



**Bluebird Landing** pictures are provided by Ann Cox. These are from 1945 and 1946. Bluebird landing is at fire number 5630 on the Scenic Byway a bit east of Homestead Road. Commercial and recreational fishing boats "Bluebird" and "Bluejay" used the landing. It's now a popular fishing spot and place the Fire Dept can get water.

# Duluth Township Newsletter

Duluth Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

March 2011

## What's Coming Up...

### **BE SURE TO VOTE IN OUR TOWNSHIP ELECTION!**

#### **Town Board Election — Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Two positions are to be filled. Voting is from **7am to 8pm** at the Town Hall. *Absentee ballots are available at the Town Hall during office hours and also Saturday morning, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-12.* (see article on p1 & 8 and candidate statements on p5)

#### **Annual Town Meeting is Tues. Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:15pm.**

*Please do not enter the Town Hall until 8:15pm to give time for election materials to be put away and chairs set up for the Annual Meeting.* (See article on proposed 2012 budget, p6) If bad weather causes the meeting to be postponed, the date will be Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Recreation Coordinators** starting work (see article p5)

#### **Spring Community Ed Classes** (see insert)

#### **Weather Closure Policy** — When our North Shore Community School is closed due to weather, our Town Offices will also be closed

## **Homesteader Cribbage Tournament**

At Duluth Town Hall on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Singles at 9:30am and Doubles in the afternoon.

Chicken dinner for lunch.

Call Bill at 525-7415 or Bob at 525-1753.

### Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Barbara Crow, Bob Engelson, Tera Freese, Helen Hendrickson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Dave Miller, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Alvera Pierson, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, and our Webmaster, Linda Holliday.

*Our Town Hall is now a public WiFi "hotspot".*

## 2011 Annual Town Meeting and Election

Mary Ann Sironen, Supervisor

**Township Day** is always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of March and this year falls on the **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. All citizens of Duluth Township are encouraged to participate in grass roots government by voting in Township elections and attending the Annual Town meeting. This important event is where new supervisors are elected and property tax payers set the level of spending that will determine their levy for 2012. Look further in this issue to find out about the people who have asked for your vote as Town Board Supervisor for coming years.

Two of the current Supervisors are leaving the Board and they go with our gratitude for jobs well done for the last 6 years. Wendy Meierhoff has brought a new level of management to Town finances. Her business expertise guided investments and expenditures that have been increasingly complicated during this period of time.

Dan Tanner has had the demanding job of Roads and Bridges Supervisor along with other duties. The 11+ miles of Town roads present ongoing challenges of grading, flooding and plowing. Not only has Dan maintained these roads, with endless good cheer in answering phone calls and comments about individual problems, but has constantly sought to improve them to reduce future maintenance. He has also led the effort to update the cemetery and his work shows in the improvements seen there.

The continuing Supervisors, Dave, Steve and Mary Ann will miss the camaraderie of Wendy and Dan as they leave the Board...but are looking forward to working with them as active members of the Township...along with the new supervisors that will come on after the election.

The work of the Town goes on with the excellent support and organization of our Town Clerk Ann Cox, who keeps Township business going, Janet Johansen our Town Treasurer, **and** the rest of our Town of Duluth employees and volunteers. Thanks to everyone who contributes their efforts to our community governance!

### 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.**  
*(Recycling times change in April)*  
**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.

### Fiber-Optic Telecommunications Project

The Lake County Board approved an investment in the Fiber-Optic Telecommunications Project. They selected Ledor Technical Services to do a “design-build” process for construction of the network. The agreement with National Public Broadband will not be extended. Network construction is expected to begin this spring. For more information call Matt Huddleston (834-8320) or see [www.co.lake.mn.us](http://www.co.lake.mn.us)

### Needed, Clover Valley High School Yearbooks

*Barb Jackson, NSCS Librarian*

Quite some time ago, the North Shore library inherited a collection of old Clover Valley HS yearbooks. In an effort to make the collection more complete, I’m wondering if anyone has yearbooks they would be willing to donate. These books will be available at special events for the community to see. So far, I have books from 1950, 1953, 1956-1964, and 1973. Please give me (*Barb Jackson, NSCS Library*) a call at 525-0663 x114, or stop by the school. Thanks!

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### The Homesteaders

*Helen Hendrickson*

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall, Potluck lunch. Program: “*Stormwater in Duluth Township*” by Val Brady.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Program by Lone Cooke, Master Gardener. Coffeetime follows.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Program to be announced.

