



# Duluth Township Newsletter

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November 2011

## What's Coming Up?

### **Volunteer Opportunities.** (see article, page 4)

Help update Local Business Listing  
 Help with DTCC/NSCS grounds and warming  
 Shed Work nights: Wed. at 6pm, just show up!  
 Help Listing local musicians and artists

### **Winter Community Ed Class insert & Recreation**

(see insert and article, page 4)

**Fire Calendar** will be delivered to your door by the Fire Dept Auxiliary again this year.

**Shed Keeper opening** (see article, page 2)

**Planning & Zoning Commission openings** (see article)

Planning Commission meeting is Nov 17, not 24.

See list of upcoming Community Events on page 3

## The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Music provided by Donna Pagenkopf Libal with Jim and Duane Madison, Turkey bingo. Coffee & snacks.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, **12:00 noon**, Town Hall. Holiday pot luck followed by North Shore Community School concert

**January 4<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Pot luck and bingo.

***Everyone is welcome.***

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

## Needed: One Good Working Refrigerator.

The Town Hall kitchen refrigerator is showing its age and seems to be having problems. If you have a good, working, standard-size refrigerator that you would be willing to **donate**, call the Town Hall at 525-5705 or send an email: [TownHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownHall@duluthtownship.org).

### ***Thanks to all contributors to this issue:***

Jody Anderson, Barb Crow, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Shane Kerby, Sue Lawson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Kevin Pettis, Jeff Roiland, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila, and Webmaster Linda Hollinday.

## Fiber-Optic Telecommunications Project

Jeffrey Roiland, project manager, met with the Town Board in October and provided information about the project and asked whether the Township wanted to get into the franchise business (they didn't). The project name is "Lake Connections", their web site is: [www.lakeconnections.com](http://www.lakeconnections.com). Jeff's email address is: [jroiland@lakeconnections.com](mailto:jroiland@lakeconnections.com).

The current cable burying work along highway 61 is being done by Northeast Service Cooperative (NESEC) called the North East MN Middle Mile fiber project and it will connect to the Lake Connections project which then provides service to Lake County and the eastern side of St Louis County. Network design and staking work for the Lake Connections cable are proceeding further north. They plan to make connections this winter in some northern communities where the cable is on power poles. In 2012 they will complete buried cable and start connecting residences.

The cable will circle the service area (Knife River, Two Harbors, Silver Bay, Isabella, Ely, Babbitt, Embarrass, Aurora) so that any damage at one point will be unlikely to affect service. The western line goes up McQuade road. The project grant deadline for completion is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

As the project moves through an area, Lake Connections will provide more detailed information about connections, pricing for phone, video/TV, and internet services over the fiber optic fiber network. They don't plan to charge to bring service to a residence (although old internal home phone wiring may need to be checked). Check their web site and updates in the Newsletter.

This is part of a Broadband Initiatives Program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed by Congress in 2010. Grants were available to provide high-speed internet service, especially to lower density rural areas. Lake County was successful in applying. Competition for grants was intense and existing providers in the region didn't apply. Lake County voted to invest in the project as part of getting the grant. The Township does not have to commit funds to the project.

The "NE MN Middle Mile" work is a separate project that connects several counties and critical services. The Lake Connections project will be connected in and share some lines. Overall, the Lake Connections project will benefit Township businesses, "virtual workplace" employees, Township services, DTCC/NSCS and all residents by making available reliable, high speed internet connections which can reach all areas of our Township.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department  
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

**2012 Calendar:** The Fire Dept Auxiliary will be distributing your *free* Clifton Volunteer Fire Dept calendar—the 10<sup>th</sup> issue! You will see it at your door or mailbox shortly. Be sure to patronize our advertisers.

**Harvests Dinner 2011** — The Fire Department Auxiliary put on their annual fund raiser **Harvest Dinner** Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who



attended and to those who donated door prizes and helped with the event. Shown are the musicians and kitchen crew. The masthead shows hungry fire supporters.

**Grants:** We received a training grant for \$2,037 and are completing purchases under our earlier hose grant. Two FEMA grants have been submitted, one for radio communications equipment and one for a new *fast attack* truck to replace an older vehicle. The truck would have a pump/hose/tank plus room for the “jaws of life” equipment recently purchased with grant funds. It would be used to respond to accidents and grass fires.

