



Construction of the addition to the back of our DTCC/NSCS—August 18, 2010—slated to be ready for use by November.

Duluth Township Newsletter

Duluth Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org September 2010

What's Coming Up...

Duluth Township Community Center (DTCC)/North Shore Community School (NSCS) Addition Update— It is ahead of schedule and due to finish by November. (see article and NSCS News insert)

NSCS Harvest Fest, Friday Sept. 17th at 5:30pm . This includes a Book Fair 5-7 and BBQ starting at 6:30. Everyone is welcome. (see NSCS News insert)

NSCS PTA Halloween Carnival Fri. Oct. 29th 5:30-8:30

Community Education Classes insert and registration form insert (see article).

8th Annual Clifton Fire Department Harvest Dinner— October 9th, 5-7pm, Town Hall

Upcoming elections—Nov. 2nd (see article on absentee ballots). Note our Town Hall is open for voting from 7am to 8pm on election day. (see article on new equipment)

The Homesteaders

Helen Hendrickson

September 1st, Wednesday, 12:30, Town Hall, Program: Dale Rogers and Fiddler's Delight. Coffee time follows. Everyone welcome. Information: 525-4154

October 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Todd Lindahl presents "Early Shipping and Shipwrecks on Western Lake Superior". Coffee time follows. Everyone welcome. Information: 525-4154

November 3rd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Annual Turkey Bingo. Coffee time follows. Everyone welcome. Information: 525-4154

Everybody is welcome.

For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Bill Aho, Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hooey, Kathy Johnson, Linda Libal, Michelle Libby, Caroline Marino, Janet McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson and our Webmaster, Linda Hollinday.

Cribbage Tournament!

Sponsored by the *Homesteaders*, held at the Town Hall on **Saturday, October 2nd**, **Singles** at 9:30am sharp. **Doubles** will start after lunch at 12:30.

Refreshments served.

Call Bill at 525-7415 or Bob at 525-1753 to sign up and for more information. Call early.

Sign up for important email notices from the Township.

Go to the Township web site (see above) and click on the email option. You can select the notices you prefer to get. It is used only for important and/or emergency messages. So far, 75 have signed up.

You can make changes in your email sign-up by clicking on the box at the bottom of the email screen.

Town Hall Flower Boxes: Thanks to resident Mary Tennis for again creating and maintaining the flower boxes at our Town Hall area.

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).

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Chief

Sherry Rovig reported that the Fire Department received a grant for \$7,200 from the Minnesota Board of Fire Fighter Training and Education to use for training through June of next year. We plan to have 3 new members take Fire Fighter 1 and 2 courses and truck driving training. The entire Department will take auto extraction training so we can use the new auto extraction equipment that we will be purchasing through another grant. **It's time to check your wood stove for winter!**



Mary Anne Daniel joined our Clifton Fire Dept in 2006 as a first responder and last year became a fire fighter. She is in charge of medical supplies and equipment as well. Mary Anne works on the annual *Harvest Dinner* fundraiser and the *Fire Calendar* which is distributed free to local households. Mary Anne enjoys giving back to a community that has been welcoming to her and to her family. She moved to Clover Valley after working for 35 years as a mental health and addiction therapist at the St Cloud Hospital. Mary Anne says that gratitude has always been important in her life and she has met so many appreciative people here. She lives in the Township with her partner Judith and her two dachshunds. Mary Anne's passion is finding agates, polishing them and making jewelry (*in many gem shows, including the annual Moose Lake show*). She also enjoys taking UMD "University for Seniors" classes, noting



Everett Swartz has over 36 years of volunteer service as a fire fighter first in our Clifton Volunteer Fire Dept starting before the Lakewood Dept split off. He helped start the Normanna Department around 1974 and continues to volunteer there. Everett retired as a fire fighter but returned a few years ago to serve our Department as a first responder and often as the first person available on fire calls to help with location and traffic. His work with the two fire departments helps with communication. He says it takes a special breed to get up in the middle of the night to go to a call! Everett likes to help others and enjoys the interesting work. The new fire equipment is fantastic. He drove tankers for Foster Construction, own an fuel oil business and now lives on Normanna Road.

Come On Home Party Thank You!

