What’s Coming Up?

**Township Trails Survey** (enclosed, see page 4)
Deadline for response, July 17th

**Open House** July 16th 7pm at the Town Hall

**Community COME ON HOME PARTY**
Saturday Aug 8th, Town Hall 1-4:30 (see article, right)

**Youth seeking jobs** (see list on p2)

Information on sewer system check valve problems
for residents who are connected to the D/NSSD sewer south of the Expressway by the shore (see article below).

**How to send emails to Township personnel and Departments** (see page 7, email using our Township web site)

**Mark your calendar for the Harvest Dinner**
A benefit for our Volunteer Fire Department
Saturday, Oct 10th 5-7pm, Town Hall.

Duluth Township’s Annual

“Come On Home Party”
August 8th
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)

Sewer Problems for Residents in D/NSSD South of Expressway

*Information from Supervisor Wendy Gustofson*

Supervisor Wendy Gustofson provided information about serious backflow check valve (backflow preventer) freezing problems experienced by some residents with D/NSSD septic connections. A frozen valve can create backflow of sewage from the pressurized sewer line into the home...10,000 gallons reported by one resident. Apparently, residents are responsible for preventing freezing. Some solutions are becoming available.

D/NSSD Operations and Maintenance Coordinator, **Eric Appelwick**, has an information sheet for residents on web site: [www.peopleservice.com](http://www.peopleservice.com). A new insulation disk is being developed to help address the problem. Other solutions involve upgrading the valve or installing it inside.

Residents Cindy Donner and Christine Penney are proposing an online D/NSSD Newsletter to keep residents informed. They are developing a mailing list and would appreciate knowing how residents would prefer to be notified of sewer issues (*Christine Penney's home phone for this purpose is 525-6970*).

**Points for residents to note:**
Homeowners are responsible for electric power and preventing valve freezing.
Adequate homeowner insurance coverage for sewage spills is worth double-checking.
If you are leaving for an extended period in the winter, call Eric Applelwick for an inspection before leaving.
Contact PeopleService at 218-590-5911 if the pump alarm goes off and doesn’t stop within 10 minutes.

**Contact: Eric Appelwick,** Operations and Maintenance Coordinator for D/NSSD: Phone: (218) 464-8243, or 590-5911 *(Emergency Service, Duluth)*, Fax: 525-4582, Email: Eappelwick@peopleservice.com, or [www.peopleservice.com](http://www.peopleservice.com).

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue:
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 Job

• Cameron Nelson, age 13, lawn mowing, snow shoveling, general yard work, general labor. Call Cameron at 525-0208

• Ryan, age 13, is looking for work. He is interested in yard work and babysitting. Call 525-9065.

• Young man, age 11 looking for work, including lawn mowing and general yard work. Experienced. If interested, please call Konrad at 830-9514.

• Mason Stolp, age 13 years, looking for work (mowing, shoveling, yard work, cleaning, general labor). Call Mason at 525-0576.

• Mature, hard working, experienced 13 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call Bridger at 525-0090.

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.

Seeking Recycling Staff
Carolyn Marino
We are looking for 1-2 people who would be interested in helping staff our Recycling Center at the Town Hall. It is a paid position. If you are interested, please leave your name at the Town Hall (525-5705).

For information, call Carolyn Marino at 525-6431

“Early Learning Sticks Like Glue”
Kathy Johnson
The North Shore Community School preschool program will now be known as “Play and Learn” or P.A.L. for short. The change is a result of a request from the MN Dept. of Education. To meet State requirements, NSCS is simply required to change the name. Beyond that, the times, days, and the program employee will remain exactly the same. Join our early childhood family…become a P.A.L.!

Who? Children ages 3-5
What? A caring, sharing, learning experience
Where? Room 6, NSCS, 5926 Ryan Road (a monthly tuition fee is charged)