***Everyone is welcome.***

*For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.*

Police Department  
*Shawn Padden, Chief*

### **PLEASE SLOW DOWN ON RYAN ROAD BY OUR SCHOOL!!**

Last year there were 1164 initial complaints reported in addition to routine patrols and reports. Among the most frequent were requested vacation/home/business checks (390), traffic violation warnings (87), traffic violation citations (25), public assists (60), animal complaints (38), burglar alarms (34), medical emergencies (37), and checking suspicious vehicles (43). The full report will be available at the Town Meeting, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Our Township pays for 1680 hrs of police work per year by 3 officers.

Our Department was awarded a grant to upgrade computer equipment and the equipment has now been delivered and installed so **CrimNet** email will work more smoothly and residents who sign up will receive information on events in the Township.

**DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE!!** A good reminder for all to see is on the internet at: <http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=2964>. Watch it with your kids!

CRIME MAPPING of area crimes can be found at [www.crimemapping.com](http://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](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org).*

**For All Emergencies: call 911.**

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department  
*Bob Engelson, Fire Chief*

On Feb. 2nd the Department elected firefighter officers. Bob Engelson and Keith Darsow were re-elected as Fire Chief and Assistant Chief. Captains elected were: First Captain Don Walli, Second Captain Dave Dahlberg, Third Captain Neal Myrdal.

This past year we have had several new firefighter volunteers — Paul Freeze, Alec Fuentes, Todd Gremmels, Shane Kerby, Robert Peldo, Dan Roselund, and Dale Tikka. Some are taking firefighter and first responder courses. Thanks!!

Now that we have updated our fleet a bit, we are selling the 1978 Ford F800 “Bean” fire engine.

### **Do Not Call List**

To put your phone (*cell or home*) on the do not call list, call 1-888-382-1222 or go to [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).

*Township records show that 780 people have been buried in our Township's Palmer Lakeside Cemetery. Currently available space should last 5-15 years.*

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](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
 or Email: [TownHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownHall@duluthtownship.org)

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

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

**Supervisors:**

**Stephen Dahl**, (2010-2013) 525-4679 or  
 Email: [SteveDahl@duluthtownship.org](mailto:SteveDahl@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Responsibilities: Shares Roads, Community Center,  
 Recreation Facilities (JOC) )

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

**Dave Mount** (2010-2013) **Board Chair** 525-7961  
 or Email: [DaveMount@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveMount@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Responsibilities:, Board Chair, Planning &  
 Zoning, North Shore Mgmt Bd, Shares Town Hall, )

**Mary Ann Sironen**, (2009-2012) **Vice Chair** 525-2010  
 or Email: [MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org](mailto:MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Responsibilities: Personnel, 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](mailto:DanTanner@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Responsibilities: Cemetery, Fire Dept, RSPT,  
 MPCA, SWPPP, Shares Town Hall and Roads)

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

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

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

**Cemetery:** **Town Clerk** 218-525-5705  
 or Email: [Cemetery@duluthtownship.org](mailto:Cemetery@duluthtownship.org)

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

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

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** **Dave Chura** (Chair),  
**Barbara Crow**, **Jan Green**, **Michael Kahl**,  
**Bill Lannon**, **Brigid Pajunen**, (opening)  
 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, 834-6609).

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

**Recreation Coordinators:** **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](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
 Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### MARCH 2011

- 2, Wed, 12:00 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall  
 2, Wed, 7pm Fire Dept training, Gnesen Fire Hall  
 5, Sat, 10-12am Absentee ballots, Town Hall

7am-8pm **Town Board Election**, Town Hall

- 8, Tue, 8:15pm **Annual Town Meeting**, Town Hall  
*(In case of bad weather the election and meeting will be postponed to March 15<sup>th</sup>)*

- 9, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept: business**  
 meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd  
 10, Thu, 6:30pm Board of Canvas (*certify vote*) TownHall  
 10, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall  
 Organization meeting  
 15, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**  
 meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
 16, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, **Two Harbors**  
 21, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School**  
**Board** meeting, NSCS Library  
 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall  
 27, Sun, 3pm Locavores, Town Hall  
 29, Tue, 6:30 Township Knitters, Town Hall

