Deadline for January Newsletter**
- 26, Sun,** 3pm Locavores, Town Hall
- 28, Tue,** 6:30 Township Knitters, Town Hall

### JANUARY 2011

- 5, Wed,** 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 5, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business  
 meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 13, Thu,** 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 17, Mon,** 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School**  
**Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 18, Tue,** **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**  
 meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 19, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
- 25, Tue,** 6:30 Township Knitters, Town Hall
- 27, Thu,** 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 30, Sun,** 3pm Locavores, Town Hall

### Township Recycling Center

At the *Town Hall, on Homestead Road*—Staffing by  
 Carolyn Marino, Al Anderson, Marlis Livingston, and Kathy Peer  
**Nov-March: Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm, Thurs. 2-6pm,**  
**and Sat. 8-noon.**

April-October: **Tues 7-11am & 3-7pm, Thurs. 3-7pm, Sat. 8-noon.**  
**(Drop off only during recycling hours)**  
 Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.  
 Help us find out who is dumping their household garbage.



## Harvest Dinner Was a Great Success!

Sherry Rovig

A record turnout and fine weather combined to make this year's benefit a huge success. Louisa and Bob Fabbro's music had folks tapping their feet and dancing their way to the dessert table — filled, as usual, with an incredible smorgasbord of treats. We are all grateful for this outpouring of community involvement in the event, from the door prizes to the music, garden produce, desserts, decorations, and hands-on help. We had some additions to our usual crew for the event and want to thank Taylor and Ethan Kerby and Leanna Long for showing up and pitching in. Area businesses that support the benefit include: the New Scenic Café, Antique Collectibles, and Alakef Coffee. Thank you all for supporting our Fire Fighters and First Responders!

## Duluth Township Community Education

(DTCE) News

Michelle Libby and Jo Thompson

Fall classes have been very rewarding thus far. We had a fun time with artist Laura Stone as she inspired us to spend more time playing and getting our creative energies flowing. Our sewing class produced a number of cute little coin purses and there was expressed interest in having more classes with sewing projects in the future. The *Fitness for Fun* was such a big success we had to move from the NSCS cafeteria to the gym. We will be continuing on with a second session in January. The *Firearms Safety Course* completely filled and the *55 Alive Drivers Safety Course* should have a full class for the Oct 30<sup>th</sup> session. There have been requests for a refresher course from people who have taken the full class in the past, but are at or near the deadline to renew their training for insurance purposes. So, we scheduled a 4-hour refresher course for Saturday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Its not too late to sign up for the *Leftse Making* class on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are able to offer several more winter classes, so see this Newsletter's blue insert for the class schedule and registration form.

We are always looking for ideas and instructors. If you have a skill and/or knowledge you would like to share and would like to make some extra cash while doing it, please consider teaching a Community Education Class. We are already working on setting up courses for spring. Contact Jo Thompson or Michelle Libby at [EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org) or at 218-525-0663 ext 300.



Snowmobile Safety Course

## Election of our Duluth/Alden Township Representative On the ISD#381 School District Board

Leo Babeu

The position of School Board member representing Duluth and Alden Townships is on the Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot. I always planned to step aside this year after 4 years on the Board, but found no one willing to consider running for the seat. With encouragement of some concerned citizens, I filed for the office in August.

I was part of the grassroots effort that led to the successful chartering and development of *North Shore Community School*. My duties are not only to represent Alden and Duluth Township residents but to help set policy and guide programs that will benefit the nearly 1,400 students and 13,300 residents of *Lake Superior School District*. Please help me and our Board grapple with issues such as funding, improving instructional delivery, expanding opportunities with the pending broadband network, and preparing students to be successful learners beyond high school. Your input is crucial.

You can sign up to be on my school issues email list. You can also contact me about your individual concerns. My email contact is: [leobabeu@lakenet.com](mailto:leobabeu@lakenet.com) or call me at 834-2247. Thanks for your commitment and support.