Helen Hendrickson

Our Duluth Town Hall was the scene of a rollicking good time on Saturday afternoon, Aug 14th, when many happy people gathered to meet old friends and make new ones. Our parking lot had cars from *Minnesota, Illinois, Florida, California, Wisconsin, Georgia, Montana, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania!*

Volunteers make the **Come-on-Home Party** an annual event on the 2nd Saturday in August each year and we thank them plus the individuals and businesses that donated door prizes: *Continental Beauty Salon, Culver's Restaurant, Duluth Lawn and Sport, Great Lakes Candy, Ledge Rock Grille, Lighthouse on Homestead, M&I Bank, MN Power, New Scenic Café, Party America, Plaza Hallmark, Pottery by Rose Vastila, Stained glass by Bette Alseth, and Texas Roadhouse.*



We thank Eileen Sirney for the flowers and we thank our musicians: Jim Madison, Jane, Bob and Louise Fabbro, the McCauleys, and Duane Madison.

We thank each of you who attended. Without you there would have been no party. See you next year on Aug. 13th.

Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief

In June and July there were 178 initial complaint reports. Most frequent were vacation/home/business checks (66), property damage (20, mail-boxes), public assists (15), suspicious vehicles checked (13), traffic warnings (10), medical emergencies (8), traffic violation citations (7), serving civil process (7), and animal complaints (5). The August report is available by email (if you sign up) and at the Town Board meetings.

The **CRIME MAPPING** web site maps area crimes 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.

School is starting. Watch for children and school buses. Slow down by our school!

Duluth North Shore Sanitary District
News

Mary Ann Sironen, Town Supervisor

The Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, October 19th at 7pm at French River Lutheran Church, lower level. The purpose of the meeting is to give an update on district operations along with providing information and receiving comment on rates and charges for 2011.

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.



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.
 or Email: TownHall@duluthtownship.org

Town Office Hours: Tues. and Wed. 8:30am-12am
 Thursday 9am-12 and 4-6pm

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

Supervisors:

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

Wendy Meierhoff (2008-2011) 525-0263
 or Email: 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
 (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
 (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
 (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

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

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

Cemetery: **Town Clerk** 218-525-5705
 or Email: Cemetery@duluthtownship.org

Planning Director: **Sue Lawson**
 Assistant Director: **John Kessler** 393-8500,
 Email: JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Secretary: **Beth Mullan**
 Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Commission: **Dave Chura** (Chair),
Barbara Crow, Jan Green, Michael Kahl,
Bill Lannon, Brigid Pajunen, Yvonne Rutford
 Email: PlanningZonng@duluthtownship.org

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

Fire Department: **Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief**
Keith Darsow, President Bill Cox
 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: Jo Thompson and Michelle
 Libby, 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 calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org.
 Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

SEPTEMBER 2010

- 1, Wed, 12:00 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
 1, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business
 meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
 6, Mon, Labor Day
 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
 26, Sun, 3pm Locavores, Town Hall
 28, Tue, 6:30 Township Knitters, Town Hall

OCTOBER 2010

- 2, Sat, Cribbage Tournament, 9:30, Town Hall
 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 6, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business
 meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 9, Sat, 5-7pm 8th Annual Clifton Fire Dept benefit
 Harvest Dinner, Town Hall.
 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
 19, Tue, 7pm **PUBLIC MEETING Duluth/North Shore**
Sanitary District at French River Lutheran
 Church, lower level. (see article)
 20, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
 23, Mon, **Deadline for November Newsletter**
 24, Sun, 3pm Locavores, Town Hall
 26, Tue, 6:30 Township Knitters, Town Hall
 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
 29, Fri, 5:30-8:30 NSCS PTA Halloween Party

NOVEMBER 2010

- 2, Tue, 7am-8pm **General Election**, Town Hall **VOTE**
 3, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 3, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business
 meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 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
 25, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
 28, Sun, 3pm Locavores, Town Hall
 30, Tue, 6:30 Township Knitters, Town Hall

Township Recycling Center

At the *Town Hall, on Homestead Road*—Staffing by
 Carolyn Marino, Al Anderson, Marlis Livingston, and Kathy Peer

April-October: Tues. 7-11am and 3-7pm,
Thurs. 3-7pm, Sat. 8-noon.

Nov-March: Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm, Thurs. 2-6pm,
and Sat. 8-noon.

(Drop off only during recycling hours)

Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.
 See article on new recycling rules.

