



DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2011

What's Coming Up...

Broadband service coming (see article)

Town Board Election — will be held Tuesday, March 8th. Two positions are to be filled. The filing deadline is Jan. 11th at the Town Hall during office hours. (see article)

Annual Town Meeting is held at 8:15pm March 9th. The March Newsletter will have information about the agenda.

Opening on Planning Commission (see article)

Recreation Coordinators appointed: Kevin Pettis and Tara Freeze.

Warming House, Skating Rinks: Community hockey and skating rinks and warming house are nearing completion, thanks to volunteers.

Town Hall is now a free public WiFi "hotspot".

Congratulations — **Anne Wiszowaty**, a teacher at our North Shore Community School, received the *Golden Apple Award* teacher's recognition. She with her 2nd grade class was honored on Channel 6 TV December 15th.

Thanks to our Fire Department's Auxiliary

2011 Clifton Volunteer Fire Department **calendars** were designed and have now been delivered to Township homes. Be sure to patronize local businesses who supported this project by their advertising.



Thanks also to the Auxiliary for providing **new signs** for the Fire Department Station 1 and 2 and a new sign for our Town Hall! The designs were in consultation with the Town Board, fire fighters and

first responders. Beautiful work! The old Town Hall sign is slated to be mounted inside as a bit of history.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, George Hagglund, Helen Hendrickson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, Paul Schraufnagel, Mary Ann Sironen, Andrew Slade, Dan Tanner, Jo Thompson, and our Webmaster, Linda Hollinday.

Who to Call about Community Center Activities

Recreation Coordinator — Kevin Pettis and Tara Freeze deal with skating and hockey rinks, the warming house, and community use of recreation fields and trails.

Email: Recreation@duluthtownship.org

Community Education Coordinators — Jo Thompson and Michelle Libby — CE classes & events. EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

THE HOMESTEADERS

Helen Hendrickson

January 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Annual New Year's potluck lunch followed by bingo.

February 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Musical program by Jody and Lynn followed by coffee time.

March 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Program to be announced.

Everybody is welcome.

For information call Helen Hendrickson

2011 Annual Town Meeting and Election of Two Town Supervisors

On March 8th, 2011 (2nd Tues) our Township holds an election to fill two open Town Board positions. The deadline to sign up to run for one of the 3-year terms as Supervisor is Jan 13th (during regular Town office hours).

The filing cost is \$2 and the filing form is handled by our Town Clerk, Ann Cox. Supervisors Wendy Meierhoff and Dan Tanner's terms end in March. Election for the two Town Board positions will be held March 8th (7am to 8pm) prior to our Annual Town Meeting which follows at 8:15pm.

The March *Newsletter* will provide statements introducing those running for our Town Board and about the proposed 2012 Town budget and other items on the Town Meeting agenda.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Chief

The Department has ordered car extraction equipment.

The Auxiliary paid for new signs at the fire halls and on the Town Hall. They also delivered free 2011 Fire calendars to all households in the Township...the 9th year! Many thanks to our Fire and First Responder Auxiliary and to all advertisers who bought ads...and, *thanks to two more of our volunteers!*



Dan Tanner is has been the Town Supervisor who serves as liaison to our Town Board regarding Fire Department matters. He has served in this capacity for 4 years. Dan attends business meetings to listen and support, and he assists in presenting information about the Department to the Town Board. Dan is impressed by the dedication of Fire Fighter

and First Responder volunteers. They put in a lot of effort responding to emergencies and in "back stage" time they put in to keep equipment and fire halls serviced, to do training and to get grants for needed equipment. "They are great people doing a great job!" Township residents appreciate their effort.



Robert Peldo has been a fire fighter and first responder with our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department for over a year now. He joined because of his interest in fire fighting and enjoys working with a good group of volunteers. In addition to responding to emergency calls, he participates in training and helps maintain equipment and our fire halls. Robert is a mason with CMI and lives in the Township with his wife, Emily and family of 4 boys and 2 girls. Robert's hobbies include hunting and fishing.

