



Duluth Township Newsletter

Duluth Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org

March 2013

What's Coming Up?

- Town Board Election**, Tuesday, March 12th 7am to 8pm
Town Hall, (see candidate statements page 5)
- Annual Town Meeting**, Tuesday, March 12th Town Hall
8:15pm, after the election. (See budget information, pg 6.)
- Senior Housing** (see article page 1).
- Fiber Optic Internet Public Information Meeting**, (Lake
Connections) March 5th, 7pm Town Hall), (see article pg 2)
- Community Ed** spring classes (see insert)
- Recreation** — basketball sign-up (see article page 2)
- Locavore** annual seed and plant swap, May 26th
- Board of Equalization** April 9th 6pm Town Hall

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: 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 May, deadline April 23rd)

**BE SURE TO VOTE IN OUR
TOWNSHIP ELECTION
AND ATTEND OUR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

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

April 3rd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Pot luck and Buddy Robinson to answer questions about the Affordable Care Act and the Minnesota health exchange.

May 1st, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Coffee & snacks. Dave Hanson will discuss senior cooperative housing.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call : Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Homesteader Cribbage Tournament

Bill Aho

At Duluth Town Hall on Sunday, **April 14th**
Singles at 9:30am and Doubles at 12:30pm
Chicken dinner for lunch.

Call Bill at 525-7415 or Bob at 525-1753

Senior Housing in Duluth Township

You may recall that our Township *Comprehensive Plan* envisioned independent housing for seniors who want to downsize but still live in the Township. A Committee was formed to look into possibilities and they conducted a survey of resident interest. Further planning was put on hold during the housing downturn.

Recently we discovered an organization that may be willing to help us pursue possibilities for our Township. Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen arranged an informational meeting Feb 12th at the Town Hall with Dave Hanson (of RealLife, a cooperative, independent living, senior housing company with units at Coffee Hill in Duluth). He will be featured at Homesteaders on May 1st to inform us about cooperative housing for seniors. Information on possibilities for senior housing in our Township will be provided as it becomes available.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Kristin Adams, Bill Aho, Jody Anderson, Ann Cox, Mary Anne Daniel, Bob Engelson, Tera Freese, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Dave Miller, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Jeff Roiland, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, Mary Tennis, Jo Thompson, Molly Tillotson, Rose Vastila and Webmaster Linda Hollinday.

Road Update
Supervisor, Dave Miller

The Township has received the FEMA money that we requested for the spring 2012 flood damage to our roads. The total amount came to \$88,500 of which \$75,000 was for repairing the damage and \$13,500 to mitigate future damage on the Gamble and Johnson Roads. As I have mentioned before, FEMA was very helpful in making sure the Township received all the funds that were allowed for the repair of the roads.

As the Township looks forward to our 2013 work program, both our contractor, Bob Rodda, and I would like to thank Township residents for their support, patience and understanding of the road work that was done to repair the damage from the flood. I will be developing our 2013 Program of Work and will discuss it at the Annual Town Meeting March 12th.

Drive safely and please let me know about any road issues you may have (see page 7 for contact information).

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

There has been a good response to our request for volunteers, we now have 4 new prospective members which will fill our roster to 25 members. We welcome Katie Sundstrom, Elsa Edblom and Ryan Maki to Clifton Volunteer Fire Department. We have a fourth prospective member, Len Weiss, who has expressed his intent to join CFD in the near future. Thanks to all!

Our Department helps flood the Community Center skating and hockey rinks.

For information, contact Fire Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819 or leave a message at 525-5705.

Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief

There were 1265 officer initiated or calls for service last year. Most frequent were requested vacation home/business checks (460), requests for extra patrols (62) and public assistance (51). 127 traffic citations/warnings were issued and police responded to 41 medical emergencies, 32 property damage accidents and 37 burglar alarms (we had 4 business/residential burglaries). There were 34 animal complaints and 42 suspicious vehicles checked (plus 15 suspicious persons). There were 29 requests for permits to acquire handguns and 20 permits to carry handguns. 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.