**Update your old 9-1-1 Sign** If you don't have a double-sided, reflective 9-1-1 sign, please consider ordering a new one. The old one-sided signs are hard to find without a flashlight search and that slows emergency response. A new sign with mounting instructions is \$35 and can be ordered from 726-2921 (*they need your parcel number — see your tax statement*). *Pick up at our Town Hall.*

*See our page on the Township web site for information.*

*Thanks to our Fire and First Responder Volunteers!*



**Shane Kerby** has been a fire fighter and first responder in our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department for 2 years. He moved to Duluth in 1994 where he served in the Coast Guard on the “*Sundew*” until 1998. His “day” job for many years has been in plumbing and heating with Harbor Me-

chanical.

Shane has an interest in volunteer fire fighting. His father was a fire fighter in Detroit for 32 years. Shane and his wife, Jenny, live on Homestead Road with their six children, Taylor (in Two Harbors) Ethan, Nina and Evan (at our North Shore Community School) and Qwinn and Lyssa at home. Shane says that the fire crew works well together. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and time with his family.

Police Department  
Shawn Padden, Chief

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

*If you have any information regarding any criminal activity in this community, please leave a message at 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.**

### Recycling Shed Keeper Opening

*Barbara Crow, Supervisor*

Duluth Township has an immediate opening for a Recycling Shed Keeper. Duties include staffing the recycling center at the Duluth Town Hall during recycling hours and helping customers as needed to place recyclables in appropriate containers. The opening is an alternate position that has no scheduled hours but would fill in hours of the scheduled Shed Keepers as needed. It will probably average about 4 hours per week. No previous experience is necessary. Applicants should be physically able to help customers with recyclables and have the ability to respond to last minute requests to work. Shed Keepers receive a per-hour wage. See page 7 for recycling hours.

If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest by **Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** by mail to Duluth Township, Attn: Shed Keeper Opening, 6092 Homestead Rd, Duluth, MN 55804 **OR** email [BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org](mailto:BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org). If you have questions please feel free to contact Supervisor Barb Crow at 5235-0489 or use her email.

### North Shore Locavores

“Producers and consumers of local food”

*Barbara Crow*

On Sun. **Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** (*NOTE it's the 2nd Sun. not our usual 4th Sunday this time*) we will gather at the Town Hall at 2pm. From there we'll drive to a local wooded area to snowshoe (or walk) and collect Chaga mushrooms that grow almost exclusively on dead birch and are used to make a medicinal tea that has been used for centuries in many countries. We'll return to the Town Hall for our meeting and potluck.

There will be **no meeting in November** due to Thanksgiving. *In Jan. we meet on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

Meetings are usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Sun., 3pm, Town Hall. 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.**

(Reprinted from the November, 1968 "The Landmarks" a former monthly community newsletter sponsored by the Clover Valley Community Council. Resident Helen Hendrickson, who was part of the Landmarks group, was reminded of this article after the fires in Northern Minnesota this year).

### Holocaust in Normanna

The following account of the Cloquet fire as it came into our area was told to George Cooke, Jr. by Harry Rusdahl who resides on the Pioneer Road in the original house which was built with the aid of the Red Cross after the fire. (Note: it still exists in 2011).



On the hot, blustery and dry day of October 12, 1918, the community of Normanna was holding its annual country fair at the Johnson School on the Normanna Road. Many of the township's people were there displaying their garden produce, while some of the men were at home preparing for the winter ahead.

The smell of smoke was evident and the smoke from the fire to the west seemed to cover the sun with haze. As the fire swept eastward across the Jean Duluth Road and into the town of Normanna, the men at home went to help fight it, while word was sent to the school for help and warning the people to go home and help save their buildings. The men went to the west of the George H. Cooke homestead attempting to stop the fire but with winds exceeding 60 miles per hour pushing the fire eastward, they saw their efforts were futile. They then returned to their own homes hoping to save some of their possessions.

When Harry Rusdahl returned home he found the barn afire but his house was still standing. His sister and invalid brother had fled in a horse-drawn wagon to the William Johnson home about 3/4 mile to the east. The Johnson home was in a valley surrounded by steep hills and seemed the safest place in the area. The people to the west drove their cattle and what belongings they could carry to the Johnson's and at times their clothes started to burn from sparks showered on them by the high winds.