Duluth Township Community Center/
North Shore Community School
September Update
Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

With the beginning of the school year upon us, the construction of the three new rooms at DTCC/NSCS is progressing nicely. Wayne Dahlberg, architect and project manager and Ray Riihiluoma Inc, the general contractor, are working together to stay on schedule and make the new space available to students and the community yet this fall. Foundation work is completed and structural steel will be forming the walls/roof as the Newsletter goes to print. Plumbing, electrical service, heating and interior design are all part of the planning and construction under way.

Financing of the project is done with our *Capital Improvement Fund* that is made up of rent payments from NSCS that are kept in a separate fund in the Township treasury. There is no Township levy, bond or loan involved in building this addition to our facilities. The Town can be rightly proud of this remarkable addition to our properties. A complete report of the progress on the project is given at each Town Board meeting...the second Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Duluth Town Hall.

The MN State Demographer announced that **Duluth Township's** estimated **April 1st 2009 population** was **1,809** with an estimated **729 households**. Ann Cox found a Census document from July 1, 1977 with a Census population estimate of 1,427.

In searching old files Ann found a Township Treasurer's account book for 1886-1894. We also have original plans for our Town Hall which was built 80 years ago (1930).

Road Chloride

The Township orders chloride for Township roads from St Louis County in order to get the best bulk pricing. Some 8,400 gallons were spread at 78¢/gallon. It takes 8 hours of Supervisor time (Supervisor Dan Tanner this year) plus the County truck operators (one to spread and one to get truckloads of liquid chloride for spreading).

There are several pros and cons in using road salt. Among them are its control of dust and holding roads on hillsides, but it is costly, road salt also has an impact on runoff and streams and it makes roads harder to grade.

Community Services in Duluth Township

AA meets Monday at 8pm at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road.

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

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" *Jo Thompson*

Meetings are typically on the 4th 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.

Sun. Sept 26th share your summer's "local" food experiences. We will also have a produce swap, so bring your extras.

Sun Oct 24th 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.

Pre-School Orientation

Kathy Johnson

Orientation for new pre-school families will be held Wed, Sept. 15th at 10am and 1pm in room 6 at our *North Shore Community School*. Classes begin Tuesday, September. 21st. All students must have a current immunization record to attend.

Only a few openings remain. A \$25.00 registration is required, and a monthly tuition fee is charged. Students may attend 1, 2, or 3 days per week. Those going to kindergarten the following year are encouraged to enroll in the 3-day program.

For more information, contact Kathy Johnson at 834-5429 or 525-0663 ext 106.



Duluth Township Knitters — Come share knitting skills and ideas the last Tuesday of each month 6:30-8:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. We will meet Aug. 31st, Sept. 28th and Oct. 26th. at our Duluth Town Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be added to the knitters email list, contact Jo Thompson at woodfarm@wildblue.net or 525-5854.

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).

July 8th regular meeting. Supervisors attending: Steve Dahl, Dave Mount, Mary Ann Sironen, and Dan Tanner. **Main Actions:** Approve June 10th, 15th and 22nd minutes. Approved paying bills after reviewing claims list. Community Center construction: Wayne Dahlberg, architect, Steve Dahl is contact Supervisor. Builders risk insurance covered. The main contract has been signed with a 2-page amendment to be signed. Construction will begin and construction meetings are scheduled for every other week. Dirt removed will be used on site as a sliding mound/outdoor amphitheater to save hauling costs. The DTCC mower was replaced. Grant funds arrived for the warming shack. Wayne Dahlberg will do plans and specifications for the shack and coordinate volunteer efforts, material lists and costs. Work is to start as soon as possible.

Other Business: John Bowen provided CD copies of old zoning documents. The Treasurer reported deposits of \$190,217.24 (incl. 2nd half tax levy), expenses of \$17,628.29 and an ending June balance of \$1,134,571.18 (incl. Capital Improvement Fund now being used for the Community Center addition). A continuing request that the County install speed signs on Ryan Road at the school is being pursued. Our Police Department was asked to increase attention at the Community Center construction work site. Our Fire Department is currently a non-profit organization. It was recently discovered that our Minnesota Association of Townships insurance does not cover non-profits (Township-owned trucks and buildings are covered but not people). (Later inquiry resulted in MATIT covering us until questions about dropping the non-profit status can be researched.) **Departments** reported on their activity: Our **Attorney** reported that the State is not subject to Township zoning in their request for a DNR interpretative structure on breakwater land at the McQuade harbor. The MN Supreme Court standard for variances is whether or not the property can be put to a reasonable use without a variance. **Roads:** Thanks to Valerie Brady for her work on the required stormwater report (MS4) which was accepted by MPCA. Although the Town Board is the "Recreation Board" it would be helpful to have a recreation coordinator. Community Education is lining up classes for Fall. The Town Hall floor maintenance will be July 26 - Aug 2nd. Stipend adjustment was postponed to the August meeting.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday)
September 9th and October 14th at 7pm in the Town Hall.
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings**