**Recorded
Police
Events**

2012	1265
2011	1208
2010	1164
2009	1028
2008	1034
2007	1088
2006	881
2005	972
2004	1057
2003	969
2002	773

Duluth Township Recreation Corner
Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator

As I write this I hear the wind howling and am watching snow falling. This year we can actually say that winter has arrived and I think a nice winter so far. Our community's Warming Center has been a big hit this year. Every night we have had 60 to 120 people skating on our pleasure skating and hockey rinks, which is fantastic. I want to thank all of those volunteers who have helped flood our rinks this year and those who have helped run the concession stand. Our new sweeper has been a big hit this year, helping keep the ice in good shape. Just as winter season began, we remodeled our old warming house to store all our equipment. We saved a lot of money doing this and I want to thank those individuals who helped make this possible. Just a reminder to all Township residents, snow machines and ATV's are prohibited at the Community Center.

Also, basketball camp is right around the corner. We will start camp for grades 3-7 on March 9th at 9am. **Sign-ups** will be on Thursday March 7th between 6-7 pm These sign-ups also include the adult session after our morning basketball camp. This session will be competitive and will be open for 8th graders to adults. This will be a 4 on 4 basketball league. Our last two years have been very successful and a lot of fun and this year will be no different.

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. 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.

Fiber Optic Communications Update

Jeffrey S. Roiland, Lake Connections Project Manager

**Community Information Meeting
at our Town Hall, 7pm on Tuesday, March 5th.
Public Invited.**

A press release provided by Kristin Adams, Administrative Assistant for **JPG** in Canal Park listed public information meetings. Ours is March 5th and there is one for Silver Creek Township on March 7th and for Knife River on March 14th. **JPG** is apparently the marketing agent for Lake Connections. At publication time, **JPG** had no further information about services to be offered or costs but apparently that will be discussed at the March 5th meeting.

The start of construction now is reported as beginning June 2012 and will take an estimated 36 months. Duluth Township is in Phase 2. Residents are now referred to the Lake Connections web site: www.lakeconnections.com and the tab "Gaining Speed" for construction progress.

Lake Connections is at 409 17th Ave, Two Harbors. 218-834-8320 or see www.lakeconnections.com.

CONGRATULATIONS
to Shawn Padden for surviving the Polar Plunge
to raise funds for the Special Olympics

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).

December 13th regular meeting. Supervisors attending: Barb Crow, Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Mount, and Mary Ann Sironen. **Main Actions:** Motion passed for employee COLA of 1.7% starting at the beginning of their January pay period, excludes Police (3yr contract), and meeting charge for Town Board, Planning Commission, Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Discussion: Treasurer Johansen reported receipts of \$228,646.01 (includes second half of levy from the County), expenses of \$55,956.49 for an ending balance of \$920,348.95. Claims were reviewed and bills paid. **Police:** contract review with Supervisors Sironen and Crow, **Fire:** working with Pettis on skating rink flooding, **Planning:** Land Use Plan review, Zoning Ordinance prepared, Alden Twp concern about proposed data center on Ives Road. **Legal:** Resident concern about legal end of Wildwood Road. Question about whether Community Center reversionary clause needs to be re-recorded affirming Township ownership. **Roads:** Working on language for illicit discharge ordinance we are required to have. **Community Center:** NSCS received the Green School Award. The wireless system is 60% installed, no password and this hotspot is open. There was a discussion of our Community Center. **Communication:** A disaster plan will be discussed. There was a question about whether a sign language interpreter is needed at the Annual Meeting.

January 8th 2013 special meeting. To discuss inquiries about NSCS and our Community Center.

