



Working Toward Spring!
Photos by Jim Munger



Duluth Township Newsletter

Duluth Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org May 2011

What's Coming Up...

Township Memorial Day Service May 30th, 11am, Palmers Township Cemetery (see announcement).

Lake Superior Watershed Festival, 9-3, Sat June 4th, Lake Superior College — sale on rain barrels and composting bins (see article)
Take unwanted/old medicines to WLSSD July 22nd

Watch for New Township Web site! Webmaster Linda Holliday, is redesigning and updating the organization of our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org. It's a good time to sign up for Township email if you haven't done so!

Dedication of the new Community Center/NSCS Addition on May 17th at 6:30pm. This is also the 50th anniversary of our North Shore School (formerly an elementary school, now our community elementary charter school, 1961-2011).

Slow down on McQuade and Homestead! Ryan too!

Reservation forms are available for use of the Community Center pavilion and athletic fields (see article).

Summer Schedule, Community Ed & Recreation (see insert for activities and sign-up forms)



Our 2011 Town Board

From left, Dave Miller, Mary Ann Sironen (Vice Chair), Dave Mount (Chair), Stephen Dahl, and Barbara Crow. At the April 7th Program of Work meeting, plans for the year were discussed and areas of responsibility were settled (see page 7).

Join your neighbors in honoring service men and women from our Township

Township Memorial Day Ceremony

At our Palmers Lakeview Cemetery
North Shore Road just east of Homestead Road
11am on Monday, May 30th

Memorial comments by:

P.O. 1st Class Jeffrey T. Dwyer,
an active, 19-year Navy Seabee,
originally from Silver Bay.

Other participants include the Boy Scout Troop and music led by members of the French River Lutheran Church who often also provide coffee and donuts.

Mark your calendar and attend this community event!

For further information, contact George Sundstrom

The Homesteaders

Rose Kadera Vastila

May 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Burritos and Butterflies by Gerald Hirsch and Wally Mattson.

June 1st, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall, program by Rachel Nelson of Two Harbors who will play music, tell stories and inform us about the arts organization called Arts on Superior.

July 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Picnic and bingo.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Jody Anderson, David Christensen, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, George Hagglund, Barbara Jackson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Paul Schraufnagel, George Sundstrom, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila, and our Webmaster, Linda Holliday.

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!

Cemetery Caretaker and Sexton
Supervisor David Mount

The Township is soliciting applications for a combination sexton and caretaker for the Town Cemetery. Responsibilities include selling cemetery plots, locating plots for excavation, coordinating burials with plot owners and/or funeral homes, maintaining cemetery maps and records, insuring maintenance of the grounds, and some landscaping work (e.g. filling low areas with soil, reseeding). The individual must be available on call to facilitate burials as needed.

Compensation has yet to be established by the Town Board, but will be either hourly or as a monthly stipend.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest along with an explanation of relevant experience to Ann Cox, Town Clerk, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or by email to townclerk@duluthtownship.org.

Applications should be received no later than 5:00pm, May 12th, 2011.

Lake Superior Watershed Festival
Celebrates Water
Valerie Brady

Come join the many local groups that make up the Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT) for the Lake Superior Watershed Festival. This event celebrates local streams, rivers and lakes and will be held from **9am to 3pm on June 4th** in a new location: the lower parking lot of **Lake Superior College** (2101 Trinity Road, Duluth).

Individuals and families can learn how to reduce stormwater runoff and enjoy performances and workshops by respected and innovative entertainers like the In the Heart of the Beast Puppet Theater.

This event is funded, in part, under the Coastal Zone Management Act by the NOAA Office of Coastal Resources Management in cooperation with the Minnesota Lake Superior Coastal Program.

Participation is free.

For more information about the festival, contact:
St Louis River Alliance at
slrcac@stlouisriver.org or (218) 733-9520.

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

Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief

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

Note that **extra speeding patrols** will be out on the **McQuade** and **Homestead** Roads. There have been complaints about excessive speeding.

