



# Duluth Township Newsletter

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## What's Coming Up?

**Revised Township Office Hours:** Tue & Wed 9-12, Thu 2-6pm, Fri 9-11am. This spreads office hours over 4 days per week to better serve residents.

Come On Home Party — A Duluth Township community event on August 13<sup>th</sup> 1-4:30. *(see article)*

**Discard old medicines at WLSSD July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Visit our Updated Township Web site!** Webmaster Linda Holliday, redesigned and updated our web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org). *It's a good time to Signup for Township email if you haven't done so!*

**Volunteer Opportunities.** *(see article)*

**Summer Community Ed & Recreation** *(see articles)*

**Recreation: Flag Football signup July 6<sup>th</sup>, North Shore Community Center.** *(see article)*

**Zoning Ordinance updates** may be ready by September. *A Public Hearing will then be announced.*

**Rental of Community Center Facilities** *(see article).*



**Thanks to Steve Dahl!** Please join the Town Board in thanking Steve Dahl for his 12 years of service as a Town Board Supervisor. Steve has decided to step down from the Town Board to pursue his many other vocations and avocations, including author (*Knife Island: Circling a Year in a Herring Skiff*, and magazine articles), resident commercial herring fisherman and advocate for preserving this tradition, a harp maker, and neighbor and friend to many.

On the Town Board, Steve has shown a special passion for our Community Center/NSCS facility — he spent countless hours helping to make many things happen, including construction of the new addition, the new warming house and improvements to the skating rinks, the new roof, energy efficient windows, solar panels, recreation fields, pavilion and outdoor toilet, upgrading the septic system and improving the parking and grounds. In his “spare” time, he also helped oversee the Town roads and coordinated insurance coverages for the Town, in addition to lending his general good humor and kindness to Town Board meetings. We owe Steve a **BIG THANKS** for his devotion to our Community—we will miss him.

## The Homesteaders Rose Vastila

**July 6<sup>th</sup>,** Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Picnic and bingo. Picnic \$4.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>,** Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Roy Mattson will report on his Washington DC trip to the WWII memorial. *(Homesteaders contributed to the overall project to send our Vets to the event).*

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, COME ON HOME PARTY,** Town Hall, 1-4:30pm. Everyone welcome, music, refreshments, meet community neighbors.

**September 7<sup>th</sup>,** Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall, program to be announced.

**Everyone is welcome.**

*For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.*

### Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Jody Anderson, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Siironen, Jo Thompson, Molly Tillotson, Rose Vastila, Peg Wagner and our Webmaster Linda Holliday.

### Duluth Township's Annual

## “Come On Home Party”

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Saturday afternoon, 1-4:30pm  
at our Town Hall on Homestead Road.*

**It's free!**

It's for everyone in the community,  
new residents and old timers,  
young and old.

The purpose of the event is to have fun and to  
build a strong and caring community.

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refreshments***

***and a chance to meet new friends.***

***Join Your Community's Gathering!***

*(for more information, call 525-4154)*

### HELP WANTED

*Teenager(s) wanted to help stack firewood on Old North Shore Road. Call John & Jan Green 525-5654*

Township Roads  
Supervisor Dave Miller

I was elected to the Town Board in the last election and part of my responsibilities on the Board is to manage the approximately 11 miles of Township roads (*the rest are mainly County roads*). I want to take this opportunity to let you know the Township's maintenance priorities for the summer and fall.

All our roads will be graded twice per year with the more populated and heavy use roads 3 to 4 times per year. Many of our roads are in need of gravel and ditching, so those will be our main priorities this year. Our goal is to keep the road surface in good condition and ditches maintained so water will flow off the roads.

Dust control is planned for Greenwood, Spruce and Pine roads. These are all high use roads with high density housing along the roads and for heavy truck traffic on W. Clover Valley road. Some reduction of dust control from last year is planned to make available additional funds to improve the road surfaces mentioned above. Driving slower, especially near houses, will help us reduce the amount of dust on our other Township roads. Also, remember to slow down for bikes, joggers and walkers along the side of the roads.

