



# Duluth Township Newsletter

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September 2011

## What's Coming Up?

**Volunteer Opportunities.** (see article)  
Local Business List updating  
Town Hall Book Exchange  
Help on DTCC/NSCS grounds and warming shed Weds at 6pm  
List of local musicians and arts

**Fall Community Ed & Recreation**  
(see insert and articles)

**Zoning Ordinance updates** may be ready by October or November. A Public Hearing will be announced.

**Annual Harvest Dinner**—a benefit for our Volunteer Fire Dept and First Responders.  
Sat. Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm, Town Hall

**Community Dance**, Sat. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm, Town Hall

## Lighthouse at Emily's!

The Lighthouse Restaurant moved to a new location...Emily's in Knife River. Watch for their notice of opening.

## Your Pets

A reminder to folks who own pets...cats, dogs, horses, etc, to please keep them under control and on your own property. This is a continuing source of concern raised by residents, often reported to our Police Department.

## 2010 Census for Duluth Township

The 2010 US Census lists our total Township population at **1,941** with 840 housing units (750 occupied and 90 vacant). On average, there are 2.59 persons per household.

## Fiber-Optic Telecommunications Project

No update information has been provided from project representatives in response to inquiries. For information on the Fiber-Optic Telecommunications Project call Matt Huddleston (834-8320).



## Our Newest Town Board Member

**Barry Lobbstael**, was selected to fill the Board vacancy announced in the July Newsletter. Thanks to both residents who stepped forward and submitted a letter of interest.

Barry has been a Duluth Township resident for the past 15 years. His wife, Marie, grew up in Clover Valley and their children attended North Shore Elementary School. He said he can't think of a better place to live whether you are young or old!

As the interim appointment to the Duluth Town Board of Supervisors, he is looking forward to meeting more of his Township neighbors and residents and he sees a great opportunity to serve his community and learn more about local government.

Barry has been employed by NewPage paper company (formerly Lake Superior Paper) for the past 18 years. His various interests include construction, travel, camping, fishing, biking and reading.

Welcome to the Town Board!



## The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

**September 7<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. The program will be by Amy Phipps-Poe, Physical Therapist, speaking and demonstrating how movement can manage joint pain. Coffee & snacks.

**October 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Program by Pam Thompson of *Giving Ground* in Brimson on medicinal properties of wild herbs growing here. Coffee & snacks.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Turkey bingo. Coffee & snacks.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

## Homesteader Cribbage Tournament

At Duluth Town Hall on October 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Singles at 9:30am and Doubles 12:30pm.  
Chicken dinner for lunch.  
Call Bill at 525-7415 or Bob at 525-1753

## Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Jody Anderson, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Michelle Libby, Barry Lobbstael, Dave Miller, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila, and Webmaster Linda Hollinday.

Annual Fire Department Harvest Dinner  
Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm  
Sherry Rovig

Great food, music, door prizes and all to support our Community Volunteer Fire and Medical services.

Donations accepted for door prizes, desserts and fresh garden produce for the meal.

Call Jody at 525-4971 or Sherry at 525-0489 for more information or if you would like to volunteer to help with preparation and serving.

North Shore Locavores

"Producers and consumers of local food"

Molly Tillotson and Sherry Rovig

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

There are occasional, spontaneous "foraging" trips depending on what produce is at its peak.

For 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.**

Township Roads  
Supervisor Dave Miller

As we are coming to the end of summer, most of our road projects are completed or will be completed by the end of October. As you well know, major rain events occurred throughout the summer. As a result we had three culverts that washed out, one on the Mace Road taking out the entire driving surface. These have been repaired and the remaining 11 miles of Township roads have remained in good condition.

We did cut back on chloride use this year to allow more funds to work on the road surfaces. We sprayed chloride on the following roads: Greenwood (full spray), W. Clover Valley (full spray), Torgerson (spot spray), Wildwood E & W (spot spray), E Clover Valley (spot spray).