In February and March there were 168 police events including 87 requested home/business checks, 8 medical emergencies, 8 burglar alarm responses, 6 handgun permits, 6 traffic warnings and 3 citations, 5 animal complaints, 5 property damage accidents, 4 suspicious person checks and 4 motorist assists (plus a variety of other police events and regular responses and office work).

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.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

SPRING FIRE DANGER

Grass in ditches, etc. is dry even though the ground is wet. Please be careful, get burning permits, and call 911 if you spot a dangerous fire situation.

Our CVFD received a \$25,230 grant for fire hoses from FEMA.

We want to thank Walter Carter and his family for their memorial donation of \$200 to our Fire Dept. Their note says they "present this offering to the Fire Dept in appreciation for their service, as a memorial from Arlene and myself in memory. She would be happy for it. Sincerely, Walt and Family."

The old "Bean" fire engine is being sold. Contact Don (834-9577), Keith (525-5172) or Bob (525-6819) if you are interested.



Neal Myrdal has been a fire fighter with our Clifton Volunteer Fire Dept for about 9 yrs, the last 6 yrs as Treasurer for our fire fighter's Relief Fund. After experiencing fire fighting help from the Department, Neal joined up as a volunteer firefighter himself to help out his community. He is most pleased by the way the whole Department is able to work together to help people whether fire fighting or as first responders. Neal is an entrepreneur with a number of businesses to his credit, including a ServiceMaster franchise and Bay Breeze Laundry in Two Harbors, among others. Neal lives on App Road with his wife, Laurie and 3 boys and a girl, all 17 and active in Two Harbor High School sports. Neal's hobbies include outdoor family activities, fishing, camping, hunting & snowmobiling.

Correction: The Swing Dance instructor was **Lynn McClean**

2011 Annual Town Meeting

On March 8th two Supervisors were elected to fill openings on the Town Board, Barbara Crow and David Miller. Their candidate statements appeared in the March Newsletter. The Board of Canvas met on March 10th to review and confirm the results.

Clerk Ann Cox convened the meeting and distributed a budget report packet. George Sundstrom was elected meeting moderator. Board Chair Dave Mount reviewed levy trends and issues, noting that Township budgets have remained essentially level over the past several years, adjusting for inflation. Departments presented their proposed 2012 budgets. The Road and Bridge proposed budget was discussed. By State regulation, we would receive about \$8,000 in gas tax money if our Road budget met a State minimum (about \$102,000). The proposed road budget is \$70,000. The citizens attending discussed alternating between a \$102,000 road budget for 2012, then a low budget in 2013 so that over two years we average at what we need. That would mean adding \$32,000 to the 2012 budget. High-year funds must be spent on roads but don't have to be spent in the same year levied. Citizens attending the Annual meeting felt that this was a good idea since it provides a net increase in Township funding and the new total levy of \$390,400 for 2012 was approved.

The meeting honored retiring Board members **Wendy Meierhoff** and **Dan Tanner** for 6 years service, **John Kessler** for 5+ years as Assistant Planning Director, and retiring Planning Commission members **Yvonne Rutford** and **Michael Kahl**. Special turned wood bowls by Dave Mount were presented to each as a token of appreciation.

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

Our next meeting will be May 22nd and will feature our annual seed and seedling swap, as well as continued discussion on grain production and brainstorming future education sessions. A special session will be scheduled in June to tour and learn about herb gardening with Georganne Hunter. Meetings are usually the 4th Sunday, 3pm, Town Hall.

For more information see our "Locavores" link on the Duluth Township web site or call: Molly at 525-6933 or Sherry at 525-0489. **Meetings are free and open to the public.**



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

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Community Services
in Duluth Township

Clifton 4-H Club:
call Kate Edblom 525-1276
Cub Scouts:
call David Hooley, 525-6617
Boy Scouts:
call Jim Atkinson, 343-0119
or: 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.)



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 May 31st and June 28th.

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.

What You Can Do About Stormwater

Anything you can do to slow water entering streams and ditches will help, such as leaving vegetation in ditches and avoiding mowing ditches. Leave plenty of un-mowed buffer around streams and please report eroding ditches or construction sites that have erosion problems.

