



Duluth Township Newsletter

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July 2013

Thanks to NSCS Art Teacher Carla Tamburro and student artists for the excellent pictures featured in this masthead and on later pages. See the terrific color version of these pictures on our Township web site (above), under "Newsletters".

The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

July 3rd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Annual Picnic with chicken and bingo. Everyone welcome.

August 7th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Coffee & snacks. Music by Glen Laspie, 12 string acoustic guitar.

August 10th, Saturday, **Come On Home Party**, 1-4:30pm, Town Hall (see article, page 1)

September 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Coffee & snacks. "Martha" and "Julia" will share unusual recipes and innovative clothing ideas and do it yourself projects for men and women to fill their long night of hunting talk.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call : Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

What's Coming Up?

Community COME ON HOME PARTY

Saturday Aug 10th, Town Hall 1-4:30 (see article)

Ownership Changes of our Community Center to ABC Inc. (see article on page 3)

Memorial Day Ceremony



A special thanks to keynote speaker **Captain Robert Libby** and all who attended and participated, including organizer George Sundstrom, the French River Church for music and refreshments, flag honors by Scout Troop #162, and Fred and Betty Poe for placing memorial flags. The names of our Township's veterans were spoken in remembrance.

Duluth Township's Annual

"Come On Home Party" August 10th

*Saturday afternoon, 1-4:30pm
at our Town Hall on Homestead Road.*

It's free!

It's for everyone in the community,
new residents and old timers,
young and old.

The purpose of the event is to have fun and to build a strong and caring community.

**There's music, dancing, great door prizes,
refreshments**

and a chance to meet new friends.

Join Your Community's Gathering!

(for more information, call 525-4154)

MN Power donated a thermal imaging camera to

our Fire Dept. This camera will increase our fire suppression capabilities by revealing hot spots behind walls and other areas that are hidden from view. It can also be used to find people who are unable to respond and are obscured by smoke-filled air. Thank you MN Power for this exceptional gift.

To learn about becoming a volunteer fire fighter and/or first responder, contact Fire Chief Bob Engelson 525-6819 or leave a message at 525-5705.

Reading Help!

Personalized tutoring for any age using the *Orton Gillingham Method.*

Connie Carlin, B.S., M.Ed. 525-4723

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Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Val Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Tera Freese, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Phil Strom, Carla Tamburro, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila and Webmaster Linda Hollinday.

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Community Youth Groups

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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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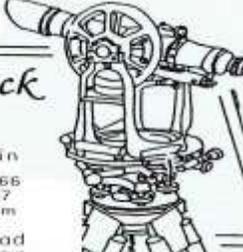
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Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief



Max Bruckelmyer is one of our more recent volunteer fire fighters. He volunteered early this year to “help out a bit”. He is impressed by the Department’s auto extractor tools and training; one of the newer pieces of equipment acquired through a grant.

Max’s full time job is plumbing with ASP Mechanical in Duluth. He and his wife, Valarie have been residents on Ryan Road for seven years. Their four girls and three boys attend North Shore Community School. Max enjoys woodworking and using his small portable sawmill. Hobbies also include basketball, fishing and hunting. Thanks, Max, for volunteering to serve our community!

Senior Housing in Duluth Township

A community group is discussing new possibilities for senior housing in our Township.

If you would like to be notified of these meetings, leave a message for Mary Ann Sironen at 525-5705. All are welcome.

JOBS 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: 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, house cleaning, etc.).

Leave your ad & contact information at the Town Hall or leave a message 525-5705 or email: editor@duluthtownship.org

(The next Newsletter is Sept., deadline Aug. 23rd)

Town Board/NSCS/ABC Inc Update *Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen, Board Chair*

On Saturday, June 22nd the Town Board convened to continue work on the transfer of ownership of the Community Center property to ABC Inc.

Two public open house information meetings were announced by special mailing to all residents for June 5th and 10th. The Board expressed their appreciation to the townsfolk who offered their comments and suggestions at the open house sessions and in their written statements.

