



Fun at the 2012 Harvest Dinner



Duluth Township Newsletter

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January 2013

Harvest Dinner Fire Dept Benefit Oct 13th

The 9th Annual Fire Benefit was a great event with lots of residents attending! It is with apologies that this success wasn't included in the November Newsletter (*editor's email problem*). See p4 & above! **Thanks to all** who attended, provided food, music, door prizes, cooked or helped out in the kitchen and helped with set-up & clean-up (*listed on page 4*)!

Youth looking for jobs... see **page 8** for Township youth who are looking for jobs around the Township.

The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

January 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Pot luck and bingo.

February 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Coffee & snacks. Robi Meyerson with a Valentine's day sing along

March 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Bingo, snacks, coffee and anniversary cake

Everyone is welcome.

For information call : Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Zoning Ordinance Update

Its been in process for over a year and several public hearings were announced and conducted. The updated Ordinance 4 was formally adopted at the Nov. 8th Board meeting. This has involved a large amount of work and double-checking for our Planning Commission and Town Board members, and a heroic effort by Commission Secretary Beth Mullin and Planning Director Sue Lawson. As a result we have an up-to-date, improved and clearer ordinance. Thanks for all the careful work! (*see page 4 for a summary*)

What's Coming Up?

File to run for Town Supervisor. Two positions will be on the ballot. Candidates need to file at the Town Hall during office hours from January 1st to January 15th.

March 12th 7am to 8pm **Town Board Election** (*The March Newsletter will have candidate statements.*)

March 12th **Annual Town Meeting**, Town Hall—8:15pm after the election (*please stay outside until the election materials are packed and chairs are set up...thanks*). (*The March Newsletter will have budget information.*)

Community Dance, Town Hall, February (to be announced)

Contact Jody Anderson for more information 525-4971

Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

There were 97 police events in October which included 37 requested home/business checks, 12 traffic warnings/citations, 6 burglar alarm responses, 6 public or motorist assists, 4 permit to carry handguns, 4 serving civil process, 4 ATL careless drivers, and 3 medical emergencies. Our Township web site has details including a full list of police response events. You can sign up for email notification as well.

Note: *If you need/want/expect a police squad to respond immediately, call 911. Other than 911, the quickest way to get our police response is to leave a message on our squad phone (393-8407). We may work 5 days in a row, but may not always get into the office during that time. Our main office where we spend 90% of our time is in our squad vehicle.*

Barnes & Noble Benefit for NSCS Library

Barb Jackson, NSCS Librarian

Mark your calendars...the next Barnes & Noble book fair benefiting the North Shore Community School library is scheduled for **January 26th**. That would be a great time to spend all those gift cards you got for Christmas, or to buy books for your Valentines! As usual, we will have volunteers in the store handing out vouchers, or you can simply mention our name at the checkout. Thank you for your loyal support of the library at North Shore.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Val Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Tara Freese, Helen Hendrickson, Barb Jackson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Dave Miller, Beth Mullin, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, Molly Tillotson, Rose Vastila and Webmaster Linda Holliday.

Election Day
Ann Cox, Clerk of Town
and Election Supervisor



November 6th was a busy day for our election judges. The Township started the day with a list of 1283 registered voters. 150 new voters registered at the polls. Overall 1210 voted (40 were absentee voters). Congratulations on the great voter turnout! 84% voted!

Thanks to election judges Julie Fogarty, Sara Hammer, Jeanette Jackson, Barb Jackson, Carolyn Marino, Don and Janet McTavish, Betty Poe and Janet Johansen. Without them our election wouldn't have gone so smoothly. (Ed: A special thanks to our election supervisor, Ann Cox.)

Will You Volunteer?

There is room for 3 **Fire Fighters/First Responders** on our roster at Clifton Volunteer Fire Dept. Call Chief Bob Engelson 525-6819 or leave a message at 525-5705.

We Need **Recycle Shed volunteers** initially to serve as backup to the current staff. Leave your name at the Town Hall or leave a message at 525-5705

THE TROUBLE WITH ALUMINUM CANS

Until recently, recycled aluminum cans were collected and put in a separate chain link enclosure at the Town Hall to be picked up by our North Shore Community School and sold to support the library.