### APRIL 2011

- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
 6, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept: business**  
 meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
 14, Thu, 6:30 Annual Stormwater meeting, Town Hall  
 14, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.  
 16, Sat, 9:30am Homesteader Cribbage Tournament,  
 Town Hall (*see article*)  
 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, 6-7pm Board of Audit and Equalization, Town  
 Hall (*considers property tax issues*) - (*tentative*)  
 20, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1  
 23, Thu, **Deadline for May Newsletter**  
 24, Sun, 3pm Locavores, Town Hall  
 26, Tue, 6:30 Township Knitters, Community Center  
 28, Thu, 5:30pm **Joint meeting** of Board and Planning  
 Commission on STR policy, Town Hall  
 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### MAY 2011

- 4, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
 4, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept: business** meeting,  
 Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall  
 16, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School**  
**Board** meeting, NSCS Library  
 17, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**  
 meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
 18, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept: training**, Hall #1  
 22, Sun, 3pm Locavores, Town Hall  
 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall  
 30, Mon, 11am Memorial Day ceremony at the  
 Township's Palmer Lakeside Cemetery  
 31, Tue, 6:30 Township Knitters, Town Hall

Memories of our Duluth Town Hall  
*Alvera Pierson*

My first connection to our Town Hall started before I was born. Our parents, Alphonse and Gertrude Anderson, had their wedding reception there. They told of cranking up the old Model A Ford and going to the dances, parties, accordion concerts, vaudeville shows and plays that were a regular occurrence back then.

On November 8th, 1932, they went to the Town Hall to vote for Franklin Delano Roosevelt. After voting they decided a trip to the hospital was a good idea. After a few hours, a small 4lb 3oz baby girl arrived. Ten minutes later a 7lb boy entered the world.



We were named after my Dad, Alvera Caroline and Alvin Carl. Our middle names for Swedish Royalty. My Dad was heard to mutter, "when they come in two's, you quit"! In the heart of the depression, this made a lot of sense!

Growing up, I remember the school plays on the stage, especially the hero and villain ones. I learned to dance with my father and friends on the smooth Hall floor. The schottische was my favorite. I'd try to cover the whole floor in three steps, and wonder why no one asked me to dance!

In March of 1973 I was honored to be the first woman elected to the three-person Board of Supervisors, serving with Orrin Moe and Walter Johnson. That was a very enlightening three years of my life. Participating in our grass roots government, township road maintenance, Palmers Cemetery upkeep, interpreting zoning laws, budgets, Town Hall meetings and serving on the three-member county-wide Board of Adjustment, kept me very busy. I loved every minute of my Township term and really became bonded to our historical Town Hall.

*(Note: If you have a story about our Town Hall, please write it up and send it in.)*

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 Rovig*

Meetings are typically on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of the month at the Duluth Town Hall. An educational session starts at 3pm with a "business" meeting at 4pm followed by a pot luck meal (come even if you don't have a dish).

Next meetings are: Sun. Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>;  
 Sun. Apr. 24<sup>th</sup>.

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.**

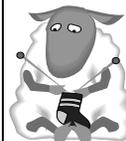
Thanks for a Great Winter Swing Dance Break!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual February Swing Dance at our Town Hall was a great success, thanks to planning by Jody Anderson and Mary Tennis, plus an enthusiastic crowd from beginners to old pros!

Thanks to DJ's Stacey Lavres and Anne Utyro, to Bob Fabro for use of his sound equipment, to Sara Duke, Dave Devere and Lynn Fryberger for dance instruction, and to all who provided treats and pitched in to make this great fun for our community.

Watch for an announcement for next February's Swing Dance.

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. Next meetings are March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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).

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## Candidates for Town Supervisor

Each candidate was asked to provide a statement and picture for the Newsletter. These statements are presented as written to provide residents with background information. There are two Town Supervisor openings and two residents who have stepped forward and filed to serve.



### Barbara Crow

My name is Barbara Crow and I am running for Town Board.

I have lived in Duluth Township for over a decade. I currently serve on the Planning Commission and have a strong working knowledge of our Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. I am a founding member of the Clifton Fire Department Auxiliary and have supported the North Shore Community School through the endowment fund. I have enjoyed meeting my neighbors through my involvement in the North Shore Locavores, the annual Harvest Dinner and community education classes.