The men and boys continued to work into the night but with little effect. However around midnight, the wind shifted to the east bringing heavy lake air and fog into the burning area and the fire died down but by then much damage had been done. Seemingly there was no loss of life in this area among the people or domestic animals.

On returning to his home, Harry Rusdahl found everything in ashes and winter just ahead. His sister moved to Duluth and he and his brother spent the winter at the Jonas Peterson farm on the Normanna Road, west and north of the Jean Duluth Road.

Spring came, and so did help! The Red Cross supplied lumber and materials to Harry and a number of other people in the area so they might build a shelter and move back to their Property. This particular house was built in April of 1919, and to most old-timers' knowledge, is the only one remaining intact today.

Duluth Township Community Education  
Michelle Libby and Jo Thompson

Winter classes have been scheduled (see the *insert* for details). Sign up and support our community ed program. Class proposals are on the *Community Ed* page of our Township web site or call us at 525-0663 x300 with ideas.

### Community Events

**NSCS Annual Fundraiser Dinner at the Lighthouse at Emily's** in Knife River. **Tuesday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** (all day). 20% of the entire day's sales will be given to the NSCS Endowment Fund. North Shore Community School staff will be your "guest" servers from 4-8pm. During this time, 100% of tips will be given to the Endowment Fund!  
(The NSCS Endowment Fund supports grants for classroom and curriculum enhancement which staff and students utilize every day).

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Scandinavian Festival** On the North Shore and *Olde World Goodie* sale—**Sat., Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**, 9-3 with Swedish smorgasbord 11-2. *Fresh lefse, cookies breads, candy shop, country pantry Christmas store, music, crafts and more.* French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road

**Holiday Sale at Alden Town Hall** on Laine Road. **Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 11-3.** Vendors are invited to bring produce, baked goods, crafts, holiday décor, gifts to sell or trade. Everyone is invited to come shop from 11-3pm.

Check out website: [www.clovervalleyforum.com](http://www.clovervalleyforum.com) for links to local history and pictures of the area.

### 9-1-1 Signs ready to be picked up at the Town Hall Ann Cox, Town Clerk

Mark and Dana **Horlocker**, 211 Johnson Rd  
Dennis **Stolp**, 1391 Homestead Drive

For residents who have the old 1-sided 9-1-1 signs, it would help emergency crews if you would **update** your sign to the reflective 2-sided sign. The cost is \$35 but it's worth it if it helps fire, police or medical personnel find your home quickly. Call **726-2921** to request a new sign. You will need your parcel code (*its on your tax statement*). They send it for pickup at our Town Hall.



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## Duluth Township Recreation Corner

Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator

As I sit here writing about the latest Recreation News at the Community Center, the chill of winter is upon us. I am pleased to let everyone know that the boards for the hockey skating rink are up and will be ready for this upcoming season. Lights are in the works to be installed before winter and the **Warming Center** is enclosed but still has some work to be done on the inside. It is all coming along very nicely thanks to all the volunteer efforts made by Ray Sunberg's group and community residents.

As you drive by the Community Center most of you will notice the improve-

ments made to the grounds such as the soccer fields and the baseball fields. Also,



the newest improvement made to the grounds is the **new auxiliary parking** lot running down the length of the Ryan Road and wrapping around to an exit on the Lismore Road. **Please enter from the Community Center parking lot at Ryan Road so the traffic flow exits at Lismore Road.**

There is also a new parking lot located across from the Warming Center. These improvements are all made by *Cedar Drive Construction Co.* A big thanks to Gary Juten for his hard work and attention to detail. Everything looks really good and I can't wait to see what it's going to look like next year when the grass grows on the athletic fields. Seeding will be done at the end of the month on all three fields. A new baseball backstop will be put up by the end of the month. Residents are asked to stay off all of our athletic fields that are being worked on. That includes not using any ATVs or snow machines on them during the winter.

Anyone who has **items to donate for the new concession stand in the Warming Center** (e.g. microwave, 12-14 cup coffee pot for hot chocolate, a refrigerator) please contact Kevin at 525-0663 x301 or email me at [Recreation@duluthtownship.org](mailto:Recreation@duluthtownship.org). Thanks!

In closing I would like to thank all our Supervisors on the Town Board for their hard work on all the projects happening at our Community Center this year. Lots of improvements have been made and hopefully more added improvements can be made in the future, but as of right now, the Community Center is looking really sharp!