Over the years we have had continuing problems with theft and dumping household garbage in the aluminum can enclosure. Recently someone sped off after stealing the cans, spreading them over Homestead Road. Repeatedly our heavy locks and chains on the enclosure have been cut. Recycling Shed volunteers shouldn't have to put up with these messes. So, we've decided to stop separating out aluminum cans.

What can you do?

▶ Continue to recycle aluminum cans at the Town Hall.

Aluminum cans should be put in the current recycling bins along with plastic bottles and metal cans.

▶ If someone wants to collect and sell recycled aluminum cans for a good cause they should consult with **Caroline Marino** or leave a message at the Town Hall. An off-site collection trailer would have to be provided. Arrangements could be made to refer aluminum can recyclers to that collection point.

It is sad that a few vandals are spoiling what has been a helpful source of income for valuable school programs.

TRESPASS REMINDER

Note that power and gas lines go over private property (utilities only have an easement for their lines). The clearing is not public nor utility property. **Please respect property owners.** Get their permission and do not trespass.

A number of residents have expressed their concern and asked that a reminder be printed.

Road Update
Supervisor, Dave Miller

The 2012 road work has been completed and it's been a busy year. Our total claim to FEMA for the June storm damage came to \$75,000 of which 75% (\$56,250) was reimbursed by FEMA and the remaining 25% from the State of MN. In addition, FEMA approved a \$13,000 mitigation project for Johnson Road to help prevent it from washing out in the future.

As I look back on the year, here are some thoughts you may want to consider:

- **Chloride:** Using chloride on roads does present a long-term problem by holding water on the road surface which prevents the surface from drying out after rain. This is usually not a problem from June through August when dust is the issue. However, in the spring (April/May) and the fall (September-November) normal wet weather holds water on the road surface and potholes and ruts can occur. Freezing and thawing in the fall makes this problem worse. Chloride is designated to last 3 years, but a dry summer like we had this year and/or a rainy fall will cause problems either way. Greenwood, Shilhon and sections on Torgeson and W. Clover Valley are the main problem areas. We will continue to work with residents along these roads to deal with the chloride issue.
- **Slow Down:** All of our roads are designated to go 20-30 mph. Driving this speed will help dust control and be safer for pedestrians walking on shoulders.
- **Grass:** Grass on the shoulders and center of low use roads causes problems when grading the road. The grass balls up under the blade and will inhibit grading the surface, taking more time and money to grade the road. Residents can help with this by mowing the shoulders of the road by your house and driving over the whole road surface to prevent grass from growing in the center.

As we look ahead to this year's road maintenance program we will continue to upgrade our road surface with gravel, ditch roads to drain water off the road, and replace existing culverts with larger diameter culverts to provide for more water flow in problem areas.

Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me (see page 7 for contact information).

NSCS Pre-School News

"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"
Kathy Johnson

Both morning (9:15-11:30) and afternoon (12:15-2:30) sessions are offered on Tues, Wed and Thurs. Children ages 3-5 may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. There is a \$30 registration fee and a monthly tuition charge. Scholarships are available to assist families from a NSCS Endowment Fund grant. There are openings for the second session.

Please contact Kathy Johnson at 834-5429 or 525-0663 x106 for further information.

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).



The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall) Jan. 10th and Feb. 14th .

Residents are urged to attend these public meetings

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

September 27th regular meeting. Members present: Wayne Dahlberg, Brigid Pajunen, Don Sitter, Jo Thompson and Paul Voge.

Main Actions: After a lengthy discussion of the County ordinance (*see below and in posted minutes*), a motion was made to adopt all of St Louis County's Subdivision Ordinance Number 60 except for minor subdivisions. The motion passed.

Discussion: Scott Smith, St Louis County Land Use Manager, was invited to discuss the County's new subdivision ordinance so that a recommendation could be made to the Town Board on how it should be reflected in our updated Zoning Ordinance. County-wide, they have found discrepancies in some 5000 parcel descriptions (*since boundary descriptions are sometimes written with little regard for adjoining properties so some descriptions do not match*). The effort was to simplify the sub-division process. Our Township is involved in the approval process. Although the County set up a "minor subdivision" process, the question is whether the Township wanted any subdivision without public input and approval.

John Kessler resigned his position as Assistant Director due to illness. He has served over 10 years and will be publicly recognized for his fine service.