Duluth Township

Community Education (DTCE) News

Michelle Libby, Mary Ann Sironen and Jo Thompson

Whew! We have all been busy getting a fall Community Education Program together. It was right down to the wire to get the final class schedule finished for the Sept Newsletter. We are very excited to be able to offer a variety of classes for this fall. We are especially proud to be able to offer Firearms Safety for our up and coming young hunters and a state approved Driver Safety Course that meets requirements for auto insurance discounts. We are grateful to talented local folks who have stepped forth to bring us classes in knitting, sewing, design and cooking. **See this Newsletter's insert for the class schedule and the registration form.**

We now have our own Community Education web page. You can get there from the Duluth Township home page by just clicking on the Community Education web page link. You will find information about the program, our calendar, course news, and information about becoming an instructor. There is also a link if you would like to be added to the DTCE email notification list. We are quite indebted to Linda Holliday, our Township's web master, for setting up this page and for all her help in updating the Township's home page. Linda, thank you so much!

Please consider taking a course this fall. We are confident that it will be a rewarding experience and an opportunity to get to know your neighbors better. You may even have fun! Your participation is critical for the success of the Township's CE program.

Instructors Wanted: 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 winter and spring.

Volunteers Wanted: Many ideas are coming in about what community residents would like to see offered through DTCE. Some of these transcend typical Community Education courses. Ideas include organizing interpretive *visits to significant local history sites* or other places of interest. Several people mentioned hosting a community *film series* or a regular sponsored series of *talks/stories/presentations* from local residents about the Duluth Township area or other exotic places or events. It was also mentioned that it would be fun to host a Township evening *musical get-together* with simple familiar songs that folks can play and sing along to. A few people are interested in a Township *book discussion* group. We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate one of these, or similar events.

We also are looking for volunteers to bring bars or cookies to the Driver Safety course on Saturday, Oct. 30th. This will be an all-day class. We are planning on a potluck lunch, but snacks would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in teaching a class or volunteering for one of the above opportunities, please contact Jo Thompson or Michelle Libby at EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org or at 218-525-0663 ext 300.

We also would welcome any comments, ideas, or suggestions about DTCE.

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)

June 24th regular meeting. Present: Dave Chura, Barb Crow, Michael Kahl, Bill Lannon Brigid Pajunen and Yvonne Rutford.

Actions: May minutes were approved. The scheduled re-hearing of the Bieraugel variance request was held *(Background: The original 2008 setback variance request on this small shoreline lot near Bluebird Landing was declined. Other building requests had been declined in past years and the current request has extended over some time as plans were developed and changed. In a court case raised by the Bieraugel's, the judge requested the Planning Commission re-consider the request using a somewhat different legal standard. The Bieraugel's revised and submitted their variance request. This hearing was on the latest request. Just prior to this hearing, it was announced that there had been a MN Supreme Court decision that could affect the standards used. The hearing proceeded however and a legal clarification of the standard to be applied will be sought from the court. Chair Dave Chura recused himself since he has property near the Bieraugel's property. Michael Kahl chaired the hearing.)* The Planning Director reviewed the new proposal and variance requests (lot size, setbacks from shore, road, sides). Mary Tietjen is our Minnesota Association of Township's attorney in this matter. Huck Andresen, the Bieraugel's attorney, presented the new proposal. He indicated that the Bieraugel's plan to build but apparently do not plan to live here. There was an extensive discussion of the proposal. Public testimony raised issues including setbacks in erosion hazard areas and preserving the existing wooded neighborhood character. A motion was made and approved to postpone making a decision until there was time to review the State Supreme Court decision and see if there are implications for this case.

Other Business: The DNR is proposing to build an interpretative sign on breakwater land at the McQuade harbor. There was a question about whether and how Township rules might apply.

A letter concerning a short-term rental property was signed by 22 people on Greenwood Road requesting that conditions be enforced and asking that the Worden's 5249 Greenwood Road conditional use permit be revoked. A number of letters have been sent to the Wordens about rental problems. Many options were discussed at length.