January 10th regular meeting. Supervisors attending: Barb Crow, Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Mount, Dave Miller, Mary Ann Sironen. **Discussion:** **Treasurer:** \$105,496.69 deposits, \$44,308.50 expenses ending the year with \$981,537.31. Claims were paid. **Police:** 3yr contract revised and adopted with negotiated 3-year wage increases. NSCS security at our Community Center will be discussed at a Jan 15th meeting. **Fire:** Motion passed to adopt statewide firefighter PERA resolution for their retirement fund. **Planning:** County asked for comments on classifying tax forfeit property (one probably buildable and one not). Three Commission members will be reappointed in February. A permitting workshop open to the public scheduled Jan. 15th. **Roads:** Required illicit discharge ordinance must include penalties and enforcement to be accepted. We received \$88,500 from FEMA for flood repair for June flood damage, thanks to Dave Miller for his work on roads. **Community Center:** NSCS security was discussed, the new sweeper is helpful, holiday rentals went well, concern about the skating rink light timer. **Community Education:** small winter schedule but Yoga class popular and full. **Recreation:** rinks very busy. Election Judges adopted. **Recycling:** Roger Beck hired as an alternate. Aluminum cans will no longer be separated due to theft and garbage problems. The can cage will be removed when it thaws. Aluminum cans can be recycled with glass, cans and plastic. The Township budget planning meeting will be Feb. 19th (discussion of proposed 2014 budgets to present at the Annual Meeting — see page 6).

The Next regular Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall) Mar. 14th and Apr. 11th.
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)

November 29th regular meeting. Members present: Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Don Sitter, Jo Thompson and Paul Voge. Also participating were Beth Mullan, Secretary, Sue Lawson, Planning Director, Supervisor Barb Crow and Clint Little MNDNR.

Discussion: Jerry Hauge is filling the term of Lynn Hollatz. John, Brigid and Jo will be reappointed for their second term. Jo Thompson and Val Brady described a grant they are submitting on behalf of the Township to complete required mapping of our culverts and ditches for the MS4 report. Clint Little provided mapping data on Township permits, areas of development, trails, forest management, and stormwater runoff. Our Comprehensive Plan was discussed further.

January 24th regular meeting. Members present: Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Brigid Pajunen, Don Sitter, Jo Thompson and Paul Voge. Also participating

were Beth Mullan, Secretary, Sue Lawson, Planning Director, Supervisor Barb Crow, and, from the UM Sea Grant Program, Jesse Schomberg and Hilarie Sorensen.

Discussion: Schomberg and Sorensen discussed a very informative overview of expected effects and challenges of climate change in the Lake Superior area. A self-assessment to address climate change readiness in our community was distributed. It contains a way to compute a "readiness index".

There was also a discussion of a proposed 2014 budget (see page 6 and information to be handed out at the March 12th Annual Meeting). A draft summary of the Commission's review of our Comprehensive Plan was distributed.

Land Use Permits

Beth Mullan

Year	Single Family	Total Permits
2012	3	17
2011	6	24
2010	8	28
2009	9	30
2008	10	39
2007	3	28
2006	10	44
2005	20	67
2004	23	70
2003	24	69
2002	18	57
2001	18	66
2000	17	56

The Next Planning Committee meetings (4th Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): Mar. 28th and Apr. 25th.

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

Community Dance a Great Success!

Jody Anderson and Mary Tennis

Feb 9th was the 3rd or 4th annual community dance at the Town Hall. Thanks all who brought treats and helped out and a special thanks to dance instructor Linda Spears and her husband David, to DJ Tom Machand and his wife Jeanine who helped teach dances. There was a nice crowd of mixed ages from the Township and everyone came away enjoying the fun. Watch for this community dance next year.



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 have been meeting the last Tuesday of each month 6:30-8:30pm at the Town Hall.

We will take a break until September since attendance has been low. 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.)

WAGGIN' Tails
Boarding Kennels
 Long & short term boarding

Reservations Required

218-525-4842
 7002 App Rd.
 Two Harbors

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 LOOKING FOR A RENTER FOR YOUR NICE HOME?**

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 Sherry Rovig and Molly Tillotson

ANNUAL SEED AND PLANT SWAP
 Sunday, May 26th, 3pm, Town Hall

Future topics and events will be posted in the Newsletter and on our web site. If you have ideas that you would like to share, want to get on our email list, or need information, let us know: Northshorelocavores@gmail.com. or see our “Locavores” link on the Duluth Township web site or call: Sherry (525-0489) or Molly (525-6933).
 Meetings are free and open to the public.