Professionally, I have worked in health care since 1975 and as an RN since 1982. During the last 15 years with St. Luke's I have worked both as a caregiver and in management. I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, providing direct anesthesia care since 1994. I also served three years as manager of anesthesia and surgical services. My responsibilities included management of more than 170 employees and a budget of millions of dollars. I worked with physicians, regulatory agencies, equipment vendors and managed nursing personnel, surgical technologists and nurse anesthetists. Most importantly, I responded to patient needs and concerns. All of this has helped develop my listening and collaboration skills. Now that I have returned to direct patient care and work part time, I can turn more attention toward home and community.

I feel that it's important to support well planned, sustainable growth that will keep Duluth Township an affordable place to live while maintaining its rural character.

I feel blessed to live in a Township that has strong leadership and a solid sense of community. It's a place where we know and help our neighbors. The education, services, and other activities available right in our own Township strengthen our interconnectedness and make our community a healthy place to live and work. We have created a community to be proud of because we care and get involved. I would like to contribute to this work and continue the tradition of service.

So, I'm asking for your vote on March 8<sup>th</sup>. I would be honored to serve the residents of Duluth Township.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 525-0489 or at rhubarp@gmail.com.



### Dave Miller

My name is Dave Miller and I have filed for one of the open positions on the Town Board. My family moved from Duluth to the Township 10 years ago and built a house off Bergquist Rd and Old North Shore Dr. My daughter and her family live

nearby in Lakewood Township and our two granddaughters attend Lakewood Elementary School.

I am running for Supervisor because I believe I can contribute to the Township as a good place to live and work. I became familiar with many of the issues in the Township serving on the citizen working group that updated our Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, and 6 yrs as a member of our Planning Commission. I support efforts to develop senior housing, to maintain our North Shore Community School, and policies our community has adopted in its planning efforts.

Developing a budget and setting priorities within budget constraints will be an ongoing issue in all that we try to accomplish especially in these difficult economic times. We must balance appropriate economic development, social needs and protection of the environment to maintain the rural character we all enjoy.

I believe my experience and skills will assist in resolving issues and building positive relationships within our Township. I have an UofM Forestry degree and have worked for the US Forest Service and the Governor's Council for Sustainable Forestry.

Upon retiring in 2008, I started a part-time consulting business. My work experiences involved management of personnel and budgets of over \$12 million for a variety of National forests. I have traveled to small towns throughout Minnesota, working with citizens involved in planning for their locations.

I am familiar with school issues from my previous work in our Township and serving 6 years on the Aurora, MN School Board, 2 yrs as chair. I am currently involved with an elementary school mentoring program at Lake Superior Elementary School in Superior.

I encourage you to vote in the March 8<sup>th</sup> election and I would appreciate your support to represent you on the Town Board.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss these or any other Township issues. Phone 525-1555. Email: damiller1988@msn.coml.

Thank you for your consideration.

Township Departments	Actual Expenditures for 2007	Actual Expenditures for 2008	Actual Expenditures for 2009	Actual Expenditures for 2010	Approved budget for 2011	Proposed Budget For 2012
Police Department <sup>(2)</sup>	\$32,789	\$65,707	\$32,187	\$45,199	\$47,395	\$47,395
Fire Department <sup>(2)</sup>	92,156	77,384	281,299	53,166	64,550	67,000
General Township	109,425	158,865	161,220	128,346	138,730	140,755
Planning & Zoning	24,828	32,453	25,037	20,811	21,590	20,750
Cemetery	6,131	4,919	5,358	3,999	3,000	5,000
Road & Bridge <sup>(2)</sup>	66,233	85,399	59,969	96,156	70,000	70,000
Recreation <sup>(5)</sup>	—	—	—	—	7,500	7,500
<i>Total expenses<sup>(1)</sup></i>	<i>\$331,562</i>	<i>\$424,727</i>	<i>\$565,070</i>	<i>\$347,677</i>	<i>\$352,765</i>	<i>\$358,400</i>
Community Education	<i>(self sustaining from fees)</i>					
Recycling	<i>(paid by a WLSSD grant)</i>					
Community Center	<i>(paid from school lease funds)</i>					
<b>Tax Levy Budgets</b> <i>(excludes income from fees, grants and other sources)</i>						
<b>Approved/proposed levy<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$305,785</b>	<b>\$327,304</b>	<b>\$332,755</b>	<b>\$366,295</b>	<b>\$352,765</b>	<b>\$358,400</b>
<b>Approximate average annual cost per household<sup>(4)</sup></b> <i>(using 740 households, depends on assessed property value.)</i>	<b>\$413</b>	<b>\$442</b>	<b>\$450</b>	<b>\$495</b>	<b>\$477</b>	<b>\$484</b>