There are many details to be worked out yet but the following consensus was reached.

The Supervisors recognize and agree that:

- The Community Center property was originally built with public education funds for the purpose of serving public education.
- NSCS is a tremendous asset to the community and needs to continue to serve the region with continuing excellence in education as well as to provide employment for townsfolk.
- Programs at NSCS can best continue on the entire portion of land that it currently occupies.
- The wellbeing of our entire community is reflected in the health of our public school and our community programs.
- The transfer of the Community Center property to ABC Inc creates administrative and financial flexibility to meet future NSCS needs that are not as readily achieved under Township ownership.
- Incurring Township debt to increase classroom space is not in the best interests of the Township.
- Transfer of the property frees the Town of some of the responsibilities and liabilities of operations of the Community Center.
- The NSCS Board and the ABC Inc Board are committed to provide ongoing use of the property by Township residents for other community needs and this represents significant value to our Township.
- Leaving part of the acreage unencumbered by debt is in the best interest of the whole Township

With these thoughts in mind, work is continuing on the details of the “Use Agreement” and “Purchase Agreement” with Mary Anne Daniels and Mary Ann Sironen representing the Town Board and George Sundstrom and Dave Edblom representing ABC Inc, and Township Attorney Tim Strom. The three boards (*Duluth Township, NSCS, and ABC Inc*) plan to meet by the end of June to sign off on the required agreements and continue to complete closing documents to transfer ownership of the entire 40 acre property with its buildings and other facilities to ABC Inc. ABC Inc then leases the buildings and grounds for use by the North Shore Community School.

(with thanks to Supervisor Barb Crow for her excellent summary that put the meeting on a productive path).

Duluth Township Recreation Corner
Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator

Summer is finally here and lots of work still is being performed over at the Community Center. Sidewalks and a safety bar are being installed by our new warming center facility. Grounds are being improved between the hockey rink and the east side of the warming center. We will also be making small improvements to the baseball infield by adding some fill, killing weeds, marking baseball lines and installing new bases.

We do have a schedule of when the fields will be cut to allow all users to have a good experience playing their recreational activities. Look for the schedule on the back of the baseball backstop for field rentals and *Arrow Head Youth Soccer* practice times. We will be coming out with a new rental policy that will be administered starting in July. The policy will be put up on our Township website.

I hope that everybody enjoys their summer by using these amenities over at the Community Center.

Any questions please contact me at: recreationcoordinator@duluthtownship.org or call me at 525-0663 ext 301 or call 830-0052.

Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief

In April and May our officers responded to 159 officer initiated or calls for service. 60 were requested vacation home/business checks 12 citations/warnings for traffic violations, 11 permits to acquire or carry firearms, 12 burglar or fire alarms (including 2 residential and 1 business burglary), 8 public/motorist assists, 7 suspicious person/vehicle/activity complaints, 6 medical emergencies, and 5 careless ATL drivers. Our Township web site has a full list of police response events. You can sign up for email notification of serious crimes in your area on the Township site.



Chief Padden and our new vehicle.

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.

French River Readers Book Club

We meet *Thurs. July 18th at 7:30pm* at Carolyn Marino's home, 6054 Bergquist Rd. We will be discussing "The People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks. If you'd like to join us in the discussion, you are most welcome. If you've read the book previously, come join us to discuss it. We have no rules and you may come even if you have not finished (or even started!) the book. We look forward to seeing you.

For information call Carol Surine, 525-4426 or see the web page: www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub/

CIVILITY MATTERS

Phil Strom, Board Chair, ABC Inc.

One of the essential values we can teach children, at home and school, is everyday courteousness, appropriateness, and decorum; that is to say, *civility*. In our schools today we have adopted anti-bullying policies. In former times one of the elements our report cards graded us on was "conduct." We need to help kids understand the importance of politeness in all of their interpersonal relationships before they are truly prepared to succeed and flourish. One of the most effective ways in which children learn and adopt polite and appropriate behavior is by observing the adults in their lives. We model the behavior we would have our children emulate, it is contagious, in that it affects others with whom we are interacting. Conversely, rude behavior breeds more of the same. It seems we often reap what we sow in the way of our actions, speech and behavior.