Clifton 4-H News

Paul Schraufnagel, Reporter

The Clifton 4-H Club met on Nov 28th at Mrs. Edblom's house. We elected some officers for our 4-H club:

President: Michaela Strom

Vice President: Courtney Anderson

Secretary: Sammy Anderson

Treasurer: Marissa Engelson

Historians: Mason Schraufnagel and Lane Schraufnagel

Reporter: Paul Schraufnagel

Next thing that we did was talk about helping the homeless. We are planning to serve lunch or supper at the Union Gospel Mission. Afterwards, we will have pizza and go to Bentleyville. We're thinking about bringing a gift from every club member to Bentleyville for a gift of charity.

I think we are going to have a good year!

PS. Our next meeting is Jan 9th at the Schraufnagel's house.

Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

There were 79 initial complaints reported for November. The most frequent were requested vacation/home/business checks (32), burglar alarms (10), public assists (6), property damage accidents (5), and civil process (5). You can get the full listing by signing up for the Township's email notification service (*see our web site*).



SLOW DOWN ON MCQUADE BY OUR SCHOOL!!

CRIME MAPPING of area crimes can be gotten at www.crimemapping.com. You can enter your address and see a map with the location of 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.

For All Emergencies: call 911.

Construction update on our Skating Rink and Warming House

Thanks to many volunteers, the new warming house, pleasure rink (*to left in top photo*), and hockey rink (*to right in middle photo and as leveled in bottom photo*).

Recreation coordinators have been hired. It will be an excellent community facility soon!

Skating rules are printed on page 6.



Duluth Township Community Education (DTCE) News

Michelle Libby and Jo Thompson

Winter classes are underway.

Contact Jo Thompson or Michelle Libby at EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org or at 218-525-0663 ext 300.

Duluth Township Information — 2011

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, (2010-2013) 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 (2010-2013) **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, Communications,
 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

Recreation Coordinator: **Kevin Pettis** and **Tara Freese**
 Recreation@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.

JANUARY 2011

- 5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 5, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business
 meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 11, Tue, Deadline for Board candidate filing (see article)
 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
 23, Sun, 3pm Locavores, Town Hall
 25, Tue, 6:30 Township Knitters, Community Center
 25, Tue, 6:30 continued Warden short term rental
 hearing, Town Hall.
 27, Thu, 6pm Joint meeting of Town Board and
 Planning Commission, Town Hall.
 27, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

FEBRUARY 2011

- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 2, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,
 Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 10, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 15, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**
 meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 16, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
 21, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School**
Board meeting, NSCS Library
 22, Tue, 6:30 Township Knitters, Town Hall
 23, Thu, **Deadline for March Newsletter**
 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
 27, Sun, 3pm Locavores, Town Hall

MARCH 2011

- 2, Wed, 12:00 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
 2, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business
 meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
 8, Tue, 7am-8pm **Town Board Election**, Town Hall
 8, Tue, 8:15pm **Annual Town Meeting**, Town Hall
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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.

Going to Town

George Hagglund

On rare occasions, our parents would decide they had to go to the city for shopping or other business. We only lived 16 miles from Duluth, but it represented a monumental event! It didn't happen often, so was regarded as a rare treat by us little ones. During WW II there was gasoline rationing, and that made a trip to town even rarer.

We started out by putting on our best clothes, which in the early days meant a clean shirt and a pair of bib overalls. Our hair got combed if we were going to visit someone, usually an uncle and aunt who lived in a shabby apartment next to the Granada Theatre. Sometimes, we'd get a haircut at the Granada barbershop by either Gus or Chris, the two barbers in residence. It was off the lobby of the Granada Theatre, and customers would come to the shop to buy candy or popcorn. A haircut cost just 50 cents in those days, which was big money. Sometimes people would try to sneak into the theatre through the barber shop; it never worked, the barbers, two ancient grey-haired guys, would chase them away. It made getting a haircut entertaining.

Our favorite treat was to receive 10 cents for the Saturday morning movie at the Lake Theatre, a run-down place that ran a double-feature (usually a cowboy story) and two short serials. If parents wanted to get rid of their kids for three or four hours, the Lake Theatre was just the thing. Usually the stars were Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Tom Mix, and others of that genre. The set was always a desert somewhere in the west, a run-down town, lots of horses, six-guns, and the occasional Indian. There was always a bad guy and a well used saloon set that was used in innumerable films. There was always a good cowboy and a bad one who rode a black horse; the good cowboy always won after a long and complex set of shoot-out scenes from the back of horses. After three hours in the darkened theatre, we emerged into the sunshine half blinded and blinking in the bright sunlight.