All roads have been graded twice, with heavily used roads graded an additional 2 times. Additionally, mowing ditch lines on roads that were overgrown was completed in July. Ditching was completed on the Alseth Road to protect the road surface and prevent stormwater runoff. Spot gravel was spread on the Torgerson Road to improve the road surface.

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

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LOOKING FOR A RENTER FOR YOUR NICE HOME?**

Call **Apartment & Home Advisors** – we can help!  
We specialize in properties of distinction and we help "take the stress out of moving".

Call Susie Lannon at 218-720-3987

Police Department  
Shawn Padden, Chief



In June and July there were 179 police events. These included 53 requested home/business checks, 17 traffic warnings and 3 citations, 15 public assists, 10 medical emergencies, 9 animal complaints, 6 burglar alarms, 4 handgun permits and 2 permit to carry, 7 serving civil process, plus a variety of other police events and regular responses and office work. 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.**



**Steve Peterson** has served 9 years as one of our three part-time Township Police Officers. He recently retired from his full-time job at the Duluth Police Department after 23 years, 15 years as a K-9 officer and as a street crime investigator. Steve is a 22 year Township resident. He and his wife, Donna, have three children, one in Two Harbors High School and one who is also a police officer. He enjoys hunting and fishing as hobbies. Steve said he and Donna thoroughly enjoy living in the Township and enjoy the people here. Thanks to Steve for his service to our Township!

**NSCS Pre-School Orientation**

*"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"*

Kathy Johnson

Orientation for parents and children new to the pre-school program will be held Thursday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and 1:00pm in room 6 at North Shore Community School.

Pre-school classes begin Tuesday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Both morning (9:15-11:30) and afternoon (12:14-2:30) sessions are offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Children ages 3-5 years old may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. A monthly tuition fee is charged.

For further information and class availability, contact Kathy Johnson at 525-0663, ext.106 or 834-5429.

Duluth Township Community Center/  
North Shore Community School  
Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

In addition to the construction and dirt work that's been going on to improve the safety and parking on the grounds of the DTCC/NSCS, work is continuing on the recreation facilities.

The dedicated volunteer crew is working on the warming house to have that ready for the 'ice season' when it arrives. There are plans for a small concession area that will have packaged snacks and simple drinks available for sale. A separate but attached area is being prepared for a kiln that will allow pottery making to be added to the art offerings for students and community education. As noted in the "Volunteer" section of this Newsletter, work is ongoing at 6pm on Wednesday evenings during the fall and helpers are always needed and welcome. Just show up!

Plans are underway to get the hockey boards up and prepare for flooding that rink as well as a separate pleasure skating rink to provide opportunities for both kinds of recreation on the ice.

When this fall's soccer season ends, major work is planned to improve those fields with leveling, filling and replanting the surface to be ready for next year's activity. At the same time, the baseball field will be redone with new baselines and backstop. New signage is also planned for the recreation areas.

NSCS staff has re-installed the tetherballs and added 4 disc golf stations that offer additional opportunities for fun and exercise.

Funding for recreation projects as well as other grounds/facilities upgrades comes from the Community Center fund that holds dedicated monies paid to the Township by North Shore Community School as rent for the building. This unique arrangement works well to allow us to have both education and recreation facilities in the heart of our community. Thank you to Township and NSCS staff as well as to the many volunteers who work together to plan and follow through to make things work.

Let's all be sure to take care of the grounds and facilities by keeping them picked up and cleaned as we use them. Follow NSCS rules as posted...remember to keep motorized vehicles on the driving areas provided and park only on the paved lots.

**Zoning Ordinance Update**

In October or November a Public Hearing will be scheduled 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, updated document. One of the possible changes will be in the Short Term Rental section.

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

Recycling News

Carolyn Marino and Mary Ann Sironen

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

**NOT ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS:**

1. Flower pots.
2. Grocery deli containers (black bottoms, clear tops), green/clear plastic berry baskets or lettuce containers.
3. 5-gallon buckets and larger kitty litter containers.
4. Overhead light fixture covers.
5. Plastic waste baskets.
6. Plastic milk crates.
7. Orange/brown plastic prescription containers.