Diane Desotelle, Sea Grant's climate change educator, will make a presentation to the Commission. (She will make the presentation Thurs. Jan 24th at 7pm.)

October 25th regular meeting. Members present: Wayne Dahlberg, Brigid Pajunen, Don Sitter, Jo Thompson and Paul Voge. Other regular attendees were Planning Director Sue Lawson, Planning Secretary Beth Mullen, and Town Board representative Barb Crow. **Discussion:** Clint Little, GIS specialist from the Minnesota Coastal Program presented interesting data on Township land uses and changes in recent years. This was a part of the Planning Commission's review of our Comprehensive Plan. There was discussion of planning implications of shoreline erosion, availability of trails, non-conforming lots of record, changes in timber cover, and stormwater runoff. The Planning Director reported that the final copy of the updated Zoning Ordinance had been given to the Town Board for action.

The Next Planning Committee meetings (4th Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): Jan. 24th and Feb 28th .

Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.

Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

October 11th regular meeting. Supervisors attending: Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Mount, Dave Miller, and Mary Ann Sironen. **Main Actions:** NSCS installed an expanded wireless system and requested Township funding of \$5,000. The discussion was about whether it was a necessity, will it benefit the public, will the community be allowed to use it, and will it be a capital improvement integral to the building. A motion to approve the expenditure passed.

Discussion: Treasurer Janet Johansen reported September deposits of \$36,086.91, expenses of \$97,381.37 for an ending balance of \$799,725.11. Claims were reviewed and bills paid. **Fire:** Sherry Rovig is transferring Dept. retirement funds to PERA as agreed. **Planning:** There was a discussion of a proposed "internet barn" with backup generators etc. for an area in western Lake County near Alden Township. Alden has expressed concern. Our ordinance would consider this a light industrial usage if it were in our Township. Proposed changes in our Township's zoning ordinance were discussed and they will be considered at the November Board meeting. Assistant Zoning Administrator, John Kessler, is resigning. He is out of the hospital and recovering. For now, the Planning Secretary, Zoning Administrator and Clerk of Town will take over these duties. **Roads:** Final FEMA work is being finished, routine grading will be done. We anticipate receiving 90% reimbursement from the State and FEMA for our storm damage. **Community Center:** Kevin is getting estimates on upgrading the shed next to the warming house to store a mower and sprinkler. Estimated cost is \$3,750. Kevin also sought bids for an industrial grade lawn mower/sweeper for the skating rinks. No action was taken at this meeting. There was a related discussion of the Recreation budget. **Recycling:** we need an additional substitute shedkeeper. Pat Kelly has the majority of hours.

November 8th regular meeting. Supervisors attending: Barb Crow, Dave Mount, Dave Miller, and Mary Ann Sironen. **Main Actions:** Approved a motion to adopt Zoning Ordinance 4 and rescind Ordinance 3 as of Dec. 1, 2012. A summary of changes was adopted for publication (*see article on page 4*). Jerry Hauge was interviewed and appointed to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. The 2013 COLA for listed Township employees was adopted (*1.7% as used by Social Security*). A motion was passed to authorize an added \$10,000 for the Recreation to purchase a mower/sweeper and \$4,000 to add on to the storage building at the Community Center. **Discussion:** Wayne Dahlberg provided our adopted 2008 plans showing staged plans for updating the Community Center. The reversionary clause between LSSD 381 and the Township has expired on our Community Center property. Jo Thompson and Val Brady asked for approval to submit a grant proposal for help with work to GPS map our Township culverts and storm waterways as required for MS4 stormwater compliance. It is much needed and was supported by the Board. Continuing problems with theft and garbage at the aluminum can recycling storage area were discussed. We will stop separating out aluminum cans. If someone wishes to collect recycled cans for a good cause, they should call the office (*see article on page 2*).

Summary of Zoning Ordinance Revisions

The Duluth Township Board of Supervisors has repealed Town of Duluth Zoning Ordinance Number 3 (*originally adopted August 12, 2005*) and enacted Town of Duluth Zoning Ordinance Number 4; both actions are effective December 1, 2012.