Another popular movie house was the Lyceum, an old vaudeville theatre that outlived vaudeville and was converted to a third-rate B-movie format. It too showed double features on Saturday and was a mecca for little kids temporarily exiled from their families. It had once been a grand place, with a big organ and two balconies. If there were adults in the audience, the kids went up to the first balcony seating and cheered on their favorite stars.

Before Christmas, we went to town clutching a dollar or so that had been given for Christmas gifts for the family. Making a dollar stretch to buy three or four gifts was a difficult task, and usually meant visiting Kresge's or Woolworth's where we would spend an interminable amount of time deciding on appropriate gifts for brother, sister and parents. We spent endless periods conferring with brother or sister before deciding on a purchase. We could spend a half-day just looking for the proper gift for each. It had to cost less than a quarter or we couldn't afford it. We always went home swelled with pride over our wise choices for each family member.

Sometimes we would visit a Finnish family that lived on 8th street in Duluth. If the visit extended into the evening, us farm kids got introduced to some of those childhood games that require a sidewalk, like kick the can, hop-scotch and other city delights. Just being with other kids our own age was pure pleasure, and to be accepted in a group of city kids for play was heavenly indeed.

Just getting to town was an adventure. In the winter, the North Shore of Lake Superior was inhospitable and the temperature outside below zero. Our old jalopies usually had just a little heater located on the passenger side of the front seat. It turned out very little heat under the best of circumstances. On cold days the car started reluctantly. Our breath made a cloud, even inside the vehicle. The kids shivered in the back seat and complained all the way to town.

Getting back to the farm was always a letdown. Our adventure was over, and it was back to the daily routine of farm chores, school, and listening to the radio in the evening. We could only look forward to our next trip to town.

Community Services in Duluth Township

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

Cub Scouts: call David Hoey, 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"
Sherry Rovic

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.

Next meetings are: Sun. Jan. 23rd (home brewing basics for wine and beer); and Sun. Feb. 27th 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 Jan. 25th and Feb. 22nd 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.

Early Learning Sticks Like Glue!

Our pre-school program at NSCS has a few new openings for the 2nd semester, beginning in January.

If you have a 3, 4 or 5 year old, consider giving them the "gift of learning".

For more information contact Kathy Johnson, 525-0663 x106 or 834-5429.

Summary of Town Board Meetings

(Official minutes by Town Clerk Ann Cox are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org).

October 14th regular meeting. All Supervisors attended. **Main Actions:** Approval of required wording in Fire Relief Association rules (*on separation date rate calculation*). The old hockey rink will be graveled to add parking at our Community Center. Approved raising Community Center building insurance to full value (\$6 million). **Other Business:** Andrew Slade is organizing a group interested in Knife/Sucker River watersheds (*see article*). Gary Fields described the *National Public Broadband* project to provide fiber optic connections in Lake County and our Township by 2013. *Treasurer* reported receipts: \$32,077.99, expenses: \$262,558.96 and a Sept. ending balance: \$766,620.26. Added parking at Lismore and Ryan for NSCS events is being considered (*part of the site plan*). The hockey rink is being relocated and enlarged. Lease of the new Community Center space to be discussed since it is not in the current lease. The new grant-funded warming shack was increased to 24x30 and leasing it to NSCS was discussed. **Recycle:** The garbage dumping problem was discussed. **Department Reports:** *Police:* report on personnel changes and cat issue at a Korkki Road site. *Fire:* Interest in dropping non-profit corporation status and becoming a department of the Township. *Planning:* DNR McQuade Harbor kiosk project proposed public open house. *Roads:* Considerable work has been done on Olson Road. Other road projects are on the work list.

November 10th Board of Adjustment meeting.

The Worden's appealed the revocation of their 5249 Greenwood Rd short term rental conditional use permit for failure to comply with conditions. The Board of Adjustment is now composed of Town Board members. Supervisors Meierhoff, Mount and Tanner were present. A items raised by the Worden's lawyer were discussed. The meeting was recessed to Dec 8th.