Our community is currently attempting to adapt to the prospect of change in the way charter schools will be financed in the future. The model we created for a Township Community Center leasing to our North Shore Community School has served us very well. The resulting school has excelled to a degree that has served our children and their families well above standards of most traditional public schools and Township residents have had an outstanding community center with no increase in our real estate taxes. What the reader should understand is that the elected leaders of our Township who have a fiduciary responsibility for Town property, along with a delegation representing school interests have been working through a complex set of issues related to this evolving environment. It is fair to say that each of these leaders has a keen interest in the future of our community school, and at the same time is desirous of keeping the facilities open and available to appropriate community use for recreation and community education purposes.

Which brings us to the subject: "*Civility Matters.*" There are passionate feelings, with regard to several elements of this initiative. When we started twelve years ago, to keep an elementary school in our community, we pledged that the road to success would be the high road. It would have been easy to allow emotions to steer us over the edge of that high road. When those potential incidents loomed we reminded ourselves; "*the children are watching us, and it matters.*" We each can look back at that atmosphere of civility as an important part of the success of the North Shore Community School.

We are going through a time when it would be easy to be steered off that high road. We care deeply. We fear change. We fear loss. What we need to remember is this; the leaders on both sides of this important initiative are operating in good faith. Each has the best interests of the Community and its School at the forefront of their decision making and their dealings. That tempers have frayed and inappropriate behavior has happened, that passion has overruled good judgment, is regrettable. It should not happen, and each of us, including every interested citizen in our Community, should pledge that it will not happen.

When we look back at the process that achieved the best results for the community and the school, we want to be able to say; "*we accomplished the task with respect for one another.*" The children are watching. Civility matters.

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).

March 14th regular meeting. Supervisors Barb Crow, Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Mount, Dave Miller, and Mary Ann Sironen attended.

Main Actions: A required ordinance regarding regulation of illicit discharges in Duluth Township was adopted. A motion passed increasing CE coordinators pay to \$100/mo.

Discussion: *Fire:* Discussed need for fire hall phones Alden Township contracts with us for Fire service there are now no fire fighters from Alden so our equipment in their fire hall is not used. The topic will be discussed with Alden's Board by Engelson and Supervisor Daniel. *Planning:* An emergency management planning group is meeting. *Town Hall:* Replacing the front desks was discussed with Dale Sohlstrom. Re-keying the Town Hall locks was delayed. Dave Mount's term as Supervisor has ended and he was thanked for his work for the Township on behalf of Supervisors, Staff and Residents.

April 11th regular meeting. Postponed to April 18th due to a snow storm. **April 18th postponed meeting** was cancelled due to a storm. Next regular meeting is in May.

April 29th special meeting on Community Center property. Present were Supervisors Barb Crow, Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Miller, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, Town Attorney Tim Strom, Clerk Ann Cox, and ABC Inc: David Edblom, George Sundstrom, Mark Helmer, Phil Strom. The agenda was to hear about ABC Inc. See the May Newsletter for a brief history of the charter school/Township partnership.

It was explained that ABC Inc was formed for one purpose; to replace the portable classrooms. Its articles of incorporation were filed April 11, 2013, with a Board of Directors of David Edblom, George Sundstrom, and Phil Strom. The proposal was that the Community Center property would be transferred to ABC Inc so they could acquire a mortgage for construction of 4 classrooms (\$2-\$4 million was mentioned). Mark Helmer asked the Town for \$10,000 to fund ABC Inc and pay its legal costs. It was explained that a Town is legally constrained in how it can transfer property and what it can legally pay for. ABC Inc wants to own the property by this June 30th, so the last year of higher lease payments could go to ABC Inc and to facilitate the State paying mortgage costs when the proposed State limit on lease aid is enacted (later in May the Legislature passed lease aid limits starting July 2014). The Board agreed to pay up to \$2,000 for a "value of use" appraisal.