The Township is required to submit an annual MS4 Stormwater report by June each year. Thanks to resident Valerie Brady for working on this report for our Township.

ROUGH LUMBER FOR SPRING PROJECTS
RAISED GARDEN BED(S), TOOL SHED, SAUNA,
DEER FENCE? Call George Sundstrom 525-5655

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Specials
Music Mon: with Swedish Meatballs
Tues: All you can eat chicken & rib buffet
Wed. night: All you can eat Fish Fry
Thursday: Fried Chicken Dinner.
Friday: Fish Cakes & Beef Stroganoff
Saturday: Prime Rib
Sunday: Full Turkey Dinner
5730 Homestead Road • 525-4525

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Country Entertainment

George Hagglund

(Ed note: Sadly, George Hagglund passed away March 7th at the age of 81. This is the last of several articles about early life in our Township that he wrote for his family and shared with the Newsletter.)

These days, by the time a child is four years old, chances are he or she is already learning to use a computer. Television is a daily part of life, and for those with cable or internet, there are cartoon channels as well as a huge choice of other programs. The sociologists tell us that nowadays kids spend an average of 4 hours per day looking at television. Most of them have a place on *Face Book* where they bare their souls. They have cell phones if a little older to keep in constant contact with their friends, with the option of e-messaging besides. They don't get enough exercise to keep themselves skinny, so there's an outbreak of child obesity to contend with. *Junk* food is what for some kids live on.

My generation was in no danger of getting obese. After school came barn chores, filling the wood box, feeding the animals and then going in the house for supper, which usually included a little meat or fish, lots of bread, butter and potatoes, and sometimes a dessert, usually home-made.

There might be a little school homework; although teachers in a rural school tended not to make a lot of assignments to do at home (they knew we had work to do). Our parents tended to be less educated, so there wasn't much pressure to work hard at school.

But we had the magic of radio! Each evening after chores, there was a period where the kids might have a chance to hear the *Lone Ranger* handing out justice to the cowboy criminal, usually shooting the gun out of their hand. He was always careful to avoid killing them. There was *Captain Midnight* and *Jack Armstrong, The All-American Boy* (he turned out to be a Madison resident), *Amos and Andy* (none of us had ever seen an African-American), and many others, including *Charlie Chan*, *Superman* and *Batman* later on. We waited with eager anticipation for every installment.

Following the kids' programs came the news. By this time the entire family was involved in listening over supper. *Gabriel Heatter*, *Drew Pearson*, and from overseas, *Edward R. Murrow* kept us up to date on how the European War was progressing. Franklin Roosevelt occasionally provided us with a *Fireside Chat*, and for the Finns, *Onnie Laine* was the broadcaster sponsored by Occident Flour every morning.

The radio was a constant source of up-to-date information on World War II, with special reports to bring us up to date



on victories and setbacks. It was heavily patriotic and propagandistic, but it was welcome nevertheless. As a result, the kids were patriotic and enlisted in one of the armed services as soon as they were 17 years old.

On Saturday night we listened to *Minnie Pearl* and other *National Barn Dance* singers and musicians. There was the *Breakfast Club* on WGN in Chicago. Later in the evening, Chesterfield sponsored a musical program, *Bing Crosby* was on the air weekly, and let us not forget *Fibber McGee and Molly*.

On Sunday morning we had a choice of religious programs to listen to. Gospel singing was an integral part of our lives in those days, as was Sunday school at Mrs. Croft's on the North Shore. It was staffed by eager young women who looked after our souls, and we were regularly saved, making them very happy. We were mostly nominal Lutherans, but our parents sent us to a variety of churches, hoping some good would come of it.

Most of us had no telephone; our only choice along the Homestead Road was a creaky party line out of Two Harbors. If anyone got a call, the phone rang at every house, and other people would get on to get whatever bad news was being provided. Sometimes there were so many listening in that a person had to ask some of them to get off the line to provide enough power to hear the phone.