November 11th regular meeting. All Supervisors were present. **Main Actions:** Election to DNSSD Board of Managers approved. Joint powers agreement with Lake County was signed authorizing operation of a fiber optic network in the Township.

Other Business: Job descriptions are being collected. Warren Peterson offered a water source in his pits should it be needed in a fire. Joint meeting with Planning is scheduled for Jan 27th to discuss short term rental ideas. Town Hall will not be rented on Wed. and Thurs. nights to permit official meetings to be planned. Applicants for Recreation Coordinator were interviewed and Kevin Pettis was selected. WLSSD has grant to pick up electronics here. Tax status of recycle shed keepers was discussed in response to State inquiries. We need a DNSSD Board of Managers representative.

Vacancy on the Township Planning and Zoning Commission

Supervisor Dave Mount

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

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

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

Sanding Township Roads

Supervisor Dan Tanner

Our Township calls on St Louis County to plow and sand our 11-some miles of Township roads (*most roads in our Township are County or State roads*). We don't have the specialized equipment, paid personnel or budget to do this.

The County usually plows and sands the many miles of County roads first and then works on Township roads — ours and others throughout the County. Usually we get service rather quickly especially on school bus routes. When there is a more widespread storm and/or ice, it can take longer.

One of our Supervisors calls the County with special requests and follows up to be sure that problems get as high a priority as possible on the County schedule.

Our part, as residents, is to patiently enjoy our rural character until the County gets here! Be sure to call the Township if there are special or unusual road maintenance problems (*on Township and/or County roads in our Township*), but be assured that there is Township pressure to get plowing and sanding done quickly for everyone's safety and convenience. Thanks for your patience.

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



Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

(Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township web site www.duluthtownship.org)

October 28th regular meeting. Present: Dave Chura, Barb Crow, Janet Green, and Michael Kahl.

Main Actions: Minutes of Sept. 25th were approved. Short term rental proposal was tabled until more Commission members were present.

Other Business: Larry Killien, Harbor Program Coordinator from MNDNR and Cheryl Erickson, presented their plans for an information structure to be located on an arm of the McQuade Harbor breakwater; lake side of the highway. They feel they are exempt from local zoning but consider community input. The planned, open, gull-wing-like structure is about 170 sq ft and 15.5 ft high and will house DNR interpretative material. In the discussion, concerns were raised about blocking the sweep of lake view at that point, blocking the view from Beachway Motel and safety of children. Alternative placement on the vacant lot area by the parking lot was raised. The Township apparently was not represented on the planning team. It was agreed that there will be an open house with details and an invitation for public comment (*see article*).

Sue Lawson, Planning Director, reported on the Bieraugel appeal, Commission financial status, and legal costs. The final deed for exchange of land in the Odyssey Development variance agreement has not been received. The County approved the exchange of land for the Little Sucker River area in 2006.

Chair Chura set Dec 2nd as the combined November/December meeting (*due to holiday date conflicts*). The Board will meet with the Commission on short term rental options. A list of considerations was discussed. Wind generator ordinance language will be discussed at the next meeting and language about undue hardship will wait until the MN Legislature completes their deliberations. The proposed broadband fiber optic service project in Lake County and including our Township was discussed.

December 2nd regular meeting. All members present.

Main Actions: Minutes for Oct. 28th were approved. A letter suggesting that we consider having an enforced building code (*we have only land use permits*) was discussed and rejected. The claim was that it would improve our ISO rating for insurance but ISO ratings are used only by some insurance agencies. The cost of implementing and enforcing building inspections/permits would be prohibitive and not likely to be helpful to residents. There are already State electrical and septic system regulations.

Other Business: Potential MPCA grants to assess brownfield areas for pollution problems was discussed but not pursued. Proposed language for short term rentals, undue hardship and interim use permits was discussed. Wind generation language was reviewed. It would permit small-scale systems.

A meeting with the Town Board was suggested for Jan 27th to discuss short term rentals.

The Next Planning Committee meetings (4th Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): Jan 27th and Feb 24th.

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

Angela Braud was approved as our Duluth Township representative to the D/NSSD sewer board, replacing John Bowen. Thanks to John for his fine service and welcome to Angela!