The Planning Director is working on setting up a meeting with South St. Louis County SWCD and SCRS to find out about options for Mr. Krook's manure management plan for his horse farm on the shore *(his request for an increased number of animals had been discussed earlier).*

July 22nd regular meeting. Present: Dave Chura, Barb Crow, Jan Green, Michael Kahl and Yvonne Rutford.

Actions: Approved the June minutes. A hearing was held on Mr. Nimz request for a conditional use to put up a wind generator *(on a 50ft guyed tower)* on his property. All setbacks were met and the CUP was approved.

The Board agreed to conduct the periodic review all short term rentals (two) as outlined in our ordinance, at

their August meeting. Letters were sent out. The purpose is to review how conditions of their Conditional Use permits were being met.

Other Business: Sue Lawson, our Planning Director, will attend the St Louis County meeting regarding their proposed subdivision ordinance. The Commission is working on generator/alternative energy language to update our zoning ordinance. Short term rental conditions are being reviewed and language for "interim use permits" is being developed for our zoning ordinance. Lawyers are seeking clarification from the judge about how to proceed in the Bieraugel matter.

The Next Planning Committee meetings (4th Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): September 23rd and October 28th.
*Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.*

911 Address Signs Ready to Pick Up
(at our Town Hall on Homestead Road, during office hours)
Town Clerk, Ann Cox
Max **Bruckelmyer**, 5848 Ryan Road
Ed & Monica **Grohndahl-Ostrander**, 2041 Swanson Road
Mark & Dana **Horlocker**, 2114 Johnson Road
Ken **Johnston**, 2294 Lismore Road
Nicholas **Massie**, 1935 Pioneer Road East
Roger **Rose**, 5252 McQuade Road
Mark and Leah **Wagner** 5824 Homestead Rd



Upcoming Fall
Food and Fun Events

8th Annual Fire Department Harvest Dinner
Saturday, October 9th, 5-7pm at our Town Hall
This is a benefit for our Volunteer Fire Department. Support our Volunteer Fire and First Responder team. Come and enjoy good company and good food.

NSCS PTA Halloween Carnival
Friday, October 29th, 5:30-8:30pm.
Games, bingo, mailbox, Kid's raffle, hockey shoot, fish pond, PRIZES, cake walk, pop toss, new surprises. Watch for 50th Anniversary surprises!
All ages welcome!

Community Center/School Reminders
Please do not drive off the asphalt driveways or on grass fields and please stay off the septic system mound. No vehicles. *Thanks!*

**The Town of Duluth Board of Supervisors
Announces the position of
Recreation Coordinator**
Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

The purpose of this position is to assist in development of the Township recreational program as well as monitoring and overseeing the use of recreation facilities at the DTCC/NSCS with the expectation that the position will evolve to coordinate and direct Township recreational activities. The proposed salary is \$6,000/year to be paid monthly at \$500/month. At the current Township wage scale of \$11/hour, this amounts to about 10 hours/week. The Rec. Coordinator will report monthly to the Board of Duluth Township through the Supervisor(s) assigned to the Community Ed/ Recreation programs in cooperation with an appointed Recreation Council of Township residents.

Township recreational facilities include ice rinks and warming house; baseball/soccer field; pavilion; nature trail and outside privy with possible others to be identified. Anticipated hours of operation for recreation facilities include winter weekdays 6:30-9:30pm, winter weekends, and dawn to dusk every day in the summer.

Duties include but are not limited to:

1. Schedule usage of listed facilities.
2. Collect and manage appropriate fees to be kept in a separate Recreation Account within the Township bookkeeping system.
3. Arrange for volunteers to supervise users during open hours.
4. Routine maintenance
 - a. Arrange for ice rink flooding
 - b. Monitor green fields
 - c. Others possibly added as the facility improves.
5. Recommend additional maintenance and projects needed to keep and improve the DTCC/NSCS recreational facilities.
6. Prepare and manage a budget for recreational programs and facilities.
7. Develop and manage a volunteer concession program to defray recreational program costs.
8. Work cooperatively with the Community Ed coordinators to utilize facilities appropriately and fairly.
9. Create a working arrangement with NSCS and the community to maximize use of the Duluth Township Community Center in a collegial manner.

Applicants for this position are invited to send a letter of interest with qualifications to the Town Board of Supervisors, Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804. It is desirable to fill this position before the skating season starts.

In addition, interested people are invited to become involved in the developing *Recreation Council* that will help plan and provide input on issues regarding Township recreation facilities. Those interested are invited to contact at MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org or call 525-2010. Your input is most welcome.