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

**Remember to recycle!!**



**To The Duluth Township Community**

We would like to thank all for your support and loyal patronage to The Lighthouse Restaurant over the past 4 years. Also, your kind words of support and encouragement have helped us get through a very difficult time. We truly enjoyed doing business in this community and you are all a perfect example of what makes this community so great.

Sincerely, Andrea, Brita, Lynne, Claire.



Welcome to

**Lighthouse at Emily's!**

We are pleased to announce that the *Lighthouse Restaurant* has been relocated to Emily's restaurant in Knife River on the Scenic Highway and the Knife River about 3 miles up the shore from Homestead Road. The signs say "opening soon", in their new location in early September.

Duluth Township Community Education

Michelle Libby and Jo Thompson

Fall classes have been scheduled (see the **insert** for details). Sign up and support our community ed program.

Class proposals are available on the *Community Ed* page of our Township web site or call us at 525-0663 x300 with your ideas.

**Building a Knife River and Sucker River Community**

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

## Duluth Township Recreation Corner

Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator

August has been busy with lots happening at the North Shore Community Center. After several meetings, the Township decided to have all recreation fields fixed this year with construction starting around Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. This includes the U-8 soccer field and the U-10/U-12 and baseball field. U-8 field construction will start about Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Since the fields are under construction the use of the fields will be off limits until next spring/summer. Cedar Drive Construction will be leveling off all fields, adding top soil, fertilizing and seeding. A new backstop will be installed for the baseball field.

I want to thank all Supervisors for making this happen. A lot of consideration and hard work went into this proposal. Having all these recreation fields fixed will be a valued asset for our Township for years to come.

Also, the Warming Center is coming along with hard work done by Ray Sundberg's crew. Siding, doors and windows are being installed and the new hockey boards will be going up soon. If there is anyone interested in helping with this project, please feel free to stop by the Community Center any Wednesday evening around 6pm. That's the time Ray's crew has been working on this project. Any volunteer help would be greatly appreciated. Plus, in coming months we will be putting together a list of rules for the new Warming Center which will be published in the Newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 218-525-0662 ext 301 and leave a message so I can get back in touch with you as soon as I can.

### Duluth Township Knitters

*"Helping to Build Community  
one Stitch at a Time"*



Come meet your knitting neighbors and share skills and ideas or just see what we're up to. Everyone is welcome. The tea pot is always on. We meet the last Tuesday of each month 6:30-8:30pm.

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

## Volunteer Opportunities

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

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

- **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.
- **Our Town Hall Book Exchange** — We need someone to help keep our successful book exchange orderly. It involves checking the book shelves in the Town Hall every week or so to see that new books are visible and things are generally neat and useful. Leave your name at the Town Hall if you are interested in helping with this.
- **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. Suggestions are always welcome too.
- **Helpers needed at NSCC/NSCS for work on the grounds and warming shed** for the skate rinks. Its at 6pm on Wednesdays through fall. Just show up!
- **Listing of Local Artists and Musicians.** It would be great if someone would volunteer to create reference list of local talent that could be on our Township web site and printed in the Newsletter.

### Town Hall Facilities Planning Team

A group was formed to consider needs for the Town Hall/Fire Hall area. The Township owns only 3 acres which includes a well, a septic tank and a stream behind the Hall. Various needs were discussed: Fire Hall, office space, secure record storage, Police Dept, meeting space, parking, kitchen, insulation, windows, etc. One problem has been stormwater drainage seeping into the basement (*a utility and crawl space*). The Town Hall is mostly supported on pillars so there was some discussion about putting in a basement. Suggestions will be assembled for discussion at a future Town Board meeting. A growing "capital improvement" fund includes money from the taconite tax which the Township receives from time to time. This summer, drainage around the Town Hall and well has been improved. Painting is being scheduled.

The group includes Fire Chief Engelson, Police Chief Padden, Town Clerk Ann Cox, Board members Crow and Mount, architect Wayne Dahlberg and this editor. It is led by Planning Director Sue Lawson.