**Footnotes:**

- (1) Note that the **actual** expenditures include expenses that may be partially covered by fees (e.g. permits, Community Education class fees etc.), grants (e.g. Fire Dept FEMA grant and Alden Township's contract for fire coverage), or carry-over funds. Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.
- (2) Some Departments designate funds for special projects: Road and Bridge emergencies (\$35,000), Fire and Police to replace aging fire and police vehicles. These funds are included in the year end balances shown in the Clerk's report at the Annual Meeting.
- (3) The budget amount we approve may be reduced, when levied, by State or County aid to local governments. These funds have been severely cut or eliminated in recent years. State "unallotment" also reduces anticipated levy funds that the Township would otherwise receive.
- (4) The average annual cost per household uses 740 as the number of households for comparisons here. The *Newsletter* is currently mailed to about 935 addresses, 779 are households in the Township (the U.S. Census counted 704 homes in Duluth Township in 2010).
- (5) At the 2009 Town Meeting residents voted to add \$7,500 to the levy for a Community Center recreation coordinator.

**Township Expenses and Budget for 2012**

The table above shows actual expenses for 2007 through 2010 plus the previously approved budget for 2011 and the proposed budget for 2012. In some cases, actual expenses include income from various sources other than the tax levy, such as permit fees, grants (*we've been successful in getting several including a large FEMA grant for a fire tanker and grants for Community Center facilities*), and carryover from budget savings in a prior year. Part of the carry-over is for escrow and emergency funds.

**The proposed 2012 budget only increased 1.6% over that approved last year for 2011.** All 2012 proposed budgets are close to that approved for 2011; one lower and three the same as that approved for this year.

Other than 2008 and 2009 (*new fire and police vehicles partially covered by escrowed funds and a large FEMA grant*), actual Township expenses have been pretty flat since 2000. Increases are mainly due to fuel and insurance costs.

Detailed information will be distributed at the Annual Town Meeting where each budget will be presented.

Your **total** property tax includes County and State levied budgets, and special assessments (e.g. school district, sewer), less any State aid for local governments

The 2012 budget will be voted on at the upcoming **March 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting**. Plan to attend!

## 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).)

**December 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors present were Dahl, Mount, Tanner and Sironen.

**Main Actions:** Approved motion to hire Steve Peterson as a Police Officer. Lannon's liquor license for Cape Superior Inn was approved. Authorized installing WiFi in the Town Hall.

**Other Business:** Angie Broud was introduced as a volunteer to follow John Bowen as our representative on the D/NSSD sewer Board. Deeds have not yet been transferred on the Little Sucker river easement as part of Odyssey's Stoney Point development. Worden's short term rental termination appeal is being heard by our Board of Adjustment. Note upcoming Planning and Zoning vacancies. Information will be gathered on whether background checks on CE instructors is needed. Final walk-through on Community Center building project has been completed. The building is worth about \$6 million. There was only a 5% overrun on the project. A dedication will be held in the Spring. We are working with the State to clarify employee status of recycling shed and maintenance workers.

**January 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors present were Dahl, Mount, Tanner and Sironen.

**Main Actions:** Next meeting is Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> due to likely absence of a quorum on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. Bill Lannon was appointed for a second term on the Planning Commission. Amended joint powers agreement with Lake County for the optic-fiber broadband project was approved following our attorney's review and suggestions.

**Other Business:** No audience concerns. Ending balance is \$549,256.78. Quotes to replace "Welcome to Duluth Township" road signs are being sought. John Kessler was thanked for his work as Assistant Planning Director. He will be retiring but will remain available during transition. Concerns raised about County's logging near streams and hiking trail. Stormwater permit extension has been submitted. Plans are to be proactive in steaming culverts in March to avoid road problems. Pavilion rental process is being considered. Recreation budget is \$15,000, half levied and half from Community Center funds. Election judge list approved. All Township employees and volunteers are covered under comprehensive liability policy. There is \$7,500 medical expense coverage for injured volunteers who sign a form acknowledging they are volunteering not employees, and not eligible for workman's compensation.