**WAGGIN' Tails**  
Boarding Kennels  
Long & short term boarding  
Reservations Required  
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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 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.)

## Volunteer Opportunities

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

*This new column will list volunteer opportunities that we hope you will consider to help your community.*

- **Help needed at NSCC/NSCS for work on the grounds and our new skate rink warming shed.** Its at 6pm on Wednesdays through fall. Just show up! Winter is coming on fast!
- **Our Local Business Listing** — Our local business listing needs to be updated for the Newsletter and our web site. This involves calling or visiting the 90-some businesses we know about to check the accuracy of their listing and to show community interest in their business. We also need to discover new businesses or those we have missed. The point of the listing is to encourage residents to support and use our local businesses. Leave your name at the Town Hall if you are willing to help with this (525-5705).
- **Help with the Newsletter** — writing special features of interest in the Township, local masthead pictures, a listing of artists, writers and musicians, taking over an issue now and then, etc. Let your interest be known at the Town Hall office (525-5705). Suggestions are always welcome too.
- **Listing of Local Artists and Musicians.** It would be great if someone would volunteer to create a reference list of local talent that could be on our Township web site and printed in the Newsletter (525-5705).
- **Openings** on the Planning Commission and Recycling Shed Keeper. These receive stipends. (See articles in this Newsletter).

Thanks to **Jana Pastika** who has volunteered to handle our book exchange 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 6:30-8:30pm.

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).

Our **Annual Town Meeting and Election** will be held on Tues. March 13<sup>th</sup>. Information will be provided in the March Newsletter. Supervisor election is for one 3-year term and one 1-year term (*to complete an earlier term vacancy which was filled by Board appointment*). The dates to file an Affidavit of Candidacy with the Town Clerk are Jan. 3-17<sup>th</sup>. Mark your 2012 calendar!

### Town Hall Improvements Under Discussion

Dave Mount, Town Board Chair

For the past three years, the Town has been receiving an allotment of money from taconite production taxes the State collects. These resources are separate from money the Town receives from property taxes. At the time the Town started receiving the taconite production tax funds, it was decided to track them separately from the regular operating funds as a "savings account" for future capital improvement projects. The balance in that account is currently \$112,000.

Recently a small working group began discussing challenges presented by our current Town Hall, to see if modifying the Town Hall might be an appropriate project to consider. Issues identified included better storage for tables and chairs, substandard facilities for the Town Police, a need for secure records storage, limited parking, limitations of the current septic storage, the need for an additional parking space in the fire hall, upgrading of the kitchen, office space for the community education program, and maintaining/improving access for people with disabilities. Preliminary conceptual planning suggested that these needs could be met with an addition to the Town Hall that would bridge the current "breezeway" between the Town Hall and Fire Hall, without disturbing the character of the current buildings.

In the coming months, the Town Board will be seeking community input on the possibilities for modifying the Town Hall; details will be announced in future Newsletters. Because a project of this type would likely require more resources than we currently have in our improvement fund, the work group is also exploring possibilities for grants or other ways to make a project financially feasible. The Town Board does not intend to use property taxes as a way to finance the effort. Stay tuned!



### Zoning Ordinance Update

In February, 2012 a Public Hearing tentatively planned to go over a variety of updates, editorial corrections and revisions in our current Zoning Ordinance. The plan is to integrate past updates into an overall document. One of the possible changes is in the Short Term Rental section.

The date of the Public Hearing will be posted once all proposed updates are complete.

Township Roads  
Supervisor Dave Miller

If you have 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.

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)).*

**August 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting** All supervisors were present. Minutes of the 5 Worden STR meetings were approved as well as the July 14th Board meeting.

Treasurer Janet Johansen reported \$54,340.50 in deposits for July, \$57,723.05 in expenses for an ending balance of \$740,917.13 (includes DTCC capital fund).

**Main Actions:** Motion approved to increase the Fire Dept. relief fund maximum payout/yr to \$1,100 as requested. A new Hall Rental form was approved with adjustments to the requirement for a security person if liquor is served.

**Other Discussion:** Clarification of proposed short term rental language. Approved stormwater consultant for an area at the DTCC/NSCS parking that often floods.