Community Services  
in Duluth Township

**Clifton 4-H Club:** call Kate Edblom 525-1276

**Cub Scouts:** call David Hooley 525-6617

**Boy Scouts:** call Jim Atkinson 343-0119; [jbatkison@allete.com](mailto:jbatkison@allete.com)

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

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

North Shore Locavores  
"Producers and consumers  
of local food"  
Sherry Rovig

Meetings are typically on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of the month at the Duluth Town Hall. An educational session starts at 3pm with a "business" meeting at 4pm followed by a pot luck meal.

Next meetings are: **Sun. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** on GM food, food storage and the updated web site.

Sun. Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> Topic to be announced.

For more information see our "Locavores" link on the Duluth Township web site under "Organizations" or call: Sherry at 525-0489.

**Meetings are free and open to the public.**



Duluth Township  
Knitters — *Helping to Build Community one Stitch at a Time.*

Come meet your knitting neighbors and share skills and ideas or just see what we're up to. Everyone is welcome. The tea pot is always on. We meet the last Tuesday of each month 6:30-8:30 pm. On Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> we will be at the Duluth Town Hall.

If you would like more information or would like to be added to the knitters email list, contact Jo Thompson at 525-5854 or [woodfarm@wildblue.net](mailto:woodfarm@wildblue.net).

## 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)).

**August 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors attending: Steve Dahl, Dave Mount, Mary Ann Sironen, and Dan Tanner. The July 8<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

**Main Actions:** Approved purchase of Town Hall phone, hockey boards, and warming shed architectural services. Volunteer web master Linda Hollinday was given a vote and token of appreciation for her fine work. Approved on-sale liquor license for the new *Clearwater Grille* (at old Castle Restaurant).

**Other Business:** There were no concerns from the audience. The Treasurer reported deposits of \$52,610.14, expenses of \$138,751.16 for an ending July balance of \$1,048,430.16 (including our Community Center fund).

Claims were approved and bills were paid. **Department reports:** *Police* (see article). *Fire:* noted personnel insurance coverage through MATIT will continue until legal issues are researched. The Township expressed appreciation to the Fire Auxiliary for their offer to provide a new sign for the Town Hall as well as signs for our fire halls. The old sign will be saved and moved inside.

**Planning** (see minutes), **Roads:** all roads are graded, ditching work was discussed. **Community Center:** Increased insurance quotes will be sought (currently the property is valued at \$5.3 million), Wayne Dahlberg discussed plans for the new addition and for our skating shed. Volunteers will pick up used hockey rink boards we have purchased. Draft Recreation Coordinator position was discussed (see Sept Newsletter). Salary level and salary balancing were discussed. Job descriptions will be sought. Speed sign for Ryan Road by DTCC/NSCS is being pursued.

**September 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors attending: Steve Dahl, Dave Mount, Wendy Meierhoff, and Mary Ann Sironen. The August 12<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved and future meeting schedules were set.

**Main Actions:** A motion was adopted to authorize Supervisors Dahl and Sironen to approve up to \$5,000 for grading at the hockey rink site. The revised site plan was approved (hockey rink and pleasure rink separated by the warming house).

**Other Business:** Audience concerns: Bill Aho voiced concerns about the placement of the Homesteaders' sign at the Town Hall and bad dips over culverts on the Ryan Road. August deposits were \$52,168.07, expenses were \$103,497.00 for an ending balance of \$997,101.23 (including our Community Center fund). We received the second half of the Taconite area funding.

**Department Reports:** *Police* (see article), *Fire:* A Scanlon fire engine will be purchased to replace a DNR truck.

**Planning:** McQuade harbor interpretive structure to be presented at the October meeting (see minutes for other items). **Road:** considerable work is being done on Olson road (ditching, gravel, culverts), road repair specification assistance is being considered, GIS map of the location of culverts is being requested. **Community Center:** The third room and office is a shared school/community education space and the office will be shared by com-

munity education and recreation staff. By expanding the total space beyond the requested 2 classrooms, the Town Board was hoping to have community space. The school would like to have the third room and office space.