**January 27<sup>th</sup> special meeting with the Planning Commission discussing Short Term Rental policies.** All Supervisors were present. The meeting was facilitated by Sue Lawson. They listed factors they each considered in thinking about Township short term rentals.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)  
Mar 10<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Town Hall.  
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings**

## Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

**January 27<sup>th</sup> special meeting with Town Board on Short Term Rental policy.** Planning members present were Chura, Crow, Green, Kahl, Pajunen and Rutford. Sue Lawson facilitated a discussion of factors considered in thinking about short term rental policy in the Township.

A further meeting may be held in May or June.

**January 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** All members were present. The DNR presented drawings and discussed the proposed McQuade Harbor Interpretive Structure. Plans had been revised, taking into account earlier public comments. There were no further questions about the project.

**Main Actions:** Discussed proposed 2012 budget and the extent to which permit fees would offset this.

**Other Business:** Yvonne Rutford will be leaving the Commission due to work changes. She was thanked for her work on the Commission. Mike Kahl's term is up in March and Dave Chura's term will be up later in the year. The Town Board will advertise openings as they occur.

### Land Use Permits Beth Mullan

Year	Single Family	Total Permits
2010	8	28
2009	9	30
2008	10	39
2007	3	28
2006	10	44
2005	20	67
2004	23	70
2003	24	69
2002	18	57
2001	18	66
2000	17	56

**The Next Planning Committee meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): Mar 24<sup>th</sup> and Apr 28<sup>th</sup>.**

*Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.*

*Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.*

## Recreation News

*Tera Freese and Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinators*

Hello from Kevin Pettis and Tera Freese, the new Recreation Coordinators for Duluth Township. The past few months we have been busy discussing improvements and maintenance of the Township's Community Center: soccer and baseball fields, pavilion, skating rinks and warming house. We have met with members of the community who are passionate about the need for recreational leagues and opportunities in our Township. Our vision is to have safe, quality grounds looking their best, which includes happy, healthy people playing on them!

A Recreational Basketball League is forming and scheduled to begin on March 19th. See the Community Ed class insert for details on how to register your team! We are also in need of volunteer support to help referee.

We are always interested in hearing ideas from community members on what recreational programs you would like to see in our Township. In a time of high gas prices, wouldn't it be nice to have more available closer to home?

Call 525-0663 ext 301 or email [Recreation@duluthtownship.org](mailto:Recreation@duluthtownship.org).

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2011

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## What Happens at our Annual Town Meeting

For those who many not have attended a Town meeting, here's a bit of background. We gather in our Town Hall on Homestead Road after the polls close (8:15pm). Our Town Clerk, by law, calls the meeting to order and we nominate and elect a resident to lead the meeting.

Our Town Clerk, Ann Cox, hands out a packet, including minutes from last year's meeting plus summary information provided by various Township departments—2010 activities and expenses, the previously approved 2011 budget and the proposed 2012 Township budget (*see the table in this Newsletter*).

Those attending this meeting vote on our budget for 2012...a year away because our figures have to be included with County and School District figures for tax statements you receive in 2012. In 2011 we are operating on the budget adopted at our 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

Last year's minutes are approved, we vote on official posting places and on our official bank. Then the proposed 2012 budget is discussed and approved. Other business of the Township is raised and discussed and results of the election are announced at the end of the meeting. The meeting is usually suspended rather than adjourned. This permits a special meeting to be called later in case there is business that needs to be conducted by Town residents.

This meeting is grass-roots democracy but it depends upon the participation, respect and good ideas of all of our citizens. The Town Meeting is also a good place to meet your neighbors and to discuss important Township issues.

## Help from Volunteers

**Background checks** — According to legal advice, the Township needs to get a brief background check on any volunteer or employee who is likely to be in charge of children. The Township pays the fee for this check and it can be done by our own Police Department. The requirement applies to those working with children in the skating rinks and warming shed, teaching a Community Ed class that primarily includes children, coaching children's events, etc. From one point of view, it is one more procedure to complete, but it is also a part of our community's responsibility to protect our children. Please be patient and help out if you are asked to agree to have this check.

**Non-employee form** — The Township is also required to have volunteers sign a form whose purpose is to make clear to the State the status of volunteers. This clarifies Township liability for unemployment and other potential benefits otherwise available to employees. Again, it is necessary for the Township to conduct its business these days. Please be patient with the request. Your volunteering is central to having a great Township. Thanks for your understanding. Forms for these purposes are being prepared.