Wayne Dahlberg and Sue Lawson discussed last facilities meeting and possible changes/addition to the Town Hall (*see article*). Plans for a public hearing on an updated zoning ordinance were discussed. Short term rental at 5249 Greenwood was discussed. On the last day conflicting information was received from MN Dept of Health about their requirement for a license. Owners apparently are required to get a license. Road work was discussed (*Torgeson spot graveled, Englund Road washout with County replacing culvert for intersection of Ryan and Englund Roads, Alseth Road ditching, road mowing completed*). Cedar Drive will do work on DTCC/NSCS athletic fields, auxiliary parking, etc. The site plan will be updated. Air exchanger fixed, cement work on front sidewalk to be done. Community education is planning a fall schedule. A computer to facilitate their work was approved. Recreation work was discussed. Town Hall new sign is up and the drainage project finished. Guard fencing along the road and parking was discussed (*the County took out the former guard rails. Some cars now drive over the drop off between the posts. County proposed a plastic chain! A rail fence was suggested*). Window blinds will be replaced inexpensively. Painting and some siding repair on our Town Hall is being negotiated. Leaning monuments in the Cemetery will be checked for correction. A lintel is needed over cemetery building door. Supervisor Lobbestael will be an alternate contact on the Community Center, primary contact for the Fire Dept and share responsibility for Town Hall. Speed of the meeting process was discussed. Later it was agreed that having a longer meeting, if needed, was better than calling a continuation meeting.

**September 8th regular meeting.** Supervisors Crow, Lobbestael, Mount and Sironen attended. Minutes were approved, future meetings to be posted were listed, there were no concerns from the audience, the agenda was approved and the treasurer reported \$34,846.48 receipts, \$56,397.98 expenses for an August ending balance of \$722,748.18. There were no tabled items to consider.

**Main Actions:** Dr. Valerie Brady appointed as Township representative on the Regional Stormwater Protection

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Team.

**Other Discussion:** Fire hall warning signs were removed by the County this summer. Tree cutting across from residences on the Congdon Trust Land along the lake is generally prohibited. Prior approval is also required. Several organizations are also concerned about preserving the erodible shore. Enforcement is a concern. There is also concern about removing stones from the shore, some substantial and making a noted difference at Stoney Point, for example. The Planning Commission is continuing their review of the zoning ordinance. The Worden CUP was not revoked but will be reviewed again in April 2012. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a Sami Cultural Center was approved with conditions. Bill Lannon resigned from the Planning Commission. The opening will be advertised (see article). The DTCC/NSCS propane tank needs work. Initially, Como said work would cost \$10,000 but later agreed that it was their property to be updated at no cost to us. The DTCC/NCSS Summary 110825 status was discussed. The question is what does the Township really want for public space? There have been glitches with email and calendaring with the school. Recreation planning for fall to complete warming center. We received one quote for Town Hall painting from CalCo Painting and it will be discussed Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Molly Tillotson is doing a great job as Cemetery Sexton. Future work involves working with Mary Tennas on tree and shrub planting (Thanks again to Mary for providing the beautiful plantings in tubs at our Town Hall again this summer).

**September 15th special meeting.** All Supervisors attended. Main Actions: Approved an agreement from the Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> from CalCo Painting for \$13,800 for exterior painting and minor repair work on the Town Hall and Fire Hall 2. It is planned for this fall. There was a discussion of other maintenance items. It was noted that Como Oil will bring their propane tank at DTCC/NSCS up to compliance without charge to the Township.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall) Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.**

*Residents are invited to attend these public meetings*

**An invitation from French River Lutheran Church  
Thanksgiving service at 7pm on Tues. Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

*Pie social and fellowship to follow.  
Everyone welcome! 5310 Ryan Road.*

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### Town Resident Feedback Survey Planned

The January Newsletter will include a brief *Resident Feedback Survey*, similar to those used in the past. The Township needs resident views on some planning items and its been a couple of years since residents have been asked for their feedback. For more urgent input you are encouraged to attend monthly Town Board and Planning Commission meetings as well.