There is one (now two) applicants for Recreation Coordinator. Applications will be reviewed in October.

**September 14<sup>th</sup> special wage discussion.** Supervisors Dahl, Mount, Sironen and Tanner attended. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing job descriptions and the strategy for handling wages and potential wage adjustments or equalization. Currently there are some nominal stipends, payment for hourly work (\$11), salaries, and per-meeting payments for Supervisors. Job descriptions will be sought and the wage issue will be revisited.

**October 5<sup>th</sup> special meeting on hockey/pleasure rink.** Supervisors attending: Dahl, Sironen and Tanner. Clerk Ann Cox and NSCS Nikki Carpenter attended the 5pm meeting to review plans for north of the Community Center. Starting from the west, the old hockey rink site will be raised and graveled for 25 needed parking spaces. Next to the east is the enlarged pleasure skating rink. Further east will be the new grant-funded skating shed with the old shed moved to its north. Then farthest east near the septic mound will be the new site of an enlarged hockey rink. This arrangement separates the hockey and pleasure rinks with the warming shed in between. Much of the labor is by community volunteers (see article). Other parking lot drainage problems were discussed and solved.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)  
November 11<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Town Hall.  
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings**

## The Homesteaders

Helen Hendrickson

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>,** Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Annual Turkey Bingo. Coffee time follows.

**December 1<sup>st</sup>,** Wednesday, **12:00 NOON**, Town Hall, Holiday Potluck and a Musical program by kids from our North Shore Community School.

**January 5<sup>th</sup>,** Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. New Year's potluck lunch followed by bingo.

**Everybody is welcome.**

For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.

## Reminders

Please do not drive vehicles on our Community Center recreation fields. Also, no motorized vehicles on the Korkki Nordic ski trails. Power lines are private property. Get permission before using them for trails.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings  
*(Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township web site [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org))*

**August 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Present: Dave Chura, Michael Kahl, Bill Lannon and Brigid Pajunen.

**Actions:** July minutes were approved.

Owners of the Lighthouse Restaurant asked for an off-site sign on the Scenic Highway. Off-site signs are not permitted in the current ordinance but there had been a request before the current ordinance was adopted. That request had been tabled pending information about the restaurant that was being considered (*no plans or request for a permit had been submitted*). Since the sign request was tabled, not denied or acted upon within 60 days, the off-site sign request was automatically approved (*per the State's 60 day rule*). A motion was made to consult our Town Attorney on the matter as well.

As required, our two short term rental (STR) conditional use permits were scheduled for review. There was extensive discussion of issues related to the **Worden's** STR at 5249 Greenwood Road (*Planning Commission minutes on our web site provide details*). The motion: "Following a thorough review of the conditions for the Conditional Use Permit and finding violations of conditions 6 and 8, the permit shall be terminated" was passed unanimously. A discussion of **Schousboe's** STR at 5856 North Shore Drive was held and a motion was made: "Upon review of the conditions for this CUP we found that they continue to be in compliance with conditions 2 through 16 and, hence, condition 1 will be extended an additional 2 years.

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.** Present: Barb Crow, Janet Green, Michael Kahl, Bill Lannon, Bridgid Pajunen and Yvonne Rufford. Planning Director Sue Lawson, attorneys Mary Tietjen (MAT) and Huck Andresen (Bieraugel) attended. **Main Actions:** The June 24<sup>th</sup> Bieraugel public hearing continued with Planning Commission discussion of the Bieraugel's amended request for variances (*road setback 71ft and shore setback 76ft instead of ordinance requirements of 110ft and 125ft*). The proposed structure is 24x48, overlapping 2<sup>nd</sup> story, plus a 16x24 carport. A motion was made to approve the variance with conditions (*prior site plan approval, any shoreline alternation requires a separate variance, no removal of vegetation on shoreline bluff or along the Scenic Highway, and an erosion control alert for future owners*). Motion passed unanimously (*see minutes of this and the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for discussion details*).