If you have any questions concerning roads, please contact me by email: [DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org), leave a message at the Town Hall office (525-5705), or phone me at 525-1555.

Use of Township Facilities  
Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

The Duluth Township Community Center/North Shore Community School is available for rental to private parties for summer gatherings. Facilities include recreation fields, pavilion, cafeteria (with or without kitchen) and gymnasium. See the procedure on our website, [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org). For further information call Mary Ann Sironen (525-2010).

Our **Township Memorial Day** service was shifted to the Town Hall due to rain and cold. George Sundstrom led the service, Fred Poe provided the invocation, and P.O. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jeffrey Dwyer spoke. Names of our veterans were read, the French River Lutheran Church choir led singing and provided refreshments and Paul Peterson sounded taps. We had a large gathering, nearly a full house. *Thanks to all who participated.*

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Police Department  
Shawn Padden, Chief

In April and May there were 165 police events, 3 less than the last two months. These included 57 requested home/business checks, 10 animal complaints (*including 1 bite incident*), 10 burglar alarms (*1 theft*), 9 handgun permits, 9 neighbor trouble, 8 traffic warnings and 3 citations, 7 serving civil process, 6 medical emergencies (*plus 3 suicide attempts and 1 natural death*), 6 public assists, plus a variety of other police events and regular responses and office work.

The **Annual Public Safety Expo** at the Hermantown Fire Hall (*5111 Maple Grove Rd, Hermantown*) is **Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-4pm**. There is something for the whole family—prizes, demonstrations, fire and emergency equipment, safety information, etc.

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

See the Township web site for our new police page of information. Sign up for email notifications.

**For All Emergencies: call 911.**

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department  
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

We have sold our 1978 fire truck to a small volunteer fire department in Pritchett, CO.

Thanks to Alden Township, the Alden Fire Hall now has a new steel roof.

New automatic mutual aid agreement protocols are being worked out with neighboring Lakehead Mutual Aid Association fire departments. This means that adjoining fire departments will be automatically called for confirmed structure fires rather than waiting for the first department to request aid. This should cut down response times. Our Department is part of these arrangements.

Department members are involved in monthly training sessions on a variety of topics from use of specialized equipment to practice burns to water sources and medical issues.



**Dale Tikka** is a new member of our Clifton Volunteer Fire Dept. During this past year he has completed fire school and will be completing first responder training as well. The Dept underwrites training, fire suits and equipment. Dale was interested in fire fighting and

wanted to take this opportunity to serve the community and "join with a great bunch of fire fighter folks". He and his wife, Tonya, 2 boys and 4 girls, live on the Old North Shore Road, having moved here from Washington State. Dale is a residential and commercial electrician who also enjoys hunting, fishing and family. Welcome and thanks for volunteering!

### Duluth Township Recreation Corner

Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator

Well, summer is definitely here and there's lots happening at the North Shore Community Center these next months going into the new school year. The new warming center will be completed this fall and the U-8 soccer field will have a new facelift this year. We plan on fixing this field to improve the field's safety conditions. *Please stay off this field until the grass has had a chance to grow.* It will be ribboned off as a reminder. Plans for improving the U-12 soccer field and baseball fields are proceeding.



2011 Duluth Township Recreation Basketball League Champions—The Clover Valley Cavaliers. From left, Cole Myrdal, Charles Pavlisich, Bill Sill, Sam Strom, and, seated, Kalina Pavlisich.

During this year's first recreation event, we held basketball leagues at the Community Center. League went on for 6 weeks with age groups 9 through 13 participating in morning games and 14 up to adult participating in a league format event. All teams in both age groups had lots of fun. The winner of this year's 14 to adult league was the *Clover Valley Cavaliers*. One of the most entertaining games of the year had to be the championship game with the *Cavaliers* beating the *Fab5*, 67 to 65 with the *Fab5* missing a last second shot. Congratulations to them for their achievement.