The D/NSSD Board held a public hearing Oct 19th to explain the rate structure. The Board is looking into a new type of vortex system to handle gas odors at Ryan Road lift station. The Township has been receiving inquiries from realtors regarding the status of sewer connections on the shore. The proper contact person is: **Becky McNamara** —

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.

Interest in Blood Donation Drive at the Town Hall?

Supervisor Dave Mount

I have spoken with Memorial Blood Centers about the possibility of hosting a blood donation drive/s at the Town Hall. Before making plans, we need to gauge the level of interest in our community. My expectation is that they would likely be held on Saturday mornings at the Town Hall. MBC has mobile buses that provide a very comfortable setting for donating. Donating blood is a great way to help those in real need (www.mbc.org).

If you would be interested in donating blood at such a blood drive, please send an e-mail to Dave Mount at DaveMount@duluthtownship.org, or leave your name and phone number in a message at the Town Hall (525-5705). If there is sufficient interest, I will schedule a date with MBC — this would most likely not begin until Spring. Thanks.

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.

NSCS School Board Election

The School *News Bulletin* announced that a record number of eligible voters participated in their Nov 16th election. New members elected were Dave Edblom (community member seat), Heidi Horoshak (employee seat), and Leigh Jackson (teacher seat).

Announced School Board officers for 2010-2011 are Janis Hooley (chair), Ray Sundberg (vice chair), Nikki Carpenter (secretary), and Dave Edblom (treasurer).

Regular School Board meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Library and the public is invited to attend.

Economic Impact of Commercial Fishing on Minnesota's North Shore

As many readers know, Steve Dahl is one of the few commercial fishermen on the North Shore and author of *Knife Island: Circling a Year in a Herring Skiff*, a book about his fishing experience. He is also one of our Town Supervisors.

Steve requested a recent study by UMD's Labovitz School of Business and Economics, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, about the economic impact of North Shore commercial fishing.

The study found that some 31 people were directly or indirectly employed in the fish harvesting industry in our region, plus another 173 people directly or indirectly employed in the fish processing sector for a **total of 204 jobs**.

In addition, they calculate some \$11 million in value added as the industry's contribution to the local community (wages, rents, interest and profits), contributing to **over \$41 million in total economic impact** of fish harvesting and processing

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: TownClerk@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 (the mailing address is Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804).

Knife/Sucker River Support Group

Andrew Slade

A public Knife River clean-up forum will be held on Mon. Jan. 24th from 7-9pm in our Duluth Town Hall. The official plan to clean up the turbidity problems of the Knife River is nearly complete. The plan calls for hardening clay banks, installing rain gardens and planting trees along the river bank, as well as education, changes in setbacks and more. Landowners from the entire Knife River watershed are invited to this forum to learn about the clean-up plan (a.k.a. the "TMDL") and provide feedback to make the plan better. The forum is sponsored by Minnesota Environmental Partnership. Contact Andrew Slade for more information at (218) 727-4873 or aslade@cpinternet.com

Town Hall is now a WiFi Hot Spot for Residents



Supervisor Dave Mount announced that Coop Light and Power's Kevin Olson is helping arrange for a free, public WiFi access hot spot in our Town Hall.

This will permit the Town Board and other committees to access information on the internet (*maps, legal documents, etc.*) during meetings. It will also permit residents free access to the internet at the Town Hall during office hours or other scheduled events (*bring your own computer!*).

The Township's office internet connections are separate and protected. CLP provides free internet service to our Town Hall on Lakenet.com.

Emergency School Evacuation Planning

As required, our North Shore Community School has a plan for evacuation in case of things like fire, smoke or similar emergencies. The Old Apostolic Lutheran Church, just down Ryan Road from our school, has agreed to be the designated emergency location to take children in case of a school-time emergency.

Fiber Optic Broadband Project

This is a rural development project similar to the rural electrification (REA) that old timers will remember, designed to bring high speed broadband service to rural areas. Lake County was awarded this "Fiber to the Premise" (FTTP) economic development project which is a \$56.4 million loan and \$10 million grant. The loan part is repaid over time by subscribers, not local taxes. The project covers Lake County and townships on the eastern side of St Louis County, including our Duluth Township. Construction begins in 2011 and is slated to be completed in 2013. It will be operated by a non-profit organization, National Public Broadband, Inc (NPB). It will provide much faster internet, phone, TV, video and other broadband services to residents over fiber optic lines to homes and businesses in our area.