## Spring 2011 Class Schedule

### Registration is now open!

Contact us: 218-525-0663, ext. 300  
Duluth Township Community Education  
5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804  
[www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)  
[EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org)

### Beginner Container Gardens – Planting and Tips

Instructor: Michelle Libby

Learn to plant a container garden that will add a splash of color to your deck, porch or patio. This class will inspire you with ideas and provide practical tips and easy-to-follow instructions. In class you will learn how to plant a beautiful container garden that you can enjoy all summer long. Bring your own container filled with dirt.

**Date: Tues. May 10**

**Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

Location: NSCS Cafeteria

Cost: \$10 (payable to Comm. Ed. w/registration)

Supply Fee: \$10-15 for plants (buy only what you need) payable to instructor at class

### Red Cross Babysitter's Training

Instructor: Red Cross Certified Instructor

This 2 day class will provide youth who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants to develop leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe and help children behave; and learn about basic child care and basic infant first aid. Recommended age for this class is 11-15 years. Participants must attend both classes to receive a certificate.

**Dates: Day 1 – Tues. April 12, 3-6 pm**

**Day 2 – Wed, April 13, 3-6 pm**

Location: NSCS Art Room

Cost: \$55

### DNR Firearms/Hunter Safety

Instructors: Minnesota DNR Volunteer Instructors

Classes will meet **Monday's and Thursday's, May 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, & 26** from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the North Shore Community School cafeteria. A final field day test is Saturday June 4 at the Two Harbors Gun Club. Students must attend ALL classes to receive a certificate. Students must be 11 years of age by the start of class. Pre-registration is required, by sending an e-mail to: [northshorehunter@dishmail.net](mailto:northshorehunter@dishmail.net). You will be sent by return e-mail, a form that must be filled out and submitted. This class will be limited to 30 students. A parent or guardian must attend the first half of class on May 9th to fill out the MN DNR forms, and parental releases. A \$15.00 fee will be collected at that time. Please arrive between 5:15 and 5:45 to do this. No fees are collected by Duluth Township Community Education for this class. For those with no e-mail access to pre-register, or for questions, call Steve or Shirley Brown at 525-2483 before 7:00 p.m.

### DNR ATV Safety Training

Instructor: Jim Ward

Students will receive instruction through the MN DNR ATV CD-Rom training course. To participate you must send in a Community Ed registration form. Class size is limited to the first 20 students registered. An informational meeting will be held for registered participants on Thursday, April 14 from 6-7 p.m. During this meeting students will receive their instructional CD-Rom and fill out the MN DNR forms and parental releases. A parent or guardian must be present for this meeting. Students will have 3 weeks to complete the instructional CD-Rom at home. This takes approximately 4 hours. Students will then come back on Saturday, May 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for classroom instruction, to complete the ATV written exam, and to take a field operating/driving exam. In order to participate students must be at least 11 years of age before the class start date.

**Dates: Thurs. 4/14, 6-7 pm** (informational meeting)

**Sat. 5/7, 8 am–3 pm** (class instruction, written & driving exam)

Location: NSCS Cafeteria

Cost: \$15 payable to MN DNR

(Do not send money w/Comm. Ed. registration.)

### Adventure in South India

Presenter: Wally Mattson

Over several trips, Wally has traveled South India by auto rickshaw, hired car, train and bus; visited the ancient Hindu, Buddhist and Jain cave temples at Elora and Ajantha; walked the site where it's said the Apostle Thomas was slain by Brahmin priests; and spent a day with a snake catcher in Mysore. Join him for an hour or two of stories, commentary and a slide presentation of a land and people that are both more different and more like America than you might imagine. Refreshments will be served.

**Date: Sat. April 2**

**Time: 7-9 pm**

Location: Duluth Town Hall

Cost: \$5.00 (You may register on the night of the presentation.)

### 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.

**Dates: 3 Tuesday sessions, 3/15, 3/22, 4/5**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Location: NSCS Art Room or Cafeteria

Cost: \$32

### 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: NSCS Music Room

Cost: \$12.50 per lesson

**See next page for wellness and fitness Classes, and recreational opportunities!**

### **Beginning Hatha Yoga**

Instructor: Tera Freese

Introduction to classic Hatha poses, pure movement and breath work. Hatha increases the body's alignment, stability, strength and flexibility. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat and blanket.