In those days, a source of entertainment in a family was music. Lots of the kids took some training in a musical instrument. Guitars, fiddles, accordions, mouth organs and saxophones were commonly heard. Western music was favored, but waltzes and schottisches were the most common at Duluth Town Hall dances. Group singing was part of many family's lives when they got together.

On weekends and when company came, games were often part of the scene. Monopoly, checkers and various card games were common. Cribbage tournaments could get exciting. Sometimes we watched the adults play poker, but none of us had any money to gamble with.

On weekdays bedtime came at 8:00pm. Our parents worked hard; the men mostly had jobs in town if they were employed, and the women had a heavy workload. During the War, a lot of men worked in the shipyards, the steel plant, the grain elevators, and the railroad, and overtime was common. All had to be up again at 5:30am for the next day's chores, so the evening was short. But while awake, we had plenty to keep us entertained.

I'm not saying that our quality of life was better than compared to now, but we stayed thin and since television had not yet become common, we did okay.

Gypsy Moth Management—The MN Dept of Agriculture in a recent announcement noted that monitoring traps in 2010 caught a high number of moths. They plan to treat certain local areas with a mating disruption aerial spray in later July. It has no known adverse environmental impacts and is not toxic. The pheromones are focused on the moth species. See www.mda.state.mn.us/gypsymoth for more details. Public open house information sessions were held in March.



A Jim Munger photo

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.)

February 3rd meeting. All Supervisors were present.

Main Actions: The Board approved listing our old fire truck (Bean) for sale. The road contract will be handled in March. A resolution supporting the applications of Jo Thompson and Sue Lawson for the Coastal Council Board was approved. The Board approved a contract with webmaster Linda Hollinday for developing and maintaining our Township website and purchase of needed upgrade software to maintain the Township web site.



Other Business: There was a request for window shades in Town Hall for darkening for slide presentations. Car parking on Ryan Rd by the school is a hazard. Our *Treasurer* reported an ending balance of \$583,295.77 for January after \$48,151.49 receipts and \$14,112.50 expenses. Our *Police* can do required background checks on volunteers working with anyone 18 or younger. The Township pays the \$15 fee for each check. We have enough class 5 gravel in storage for our roads this year. The County gave notice that they would not plow roads if residents push snow onto the road. **Planning:** They have no further concerns about the planned McQuade harbor interpretive structure. There is a possible need for 4 new members. The previously denied (2009) Alseth road commercial re-zone request was discussed. The request may be resubmitted. A Community Center Pavilion rental policy will be drafted by Supervisor Sironen. A volunteer is interested in landscaping at DTCC and funds for seeds and plants will be considered. Replacement heaters for NSCS portable classrooms were bid. Years of delay in considering wage adjustments will be addressed by Supervisor Sironen.

February 17th Board of Adjustment final meeting on the Worden short term rental appeal. After a series of meetings on Nov 10th, Dec 8th and Jan 25th the Board decided to extend their conditional use permit at 5249 Greenwood Road with added conditions designed to prevent repeated violations of their short term rental and clarify conditions under which it could be terminated. The CUP has been revoked twice due to failure to comply with CUP conditions. In each case the Board of Adjustment has extended the CUP.

March 10th regular meeting. All Supervisors present. **John Kessler** was honored for his 5+ years service as Assistant Planning Director. John's wonderful attitude and patience in assisting people with land use issues was noted with appreciation. John will continue to assist with phone inquiries during the transition period.

Main Actions: Minutes for Jan 27th and Feb 3rd approved.

Other Business: Treasurer report: \$109,552.04 deposits, \$66,356.44 expenses for a February ending balance of \$626,491.37. Deposits included \$25,000 from the tacomite production tax, \$8,647.33 for road aid, and \$62,961 from NSCS. Planning and Zoning interviews will be held

on March 31st. There were 5 applicants for 3 positions. The volunteer background investigation form will be handed out for completion by any volunteer prior to working with children. The General Fund will cover the \$15.00 fee. The Board agreed to cover the cost of having a defibrillator in each fire engine. The road bid is unchanged and will go out so bids can be opened at the April Board meeting. Basketballs were purchased for Recreation use. \$7,500 was set aside in the Community Center budget for support items like this with any income generated by recreation programs going back into the Community Center budget. Community Education and Recreation may be combined at some point. Floors in the new Community Center/NSCS addition have been completed. Insulating blinds for the Town Hall are being estimated at \$65/window. Costs double for winter burials at our cemetery because of difficulties in locating the precise site and digging in frozen ground. The fax machine line needs to be fixed.