For more information see: www.co.lake.mn.us or www.nationalpublicbroadband.org.

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2011

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935 are mailed to Duluth Township homes, businesses and on request. Copies are available at the Town Hall. Please send your comments and suggestions to the volunteer Newsletter editor, Don McTavish at the Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or use the NewsBox on the Town Hall porch.



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Newsletter Schedule

Just a reminder. Our Newsletter comes out six times a year. The deadline for an issue is always the 23rd of the month before publication.

January—deadline Dec 23rd

March—deadline Feb 23rd (with Town meeting info.)

May—deadline April 23rd

July—deadline June 23rd

September—deadline Aug 23rd

November—deadline Oct 23rd

This leaves about a week to finish it off, have it printed, assembled and mailed. Newsletters are available online at our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org, and extra current copies are available in the Town Hall.

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Winter 2011 Class Schedule

Registration is now open for winter classes!

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www.duluthtownship.org
EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

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: Thursdays, 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

Cross Country Ski Basics

Instructor: Danny Tanner

Enjoy a fun workshop with Birkebeiner veteran and former ski coach. Get tips on purchasing skis, waxing and learning the basics of cross country skiing. Children over 12 years old and adults are welcome to register for this class. Bring your skis, boots and poles if you have them. Wear layers, the class will start indoors and then move outside.

Date: Saturday, Jan 22

Time: 9:30 am to Noon

Location: Korkki Nordic Ski Trail, Korkki Rd.

Cost: \$10

Collecting, Preserving, and Sharing Your Family History.

Instructor: Marlene Wisuri

Everyone's family has a story to tell. This class covers organizing and archival preservation of collecting family history. Options for sharing family history, such as books, CDs, scrapbooks and on-line photo and storage sites will be explored. Sign up for a day or evening class.

Session 1: Weds, Feb. 9, 16, 23; 1:00 -2:30 Duluth Town Hall

Session 2: Weds, Feb. 2, 9, 16; 6:30 pm to 8 pm NSCS Cafeteria

Cost: \$32

Playing with wool- felted soap and whimsical serpent project.

Instructor: Jo Thompson

This class is geared toward the young and the young at heart. Visuals will demonstrate some of the basics of getting from sheep to sweaters and other items. We will get started on two felted wool projects. Materials will be provided, but you may bring a favorite bar soap or some scrap colored wool if you happen to have some. Bring an old towel, a waterproof apron, and a couple gallon size plastic bags to take your projects home in. All ages welcome!

Date: Saturday, Feb 19

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: NSCS Cafeteria

Cost: \$10/individual, \$5 for each additional family member.

Piano Lessons – Session III

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 III (11 lessons) March 3 – May 19

Location: North Shore Community School

Cost: \$12.50 per lesson

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.

Coming Events at NSCS:

- Dec. 23—31, **No School**
- January 3, **School resumes**
- January 7, **Early release Friday**
- January 17—28, second round of **MAP testing for students. MAP tests evaluate the students progress over the school year.**
- January 24, **No School**
- January 24, **School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library**
- February 28, **School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Library**
- April 12 & 14, **Annual Minnesota Comprehensive Reading Assessment**
- May 9—14, **Annual Minnesota Comprehensive Math Assessment**
- May 17, **Annual Minnesota Comprehensive Science Assessment, 5th grade only**

Construction nears completion, classes to move in over December break

On Nov. 30 and Dec. 2 representatives of Duluth Township and general contractor, Ray Riihluoma, Inc., toured the addition to the Duluth Township Community Center/North Shore Community School (DTCC/NSCS) to determine the substantial completion of the construction project.

The three classroom spaces, conference room and hallways have their windows, casework and interior décor finished.

The large windows in the rooms allow views of the playground, woods and entrance to the nature trails while letting in the eastern light. Color schemes of blue, green and beige with accents of bright primary colors complement the outdoor setting.

Mechanical systems are complete, data/communication lines are run, electrical connections are in place, water and sinks are connected

and the rooms can be occupied.