The content of Ordinance Number 4 is largely identical to Ordinance Number 3 (*including previous amendments*), but does contain some changes including: **1)** further defining categories of short-term rental and establishing procedures and requirements for those uses; **2)** establishing interim use permits as a permitting mechanism; **3)** modifying language applicable to subdivisions to meet requirements of *Saint Louis County Subdivision Ordinance 60*; **4)** clarifying language pertaining to the enlargement of non-conforming structures; the removal of vegetation in the shoreland overlay; **5)** clarifying requirements for construction on non-conforming lots of record; **6)** adding definition and requirements for *Small Arms Manufacture*; **7)** adding *Triplex and Quad Dwelling* as a use and eliminating *Home Stay* as a use; **8)** amending the standards and procedures for the *Shoreland Commercial B District*; and **9)** clarifying terms and appointments for Planning Commission members. In addition, some minor typographical and formatting corrections were made.

A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person at the Duluth Town Hall (6092 Homestead Road) during the Town Clerk's normal business hours. The document is also available on the Township web site, www.duluthtownship.org.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department *Bob Engelson, Fire Chief*

Thanks to all who attended or contributed to the successful **9th Annual Harvest Dinner...** Providing music were Bob and Louisa Fabro, plus Fran Kahiler and band. Among food and door prize contributors were Debbie Swartz, Ann Cox, the New Scenic Café, Cape Superior Bottle Shop, Alakef Coffee Roasters and Cub Foods. Kitchen help and servers included Sherry Rovig, Jody Anderson, Mary Ann Daniel, Judith Torrence, Joan Norgren, Lynn Brasgala, Stacey Lavres, Jen Wright, Mary Tennis, Pat Halverson, Shane Kerby, Mark Simonson, Dan Roselund, Jason Bruckelmyer, and Dale Tikka and Robert Peldo, and special help from Evin and Taylor Kerby (*right*)



2013 Calendars: By now each Township residence should have their free annual Fire calendar, **thanks to our Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary:** *Jody Anderson, Barb Crow, Mary Anne Daniel, Stacy LaVres, Trisha O'Keefe, Pat Halverson, Sherry Rovig, Mary Tennis and Judith Torrence.* Please patronize businesses who support the annual calendar. which is free to all Township residents.

We are looking for fire fighter and first responder volunteers. There are three openings on our roster. Contact Fire Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819 or 525-5705.

Duluth Township Recreation Corner *Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator*

Winter is definitely here and lots of exciting things are happening at the Community Center. I will be working with our Fire Dept to schedule flooding of our **pleasure and hockey rinks**. We were able to purchase a sweeper for our rinks for maintenance to keep our ice in good condition. This unit will also be used by the school to keep sidewalks clean. A special thanks to our Supervisors who helped make this happen. Once the rinks are flooded and in good skating condition, we will hang our new community recreation board outside the Warming Center with information on rink rules and when the pleasure and hockey rinks will be open. Once we are open for skating our concession stand will be up and running. This was a hit last year and I look forward to its continued success. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help flood the rinks, call or email me.

During the winter please do not drive snow machines or ATV's on our athletic fields. There has been a lot of hard work to make sure we have good athletic fields to use for a lot of years and it would be a shame if someone damaged the fields with these machines. Our Township Police have been alerted to help monitor this throughout the year. I would ask anyone driving by our Community Center to notify the police if they see anyone driving on the fields.

At the beginning of March I will send basketball camp sign-up sheets home. These are held in the gymnasium on Saturday mornings. It is open to 3rd to 7th graders. The goal is to teach fundamentals and rules of basketball. It was fun and encouraging to see last year's group develop their skills. I wish everyone a happy holiday. I'll see you at the Community Center!

If you are interested in renting rooms or the gymnasium you should fill out a rental agreement at the Town Hall then I will contact you. If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 218-830-0052 or 218-525-0663 x301. You can also email: RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org.

911 Request: Please call the power company, not 911 if your electricity goes off and its not a life threatening situation. Recently people calling the power company got a busy signal. Many then called 911! The result was that real police/fire/medical life-saving emergencies couldn't get through because 911's lines were overloaded with the non-emergency calls. **Call your power company with power-outage reports...then be patient!**

Duluth Township Community Education *Michelle Libby and Tara Freese, Coordinators*

**See the Winter CE class schedule insert.
Try a class! Support the program.**

Community Ed is always looking for community education ideas and instructors. If you have a skill and/or knowledge you would like to share and would like to make some extra cash while doing it, please consider teaching a class. If interested contact: EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org or call 525-0663 ext 300.