**Upcoming events** this summer, we will be holding a *Flag Football* Tournament and a *Non-Competitive Baseball* program with **sign-ups** being held at **North Shore Community Center on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> between 6 and 9pm.** Sign up sheets are found on the Duluth Township web site ([www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)) under "Recreation", and they will be available on sign-up night. Rules for both events are also listed on the website and I will have copies on sign-up night. Please sign up and participate. I am also looking for volunteer referees. Anyone interested please contact Kevin Pettis (525-0663 x301).



#### ROUGH LUMBER FOR SUMMER PROJECTS

RAISED GARDEN BED(S), TOOL SHED, SAUNA, DEER FENCE? Call George Sundstrom 525-5655

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#### Township Recreation Council

A Recreation Council has been created to identify and propose ways to address Township recreational needs for our residents, including proposed budgets for presentation to the Town Board for consideration. Current members are Recreation Coordinator Kevin Pettis (525-0663 x301), Ray Sundberg, Ron Sundberg, Travis Stolp, and Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen.

#### Recycling News

Carolyn Marino and Mary Ann Sironen

Our Recycling Center at the Town Hall is funded through a grant from Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) and is coordinated by Carolyn Marino. Shedkeepers Alvin Anderson, Marlis Livingston and Kathy Peer keep regular hours (*see p7*). Your help is needed to bring only acceptable recyclables.

Residents now need to sort their recyclables into **only 4 different categories**. There is one category inside the shed—**mixed containers**—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, there are **three** categories—**mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, and newspaper** (*the extra dumpster is for shed overflow*).

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

#### **NOT ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS:**

1. Flower pots.
2. Grocery deli containers (black bottoms, clear tops), green/clear plastic berry baskets or 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.

The Recycling Program does not accept household garbage or other unwanted items that are more appropriately brought to the landfill (no bicycles, electronics, furniture, etc!). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Our aluminum can recycling project benefits the North Shore Community School Library Fund.

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

**Remember to recycle!!**

#### Town Board Opening

Dave Mount, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Applications are being solicited and accepted for an interim appointment to the Town of Duluth Board of Supervisors to serve until the regular election in March, 2012.

Please send letters of interest to: *Town Clerk, Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804.* or indicate your interest by email to: [TownClerk@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownClerk@duluthtownship.org).

**Applications need to be received by July 12, 2011** and will be reviewed at the regular meeting of the Town Board on July 14<sup>th</sup>. An appointment to the open position will be made by the Supervisors.

#### Community Center Reminders

Please do not drive off the asphalt driveways or on grass fields. Don't walk on new grass. Please stay off the septic system mound.

**Thanks** to the Clover Valley Girls for including the Town Hall grounds in their Homestead Road clean up on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>. The road and the Town Hall look beautiful!



**Alden Township is hosting a Market**

Saturday mornings from 9:30-11am through the growing season. Everyone is welcome to come buy, sell, trade things like **produce**, arts & crafts, baked goods, flea market stuff. There is a bulletin board for posting cards for services and want ads.

It is being held outside the Alden Town Hall on Laine Road in good weather and inside the hall in the event of rain.

*Peg Wagner*

North Shore Locavores

"Producers and consumers of local food"  
Molly Tillotson and Sherry Rovig

Our next meeting will be September 25<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 3pm, Town Hall.

There are occasional, spontaneous "foraging" trips depending on what produce is at its peak. For information, see the web site or call Molly or Sherry.

For more information see our "Locavores" link on the Duluth Township web site ([www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)) or call: Molly at 525-6933 or 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 6:30-8:30pm.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

*Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen*

This new column will list volunteer opportunities that we hope you will consider and become involved in your community. As Ken Hendrickson used to say, volunteering is the price you pay to live in a good township. If you think of other ways to pitch in, please let us know!