**Other Discussion:** Russell Krook had presented a request to increase his horse ranch on the shore from 10 to 20 horses on 40 acres. He will complete a community participation report and submit that plus information on manure removal plans and response letters from DNR and other agencies. A hearing may be scheduled for Oct. (*now postponed*).

McQuade Harbor interpretive structure plans will be presented at the October meeting for public input.

Work on ordinance language for alternative energy, hardship/practical difficulty and short term rental conditions is continuing.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): Nov/Dec meetings combined on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**  
*Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.  
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.*

Duluth North Shore Sanitary District News  
*Mary Ann Sironen, Town Supervisor*

D/NSSD held a public meeting Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> to give information and get feedback on the rates for the coming year. Residential user fees will be \$70/month if paid by check or \$68/month if paid electronically. In addition the annual debt service fee for 2011 will be \$925. This can be paid in advance or allowed to roll over onto property taxes. For more information, see the website at [DNSSD.org](http://DNSSD.org).

The District currently serves 424 users in the area between Lester River and Lake County between the freeway and the Lake. Duluth Township representatives on the Board are John Bowen and Dean Korri. These are unpaid positions and involve considerable work on behalf of the residents of the District. Thank you to John and Dean for their ongoing efforts!

Regular D/NSSD meetings are held at 0700 (7am) on the third Tuesday of the month at French River Lutheran Church.

The public is always welcome to attend.

**DNSSD Sewer Board Position Opening**

There is an upcoming opening in the D/NSSD Sewer District Board for a representative from Duluth Township. If you are interested, please send a letter to our Town Clerk, Duluth Township, 6092 Homestead Rd, Duluth, MN 55804.

If you want to find out more about the D/NSSD Board position, call Mary Ann Sironen 525-2010.

*Duluth Township Community Center*  
**Skating Rink Rules & Hours**

**Skating Rink Hours** (*when there is ice!*)  
Weekdays: 4pm—9pm; Weekends: 10am—9pm

- No one under 13 will be allowed on the rink without adult supervision.
- Children under 12 have priority on the hockey rink until 7:00pm
- No rough playing or fighting will be allowed.
- Obscene gestures or language will not be tolerated.
- Hockey and broomball may ONLY be played on the hockey rink.
- Recommended protective gear must be worn by all hockey players.
- No smoking or alcohol is permitted on Duluth Township Community Center property.
- The Township and/or North Shore Community School will not be responsible for thefts, accidents or injuries.

## The Great Recession

George Hagglund

We are in the midst of a “deep recession” and enough time has passed since the Great Depression of 1929-39 for the generation most affected to have passed on. There are a few of us around who have lived through both recessions, so it is worthwhile to make some comparisons. Franklin Roosevelt was worshipped as a hero among the Finns and Swedes in our community. We grew up during a time when there was no social security system, no unemployment insurance; bank mortgages were uncommon, and worst of all, no jobs. It was accompanied by deflation that drove the price of fresh herring on the North Shore down to 4 cents a pound. Those lucky enough to find day employment were lucky to earn a dollar for 8 hours. It was hard to sell farm produce for any price. Lots of the neighbors were unemployed. Young men would go on the bum to take the burden of their support off their family. The Missabe Railroad didn't hire a soul between 1929 and 1937. Some of the neighbors argued among themselves as to whether we should elect a Socialist government.

Roosevelt was said by his equals to have “betrayed his class” by starting what he called the “New Deal” for working people. He hired a bunch of progressives, some of them Socialist, and headed off a revolution by setting up government employment programs such as the *Civilian Conservation Corps* (CCC), which was run like a military establishment employing young unemployed men. He set up the *Works Progress Administration* (WPA) that provided jobs for men from laborers to professionals. The first Social Security Act was passed, providing pensions for the elderly. We saw the beginning of an unemployment compensation program, and relief payments to those who could no longer support themselves. We kids had a hot lunch program at school that came out of surplus food commodities.