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))

**August 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Chura, Green, Pajunen, Schifsky, and Thompson attended.  
**Main Actions:** Motion to review the Worden's Conditional Use Permit for Short Term Rental at 5249 Greenwood Rd in April, 2012 or sooner as conditions warrant. The motion passed and included a list of past violations and factors related to the issue. This concluded a review hearing. There was an extensive discussion including concerns of neighbors and review of license issues. The owners, Ed and Shawn Worden, Litchfield, were in attendance. Materials were distributed (see extensive P&Z minutes on our web site).  
Sami Cultural Center (5527 North Shore Dr) Conditional Use Permit with 8 conditions was approved. This includes a full-time resident caretaker, library and small group meeting room. They also plan cultural events.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

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

### Vacancies on our Township Planning and Zoning Commission

*Supervisor Barbara Crow*

Due to the recent resignation of Planning Commissioner Bill Lannon, the Duluth Township Planning and Zoning Commission has an immediate opening to fill out his term (scheduled to end March, 2014). We are sorry that Bill is leaving the Commission. His three plus years of service and commitment are greatly appreciated by all. Thank you Bill. Also, there will be two additional openings when the terms of Dave Chura and Jan Green expire in March, 2012. We are currently accepting letters of interest for all three openings through Thursday, December 1st.

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

Interviews to fill the vacancies will be held by the Town Board after the December 1st application deadline. Interested residents should submit a letter of interest including relevant past experience to: Duluth Township, Attn: P&Z Commission Vacancy, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804. If you have questions please feel free to contact Supervisor Barb Crow at 525-0489 or email her at [BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org](mailto:BarbaraCrow@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](http://www.duluthtownship.org) or  
 email: [TownHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownHall@duluthtownship.org)

**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)  
 (Primary contact for Planning, Finance/banks, insurance; Alternate for Personnel, Fire, Senior Housing).

**Dave Mount** (2010-2013) **Board Chair** 525-7961  
 or Email: [DaveMount@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveMount@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Cemetery, Police, North Shore Mgmt Bd; Shared Town Hall; Alternate for Roads).

**Dave Miller** (2011-2014) 525-1555  
 or Email: [DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Roads, Community Ctr/Facilities, Environment Stewardship; Share Comm Ed & Rec; Alternate for Planning, Senior Hsg).

**Mary Ann Sironen**, (2009-2012) **Vice Chair** 525-2010  
 or Email: [MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org](mailto:MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Communications, Personnel, Senior Hsg, Community Ctr/Facility, DNSSD, Recycling; Shared Community Educ and Recreation).

**Barry Lobbstaël**, (2011-2012) 391-9721 or Email:  
[BarryLobbstaël@duluthtownship.org](mailto:BarryLobbstaël@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary Contact for Fire; Shared for Town Hall; Alternate for Community Center/Facilities).

**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)  
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**Attorney:** **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)  
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**Cemetery Sexton:** **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933  
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**Planning Director:** **Sue Lawson**  
 Assistant Director: **John Kessler** 393-8500  
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**Planning and Zoning Secretary:** **Beth Mullan**  
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**Planning and Zoning Commission:** **Dave Chura** (Mar. 2012),  
**Jan Green** (2012), **Brigid Pajunen** (2013),  
**John Schifsky** (2012), **Jo Thompson** (2013), and  
**Paul Voge** (2014), one current vacancy (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 online at [mndnr.gov/permits](http://mndnr.gov/permits) or  
 the **Town Hall** (office hours), or from **Fire Wardens:**  
 Jay Zink (525-5589), Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), or **DNR Two Harbors**, 1568 Hwy2, 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, otherwise it is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up. Many Departments have a web page. See our web site.

## Township Calendar

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

### NOVEMBER 2011

(Note: Recycling hours change in November...see below.)

- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
 2, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,  
 Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
 10, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall  
 14, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School**  
**Board** meeting, NSCS Library  
 15, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**  
 meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
 16, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1  
 17, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall  
 24, Thu, Office closed. Thanksgiving day  
 27, Sun, Locavores (No November meeting)  
 29, Tue, 6:30pm Township Knitters, Town Hall

### DECEMBER 2011

- 1, Thu, *Deadline* to apply for Shed Keeper position.  
 1, Thu, *Deadline* to apply for 1 of 3 P&Z positions.  
 7, Wed, 12:00 noon **Homesteader's**, Town Hall  
 7, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,  
 Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd  
 8, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall  
 11, Sun, 2pm Locavores, Town Hall (*see article*)  
 12, 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  
 23, Fri, *Deadline for January Newsletter*  
 27, Tue, 6:30pm Township Knitters, Town Hall

### JANUARY 2012

- 3-17 Dates to file to run for Town Board (*see article*)  
 4, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
 4, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business  
 meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
 9, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School**  
**Board** meeting, NSCS Library  
 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.  
 17, Tue, 5pm last date to file for Town Board election  
 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  
 31, Tue, 6:30pm Township Knitters, Town Hall

## Township Recycling Center

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

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

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

(Drop off only during recycling hours)

Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.  
 No household garbage, please.