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 at the Town Hall.

The next meetings are **Jan. 29th** and **Feb. 26th** 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.

**Community Services
 in Duluth Township**

- Clifton 4-H Club:** call Kate Edblom, 525-1276
- Cub Scouts:** call David Hooey, 525-6617
- Boy Scouts:** call Chris Roningen 525-5308
- Girl Scouts:** call Julie Igo, 726-4710

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

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North Shore Locavores
*"Producers and consumers of local food."
 Sherry Rovig and Molly Tillotson*

We are changing from a regular monthly meeting to a special event schedule. We plan to host or co-host educational sessions and potlucks at various times during the year. Topics and events will be posted in the News-letter and on our web site. If you have topics, speakers or ideas that you would like to share or want to get on our email list, let us know: Northshorelocavores@gmail.com. or see our "Locavores" link on the Duluth Township web site or call: Molly (525-6933).
Meetings are free and open to the public.

Who Wants Fill Dirt?

Bob Rodda, our road maintenance person, is looking for convenient places to dump dirt from cleaning ditches. If you want fill dirt, put your name on a list at the Town Hall (name, address, phone, location, etc.). He will use the list when he needs a local place to dump extra dirt.

North Shore Daycare
 Courtney Kappes
 Northshoredaycaremn.com
 Tel: 218-522-0123
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A Brief History of the French River District

Vernon A. Palms*

The genesis of French River takes us back almost to the middle of the last century when the first pioneers began to homestead scattered tracts along the North Shore. One of the first of these whose name still remains in the community was Samuel C. McQuade. He acquired a quarter section just west of the river in 1861, and it was on this property that the first school building was erected in 1892. The Old North Shore road may have been, and probably was, in existence as a trail at this time and would have been the only overland line of communication to the settlements farther up the shore.

In 1884, the Duluth and Iron Range railroad was built through to Duluth, and a siding and station were installed at French River (*where Ryan Road crosses the tracks*). Included in the station was a boarding house and also the local post office. One of the early stationmasters was Matthew Jackson who was also the section foreman and postmaster for many years. A little later, Mr. Jackson bought land along the track across from the station where he built a residence and store while still maintaining the boarding house until it was abandoned and torn down in 1933.

The year of 1910 saw the arrival of the Robert Mace family, and D. B. McDonald also bought and built along the (*French*) river at about this time. Previous to this, Louis Mattson had located on the shore near the mouth of the river in 1905 and was later joined by his brother in fishing. Mr. Mattson had a large family and the children attended the McQuade School nearly two miles distant. He related how he used to break a trail for them through the snow by tying a line to a block of wood and dragging it while they walked single file.

During the period just previous to the first World War, a number of businessmen from Duluth and Superior bought land in the vicinity. There were the Frecker brothers, Frank and Louis on the McQuade road, J. R. McCarthy who built a fine place on the bank of the river, and John Olson who bought a large acreage along the east side of the Ryan road and brought in a (steam) saw mill.

The Ryan road at this time was little more than a trail and many of the early arrivals used the old logging roads to reach their destination. The expression "*packsack farmer*" was in common use.

Among the earliest arrivals of this period were the Burk, Hill and Abrahamson families, also the Stromgren brothers, Arvid and Gust, Erick Johnson, Laiti and many others. At one time the Ryan road was spoken of as Garfield Avenue as so many of the newcomers had formerly lived in that district.

In 1918 came the great forest fire, which swept over the territory. Many of the settlers were burned out completely although here and there a home escaped the flames. The fire speeded up the clearing of the land, and the Red Cross came to the aid of the ones who had suffered with building materials and equipment.

In 1920 the State Fish Hatchery was built at the mouth of the river and Mr. Gale was appointed as superintendent. Adolph Sundstrom and Ben Gustafson were among the first employees.

Some years earlier a school had been built on the Mace property. In 1922 this school and the McQuade school were combined in a new two-room building at the Ryan road (*at the junction with Old North Shore road*). This school was continued until about 1932 when bus transportation was provided to the

larger Bloomingdale School and the new Clover Valley High School, which could take care of the increasing enrollment.