- Newsletter help — The local business listing needs to be updated for listing in the Newsletter and on our web site, writing special features of interest in the township, local masthead pictures, a listing of artists, writers and musicians, etc. (call Don McTavish, 525-0103).
- Referees for summer recreation sports (see article or call Kevin Pettis, 525-0663 x301).
- Teams will be forming soon to work on the soccer fields at DTCC/NSCS. Watch your email and our Duluth Township web site for project notices. (or call Kevin Pettis, 525-0663 x301).
- Working on the DTCC/NSCS landscaping project. Watch for email for announcement of needs. (or call Mary Ann Sironen, 525-2010).

Duluth Township Community Education

*Michelle Libby and Jo Thompson*

In the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, Henry David Thoreau recognized the need to build a local "uncommon" school. He was referring mostly to literary pursuits. So, imagine his surprise if he found out that the "village" education had morphed to include classes in driver's safety, a slideshow tour of South India, developing personal health records, exercise based on Latin dance; or "uncommon" classes for the young in gun, ATV and snowmobile safety and babysitting classes. Learning need not end at a certain age or at the end of the normal school day.

Don't miss enriching and rewarding opportunities for all ages. Watch for the new fall class schedule in the September Newsletter, the Township website or your child's take-home information from NSCS. If you would like automatic email notifications, please sign up on the Township's webpage or let us know. We encourage everyone to offer their skills and knowledge by teaching or leading a class, whether one or several sessions. Class proposals are available on the *Community Ed* page of our Township web site or call us at 525-0663 x300 with your ideas.

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in Duluth Township

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**Cub Scouts:**

call David Hooey, 525-6617

**Boy Scouts:**

call Jim Atkinson, 343-0119  
or: [jbatkison@allete.com](mailto:jbatkison@allete.com)

**Girl Scouts:**

call Julie Igo, 726-4710

*(Note: If other community service groups should be listed, please contact the Editor at the Town Hall.)*



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Summary of Town Board Meetings  
*(Official minutes by Town Clerk Ann Cox are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).)*

**April 28<sup>th</sup> special joint meeting with the Planning Commission on Short Term Rental policy.** Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Miller, Dave Mount, and Mary Ann Sironen attended (see notes under Planning Commission).

**May 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Crow, Dahl, Miller, Mount and Sironen attended.

**Main Actions:** Road bids were opened (Kunst and Rodda) and Rodda, our current contractor, was awarded the contract with lower cost. The Community Center lease addendum with new space at same lease cost as last year. A question was raised about what part of the building belongs to the community. We rent back a Community Ed office from the school. Projects at our Community Center will be prioritized later. Employee wages were discussed and a motion was approved to make cost of living adjustments since their last pay adjustment, reflective of Social Security COLAs, excluding those whose compensation was adjusted in 2010, Supervisors, Police, extra meeting charges, and Planning Commission stipends. Town Hall Office hours were changed to Tue/Wed 9-noon, Thu 2-6pm and Fri 9-11am starting June 1.

**Other Business:** Treasurer Johansen reported receipts of \$65,442.46, expenses \$68,797.10 for an April ending balance of \$592,750.05. Claims were reviewed and bills paid. A letter from Jay Zink affirmed he continues as the Worden short term rental contact. Neighbors may also call 911 about short term rental concerns and violations of the law will be handled by police. Worden's were sent a letter that they are in violation of their CUP. The Dept of Health requires a license and Worden's think otherwise. The 1978 Ford fire truck has been sold for \$4,995. Planning reported work on Zoning Ordinance language and updating. Town culverts need GPS coordinates for the required MS4 report. River stewardship groups for the Knife and Sucker rivers are being formed. Town Hall: Blackout blinds/new windows and energy audit were discussed. Materials management: we need new fencing for aluminum cans. The new web site was discussed. A final quote on "Welcome To Duluth Township" road signs was requested. Clearwater Grill liquor license renewal was approved.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> Cemetery Sexton Interviews.** Supervisors Crow, Miller and Mount attended. Three people were interviewed for a 1yr position to be reviewed at the end of the year. Bourdage, Jackson and Tillotson applied. Scott Jackson withdrew and Molly Tillotson was hired.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Center Project Prioritizing meeting.** Supervisors present were Barb Crow, Dave Miller, Dave Mount and Mary Ann Sironen.