The Town Board scheduled special Saturday meetings to work on community center planning, a potential joint use agreement and the rationale for potential actions.

May 4th special working meeting on Community Center property. Present were Supervisors Barb Crow, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, Town Attorney Tim Strom, Clerk Ann Cox, and ABC Inc: David Edblom, George Sundstrom, Mark Helmer, Phil Strom, and Mabelle Lampela. On April 9th ABC Attorney John Carin sent a draft sale/purchase agreement to the Town. The meeting agenda was to work on a potential "use agreement" should the property be transferred.

Four "big picture" alternative scenarios were discussed

(see the special mailing to all residents and notes below). There was an extensive discussion of options and conditions of a transfer. Legally, the Town would have to receive a "substantial return" on any transfer, thus the draft "use agreement" would be important should there be a transfer of the property to ABC Inc. Questions were also raised about the need to rush a decision. Interested readers are urged to see the full minutes on the Town web site.

May 9th regular meeting and stormwater meeting. Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Mount, Dave Miller, and Mary Ann Sironen attended.

Annual Stormwater meeting. Valerie Brady made an informative presentation about stormwater issues in the Township and its underlying science. She was thanked for her work on our required stormwater report.

Main actions: Approved March 14th and April 29th minutes. Approved getting limited credit card for miscellaneous Police Dept purchases rather than relying on personal credit card use and Town reimbursement. Approved paying half of security upgrades at the Community Center up to \$8,000. Three liquor licenses were re-approved.

Discussion: *Treasurer* report: \$40,626.45 in receipts, \$46,700.61 expenses for an April ending balance of \$989,513.96. *Department Reports:* *Fire:* Alden is looking for firefighters and status of equipment in their fire hall is under discussion. *Planning:* A home business on Deerview Trail is seeking an expansion. There is an applicant for the vacant position on the Commission. *Legal:* Draft use agreement will be reviewed at the May 11th Community Center property special meeting. *Roads:* Difficult year to start grading. Most pot hole issues occur where we chloride every year. *Community Center:* Landscaping around warming house needs to be done. *Town Hall:* Copy machine lease options were discussed.

May 11th special working meeting on Community Center property. Present were Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Miller, Mary Ann Sironen, and Don Sitter, Town Attorney Tim Strom, Clerk Ann Cox, and ABC Inc: David Edblom, George Sundstrom, Mark Helmer, Phil Strom, and Mabelle Lampela. The four scenarios for addressing the Community Center property were reviewed and updated. Issues raised included and the need for urgency and that ABC Inc can raise money by mortgage but not by bonding or property tax levies which are available to the Town.

May 20th special working meeting on Community Center property. Present were Supervisors Barb Crow, Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Miller, Mary Ann Sironen, and Don Sitter, Town Attorney Tim Strom, Clerk Ann Cox, and ABC Inc: David Edblom, Phil Strom, and George Sundstrom, and from NSCS: Mark Helmer (*Board Chair*), Susan Rose (*Director*), and Mabelle Lampela (*Business Manager*), Aaron Molina (*Facilities maintenance*), and a number of teachers, their families and residents. Chair Sironen explained that this was a working meeting for the Board to consider the draft "use agreement". The Supervisors were informed that earlier this day the Legislature had voted to change charter school lease aid from per capita student lease aid to 90% of allowable reasonable expenses starting July 1st, 2014, giving one year as currently funded. It was noted that this could give more time for deliberation. The revised "use

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agreement" was distributed and discussed. Concerns included standards for athletic field maintenance and what would happen if the school closed or ABC Inc defaulted on a mortgage. Audience questions were addressed. Town Attorney Tim Strom explained legal rules for Town transfer of property for the audience. Public Open Houses were planned for June 5th and 10th to present the four scenarios and receive written comments from residents. A special mailing to the full Newsletter mailing list will provide information and announce the Open Houses.