April 7th Program of Work meeting.

The Program of Work meeting involves a discussion of department and Board projects and concerns for 2011. Much of the purpose is to inform everyone of issues and plans. Projects will be listed and prioritized at a later meeting. The Board also completed interviews of 5 applicants to fill 3 Planning Commission vacancies and voted to appoint Jo Thompson, John Schifsky and Paul Voge to the Commission.

The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall) May 12th and June 9th .
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings

For more information on the **Fiber-Optic Telecommunications Project** call Matt Huddleston (834-8320)



Community Celebration!
Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

Duluth Township Community Center/North Shore Community School
May 17th at 6:30pm

Join your fellow townfolk in commemorating the **50th Anniversary** of North Shore (Elementary) Community School...1961 to 2011! Along with that we'll be celebrating the successful partnership between the Town of Duluth and North Shore Community School that resulted in the fine, **New, state-of-the-art Addition**.

A short program will be followed by refreshments and tours of the new facility.

Make plans to spend some time at this great addition to our Community.

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

February 24th regular meeting. Members attending were Barb Crow, Jan Green, Mike Kahl, Bill Lannon and Brigid Pajunen plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Board representative Dave Mount and Secretary Beth Mullan.

Main Actions: The Krook's conditional use permit for 10 horses on their property at 1853 Pine Park Road was reviewed with their request to increase the permitted number of horses to 20. The CUP was reviewed in March 2010 and a request for 20 horses was denied because conditions of the current CUP were not being met, but the CUP and request could be reviewed in 6 months. Manure handling issues have been addressed. There were concerns about waste entering stormwater and traffic. Fencing and seeding have kept animals away from a streambed. After extensive discussion, the Commission voted to extend the CUP to no more than 15 horses with conditions on waste removal, reporting, following agency recommendations on pasturing and MPCA review.

Other Business: A zoning change to commercial use of land at the Alseth Road and Expressway may again come up. At a previous public hearing the request was denied. The Bieraugel property on the lake has been sold (see earlier Newsletters for details). Assistant Planning Director John Kessler has resigned but is willing to continue his job except for site visiting in the interim. The Board of Adjustment decision on the Worden short term rental matter was reviewed.

March 24th regular meeting. Commissioners attending were Dave Chura, Barb Crow, Jan Green, Bill Lannon and Brigid Pajunen plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Board representative Dave Mount & Secretary Beth Mullan. There was a discussion of an alternative approach to short term rental policy, including various conditions and lot size restrictions. This will be a basis for further discussion with the Town Board at a scheduled joint meeting on April 28th.

The Next Planning Committee meetings (4th Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): May 26th and June 23rd.
 Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.
 Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

Total Township Assessed Value

St Louis County Appraiser, David Christensen and Town Clerk Ann Cox provided these Township Assessments.

Year	Land	Structures	Twp Total
2011	\$82,542,300	\$130,204,300	\$212,746,600
2010	\$81,969,800	\$128,111,700	\$210,081,500
2009	\$80,375,200	\$120,316,600	\$200,691,800



MEDICINE CABINET
Clean-Out Days!
 Fri July 22
 Fri October 21
 9 am to 5 pm
 WSSD Household Hazardous Waste Facility
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 Free, easy disposal of unwanted medicine.
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Rain Barrel and Composter Truck Load Sale
 Saturday June 4, 2011
 Lake Superior College
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$50

\$40

Sponsored by:
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 Questions? Call (218) 722-0761

Recreation News

Kevin Pettis Recreation Coordinator

Winter is over and spring is upon us. The new recreation warming center is progressing, thanks to the volunteer support of **Ray Sundberg, Ed Bruckelmyer & crew**. The pleasure and ice hockey rink sites are being leveled and the warming center should be completed by mid-fall.