Dave Mount gave a power point presentation on the Community Center Fund, how it was created, projections about its future, current status and completed projects.

**Discussion points:** How much of the NSCC does Community Ed need? A focus of the new addition was to get rid of the portables. Legislative change means NSCS must take students on first come basis and can no longer

focus on students from our community. A reserve of \$200-\$250 thousand is to be kept in the Community Center Fund. There is some concern in the community about lack of community space. Safety issues need to be addressed first. Correcting the air handling system will be 3-4 months worth of lease payments.

A spreadsheet of potential projects and cost estimates prepared by Ray Sundberg was presented by Mary Ann Sironen. Project priorities adopted are: 1) Getting a firm estimate for the air handling system, 2) repair the front sidewalk, 3) complete the warming house and skating rinks, 4) upgrade soccer fields. A motion was adopted to approve \$1000 for the summer recreation program. A cap will be put on what we spend and estimates will be approved as they are known.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall) July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> .**  
*Residents are urged to attend these public meetings*



**Homesteaders History**

*Written by George Sundstrom, Sr. ("Jackpine Savage")*

*Reprinted from The Landmarks, March 1986, at the suggestion of resident Helen Hendrickson.*

*This is our former Duluth Township community newspaper.*

Seeing that past history is not one of my favorite subjects, I had to go to some of the old minutes of meetings past. After reading of our early efforts, I could say with the old "hyacinth squirrel" (*skunk*) who backed into the wind, it all comes back to me now. (Maybe we ought to adopt that as our theme song.)

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1976 the "club" was launched. 14 members. Our first meeting was held in the basement of the French River Lutheran Church. And to give us direction and purpose were people from county social services. Not the least, Maggie McGillis. Offering aid and encouragement at the early meetings was Helen Budaslavitch. But it was really a home grown community project and (to) the people of the community must go the credit for its following success.

Because of problems to the elderly in using the church stairs especially it was evident we needed a more suitable home. However that's getting ahead of our story—it was at the third meeting of the "club" that the name HOMESTEADERS was chosen at the suggestion of Gunnar and Florence Johnson, residents of the Homestead Road. Thus we petitioned for use of the town hall and did meet there for a time. The membership growth again dictated we needed a more modern and warmer facility.

When a room at the North Shore Elementary School was vacated, we petitioned for that and were given permission for its use in the future. To protect the school in the event of injury to any of our members, the club was incorporated as a state approved unit and registered as such, with proper constitution and by-laws. Shortly prior to that we had become a member of the Sr. Citizen Coalition of N.E. Minn., a combined organization of some 60 clubs, urban and rural.

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To bring the school building up to Federal standards as required by law, our club undertook to make the necessary improvements — ramp for wheelchair patients, toilets properly assessable, etc. Volunteer labor was the greatest item and was totally furnished by members of the club. After two years, the room was again needed by the school and we were again homeless. The energy and enthusiasm of our people was not subject to disappointment. At a meeting at the home of Roy and LaVerne Gravelle, we decided to petition to town board to apply to *IRRRB* for funding to totally remodel and restore the town hall, basically a sound structure. In time, that became a reality, and is our proud and present home, for a club that has now grown to about 140 members.

But back to history—we have made donations in dollars to many worthwhile causes in the area. We have helped those in need to have hot lunches in school, we have sent youngsters to training camp at Isabella each year. We have contributed to worthy needs in the area which I will not at this time mention. To put it bluntly, we've made Duluth Township a better place to live. Blood pressure screening, weekly bus service through the Arrowhead transit, information on services available to the elderly are a part of our program, weatherization of homes have helped several in the area. Several homes have been improved, one well installed and all to make life easier for all.