Scenarios listed in the special mailing were:

1. **Continue with the current situation.** The Town would continue to own the property and buildings and continue rent to either the NSCS or its affiliated building partner, ABC Inc. Recreation, community education, and community uses continue as is and future community needs would be met through agreements with NSCS/ABC Inc.
2. **Buildings and a portion of the 40 acres would be transferred to ABC Inc.** in exchange for continuing use of the property as described in a "Use Agreement". These uses include recreation, continuing education, and community uses. Ownership of part of the acreage would remain with the Township with an agreement that would allow continued and ongoing use of the land for the NSCS environmental and trail programs.
3. **Buildings and the entire 40 acre property would be transferred to ABC Inc.** in exchange for continuing use of the property by the Township as described in a "Use Agreement". These uses include recreation, continuing education and community uses.
4. **Buildings and the western 20 acres would be transferred to ABC Inc.** in exchange for continuing use of the property by the Township as described in a "Use Agreement". Recreation, continuing education, and community uses would be provided for through NSCS. Ownership of part of the acreage would remain with the Township with an agreement that would allow continued and ongoing use of the land for the NSCS environmental and trail programs.

June 5th and 10th special public information open house on Community Center property options. A special notice was sent to all residents. The four options under discussion (noted above) were presented and Supervisors were present to discuss them. Written comments were sought by a June 13th deadline (68 were received), summarized and provided to Board members for their review prior to discussion at a special working meeting of the Town Board on Saturday, June 22nd.

The Next regular Town Board meetings:
(2nd Thurs at 7pm in the Town Hall) July 11th and Aug 8th .
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings

Emergency Preparation

Web sites that provide suggestions are:
www.stlouiscountymn.gov/lawpublicsafety/emergencymanagement.aspx
www.SevereWeather.state.mn.us

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

April 25th regular meeting. Members present: Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson and Paul Voge, plus Beth Mullan, Secretary, Sue Lawson, Planning Director, and Supervisor Don Sitter and Barb Crow.

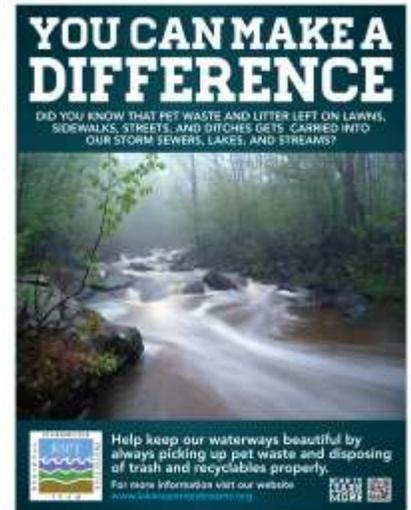
Main actions: Paul Voge was relected chair and Jo Thompson as vice chair.

Discussion: A conditional use application for a home based business on Deerview Trail was discussed. Mr Hendrickson will complete a Community Participation Report which involves talking with neighbors in a defined area (in this case it was decided the area would be the quarter mile radius plus all living on that private road), and a majority must sign a petition in support. A hearing was slated for the May meeting (but was subsequently delayed to June).

The year's main projects for the year were discussed. Safe routes to school is a program that is initiated by schools rather than communities. Specialists are being contacted to provide information about trails and how they have been developed in communities. Information on the Congdon Trust land along the shore was also being gathered. Supervisor Barb Crow was thanked for being a great liaison and keeping the Commission connected to the Board. Don Sitter will be the new Supervisor liaison to the Commission.

The Next Planning Committee meetings (4th Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): July 25th and August 22nd.
Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

All our rainwater runs to our streams and to Lake Superior, carrying any dirt or pollution with it. Help keep our roads and ditches clean to keep our water clean and pure.



For Internet Updates:

Lakenet For more information contact Kevin Olson at CLP in Two Harbors, 834-2226 or kolson@clpower.com.