At the April 7th Program of Work meeting, I submitted a proposal for improvements to the Community Center grounds. This includes U8, U10 & U12 soccer fields as well as the baseball field. This proposal benefits the students of North Shore Community School, AYSA Soccer Association, baseball activities and future community events. This year I will be relying on volunteers to help maintain these fields. If you are interested in volunteering please call or email me.

The recreation basketball league held at the Community Center has been a huge success. There was excellent turnout every week for the age 9-13 group, thanks to **Greg Ruberg, Matt Carlson, Steve Peters and Nikki Carpenter**. The 14+ group was a successful program with 6 teams playing in a league format. All the games have been very exciting to watch. The July Newsletter will report which team won the April championships. I would like to thank **Tim Strom, Sam Strom and Mark Pavalich** for their volunteer support in helping make this program successful. I look for this momentum to carry into next year!

In closing, we may be offering events for this upcoming summer: a non-competitive baseball league, competitive baseball league and a flag football tournament. Watch in the July Newsletter for date and times to sign up.

For recreation questions, call: 525-0663 ext 301, or email: RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org.

Duluth Township Information — 2011
 Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
 Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),
 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:

Barbara Crow (2011-2014) 525-0263
 or Email: BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org
 (Responsibilities: Financial/Banks, Insurance, Plan-
 ning, Alternate on Personnel, Fire Dept, Senior Hsg.)

Stephen Dahl, (2010-2013) 525-4679 or
 Email: SteveDahl@duluthtownship.org
 (Responsibilities: Community Center/facility, Comm-
 unity Ed/Recreation, Alternate on Roads, Insurance)

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

Dave Miller (2011-2014) 525-4087
 or Email: 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
 (Responsibilities: Personnel, Communications, Co-
 mmunity Ed/Recreation, Duluth/Cty Assn of Twps,
 Senior Housing, Community Center/facility, D/NSSD,
 Waste Mgmt.)

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,**
Jan Green, Bill Lannon, Brigid Pajunen,
John Schifsky, Jo Thompson, and Paul Voge.
 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** web,
 office in Two Harbors (1568 Hwy 2, 834-1418).

Community Education Coordinator: **Jo Thompson and**
Michelle Libby EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

Recreation Coordinator: **Kevin Pettis** 525-0663 ext 301
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.

Township Calendar

See calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org.
 Our Official Calendar is posted at the 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
 17, Tue, 6:30pm **Dedication of Community Center**
Addition and 50th Anniversary of North
 Shore Elementary School (*see article*)
 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, 6:30pm Township Knitters, Town Hall

JUNE 2011

- 1, Wed, 12:00 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
 1, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,
 Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
 4, Sat, 9am-3pm Lake Superior Watershed Festival,
 Lake Superior College (*see article*).
 9, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 14, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**
 meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 15, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
 20, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School**
Board meeting, NSCS Library
 23, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
 23, Thu, **Deadline for July Newsletter**
 26, Sun, 3pm Locavores, Town Hall
 28, Tue, 6:30pm Township Knitters, 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
 14, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
 18, Mon, (*no meeting*), **North Shore Community School**
Board meeting, NSCS Library.
 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, 3pm Locavores, Town Hall
 26, Tue, 6:30 Township Knitters, Community Center
 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, 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.

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

MAY 2011

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938 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.

911 Address Signs Ready to Pick Up

Town Clerk, Ann Cox

Please pick up your 911 fire number sign at the Town Hall during office hours.

Ken **Johnston**, 2294 Lismore Road
Mark & Dana **Horlocker**, 2114 Johnson Road
Max **Bruckelmyer**, 5848 Ryan Road
Mark & Leah **Wagner**, 5824 Homestead Road
Nicholas **Massie**, 1935 East Pioneer Road
Linda **Sorem**, 1652 West Knife River Road
Kenneth **Bergstedt**, 2091 Paul Road

Use of Township Facilities

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

We now have procedures for **reservation and use** of Township facilities on our website (www.duluthtownship.org). Facilities include our Town Hall & Duluth Township Community Center/North Shore Community School. With the coming summer and popularity of the Township/School **grounds and buildings**, townsfolk are requested to review and follow the process.