**WAGGIN'  
Tails**

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Long & short term  
boarding



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Required**

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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](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.)*

Supervisors Mary Ann Sironen (with Town Clerk Ann Cox), Dave Miller, Dave Mount, new Supervisor Barry Lobbestael, and Barbara Crow.



draft now includes all updates and proposed changes thanks to Beth Mullen. Cindy Hale is applying for a "Value Added Producer

**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)).*

**June 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors present were Barb Crow, Dave Miller, and Mary Ann Sironen (Vice Chair).

**Main Actions:** Minutes approved for Apr 28, May 12, and a two-part meeting on May 23. Approved a \$16,060 quote for cement work on the sidewalks in front and by warming house and new addition at DTCC/NSCS. Approved up to \$10,000 for planned work on soccer field. Both project funds come from the Community Center lease payments. Approved \$7,000 to fix Town Hall drainage problem. Approved Molly Tillotson as our new Palmer Cemetery Sexton. Steve Dahl's letter of resignation was received. He will be sadly missed. A plaque will be placed at the pavilion acknowledging his 12 years of work for the Township as Town Board member.

**Other Items:** Treasurer reported \$31,730.22 receipts, \$25,013.46 expenses for a May ending balance of \$599,466.81. The Treasurer, Janet Johansen, will check with Lake Bank about a Township credit card. Dept Reports: *Fire* reported on effort to get the agreed upon dry hydrant at McQuade Harbor. *Planning:* Information on apparent violations of Worden's short term rental CUP. Zoning ordinance is being reviewed for updating. Next review priority is our Comprehensive Plan. Odyssey now has land transfer and will begin construction on two lots on the Stoney Point addition. Permits are down. *Stormwater:* Jo Thompson and Valerie Brady are working on our MS4 report. *Community Center:* Jennifer Kampf, a professional horticulturalist and NSCS parent volunteered a preliminary landscaping plan with Miller Creek Lawn for our Community Center. Cost of plantings and ways to handle a project in stages were discussed. Scenic Café liquor license was approved.

**July 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Crow, Miller, Mount and Sironen were present.

**Main Actions:** Approved June 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. A motion to prohibit short term rentals was made and passed on split vote. This helps with draft ordinance wording that will be presented at an advertised public hearing later in the year.

**Other Items:** Treasurer reported \$201,143.34 receipts (includes second half of levy amount that has to cover operations to the end of the year), expenses of \$56,310.47 for a June ending balance of \$744,299.68. Hall rental agreement wording will be changed from requiring a licensed police officer to a uniformed security guard or professional security service (when liquor is served). The Planning Commission will review the Worden's conditional use permit at their July meeting. The Zoning ordinance

Grant" which needs a commercial kitchen to be used for "value added" products from local producers. Supervisors were interested in details. 2,200 gallons of chloride has been used instead of 9,000 last year. Alseth Road above the expressway and Lismore Road going west will be ditched and, with Torgerson Road, graveled. People need to drive slower. MS4 Stormwater report was sent in by Val Brady. Approved 7 roadside Township welcome signs. Due to cost of alternatives, the Town Hall current style shades will be replaced. Aluminum can recycling area is a mess and theft continues. A potluck honoring Steve Dahl will be Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. We were notified that all Town Board Supervisors are "weed inspectors" for the entire Township. Invasive weeds need to be spot sprayed and *Round Up* works well. Two resumes have been received for the Town Board interim position. Interviews will be July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**July 25<sup>th</sup> special meeting** to interview the two applicants for the interim Supervisor position. Barry Lobbestael and Rolf Carlson. Barry Lobbestael was elected. Thanks to both for their willingness to step up to help the Township.

**July 27<sup>th</sup> special meeting** to review three proposals for cement and excavation work at the Community Center. All supervisors were present, including newly-elected Supervisor Lobbestael. After discussion of stages and alternatives, Cedar Drive Construction was selected for the work.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall) Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.**  
*Residents are urged to attend these public meetings*

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department  
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

The Fire Department Relief Fund voted to propose an increase in the amount paid upon retirement for volunteer service in our Clifton Volunteer Fire Dept. The Old per-year amount was \$950 and the proposed new amount is \$1,100. The Relief Fund is in good condition with about \$279,000, invested professionally and audited yearly by the State. As the fund grows, the State requires that the per-year amount keep up and if the Township does not act the State would enforce an amount. The proposed increase is well within the State recommended range. It will be brought to the Town Board for action.