About 1916 a *Farmers Club* was organized and a hall was built near the intersection of Ryan and Lismore roads. This became the center of community activity for several years, being reorganized as a community club through the leadership of the Misses Mace, the Gales, Mrs. Englund and others. *The French River Pleasure Club* was organized about 1916 also, but later became the *French River Women's Club*. A dramatic arts club was formed under the direction of Frances Hoffman, and a large group of the young people conducted this successfully for some years.

By 1920 the Ryan and McQuade roads had been greatly improved and extended, and there was no lack of interest and attendance at any and all public gatherings. This continued until the completion of the new Highway #61 along the lakeshore when the advent of the taverns and the increased use of the automobile together with other factors caused interest to swing to other sources of amusement, and the various organizations gradually died out. The hall was finally torn down sometime in the thirties.

The French River Lutheran Church was organized with its first regular pastor being the Rev. Carl Silverstein who was to remain for nearly twenty years. Meetings were held at the various homes of the members and later on in the (*Bloomingdale*) schoolhouse. Then a church was built on land given by Einar Hendrickson at the junction of the Ryan and Anderson roads. A new modern building was erected near the lakeshore in 1959 and the old building was sold to Edward Engelson who transformed it into a residence where he now lives.

In 1961 a Bomarc Missile base (*where the water tower now stands*), (since abandoned) was constructed on the Bergquist Road. Three years later the county closed the Bloomingdale School and built the North Shore Elementary School on the corner of the land formerly owned by Erick Johnson who had maintained a store at the same location many years before.

Of all the changes that took place through the years, perhaps the most spectacular was the construction of the new divided-lane highway roughly paralleling the railway, which was put in operation through the French River section in 1965. This and the introduction of electric power to the area about 1935 have been of the greatest advantage to the community in my opinion. Drilled wells have taken the place of the old dependable dug wells, and it is now rare to find a home without water and sewer.

French River has not been without its tragedies over the years but perhaps not more so than other communities. Life was quite difficult before the automobile and the tractor became common, and much more hazardous for the fishermen before the motors came into use. Few would now care to speak of it as "the good old days" or prophesy as to what the future may have in store.

* *Written in 1968 and printed in "Roots in the Past, Seeds for the Future: The Heritage and History of Clover Valley, French River and Surrounding Communities", published by North Shore Elementary School in 2000. This article was provided, with editorial notes, by Helen Hendrickson. Vern Palms lived on the Old North Shore Road where the Hartman family now lives. Vern wore a tee shirt at his 100th birthday which announced "100 years and still dancing". He did! He died at 103 years of age.*

Duluth Township Information — 2013

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
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 web site: www.duluthtownship.org or
 email: TownHall@duluthtownship.org

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

Planning Office Hours: No posted hours

Call the Town Hall for an appointment: 525-5705

Supervisors:

Barbara Crow (2011-2014) 525-0489

or Email: BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org
 (Primary contact for Planning, Finance/banks, insurance; Shared: Personnel, Town Hall).

Dave Mount (2010-2013) **Board Chair** 525-7961

or Email: DaveMount@duluthtownship.org
 (Primary contact for Board Chair, Police, Environmental stewardship; Shared: Town Hall).

Dave Miller (2011-2014) 525-1555

or Email: DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org
 (Primary contact for Roads, Community Ctr/Facilities, N Shore Mgmt Bd; Alternate: Comm Ed & Rec, Env. Stewardship, D/NSSD and Materials management).

Mary Ann Sironen, (2012-2015) **Vice Chair** 525-2010

or Email: MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org
 (Primary contact for Communications, Senior Hsg, Community Ed/Rec, DNSSD Materials mgmt; Shared: Personnel; Alternate: Board Vice Chair, Community Ctr/Facility).

Mary Anne Daniel, (2012-2013) 260-9123 or Email:

MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org
 (Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency preparedness; Alternate: Communications, Town Hall).