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 Personalized tutoring for any age using the Orton
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 Tel: 218-522-0123
 courtneykappes@msn.com

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Winter Hours:
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Specials: \$5 Early Bird Dinners 3-5:30 on Wed, Thurs, Fri.
 Takeout available.

Wed: All you can eat **fish fry**; Thur: **Swedish meatballs**;
Friday: **Fish cakes and fish specialties**, live music 6-8;
Sun: Full **Turkey dinner** w/all the trimmings

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Anthony Lueck Surveyor

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 anthonylueck@northlic.com

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 Duluth, MN 55804

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Two Candidates for Two Town Supervisor Positions



Mary Anne Daniel

My name is Mary Anne Daniel and I am seeking my first full term as a Duluth Township Supervisor. I was elected last year to fill a one-year interim position. During

that time I served as the liaison to our Volunteer Fire Department, worked on issues related to our Cemetery and most recently began working on disaster preparedness for our Township.

I am a volunteer First Responder and Firefighter with our Township and Fire Department through which I have met many wonderful residents and have developed a better understanding of the bonds that exist within our community. In my roles with our Fire Department and EMS unit I submit to the State of Minnesota all fire reports and act as the Department's medical training and supply officer.

I have lived in Duluth Township since 2005 having retired here from St Cloud where I worked at the St. Cloud Hospital for thirty-five years. I was a Licensed Psychotherapist and an Addiction Specialist, working with adults and adolescents. I also taught adjunct classes at St. Cloud State University and I hold undergraduate degrees in Psychology, Philosophy and a graduate degree in Sociology and Health. My previous board experience includes serving on the Board of Directors for Central Minnesota Group Health (*Health Partners*) and the Behavioral Health Care Center Board at the St. Cloud Hospital.

My vision for Duluth Township includes protecting the rural feel of the community by creating long term goals that complement the values of our Township. Focusing on sustainable growth will protect not only our tax base but our valuable resources of air, land and water. Given the flooding we experienced last spring, with river alterations, agricultural changes and the sedimentary impact on our land, these are issues we must address as a community.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Each candidate was asked to provide a statement and picture for the Newsletter. These statements are presented as written to provide residents with background information. There are two Town Supervisor openings and two residents have stepped forward and filed to serve.



Don Sitter

My name is Don Sitter and I have filed to serve as one of your Town Board Supervisors.

I am currently on the Township Planning Commission. In the short time

I have been on this Commission, I have learned a great deal about our Township. The Supervisor position would allow me to utilize the knowledge I've gained and the decision-making skills I have to be of even greater service to our Township. I strongly support the Township's vision of maintaining the rural atmosphere protecting our natural resources, and providing for controlled growth.

I have lived in Duluth Township for seven years and prior to that lived my life in the Twin Cities. I have been married to Kit for 37 years and we have 2 adult sons. Having always been attracted to the north shore of Lake Superior, we chose to move here to purchase a landscape business centered in Two Harbors. We just completed our seventh year in business and love problem solving as we help our customers bring their landscaping dreams to life.

Prior to coming to Duluth, I worked in the semi-conductor equipment manufacturing field. I held various engineering management positions and was the world-wide customer service manager. I managed departments of 8 to 100 people, administered annual budgets of over a million dollars, led meetings, and traveled to Europe and Asia where I was challenged and rewarded in working with folks from other countries. At home, I was active in our homeowner's lake association and served on the City Council Surface Water Management Taskforce.

Working with customers and on committees has taught me how to effectively listen, problem solve, and balance people's needs with budgets. My experience will benefit our Township as I listen to you and find ways to meet the needs of the community while being fiscally responsible to our approved budget and Township vision.

I ask for your vote on March 12th and hope to see you at the Annual Town meeting that evening.

Please feel free to contact me via email at lakeriley@aol.com or by phone, 218-525-4138.

Thank you for your anticipated support.



What Happens at our Annual Town Meeting

For those who may not have attended a Town meeting, here's a bit of background. We gather in our Town Hall on Homestead Road after the polls close (8:15pm). Our Town Clerk, by law, calls the meeting to order and we nominate and elect a resident to lead the meeting.