Members have been busy in various training activities. Our new Supervisor representative was Dave Mount but with the newly appointed Supervisor those duties will be taken on by Barry Lobbestael.

The Department will apply for a FEMA grant for a quick response and special emergency equipment vehicle.

### Noxious Weeds in our Township

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

In 2009 the Legislature revised the Noxious Weed Law and made everybody owning land in the State responsible for controlling or eradicating designated weeds on their property. The designated plants are considered to be injurious to public health, the environment, public roads, crops and livestock. Township Supervisors are designated as local weed inspectors.

The current weeds on the ERADICATE list are yellow star thistle, Grecian foxglove and oriental bitter-sweet. All above and below ground parts of the plant must be destroyed and propagation and transportation is forbidden. As of this summer, they are not currently known to be present or widely established in Minnesota.

A second category of PROHIBITED weeds are commonly seen in Duluth Township. Purple loosestrife (spotted along North Shore Drive), garlic mustard, spotted knapweed, leafy spurge, wild parsnip, common tansy, Canada thistle (all over the place), musk thistle and plumeless thistle are on this list. If you see these on your property you are charged with destroying all propagating parts and preventing seed dispersal as much as possible.

Complete information is available at [www.mda.stat.mn.us/weedcontrol](http://www.mda.stat.mn.us/weedcontrol) and townfolk are encouraged to look for additional information in controlling these unwanted plants on their property. Please make every effort to eradicate these invaders. Thank you for your efforts. Questions and comments can be directed to Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen.

### Facilities DTCC/NSCS

Supervisor Dave Miller

It has been a busy summer at DTCC/NSCS! Air handler units for the gym were evaluated and valves and air filters were cleaned to improve the air flow. This was completed at a significantly lower price than budgeted, allowing us to complete a number of projects that have been planned and never funded. 22,000 feet of auxiliary parking needed to keep parking off the Ryan Road (during special events), as well as a new surface on the parking lot by the recreational skating area was completed.

The parking area in front of the building was reconfigured to allow for one-way traffic from south to north. This will allow for bus lanes to be separate from vehicle traffic for safety purposes. Drainage issues that cause ice build-up in the winter were also repaired. Cement work in the front entrance was replaced eliminating a safety hazard of people tripping when they enter the building.

A special thanks to Ray Sundberg for assisting with these projects. His help and technical expertise were invaluable in making these projects come to completion.

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))

**May 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** All Commissioners present.

**Main Actions:** Approved April 28<sup>th</sup> minutes.

**Other Items:** Darren Jablonsky, St Louis County GIS manager presented features of their new GIS system and its public interface. It is used by auditors, emergency personnel, tax and property records, law enforcement, assessors, forest management, etc. Data are shown as a map with various detailed information overlaid as needed. There were questions about availability, cost, accuracy and data sources. Worden's apparent violation of their short term rental conditional use permit is being reviewed. The County is taking comments on the revision of their subdivision ordinance. New variance language in our ordinance needs to reflect new State law. The Commission is working on ordinance language clarification to present to the Board and at a future Public Hearing. Updating the ordinance and application forms are top priorities.

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Chura, Green, Pajunen, Schifsky, Thompson, and Voge attended.

**Main Actions:** May 26<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

**Other Items:** There have been few permits, mostly garages and additions. Odyssey Development has the land transfer from the City of Duluth. John Kessler and Sue Lawson conducted an inspection tour of the Township on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Proposed Zoning Ordinance provisions were discussed regarding interim use (including which uses in Table 5.3 might be interim uses). Proposed changes in Table 5.3 were adopted. Homestay will be eliminated since it is covered under bed and breakfast language. All proposals will be subject to Public Hearing later.