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2011

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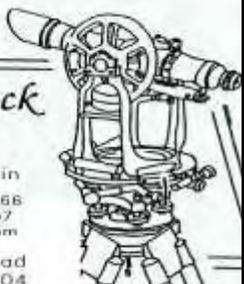
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# Duluth Township Community Education Fall/Winter 2011 Class Schedule



## Duluth Township Community Education

5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804

218-525-0663, ext. 300

[www.duluthtownship.org/](http://www.duluthtownship.org/)

[EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org)

Don't delay. Pick some classes, fill in your registration form, and return it today!

**Additional registration forms can be downloaded at:**

[http://www.duluthtownship.org/community\\_education/index.htm](http://www.duluthtownship.org/community_education/index.htm)

**Interested in teaching a class? Contact Michelle Libby or Jo Thompson at 218-525-0663, ext. 300**

### Children's Holiday Concert

Contacts: Kristi Lounsberry and Sheri Camper

Children in Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to be part of a Holiday Concert. Practices will take place after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting November 15. No practice Thanksgiving week.

The concert will be held **on Saturday, December 17 at 4:00 pm** in the NSCS gym with a dress rehearsal the evening before. Sign-up through Community Education by Thursday, November 10. There will be a parent meeting at NSCS the evening of November 10 at 6 pm. Once the number of participants is determined, a small fee will be collected to help cover the cost of decorations and music.

### Knitting

Facilitator: Jo Thompson

Experienced as well as beginning knitters are welcome to gather once a month to share ideas and learn new tips. Someone will be available to help want to be knitters get started.

**Date: The last Tuesday of each month.**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Location: Duluth Town Hall

Cost: Free

### Holiday Wreaths and Outdoor Green Arrangements

Instructors: Jo Thompson, Michelle Libby, and members of the Knife River Garden Club.

In this class you will make a festive outdoor wreath to take home. A demonstration will also be given on how to make an outdoor green arrangement to adorn your porch or deck for the holidays. Please bring fresh harvested greens, red dogwood twigs, stemmed crab apples, pine cones, etc. to share with others. Other items that would be useful are sturdy metal hangers, florist wire, wire clippers, ribbons, ornaments, or other items you might want to incorporate into your wreath. Some materials and decorations will be available at class.

**Date: Tues. Dec. 6**

**Time: 6:30 – 9:00 pm**

Location: North Shore Community School Cafeteria

Cost: \$10

### 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 (AARP) 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 (2 -4 hour sessions) are eligible to take future 4 hour refresher courses. For more information on this program visit [www.aarp.org/drive](http://www.aarp.org/drive). You must complete both sessions to receive your certificate.

**Date: Sat. Nov. 12 and Sat. Nov. 19**

**Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Location: North Shore Community School Cafeteria

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

For the month of November, all military veterans are free. Please include your AARP membership number and whether you are a veteran 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

### MN DNR Snowmobile Safety Training

Instructor: Jim Ward

Students will receive instruction through the MN DNR Snowmobile Safety 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, November 17 at 7:00 pm. 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 2-4 hours. Students will then come back on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 am to noon for classroom instruction, to complete the 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. Nov. 17, 7:00 pm** (instructional meeting)

**Sat. Dec. 10, 9:00 am – noon** (class instruction, written & driving exam)

Location: NSCS Cafeteria

Cost: \$5 payable to MN DNR

### Chaga Mushroom Presentation

Facilitator: North Shore Locavores

Join master naturalist, Shery Rovig and biologist, Jo Thompson for a presentation on the Chaga mushroom. This incredible fungus grows on birch trees and has been used for centuries for its health properties. Join the Locavores afterwards (about 2 p.m.) for a snowshoe or hike in search of the Chaga. We'll be carpooling to a nearby woodland.

**Date: Sun. Dec. 11**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.**

Cost: Free, but do register or call (525-5854) so we know how many will be joining us.

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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](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org) or 525-0663, ext 300.

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