As to officers past, I will not dwell on, past history may of course be interesting but its really the future history we must concern ourselves with. No organization ever stands still, it goes forward or it goes back. So long as we plan future projects we will always have a future. A suggestion—school will soon be out, how about a junior homesteaders club? A young peoples' chorus for example. One of my own projects just prior to a first heart attack was to have the Boy Scouts carve a totem pole depicting the steps in scouting. Can we help them?

I know there are far too many people who deserve our undying thanks for making the Homesteaders the organization it is, however to name all would be impossible. To the ladies, God Bless 'Em, whom we couldn't do without — To the Editor (*Patti Hellman*) of the local paper, "*Landmarks*", I'm sure there are those of us who will be proud to say in a few years "I knew her when she started out." A sincere thanks to all from the officers past and present to you who have made it all worthwhile.

I want to close this article with the words our director in the service had on his desk: "As you journey thru life you will find three kinds of people: 1. The man who knows not and knows that he knows not—he is a student, teach him! 2. The man who knows not, and knows not that he knows not—he is a fool, shun him. 3. The man who knows, and knows that he knows, he is a teacher, follow him."

### Building a Knife River and Sucker River Community

Local residents in the Knife River watershed have formed a group sharing concerns and ideas advocating for the river. A similar group is being formed for the Sucker River watershed. Contact Andrew Slade for notification of meetings (727-3383) or [andrewslade@mepartnership.org](mailto:andrewslade@mepartnership.org).

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

**April 28<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with the Town Board on Short Term Rental (STR) Policy.** Members attending were Dave Chura, Jan Green, and Jo Thompson, John Schifsky, Paul Voge plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Board members Barb Crow, Dave Miller, Dave Mount, Mary Ann Sironen, and Town Clerk Ann Cox.

This was a continuation of the Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> joint meeting. There was an extensive discussion of a response to proposed State legislation (SF1190 and HF1523) allowing short term rentals with no conditional use permitting. A number of townships and organizations are opposed. Supervisors Mount and Crow will craft a letter detailing our concerns to the Legislature and our representatives.

Conditions related to permitting short term rentals were discussed and will be revised, depending on legislative action on the bills. We need to decide as a Township whether to ban STRs, leave the STR situation as it is, adopt revised standards and conditions, or license STRs. A future meeting was implied but not scheduled.

**April 28<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners attending were Dave Chura, Jan Green, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson, Paul Voge plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Board representatives Barb Crow and Dave Mount and Secretary Beth Mullan. Meeting after the joint meeting with the Town Board noted above.

**Main Actions:** March minutes were approved. A motion was adopted to clarify member terms, John Schifsky's terms (to March 2012 filling a vacancy), Jo Thompson's (to March 2013 filling a vacancy), and Paul Voge (to 2014 a new term). The Town Board appoints new Commission members at the first Town Board meeting following our Annual Town meeting (motion approved). It was moved and approved that Dave Chura continue as chair until his term ends in March, 2012 and that Paul Voge be Vice Chair.

**Other Business:** The Commission will review our Ordinance and recommend updating items to the Town Board. There was discussion of whether to adopt an interim use permit option and seeking funding to update our Comprehensive Plan. The County is seeking comments on its draft subdivision ordinance. There was a discussion of needs for legal advice at hearings and how advice should be requested.

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

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

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**NEW Town Office Hours:** Tues. & Wed. 9am-noon  
 Thurs 2-6pm, Fri 9-11am

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

**Supervisors:**

**Barbara Crow** (2011-2014) 525-0489  
 or Email: [BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org](mailto:BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Responsibilities: Financial/Banks, Insurance, Plan-  
 ning, Alternate on Personnel, Fire Dept, Senior Hsg.)

**Dave Mount** (2010-2013) **Board Chair** 525-7961  
 or Email: [DaveMount@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveMount@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Responsibilities: Board Chair, Fire Dept, Cemetery,  
 Town Hall, Police, N Shore Mgmt Bd)

**Dave Miller** (2011-2014) 525-1555  
 or Email: [DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Responsibilities: Roads, Environmental Stwrdsdp,  
 Alternate on Planning, Senior Housing)

**Mary Ann Sironen**, (2009-2012) **Vice Chair** 525-2010  
 or Email: [MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org](mailto:MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Responsibilities: Personnel, Communications, Co-  
 mmunity Ed/Recreation, Duluth/Cty Assn of Twps,  
 Senior Housing, Community Center/facility, D/NSSD,  
 Waste Mgmt.)