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 Sexton: **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933
 or Email: Cemetery@duluthtownship.org

Planning Director: **Sue Lawson** messages: 525-5705

Planning and Zoning Secretary: **Beth Mullan**
 Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Commission: **Jerry Hauge** (Mar2015),
Brigid Pajunen (Mar2013), **John Schifsky** (Mar2013),
Don Sitter (Mar2015), **Jo Thompson**, (Mar2013) vice
 chair, **Paul Voge**, chair (Mar2014) & **Wayne Dahlberg**
 (Mar2014. 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 Shane Kerby**
 Email: FireHall@duluthtownship.org

Burning Permits are available online at 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 Coordinators: **Michelle Libby & Tara
 Freese.** EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org

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



Township Recycling Center

At the *Town Hall*, on *Homestead Road*
 Staffed by Carolyn Marino, Patrick Kelly, Marlis
 Livingston and David Hooley

**November-March: Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm,
 Thursday 2-6pm, & Saturday 8-noon.**

April-Oct: *Tues 7-11am & 3-7pm, Thurs. 3-7pm, Saturday 8-12.*
 (Drop off only during recycling hours)

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

See article on page 2 about changes in aluminum can recycling.
 Aluminum cans should be recycled with plastics/metal cans.

Township Calendar

See calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org.

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

JANUARY 2013

- 1-15** File to run for Town Board during office hours.
- 2, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 2, Wed,** 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 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
- 24, Thu,** 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
 Diane Desotelle will discuss climate change.
- 29, Tue,** 6:30pm Township Knitters, Town Hall.

FEBRUARY 2012

- 6, Wed,** 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 6, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- ?** Community Dance, Town Hall (*to be announced*)
- 14, Thu,** 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 18, Mon,** 6:30pm *North Shore Community School Board* meeting, NSCS Library
- 19, Tue,** **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 20, Wed,** 7pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* training, Hall #1
- 23, Sat,** *Deadline for March Newsletter*
- 28, Thu,** 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 26, Tue,** 6:30pm Township Knitters, Town Hall.

MARCH 2012

- 6, Wed,** 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 6, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 12, Tue,** 7am - 8pm **Town Board Election**, Town Hall
- 12, Tue,** 8:15pm **Annual Town Meeting**, Town Hall
- 14, Thu,** 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 18, Mon,** 6:30pm, *North Shore Community School Board* meeting, NSCS Library
- 19, Tue,** **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 20, Wed,** 7pm *Volunteer Fire Dept* training, Hall #1
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979 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.

JOBS WANTED or WORKER WANTED For our Township Youth

An effort to match up residents who have work suitable for our youth with youth in the Township who may want a job.

Seeking Jobs

- Mature, hard working, experienced 11 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call 525-0090.
- Holly, age 17, phone (cell) 349-7274 (home) 525-9065. Elementary tutoring, babysitting, housekeeping, yard work, some maintenance. Available to work most Fridays and weekends.
- Allison, age 16, home 525-9065. I am interested in doing the following jobs: babysitting, mowing, raking, gardening, painting, pet watching and walking.

Advertise for free: A column for Township youth (under 25yrs) who are seeking work and Township residents who need help with various jobs suitable for youth (babysitting, lawn, garden, maintenance, snow shoveling, etc.).

Leave your ad & contact information at the Town Hall or leave a message 525-5705 or editor@duluthtownship.org
(The next Newsletter is March, deadline February 23rd)

Country Kids Day Care, 525-1073
Infants to School Age, Licensed
Bus to NSCS & Lakewood Schools
Accepting Full and Part Time

St. Louis County Snow Removal Policy

Dave Miller, Supervisor

The following is a brief summary of the County's snow removal policy. A complete copy is at the Town Hall.

- Do not crowd the plow and pass with care.
- Plow operations will consist of 3 phases: make roads passable, widening and sanding, then general clean-up
- All County and Township roads will be plowed first, then private driveways.
- Operators will try to leave as little snow as possible across driveways.
- **It is unlawful to plow or snow blow snow from driveways onto or across County/Township roads.**
- **Residents must remove parked vehicles from County or Township roads to assist in snow removal.**

Fiber Optic Communications Update

Jeffrey S. Roiland, Lake Connections Project Manager

Phase 2 stringing cable on power line poles is progressing. Information about services offered and prices will be available early in 2013. *Lake Connections* is at 409 17th Ave, Two Harbors. Internet: www.lakeconnections.com

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Your friendly neighborhood bottle shop!

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Wine, beer, liquor, pop & ice. *Special occasion?*
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Call ahead and we'll have your order ready to go.

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