In this current recession we saw the creation of a much less muscular dollar bailout that benefited the banks the most, and secondly, limited funding was provided to keep the construction industry solvent. A rising tide of foreclosures threatens home ownership for a growing number of unemployed people. Government financing to create jobs is far less than FDR undertook in the 30's. We still have unemployment compensation for short-term assistance, but nowhere near enough to meet the growing crisis. Government intervention to create jobs is a pale reflection of what FDR did during the Great Depression.

Current unemployment, at 9.5% doesn't come close to the 25% unemployment rate of the Thirties (and remember back then most women weren't in the work force). In our community, the situation was even more desperate. Let us pray the Great Recession doesn't grow into another Great Depression.



### HELP STOP ILLEGAL GARBAGE DUMPING AT THE TOWN HALL RECYCLING CENTER

Someone has been dumping household garbage (diapers, kitchen garbage, etc.) at our Town Hall Recycling area. The most recent event is shown in the picture. Please help us identify the person/s doing this.

At the last Town Board meeting remedies were discussed including hidden cameras, better lighting and seeking the help of residents.

Clean-up costs our Township and is a disgusting task that is not part of recycling shed keeper duties.

If you have information, please call the Town Hall (525-5705) or contact our Police Department, or **911**.

Please Help Update Township Cemetery Records  
Valerie Brady

The Township is moving our cemetery records from paper to the computer and we want to be sure that these records are accurate.

If you have purchased a plot for the Lakeview Palmers Cemetery in the last few years, please email the following information to Dan Tanner (*email: Town-Clerk@lakenet.com*):

*Name of the plot owner, year purchased, plot location information (section, block, lot, grave). If someone is buried in this plot, please include their name (if different from plot owner).*

If you don't have email, call the Town Hall during business hours and give your information to Town Clerk, Ann Cox (*or the mailing address is Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804*).

### French River Lutheran Church

5310 Ryan Road — 525-5659 — Pastor 525-3527

Sunday worship and Sunday school 10:00am

Joint Thanksgiving Worship at Knife River Luth. Ch. 7pm on Tuesday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>. *Duluth Township welcome!*

### Scandinavian Christmas Festival

Sat. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 9-3 at French River Lutheran Church  
*Swedish luncheon, bake sale, crafters & demonstrations, music, Christmas shop, candy shop, pantry, gift baskets, raffle and more.*

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2010

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Early North Shore Fall. Jim Munger photo

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**Open daily at 11am — Specials**  
Mon. night: live music  
Wed. night: All you can eat Fish Fry  
Saturday: Prime Rib  
Sunday: Turkey Dinner  
**Thanksgiving Day** (Open 11-4pm): Make reservations early. Serving full turkey dinner (only), dessert while supplies last.  
5730 Homestead Road • 525-4525

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**• Cat Care**  
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Daily • Weekends •  
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**218-834-3310**  
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**Garden Dirt**  
Sand, gravel, rock, limestone  
Machine work, equipment hauling  
**Call Walt at 525-5092**

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Be sure to  
**VOTE**  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Town Hall  
7am-8pm

**WAGGIN' Tails**  
**Boarding Kennels**  
Long & short term  
boarding  
  
Reservations  
Required  
218-525-4842  
7002 App Rd.  
Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EDUCATION



## Winter 2010-2011 Class Schedule

Registration is now open for  
winter classes!

### **Cooking - Autumn Soups**

Instructor: Faith Olson

In this 3 hour hands-on class you will make and take home Roasted Garlic and Butternut Squash Soup, Baked Potato with Pancetta Soup, Creamy Chicken with Wild Rice Soup, and Portuguese Seafood with Sausage and Kale Stew. Bring 4-2 qt. containers for finished soups.

Date: November 17

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Rd.

Cost: \$15 (payable to Comm. Ed w/registration)

Supply Fee: \$17 (payable to instructor at class)

### **Cooking - Appetizers**

Instructor: Faith Olson

In this 3 hour hands on class you will learn to make fresh Salsa and Guacamole, Crab Stuffed Mushrooms, Artichoke Dip, and Boneless Chicken Wings. Bring 5-1 qt. containers for finished appetizers.