As described, requests for use of facilities will be received by the Town Clerk during regular Township office hours. Comments or questions on the procedure itself should be addressed to: maryannsironen@duluthtownship.org. Thank you for your cooperation in coordinating use of our fine facilities.

NSCS Preschool

Kathy Johnson

We are now accepting registration for the 2011-2012 school year. Both morning and afternoon classes are offered on Tues, Wed and Thurs. Register soon, some sections are full.

Children ages 3-5 may attend one, two or three days per week. A monthly tuition fee is charged and there is a \$25 non-refundable registration fee to hold your spot.

We hope to offer a limited number of scholarships next year. Contributions to the scholarship fund are always appreciated!

Call Kathy at 525-0663, ext.106 for information.

Clifton 4-H February and March Report

Paul Schraufnagel

Our 4-H club does a fun thing every year in February. We deliver plates of cookies, candies and valentines to senior citizens. We made 48 of them! I did a demonstration on pulleys in the North Shore gym. I picked up myself with the pulley. Sammi Anderson made scones with berries.

In March, we had a meeting with three demonstrations. Mason Schraufnagel shared his musical mind with the bass guitar. Michaela Strom made these wonderful chocolate balls. It's real simple, crush up *Oreos*, mix with cream cheese, and dip in melted chocolate. Marissa Engelson taught us some amazing things about pop. Watch out for sugar and acid!

Duluth Township Community Education and Recreation



Summer 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
EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

Beginner Container Gardens – Planting and Tips

Instructor: Michelle Libby

Learn to plant a flower 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 flower 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

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. 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.

Wine Tasting 101

Instructor: Geri Lunn

Come explore and taste a wide range of red and white wines. This will be a fun and informative introduction to wine taught by a certified wine specialist from Wirtz Beverages. You will leave with a keen sense of what makes wines different along with a better understanding of what you like.

Date: Thur. May 19

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Lighthouse on Homestead, 5730 Homestead Rd.

Cost: \$12

55 Alive-Driver Safety Program (full 8 hour course)

Instructor: AARP Certified Volunteer

This low cost course, provided through the American Association of Retired Persons is approved by the State of Minnesota for insurance discount requirements. Instruction is geared for drivers age 55 and older, but all ages are welcome to register for the class. You will learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws and rules of the road, and other driving topics. Persons completing this full 8 hour course are eligible to take future 4 hour refresher courses. For more information on this program visit www.aarp.org/drive.

Date: Sat. Jun 25

Time: 9 am – 5 pm

Location: Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Rd

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

Please include your AARP membership number in the comments section of the registration form.

Note: The class is limited to 30 persons. AARP members will receive preference if the class fills. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided.

Lunch is potluck, bring a dish to share.

55 Alive-Driver Safety Program (4 hour refresher course)

Instructor: AARP Certified Volunteer

Persons who have taken a full 8 hour Driver Safety course can take the 4 hour refresher course to continue their insurance discounts.

For more information on this program visit www.aarp.org/drive.

Date: Wed. Jun 15

Time: 12:30 – 4:30 pm

Location: Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Rd.

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

Please include your AARP membership number in the comments section of the registration form.

Note: The class is limited to 30 participants. AARP members will receive preference if the class fills.

Geocaching 101

Instructor: Lane Schraufnagel

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunt using Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers and the Internet. This Geocaching 101 class will demonstrate how to successfully participate in the game. You don't have to bring a GPS receiver, but if you have one great! You can also buy an application on the iPhone for geocaching. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in trying an exciting new hobby. Geocaching is a wonderful activity for families and outdoor enthusiasts. Participants of all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Dates: 2 Monday sessions, 5/16, 5/23

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: 5/16 meet at McQuade Safe Harbor

5/23 meet at Brighton Beach

Cost: \$10

Additional registration forms can be downloaded from the DTCE website. Find the link at: www.duluthtownship.org

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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.

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