**July 28<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Chura, Pajunen, Schifsky, Thompson, and Voge attended.

**Main Actions:** June 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes were approved. Marlene Wisuri described a Sami Cultural Center proposed for 5527 North Shore Drive. After extensive discussion, it was decided that a Conditional Use permit would be the best process. A hearing will be in September if materials and notice are ready.

**Other Items:** The history of apparent violations of Worden's conditional use permit were discussed. Action on the issues will be held at the Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion of potential Ordinance language continued.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.

Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Come On Home Party a Success!

Helen Hendrickson

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual *Come on Home Party* was held on Sat. Aug 13<sup>th</sup> at the Duluth Town Hall. About 100 old-timers and newcomers came to renew old friendships and discover new ones. All agreed they will be back in 2012.

We thank Bob and Louise Fabbro and Duaine Madison for music, Eileen Sirny for flowers, local businesses and contributors for door prizes, and all the volunteers who donated and served refreshments. We thank all who attended and hope to see all of you next year on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Duluth Township Information — 2011  
 Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804  
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 web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) or  
 email: [TownHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownHall@duluthtownship.org)

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

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

**Supervisors:**

**Barbara Crow** (2011-2014) 525-0489

or Email: [BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org](mailto:BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org)  
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**Dave Mount** (2010-2013) **Board Chair** 525-7961

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**Dave Miller** (2011-2014) 525-1555

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 (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

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**Town Clerk:** **Ann K. Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)  
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**Treasurer:** **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)  
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**Attorney:** **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)  
 or Email: [TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Burning Permits** are available 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.

### SEPTEMBER 2011

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

### OCTOBER 2011

- 1, Fri, 7pm **Community Dance**, Town Hall  
 5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
 5, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business  
 meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
 8, Sat, 9:30am **Homesteader Cribbage Tournament**  
 13, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.  
 15, Sat, 5-7pm **Annual Fire Dept Harvest Dinner**,  
 Town Hall. *Support our Volunteer Fire Dept.*  
 17, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School**  
 Board meeting, NSCS Library  
 18, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**  
 meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
 19, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1  
 23, Sun, 3pm **Locavores**, Town Hall  
 25, Tue, 6:30pm **Township Knitters**, Town Hall  
 27, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, 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  
 23, Tue, **Deadline for January Newsletter**  
 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall  
 27, Sun, 3pm **Locavores**, Town Hall  
 29, 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 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

SEPTEMBER 2011

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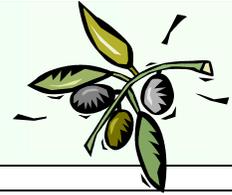
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# Duluth Township Community Education

## Fall 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)

### **DNR Firearms/Hunter Safety**

Instructors: Minnesota DNR Volunteer Instructors  
Classes will meet **Monday's and Thursday's, September 19, 22, 26, 29, October 3 and 6** from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the North Shore Community School cafeteria. A final field day test is Saturday October 8 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. To register send 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 September 19th 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.

### **Babysitter Clinic**

Instructor: Tracy Sandretsky  
This 2 day class will provide participants with basic safety/babysitting skills that will prepare them to stay home alone and to be a dependable, capable babysitter when the time comes. Participants must attend both sessions to receive certification. Recommended for youth in grades 4-6.  
Dates: Day 1 – Tues. October 11, 6-8 pm  
Day 2 – Wed. October 12, 6-8 pm  
Location: NSCS Cafeteria  
Cost: \$15

### **The Sami: An Indigenous Culture Comes Alive in America**

Presenters: Faith Fjeld and Marlene Wisuri  
The Sami (previously known as "Lapps") are the Indigenous People of Norway, Sweden, Finland, and the Russian Kola Peninsula. As many as 30,000 of their descendants live in North America and they often know little about their ancestry. This presentation will give an overview of Sami history and culture and a discussion of the reawakening of Sami culture in North America and in this area in particular with photographs and examples of Sami clothing and handicrafts.  
Date: Wed. October 12  
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Location: North Shore Community School Room TBD  
Cost: \$10.00