Date: December 8

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Rd.

Cost: \$15 (payable to Comm. Ed w/registration)

Supply Fee: \$15 (payable to instructor at class)

### **Lefse Making**

Instructors: Scott and Tracey Anderson

Come enjoy an evening of fun and learn to make Norwegian lefse just in time for the holidays.

All ingredients and lefse irons will be provided.

You will go home with approximately one dozen rounds. Bring a container for finished lefse.

Date: December 2

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Rd.

Cost: \$20 (class limited to 10 participants)

### **Contact Us**

218-525-0663 ext. 300

Duluth Township Community Ed  
5926 Ryan Road Duluth, MN 55804

[www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

[EducCoordinator@d}uluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@d}uluthtownship.org)

### **Piano Lessons - Session II**

Instructor: Cindy Ensign

Private, thirty minute piano lessons for students age 5 to adult. Lessons are held every Thursday beginning at 3:30 p.m. Instructor Cindy Ensign has 15 years of experience. Contact Cindy directly at 525-4905 to sign up.

Dates: Session II (10 lessons) Dec. 2 - Feb 17

Location: North Shore Community School

Cost: \$12.50 per lesson

### **55 Alive-Driver Safety Program 4 Hour Refresher Course**

Instructor: AARP Certified Volunteer

This low cost course, provided through AARP is approved by the State of Minnesota for insurance discount requirements. Instruction is geared for drivers age 55 and older, but all ages are welcome to register for the class. You will learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws and rules of the road, and other driving topics. Persons who have taken a full 8 hour course can take this 4 hour refresher course to continue their insurance discounts. For more information on this program visit [www.aarp.org/drive](http://www.aarp.org/drive).

Date: November 20

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Rd.

Cost: \$15 for AARP members

\$17 for non-AARP members

Include your AARP membership number on the registration form. Class is limited to 30 participants. AARP members will receive preference if the class fills.

**Fitness for Fun - Session II**

Facilitator: Susie Lannon

No matter what shape you are in or how many left feet you have, this class will get you up and moving to the beat. Zumba fitness teaches aerobic line dance designed especially for women over 40. Come join other community members for an evening of informal fitness for fun! If you missed the first session, no problem, you can still participate in Session II.

2011 Dates: 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: North Shore School gym

Cost: \$20

**Snowmobile Safety**

Instructors: Gary Mantay and Jim Ward

Earn your Minnesota DNR snowmobile operator's permit. This class consists of 3 classroom sessions and a field driving test. Students who are at least 11 years of age may register. Students must attend all 3 classes in order to receive a certificate.

A parent or guardian must attend the first class on 12/7. This session is limited to the first 20 participants to mail in a Community Ed registration form along with a \$6 check made payable to the MN DNR.

Classroom Dates: 12/7, 12/9, 12/16

Field Driving Test: 12/18

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: North Shore School cafeteria

Cost: \$6 (make check payable to MN DNR)

**HOW TO REGISTER**

We're glad you're enrolling in one of our classes! Registration begins immediately.

We encourage early registration. Complete a Duluth Township Community Ed registration form and mail it along with payment to: Duluth Township Community Education, 5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804.

**Duluth Township Community Education Registration**

5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Childs Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(complete a separate form for each participant)* *(If Applicable)*

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Class Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Class dates \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Fees (\$): \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Class Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Class dates \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Fees (\$): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments (include special needs, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and mail this registration form with payment to: Duluth Township Community Education, 5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804. Please make checks payable to: Duluth Township. Registrations must be received prior to the class start date to attend class. Duluth Township Community Education is a self-funded program and all course fees go toward instructor and administrative costs. You will not receive mail confirmation of registration, but will be notified by phone or email if a class is cancelled. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Community Ed Coordinators at [EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org) or 525-0663, ext 300.