The largest project left to complete is the rubber floor finish and bases. The concrete floor must reach an acceptable level of dryness in order for that innovative flooring to be put down. Humidity meters will be monitored and when the moisture reading has diminished to the approved level, the floors will go in.

The new bathroom fixtures will be installed after the rubber floor is down. There are also a few exterior pieces to be installed and landscaping will be completed in the spring.

In the meantime, the concrete will serve as an interim floor finish and the moving of wall boards and desks will be done so students can begin enjoying their new space when they return after the winter holiday break.

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Digital photography elective encourages students to explore composition, perspective



Students captured close up views of nature as part of their digital photography elective course.

The digital photography elective is offered to 12 NSCS fifth and sixth grade students in the spring and fall trimesters

In this elective, students learn the basics of a digital camera, concepts of art in photography, photography uses and their own personal genre of photography.



Students choose and complete a project with their photos to take home. Projects range from old windows to display them in to coasters, hot plates, matted, framed, puzzles, and manipulations of the composition.

This elective has been taught here at NSCS for seven years and every time I have a group of students I am still amazed at their wonderful perspectives; they are truly amazing!

- Alisha Franckowiak, specialist



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The owners and tenants of the DTCC/NSCS are most pleased with the way construction has gone. The timeline is met and the budget is within acceptable limits.

The townspeople of Duluth Township can be very proud of this new facility in the heart of their community.

An open house/celebration will be planned for later in the year, but NSCS has an open invitation to everyone to visit.

- Mary Ann Sironen, Duluth Town Board



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Janis Hooley, chair
Nikki Carpenter David Edblom
Heidi Horoshak Leigh Jackson
Ray Sundberg Carla Tamburro

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.

Want to support literacy?
Collect and drop off your milk caps, box tops, Campbell's soup labels and Nestle new life water labels to help raise funds to purchase new books for the NSCS library.

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NSCS students practice the gift of giving

NSCS conducted its annual Books for Tots drive last week. Staff members were asked to donate their favorite childhood book and students collected money or new books.

We ended up with 325 books to give to the Salvation Army's toy drive! When the books were dropped off, they said they hadn't received any books so far this season and now they have enough to fill an entire table.

We believe there is no better gift than the gift of literacy.

- Sheri Camper, first grade teacher



Students display the books collected for the Salvation Army toy drive.

NSCS extends a helping hand to its neighbors in need

The Thanksgiving Dinner Project has been in operation at North Shore Community School for many years. The project began 2001 and has been practiced yearly ever since.

Every class gathered a complete ready-to-cook Thanksgiving dinner. Each student donated an assigned menu item. For example, in Mrs. Jackson's class, Sally might bring a box of stuffing, Drew a box of jello and Katie a bag of potatoes. Staff members donated the turkeys for each classroom meal.

When all the meals were assembled, Ms. Kittilson and Ms. Dreher delivered them to the Lake County Food Shelf where families that can't afford a traditional Thanksgiving dinner can have one free of charge. NSCS staff and students donated 15 full dinners to the food shelf this year!

The staff and the students at North Shore put into practice the saying "every little bit helps." You and I can't feed the hungry alone, but if everyone helps just a little, together we make a difference in the life of several families at least for one special day. We're just giving a helping hand to

our neighbors that are going through hard times.

- Ian Johnson, grade 6

NSCS Board elections held

A record number of eligible voters participated in the November NSCS School Board election selecting three individuals from a full slate of candidates.

Heidi Horoshak, NSCS administrative assistant, was elected to the employee seat; Leigh Jackson, sixth grade/social studies specialist, licensed teacher seat; and David Edblom, community member seat (defined by statute as not parent of a current student or a member of the staff but with no geographical limitations).

Thanks to all the candidates for their willingness to consider serving on the NSCS Board.

The NSCS Annual Meeting was conducted with Sue Rose providing a review of the annual report and the past year's accomplishments. The NSCS Annual Report is also available on the NSCS website.

In the organizational meeting that followed, the board elected the following officers: Janis Hooley, Chair; Ray Sundberg, Vice Chair; Nikki Carpenter, Secretary; and David Edblom, Treasurer.