Lake Connections Project Manager Jeff Roiland suggests residents get information at the Lake Connections web site: www.lakeconnections.com and the tab "Gaining Speed". Lake Connections is at 409 17th Ave, Two Harbors. 218-834-8320. Watch for Grand Opening of the Two Harbors Central Office at the end of August.

Duluth Township Information — 2013

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
 Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),
 web site: www.duluthtownship.org or
 email: TownHall@duluthtownship.org

Town Office Hours: Tues. & 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 Personnel, Finance/Banks, Insurance, Town Hall; Alternate: Comm Ctr, Env. Stewardsp, Planning and Zoning, Senior Housing).

Mary Anne Daniel, (2012-2013) 260-9123 or Email:
MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org
(Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency Preparedness, Police; Alternate: Communications).

Dave Miller (2011-2014) 525-1555 **Vice Chair**
 or Email: DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org
(Primary contact for Roads, Community Ctr/Facilities, N Shore Mgmt Bd, Env. Stewardship; Alternate: Community Ed & Recreation).

Mary Ann Sironen, (2012-2015) **Chair** 525-2010
 or Email: MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org
(Primary contact for Communications, Senior Hsg, Community Ed/Rec, DNSSD Materials mgmt; Alternate: Emergency Preparedness).

Don Sitter (2013-2016) 525-4138
 or Email: DonSitter@duluthtownship.org
(Primary contact for Planning and Zoning, Town Hall; Alternate: North Shore Mgmt Bd, Personnel).

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

Treasurer: **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
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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: **Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge** (Mar2015), **Brigid Pajunen** (Mar2016), **John Schifsky** (Mar2016), **Jo Thompson**, (Mar2016) vice chair, **Paul Voge**, chair (Mar2014), **Larry Zanko** (2016)
 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 & Tera 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,
 David Hooy and Roger Beck.

**April-Oct: Tuesday 7-11am & 3-7pm,
 Thursday 3-7pm, Saturday 8-12.**

Nov.-March: Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm, Thurs. 2-6pm, & Sat. 8-noon.
*(Recycle drop off only during recycling hours
 and no household garbage, please.)*

Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.

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.

JULY 2013

- 3, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 3, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 11, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
 15, Mon, No meeting of the **North Shore Community School Board**
 16, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 17, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
 25, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

AUGUST 2013

- 7, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 7, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 8, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 10, Sat 1-4:30 **Community COME ON HOME PARTY** Town Hall. Everyone welcome *(see article)*
 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
 23, Fri, **Deadline for September Newsletter**

SEPTEMBER 2013

- 4, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
 4, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 16, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
 17, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 18, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
 27, Fri, **NSCS Fall BBQ and Grandparents day**
 20-22 and 27-29 **Lake Superior Studio Art Tour**



Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Miller, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter and Mary Anne Daniel

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

JULY 2013

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Preschool Registration is Underway

"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"
Kathy Johnson

We are now accepting registration for the 2013-2014 school year! Both morning and afternoon classes are offered for 3-5 years olds on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Thursdays. Your child may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. A monthly tuition fee is charged and there is a \$30 non-refundable registration fee to hold your spot. *Please contact Kathy Johnson at 834-5429 or 525-0663 x106 for further information.*



Duluth Township Community Education

Michelle Libby and Tera Freese, Coordinators

Duluth Township Community Education would like to recognize and thank the following individuals who volunteer their time and talent to teach community education classes on a regular basis:

Steve & Shirley Brown - *DNR Firearms/Hunter Safety*

Jim Ward - *DNR ATV and Snowmobile Safety*

Shawn Johnson - *DNR Trapper Education*

Amy Bergerson - *Youth/Adult Volleyball, Youth Basketball*

We appreciate all you do for our community! It is individuals like you that make our Township a great place to live! Thank you!

The next Community Education class schedule will be coming in September. Watch for some exciting classes to be offered.

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



Duluth Township Knitters

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

We will take a break until September

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.