Our Town Clerk, Ann Cox, hands out a packet, including minutes from last year's meeting plus summary information provided by various Township departments—2012 activities and expenses, the previously approved 2013 budget and the proposed 2014 Township budget (*see the table, page 6 in this Newsletter*).

Those attending this meeting vote on our budget for 2014...a year away because our figures have to be included with County and School District figures for tax statements you receive in 2014. In 2013 we are operating on the budget adopted at our 2012 Annual Town Meeting.

Last year's minutes, official bank and posting places are voted on. The proposed 2014 budget with any adopted amendments is discussed and the overall budget is approved. Other Township business is raised and discussed and results of the election are announced at the end of the meeting. The meeting is usually suspended rather than adjourned. This permits a special meeting to be called later in case there is business that needs to be conducted by Town residents.

The Town Meeting is also a good place to meet your neighbors and to discuss important Township issues. This meeting is grass-roots democracy that depends upon the participation, respect and good ideas of all of our citizens.

Township Departments	Actual Expenditures for 2007	Actual Expenditures for 2008	Actual Expenditures for 2009	Actual Expenditures for 2010	Actual Expenditures for 2011	Actual Expenditures for 2012	Approved Budget for 2013	Proposed Budget for 2014
Police Department ⁽²⁾	\$32,789	\$65,707	\$32,187	\$45,199	\$45,331	\$44,096	\$52,595	\$53,555
Fire Department ⁽²⁾	92,156	77,384	281,299	53,166	114,163	44,287	64,250	56,000
General Township	109,425	158,865	161,220	128,346	136,113	145,671	127,101	133,711
Planning & Zoning	24,828	32,453	25,037	20,811	21,153	22,217	20,550	21,550
Cemetery	6,131	4,919	5,358	3,999	8,245	8,943	5,000	7,000
Road & Bridge ⁽²⁾	66,233	85,399	59,969	96,156	89,111	144,437	64,000	105,000 ⁽⁶⁾
Community Education ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	4,796	5,835	2,000	2,000
Community Recreation ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	—	6,695	9,244	8,000	8,800
<i>Total expenses⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>\$331,562</i>	<i>\$424,727</i>	<i>\$565,070</i>	<i>\$347,677</i>	<i>\$425,607</i>	<i>\$424,730</i>	<i>\$343,496</i>	<i>\$387,616</i>
Recycling	<i>(paid by a WLSSD grant)</i>							
Community Center	<i>(paid from school lease funds)</i>							
Tax Levy Budgets <i>(excludes income from fees, grants, Community Center lease and other sources)</i>								
Approved/proposed levy⁽³⁾	\$305,785	\$327,304	\$332,755	\$366,295	\$352,765	\$390,400	\$343,496	\$387,616
Approximate average annual cost per household⁽⁴⁾ <i>(using 740 households, depends on assessed property value.)</i>	\$413	\$442	\$450	\$495	\$477	\$484	\$464	\$524

Footnotes:

- (1) Note that the **actual** expenditures include expenses that may be partially covered by fees (e.g. permits, Community Education class fees etc.), grants (e.g. FEMA road grant and Alden Township's contract for fire coverage), or carry-over funds. **Budgeted** levy amounts are reduced by expected income from fees. Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.
- (2) Some Departments designate funds for special projects: Road and Bridge emergencies (\$35,000), Fire and Police to replace aging fire and police vehicles. These funds are included in the year end balances shown in the Clerk's report at the Annual Meeting.
- (3) The budget amount we approve may be reduced, when levied, by State or County aid to local governments *(which have been cut in recent years)*.
- (4) The average annual cost per household uses 740 as the number of households for comparisons here. The *Newsletter* is currently mailed to about 979 addresses, 775 are households in the Township (the U.S. Census counted 750 occupied homes in Duluth Township in 2010).
- (5) At the 2009 Town Meeting residents voted to add \$7,500 to the levy for a Community Center recreation coordinator. Community Education funds came from an initial Township budget plus class fees. In 2012 a separate line item is included.
- (6) At an Annual Meeting a few years ago, residents decided to increase the road budget in alternate years to meet a required amount to take advantage of a return to the Township of some gas tax monies *(about \$8,000)*, then lower the following year's road budget so that the over-time levied amount averages out to what we spend on roads. We can spend the excess from one year in the low following year. 2014 is a high year.