Recycling Reminder
Carolyn Marino

If you have visited our Township Recycling shed recently, you may have noticed that the signs are different and the recyclables look like they have been mixed up. That's because **residents only need to sort their recyclables into 4 different categories** (instead of the usual 8). The change is a space saver at home and a time saver at the shed.

Inside the shed, all the carts are used for mixed up containers now. There is no need to sort out the different colors of glass from the plastics or the metal cans. They can all go into the same cart.

Outside, the situation has changed a little bit. Mixed paper will still go into its own dumpster as will the corrugated cardboard. But now there will be a new dumpster for all the newspapers. And the plastic dumpster is labeled for mixed containers too (as overflow from inside the shed).

So, there is one category inside the shed—mixed containers, and three categories outside—mixed paper, corrugated cardboard and newspaper (with the extra dumpster for shed overflow, just in case). Stop in and check it out!

Just a quick **reminder** about which plastics we cannot accept at the shed.

Plastics that are **NOT** acceptable.

1. Flower pots.
2. Grocery deli containers (black bottoms, clear tops), green/clear plastic berry baskets, lettuce containers.
3. 5-gallon buckets and larger kitty litter containers.
4. Overhead light fixture covers.
5. Plastic waste baskets.
6. Plastic milk crates.
7. Orange/brown plastic prescription containers.

*If you have any questions,
please ask the attendant on duty.*

Remember to recycle!!

**Voting Machine to Help Voters who have Sight or
Hearing Difficulties**

The Township has a machine to help those who have a problem seeing options on the regular printed ballot. Called a "HAVA" machine, during elections it sits on its own table by our voting booths. Users simply insert their regular blank ballot. The machine shows options in larger print (or by sound through earphones). You then make and review your voting choices. When you are finished the machine marks your choices and prints out your ballot. Then you take your ballot to the usual vote-counting machine like everyone else.

If you need instruction in using this new machine, election judges can help.

Our new vote-counting machine is also more user-friendly and it counts the new style ballots that are now being used throughout the State. In Minnesota, electronic counting machines save work but results can be verified against paper ballots.

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2010

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Absentee Ballots for the General Election

Ann Cox, Town Clerk

If you need an absentee ballot for the General Election (November.2nd), contact the St Louis County Auditor's Office, room 212 in the Court House in Duluth.

Our Township does not have absentee ballots for Federal or State elections.

Call 911 for all Emergencies

To leave messages and non-emergency information:

Duluth Township Police: 393-8407 or 525-5705,

St Louis County 911 or their office: 727-8770



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DULUTH TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EDUCATION



Fall 2010 Class Schedule

Registration is now open for fall classes!

Firearms Safety

Instructor: Minnesota DNR Volunteer Instructors. Students who will be at least 11 years of age by the start of class may register. Pre-register by email northshorehuntered@dishmail.net. Pay a \$15 fee directly to the instructors at the first class. Registration and fees are not taken by Duluth Township Community Education for this class. Classes will meet Tuesday's and Thursday's September 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30. Classes will meet from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the North Shore Community School cafeteria. A parent or guardian must attend the first half of class on 9/14. First night registration is from 5:15 to 5:50. There will be a weekend field test on Saturday, October 9th in Two Harbors. Students must attend all sessions in order to receive a certificate. For those with no internet access, or for questions, call Steve Brown at 525-2483.

An Introduction to Collecting, Creativity and Play

Instructor: Laura Stone
Local Artist Laura Stone has developed a penchant for mosaic creation. She currently has an award winning mosaic on display in Chicago. Laura will funnel her compulsive energy from what she does in her Knife River studio into a 2 hour odyssey. She will cover artistic categories of color and design and share self coaching tips that you can transfer to your own projects, whether they be stone or tile mosaics or designing a quilt or flower garden. She will share sources of inspiration and show examples of mosaics made by herself and others.

Date: October 12

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

Location: North Shore Community School Cafeteria

Cost: \$10

Contact Us

218-525-0663 ext. 300

Duluth Township Community Ed
5926 Ryan Road Duluth, MN 55804

www.duluthtownship.org

EducCoordinator@d}uluthtownship.org

Beginning Knitting - Dishcloth Project

Instructor: Katie Viren

Learn to cast on, do the basic knit stitch and cast off while completing this simple yet useful dishcloth. The class pace is designed for adults. Younger students welcome but please contact Community Ed prior to registering. Students should bring Size 8 straight knitting needles and one ball of cotton yarn (suggested Sugar and Cream or Fantasy Naturale).