**Dates: 6 Tuesday sessions, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/26**

**Time: 7:15 – 8:30 pm**

Location: NSCS Library

Cost: \$50

### **Hatha Yoga – Level II**

Instructor: Tera Freese

This class builds on the foundation of classic Hatha poses and will work on coordinating the breath with movements, variations and salutations. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat and blanket.

**Dates: 6 Tuesday sessions, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/26**

**Time: 5:30 – 6:45 pm**

Location: NSCS Library

Cost: \$50

### **Heal Your Back Now!**

Instructor: Deanna Ellestad

Bring more ease and alignment to your spine by exploring yoga, posture awareness, nutrition, herbal medicine and sound therapy. If you are breathing you can do this yoga! This class is appropriate for anyone with back issues or for those wanting to maintain healthy backs. Wear comfortable clothing. The instructor will bring mats and blankets.

**Dates: 3 Wednesday sessions, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Location: NSCS Library

Cost: \$35

### **Beginning Meditation**

Instructor: Shannon Klein

This one night class will cover breath work, mantras, mudras, body scans, silent and guided meditations, music and vibrational meditations, and how relaxation and vibrations affect the body. The class will also cover basic chakra meanings and much more. All levels of meditators welcome. Bring a mat or pillow to sit on and a water bottle.

**Date: Thurs. April 7**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Location: NSCS Library

Cost: \$15

### **Fitness for Fun – Session III**

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 two sessions, no problem, you can still participate in Session III.

**Dates: 6 Thursday sessions, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7**

**Time: 5:30 – 6:30 pm**

Location: NSCS Gym

Cost: \$20

### **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 and levels. Players will follow standard volleyball regulation rules.

**Dates: 5 Monday night sessions, 4/4, 4/11, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9**

**Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm**

Location: NSCS Gym

Cost: \$15

### **Let Thy Food Be Thy Medicine-Hippocrates**

Instructor: Deanna Ellestad

Introduction to living foods. Learn how to get more nutrition, avoid toxins and heal the body. The class includes preparation and the sampling of various simple dishes. Bring your appetites. Class limited to 10 participants.

**Date: Tues. March 29**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Location: NSCS Cafeteria

Cost: \$20 (payable to Comm. Ed. w/registration)

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

### **Strength and Tone**

Instructor: Mary Jo Anderson

Want to tone up and gain strength and confidence?

This class will teach you in a relaxed atmosphere how to tone and tighten your body both in and out of class. You'll work all major muscle groups, with a large emphasis on the abs. All fitness levels welcome. Bring (2) 1-3 lb. weights or 5lbs. if you are used to working with weights. Also bring a mat or towel and a water bottle.

**Dates: 8 Wednesday night sessions**

**3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11**

**Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Location: NSCS Cafeteria

Cost: \$25

### **Recreational Basketball League**

Gather friends and family to form a team to participate in a recreational 4 on 4 basketball league!

**Dates: Saturdays & Sundays, March 19 - April 30**

Times: Games played throughout the day on Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Games played throughout the day on Sunday's noon – 4:00 pm

Game schedule will be posted at NSCS (45 minute game slots).

Cost: \$20 per 5 player team (4 players, 1 sub)

Location: NSCS gym

Teams formed will be broken out into the following brackets:

\* Ages 9 - 13, co-ed, non-competitive

\* Ages 14+ men's league, competitive

\* Ages 14+ women's league, competitive

Registration forms for this league are available in the NSCS office or call 525-0663 ext. 300 to register. We are also looking for volunteers to help referee!

### **Boys/Girls Basketball Grades K-3**

Contact: Amy Bergerson

Players will learn basic skills and rules to play basketball.

There will be fun games and activities at each practice. Non-competitive.

**Dates: 4 Monday sessions, 3/14, 3/21, 4/4, 4/11**

**Time: 5:30 – 6:45 pm**

Location: NSCS gym

Cost: \$10

### **Boys/Girls Volleyball Grades 3-6**

Contact: Amy Bergerson

Players will learn basic skills and rules to play volleyball.

Everyone is welcome to come and play. Non-competitive.

**Dates: 5 Tuesday sessions, 4/12, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17**

**Time: 5:30 – 6:30 pm**

Location: NSCS gym

Cost: \$10

**Additional registration forms can be downloaded from the DTCE website. Find the link at [duluthtownship.org](http://duluthtownship.org)**

## Duluth Township Community Education Registration

5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Childs Age: \_\_\_\_\_

(complete a separate form for each participant) (If Applicable)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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