Township Expenses and Budget

The table above shows actual expenses for 2007 through 2012, the budget for 2013 *(which was adopted at last year's Annual Town Meeting)*, and the proposed budget for 2014. In some cases, actual expenses include income from various sources other than the tax levy, such as permit fees, grants *(e.g. FEMA for storm damage to roads)*, and carryover from budget savings in a prior year. Part of the carry-over is for escrow *(e.g. fire and police vehicle replacement)* and emergency funds *(e.g. roads)*.

The proposed 2014 budget is slightly less than actual expenditures last year but increased 12.8% over the approved 2013 budget. All 2014 proposed budgets other than the agreed-upon "high-year" road budget *(see footnote 6, above)* are close to those approved for this year. The proposed Fire Dept budget is lower.

Detailed information will be distributed at the Annual Town Meeting where each budget will be presented.

Your total property tax includes County and State levied budgets, and special assessments *(e.g. school district, sewer)*, in addition to the Township levy, less any State aid for local governments

The 2014 budget will be voted on at the upcoming **March 12th Annual Town Meeting**. Plan to attend!



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 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 & 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, Marlis Livingston, David Hoey and Roger Beck.

**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.
(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.

MARCH 2013

- 5, Tue,** 7pm **Lake Connections Public Information**
meeting on the fiber optic internet service to
be installed in our Township, Town Hall.
- 6, Wed,** 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 6, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,
Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 7, Thu,** Sign-ups for basketball camp (see Rec article)
- 9, Sat,** 10-noon Town Clerk's office open for absentee
voting.

- 12, Tue,** 7am-8pm **Election of Supervisors**, Town Hall
- 12, Tue,** 8:15pm **Annual Town Meeting**, Town Hall

- 14, Thu,** 6:30pm **Board of Canvas** (certify election results)
- 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
- 26, Tue,** Township Knitters, **No meeting until September.**
- 28, Thu,** 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

APRIL 2013

- 3, Wed,** 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 3, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business
meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 9, Tues,** 6pm Board of Equalization, Town Hall
(for individual questions about assessments)
- 11, Thu,** 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 14, Sun,** 9:30 **Cribbage event**, Town Hall (see article).
- 15, Mon,** 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School**
Board meeting, NSCS Library
- 16, Tue,** 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**
meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 17, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
- 23, Sat,** **Deadline for May Newsletter**
- 25, Thu,** 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

MAY 2013

- 1, Wed,** 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 1, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting,
Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 9, Thu,** 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 15, Wed,** 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 20, Mon,** 6:30pm **North Shore Community School**
Board meeting, NSCS Library
- 21, Tue,** 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**
meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 23, Thu,** 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 26, Sun,** 3pm **Locavores spring meeting**, Town Hall

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2013

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**March 12th, Town Hall
VOTE in the Town Election
ATTEND the Town Meeting**

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Want your mower-tiller-snow-blower out of the garage?
BUILD A TOOL SHED, raised garden beds, etc.
with rough lumber from our local saw mill.
Call George Sundstrom 525-5655

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Duluth Township Community Education
Michelle Libby and Tera Freese, Coordinators

**See the Spring 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.

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.

Thanks to Clifton 4H Club youth for their annual project to provide valentine cookies to local residents.

NOW OPEN – CAPE SUPERIOR BOTTLE SHOP

Your friendly neighborhood bottle shop!

Located in the **Cape Superior Inn**—5133 North Shore Dr
Mon.- Sat. 12:00-8:00pm.

Wine, beer, liquor, pop & ice. *Special occasion?*
We will make up a gift basket for you!! *In a hurry?*
Call ahead and we'll have your order ready to go.

Weekly tasting events!

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Reminder: Please do not use vehicles on Korkki Nordic ski trails or on the Community Center athletic fields.

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.**