Board Vacancy (see article)

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

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

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

**Cemetery Sexton:** **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933  
 or Email: [Cemetery@duluthtownship.org](mailto:Cemetery@duluthtownship.org)

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

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

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** **Dave Chura** (Mar. 2012),  
**Jan Green** (2012), **Bill Lannon** (2014), **Brigid Pajunen**  
 (2013), **John Schifsky** (2012), **Jo Thompson** (2013),  
 and **Paul Voge** (2014).

Email: [PlanningZonng@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PlanningZonng@duluthtownship.org)

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

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

**Burning Permits** are available from the **Town Hall** during office  
 hours, and from **Fire Wardens:** Jay Zink (525-5589),  
 Jeff and Caroline Marino (525-6431), or the **DNR** web,  
 office in Two Harbors (1568 Hwy 2, 834-1418).

**Community Education Coordinator:** **Jo Thompson and**  
**Michelle Libby** [EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org)

**Recreation Coordinator:** **Kevin Pettis** 525-0663 ext 301  
[RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:RecreationCoordinator@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. Many  
 Departments have a web page under our new web site.

## Township Calendar

See calendar updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
 Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### JULY 2011

- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
 6, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business  
 meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
 6, Wed, 6-9pm sign-up for Rec program (see article)  
 14, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.  
 18, Mon, (no meeting), **North Shore Community School**  
**Board**  
 19, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**  
 meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
 20, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1  
 22, Fri, **Discard old medicines at WLSSD**  
 24, Sun, (no meeting) **Locavores**  
 26, Tue, 6:30pm **Township Knitters**, Town Hall  
 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### AUGUST 2011

- 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  
 13, Sat, 1-4:30pm **COME ON HOME PARTY**, Town  
 Hall (see article)  
 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  
 20, Sat, 10-4pm **Annual Public Safety Expo**, at 5111  
 Maple Grove Rd, Hermantown Fire Hall.  
 23, Tue, **Deadline for September Newsletter**  
 25, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall  
 28, Sun, (no meeting) **Locavores**  
 30, Tue, 6:30pm **Township Knitters**, Town Hall

### SEPTEMBER 2011

- 7, Wed, 12:00 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall  
 7, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,  
 Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd  
 8, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall  
 19, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School**  
**Board** meeting, NSCS Library  
 20, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**  
 meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
 21, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1  
 22, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall  
 25, Sun, 3pm **Locavores**, Town Hall  
 27, Tue, 6:30pm **Township Knitters**, Town Hall

**Thanks again to Mary Tennis and Stacy Levres for pro-  
 viding and tending the beautiful flowers by our 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 & 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.

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JULY 2011

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## Please Pick Up Your 911 Fire Number Sign

*Town Clerk, Ann Cox*

...at the Town Hall during office hours. If there is an emergency, this is what fire fighters, medical first responders and police look for! Keep it visible!

Ken **Johnston**, 2294 Lismore Road  
Mark & Dana **Horlocker**, 2114 Johnson Road  
Max **Bruckelmyer**, 5848 Ryan Road  
Nicholas **Massie**, 1935 East Pioneer Road  
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## Fiber-Optic Telecommunications Project

At a recent Two Harbors project meeting, Paul Bergman restated the goal to make broadband available to any property connected to an electric utility. It will provide phone, internet and video with bandwidth potential to supply more services as they are established. Protection against interrupted service comes from a loop design so data can feed from either side of any break. Including our Township (*and other Eastern St Louis County areas*) helps with this loop redundancy concept. For more information on the Fiber-Optic Telecommunications Project call Matt Huddleston (834-8320).