Dates: October 6 and 13 (2 sessions)

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

Location: North Shore Community School
cafeteria

Cost: \$20 (class limited to 8 participants)

Intermediate Knitting - Mitten Project

Instructor: Katie Viren

Make a basic pair of adult-sized mittens.

Techniques will include knitting in the round, ribbing, increases, and how to make a thumb.

Prerequisite: Students should know how to cast on and the basic knitting stitch and be comfortable with double point needles. The pattern will be provided by instructor. The course is paced to be appropriate for adults.

Dates: October 27, November 3, 10 (3 sessions)

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

Location: North Shore Community School
cafeteria

Cost: \$30 (class limited to 8 participants)

55 Alive-Driver Safety Program (8 hour course)

Instructor: AARP Certified Volunteer

This low cost course, provided through the American Association of Retired Persons is approved by the State of Minnesota for insurance discount requirements. Instruction is geared for drivers age 50 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 completing this full 8 hour course are eligible to take future 4 hour refresher courses. For more information on this program visit www.aarp.org/drive.

Date: October 30

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Rd.

Cost: \$15 for AARP members, \$17 for non-AARP

Please include your AARP membership number in the comments section of the registration form. Note: The class is limited to 30 participants. AARP members will receive preference if the class fills. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. Lunch is potluck, bring a dish to share.

Adult Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

Contact: Amy Bergerson

Come join the fun and play recreational volleyball.

These sessions are open to adults of all ages.

Players will follow standard volleyball regulation rules.

5 Monday night sessions

Dates: October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8.

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Location: North Shore Community School gym

Cost: \$15

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

Sewing - Quilted Coin Purse

Instructor: Diana Lax and Shawna Huss

This class will teach you how to sew a charming cash and carry coin purse with pockets. All ages are welcome. Bring your own sewing machine. Extra machines available but must be reserved upon registration. Basic sewing supplies needed for class are scissors and thread. Coin purse kits will be provided by the instructors.

Date: September 27

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: North Shore Community School cafeteria

Cost: \$10

Kit Supply Fee: \$7 payable to instructors the night of class

Lefse Making

Instructor: 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.

Date: December 2

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

Location: Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Rd.

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

Fitness for Fun

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!

Dates: October 7, 14, 28, November 4, 11, 18

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

Location: North Shore Community School cafeteria

Cost: \$20

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 or 525-0663, ext 300.

North Shore Community School will operate a five day week calendar. For details go to our website at www.northshorecommunityschool.org

Coming Events:

- Aug. 16, **NSCS Board Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Library
- Sept. 1, **Open House**. 4—8 p.m. and **K-1 Conferences**, 2— 8 p.m.
- Sept. 7 **First day of school**
- Sept. 13 **NSCS Sixth Grade** departs for annual Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center week
- Sept 13—17 **NSCS Book Fair**, Library, 11 a.m.—12:15 p.m. each day, also 5—7 p.m. during the NSCS Fall BBQ. Volunteers needed. Contact Barb Jackson at 525-0663, ext. 114.
- Sept. 17 **NSCS Fall BBQ & Fall Harvest Fest**, 5:30 p.m. Community is invited to attend. Sponsored by NSCS Board and NSCS PTA.
- Sept. 20, **NSCS Board Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Library
- Sept. 24, **NSCS Grandparents Day**

From the director's corner:

MCA II Reading, Math, Science scores published, NSCS achieves adequate yearly progress for 2010

North Shore Community School earned adequate yearly progress (AYP) status based on student performance on the 2010 MCA II standardized tests.

AYP is a way of measuring, through standards and assessments, the achievement of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) goal of 100 percent proficient by 2014. AYP is structured to ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and MCA II tests.

NSCS students in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade completed the MCA II Math and Reading exams in April. Proficiency is defined as achieving scores in the “meets or exceeds standards levels.” Proficiency levels were:

3rd grade

Math 88.1% Reading 81%

4th Grade

Math 79.6% Reading 77.6%

5th Grade

Math 66.1% Reading 73.9%

6th Grade

Math 71.8% Reading 82.1%

NSCS students in nearly every grade scored several percentage points above the state averages.

In addition, NSCS fifth grade students' results, 47.8% proficiency on the state-wide science test ranked above the state average. The online interactive exam, called the MCA II Science test, assessed students on their proficiency in science skills ranging from physical to life science for a particular grade.