**Mark your Calendars for the Community Dance on Friday, October 1 at the town hall.**

### **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  
10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14  
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
Location: NSCS Gym  
Cost: \$15

### **Hatha Yoga (all levels)**

Instructor: Tera Freese  
Classic Hatha poses, pure movement and breath work. Hatha increases the body's alignment, stability, strength and flexibility. This class is for all levels, instruction in optional poses will be provided to advance individual practice. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat and blanket. 6 sessions  
Dates: Tues. October 4, 11, 18, 25, and Nov 8 and 15.  
Time: 7:00 – 8:15 pm  
Location: North Shore Community School Library  
Cost: \$60

### **Wine Tasting – Pairing Food With Wine**

Instructor: Geri Lunn  
This informative session will introduce you to the taste of pairing different wine with certain food types. The focus will be on pairing wine with fall and Thanksgiving foods. Geri is a certified wine specialist from Wirtz Beverages.  
Date: Wed. September 28  
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Location: Cape Superior Bottle Shop, 5133 North Shore Dr.  
Cost: \$12

### **Memory Art**

Presenter: Marlene Wisuri  
Memory Art, with its long folk art tradition, is now being created by many contemporary artists. The history of such forms as memory jugs and memorial quilts, along with examples of current work, like collage, keepsake displays, and scrapbooking will be covered in this presentation. The class should provide inspiration and ideas for using those family photos, collected mementos, and souvenirs to make your own memory art.  
Date: Tues. October 4  
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm  
Location: North Shore Community School Library Room TBD  
Cost: \$10.00

### **Dragonflies (Odonata)**

Instructor: Kurt Mead  
Author of the award-winning field guide, "Dragonflies of the North Woods", will dazzle you with fantastic dragonfly facts and stories. These blood-thirsty predators will amaze and amuse you during Kurt's multimedia presentation. He will also tell you all about the citizen science going on with the Minnesota Odonata Survey Project. There will be plenty of time for any questions you may have. Bring a friend.  
Date: Wed. September 21  
Time: 6:30 -8:00 pm  
Location: North Shore Community School Room TBD  
Cost \$15.00 (Students under 15 free)

**Beginning Norwegian**

Instructor: Arna Rennan

Enjoy a beginning class in conversational Norwegian. This fun class, based on dialogues and providing background in grammar, also incorporates music and culture. The instructor is a dual U.S./Norway citizen and has taught Norwegian for over 10 years through Concordia College language camps and Duluth Community Ed. There will be a \$5 material fee payable to the instructor on the first day of class. 8 sessions

Date: Tues. October 11, 18, 25, and Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 6-7:30 pm

Location: North Shore Community School Room TBD

Cost: \$45.00

**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

**Don't forget the Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 15 at the town hall.**

**Want to learn more about the watershed you live in? Community watershed groups are being formed for the Knife and Sucker Rivers. For more information contact Andrew Slade at 727-3383 or [andrewslade@mepartnership.org](mailto:andrewslade@mepartnership.org).**

**More classes on other side!****Developing Your Intuition**

Instructor: Dorothy Aho

There is a planetary movement going on to access the innate power of the small voice within us which doesn't lie. Dorothy has been consciously on her spiritual journey for over 35 years. She is the author of two books, has led several spiritual groups and enjoys the magical experience of listening to, trusting and living by her intuition. This class will introduce you to developing this gift of inner truth. Bring a picture of one person you know well in an envelope.

Date: Sat. October 15

Time: 12:30 – 3 pm

Location: North Shore Community School Library

Cost: \$20.00

**Piano Lessons**

Instructor: Cindy Ensign

Private, thirty minute piano lessons for students 5 to adult.

Starting on September 8, lessons will be 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.

Location: NSCS Music Room

Cost \$12.50 per lesson

**Bring a buddy class discount. Sometimes we need a little encouragement from a friend to take an hour or two to try something different. Talk someone into taking a class with you, send your registration in with his/hers and take a 10% discount on both registrations.**

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

**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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