At this time, the MCA II Science test is not used to determine a school's AYP.

Building addition construction under way

In July, ground was broken and a foundation was set for the new three room addition to North Shore Community School.

The addition will house two 4th grade classrooms and a computer lab. The projected finish date is early November and by the looks of the progress they are on schedule.

In other facilities news there are many new exciting new changes this summer with a new floor and paint job in the main boys and girls bathroom area. To top it all off two new state of the art Dyson hand dryers will replace all the paper towel waste.

We have also installed new carpet in the music room and in the director's office.



A new addition to the school freezer is under way to accommodate the much needed storage for the lunch program.

The classroom and hallway floors are almost in the final stages of being waxed.

It is a great summer at North Shore Community School where change is all around us. We look forward to seeing you soon.

- Aaron Molina & Mike Lampela, facility guys

For regular news updates, the school calendar, school supply lists, and more, go to our website at northshorecommunityschool.org or join the *North Shore Community School* parents,

staff and community members

Facebook fan page.



Parents/guardians are encouraged to sign up for instant alert. Instant alert messages can be received via text messages, e-mail, via phone or cell phone. Sign up instructions are available on the NSCS website.



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The public is invited to attend Board Meetings regularly scheduled for the third Monday of the month August—June at 6:30 p.m. in the NSCS Library.

NSCS is sponsored by Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, 6282 Cranberry Road, Finland, MN 55603. Phone: 218-353-7414

NSCS welcomes new staff members

Expect to see a few new faces and a few familiar ones in different roles roaming the halls of NSCS this year.

NSCS welcomes Lynda Cauchon, kindergarten teacher; Janelle Larson, special education paraprofessional; Patricia Lund, special education paraprofessional; Amy Fitzpatrick, special education paraprofessional; and Jody Ward, special education paraprofessional.

Linda Cauchon comes to NSCS from Edison Charter School in Duluth where she taught kindergarten for the past eight years.

Janelle Larson, who is fluent in American Sign Language, has been a substitute teacher

at NSCS and has worked in a variety of teaching positions in the Duluth area.

Patricia Lund brings more than 25 years of teaching experience in the Proctor School District to her new position.

Amy Fitzpatrick, who served as the long term substitute art teacher last year, returns as a special education paraprofessional. She previously taught in the Duluth School District.

Jody Ward has served as a title 1 paraprofessional at NSCS for the past two years. She returns this year as a special education paraprofessional.

NSCS NEWS BITS

2010-2011 NSCS student enrollment tops 331!

North Shore Community School anticipates welcoming a record number of students—331—on Sept. 7.

Even with three sections of kindergarten, NSCS has a waiting list for kindergarten. Openings for students are still available in 2nd, 4th and 6th grades.

If you know of interested families, please have them call the school for information and to request an application packet.

NSCS Endowment Board awards grants

The NSCS Endowment Board has awarded several grants for the 2010-2011 school year.

Grants were approved: to fund scholarships for preschoolers attending NSCS preschool; to pay for attendance at a program titled *Pirates of the Carrot Bean*, an assembly type performance designed to inform students about healthy food choices; to create a multicultural fair; to purchase a set of dice and a deck of cards for each 5th and 6th grade student to help them practice math concepts with their parents; to purchase listening center bags to be used by kindergarteners and first graders; and to purchase nature bins.

NSCS PTA member drive on

It is that time of year again where the NSCS PTA is looking for new and renewing members. Please watch for membership papers coming home with students or at the annual Fall BBQ.

Each year, the NSCS PTA holds a couple big fundraisers. Monies raised by those fundraisers and a portion of the membership goes to help support NSCS curriculum field trips and educational enhancement programs at NSCS. The biggest fundraiser of the year is the Halloween Carnival which will be held on Oct. 29. As always many volunteers are needed to pull off this wonderful event. Please contact any PTA officer or the school if you are interested in helping out. If you have any questions or are interested in the PTA see one of our officers or the school office.

NSCS Pre-school orientation scheduled for Sept. 15

NSCS Pre-school is still taking registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. One day, 2-day, and 3-day AM or PM classes are again being offered. Orientation is scheduled for Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in room 6.

Classes begin Sept. 21. A current immunization record is needed to attend. Students will need an eight pack of crayons, 4 oz. squeeze glue, and 1 glue stick. For more information or to register, please contact Kathy Johnson at 834-5429.