To enroll for 2015-2016 or for more information,
April 8th regular organization meeting. Attending: Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Don Sitter and Travis Stolp. Absent: Supervisor Wendy Gustofson. Main Actions: Elected were Don Sitter, Chair, and Dave Edblom, Vice Chair. The Township Emergency Operations Plan was approved. Contract with Holms Construction for expansion of our Town Hall can be signed by Supervisor Sitter or Edblom once language is approved by our Lawyer, unanimously approved. Approved up to $15,000 approved to replace current fuel oil furnace with propane, up to $12,000 to implement required stormwater management plan for Township site, up to $5,000 to remove old septic tanks and install new ones at Township, and $2,500 to proceed with design work for needed fire hall stall addition to Hall #1. Liquor licenses approved for Scenic Café and Red Swan Catering. Discussion: Treasurer reported deposits of $8,055.50, expenses of $28,737.66 and the $200,000 emergency fund, for a March spendable balance of $922,648.50. Planning: A Public Hearing on a Stormwater Ordinance and an update of the Zoning ordinance will be June 25th and Supervisors were asked to attend. Joint Use Committee: Recommended that the three Boards (Town, NSCS, ABC Inc) meet to gain a clear vision of what “community benefit” means. Board to send invitations and the three Boards to select a facilitator. Town Hall: Construction of improvements to start when weather permits. Two JUC members are needed. Communications: Skype can be used for Board meetings, however the required internet speed, equipment, scheduling/posting and public access to remote sites pose barriers at this time. The annual Program of Work meeting is April 22nd. May 14th annual stormwater meeting. Eighteen attended the 6:30pm meeting. Dr. Val Brady presented storm water issues affecting the Knife River and regulations affecting Duluth Township. New stormwater and permitting requirements are involved if building disturbs 1 or more acres of land. May 14th regular meeting. All Supervisors attended plus the Town Clerk and Treasurer. Main Actions: Dahlberg, Zanko and Hauge were approved for a second 3-year term on the Planning Commission. Discussion: Treasurer reported deposits of $2,261.83, expenses of $16,300.59.66 and the $200,000 emergency fund, for a March spendable balance of $908,609.98. Police: 3 burglaries (NSCS and former missile base) were solved. Fire: Commissioner Stauber is helping resolve communications problems. A large structure fire had 11 departments respond (75-80 firefighters), used 88,200 gal. of water. Supervisor Stolp and Director Wolff will work on a combined rental coordinator/NSCS position. Materials Management: Frozen check valves are a problem in D/NSSD (see article on page 1). Emails on the web site are not working. Webmaster Janet Johansen will work on a solution with anySite Hosting.

The Next regular Town Board meetings:
(2nd Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) are July 9th & August 13th.
Residents are encouraged 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)

April 23rd regular meeting. Commissioners Voge, Thompson, Schifsky, Dahlberg, Hauge and Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Don Sitter. Main Actions: Motion approved to grant an interim use for a subordinate residential dwelling for a family member. This terminates when the specific use ends. Paul Voge was re-elected chair and Jo Thompson as Vice Chair of the Commission. Discussion: Sue reported on contacts with James Gitte-meier from Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council regarding bike trails in the Township. The Council has approved funds for planning. Jo and John will work on stormwater education, Wayne, Jerry and Larry will work on the SMU 8 issue (traditional small lots requiring variances when changes are made), and a team will form on the trail project. May 28th regular meeting. All Commissioners attended plus the Planning Director and Secretary. Discussion: Proposed stormwater and ordinance update changes were discussed. A June 22nd Public Hearing is planned and letters and notification will be sent. June 28th regular meeting. Commissioners and Town Board members attended for the advertised Public Hearing on a Stormwater Ordinance and other zoning updates. There were no objections and the proposed changes will be forwarded to the Town Board for action.

The Next Planning Commission meetings:
(4th Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) are July 23rd & August 27th. Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.
Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

“Welcome To Duluth Township”

This is a new booklet on our Township, updated by the Planning Commission and special thanks to work by Brigid Pajunen, Sue Lawson, John Schifsky, and others. The attractive booklet describes our Township, its land, our Comprehensive Plan vision, explains zoning regulations and provides a wealth of other useful information. It’s objective is education for new and current residents. The booklet is especially helpful to those seeking land use permits in our Township. Copies are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site, www.duluthtownship.org.
Congratulations to Dale Tikka, Rob Peldo and Devon Cahoon for achieving Fire Fighter 1 and 2 certification.

Welcome to our newest member, Chris Wallace, who was previously on the Andover Fire Department (8yrs) and also has Hazardous Materials training.

Pager problems continue. The County has been slow in responding to repeated requests over many years for corrections to their communications so that fire fighters can receive legible calls. We are trying out a new paging system that works with our cell phones.

Please clear brush around your fire number sign so the sign can be clearly seen at night.

We are seeking advertisers for next year’s calendar (distributed free to all Township homes). Call Jody Anderson (525-4971) or Pat Halverson (310-2975) if you would like to place an ad.

To Volunteer, call Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819
Fire fighters and first responders are needed and welcome. Training and turnout gear are provided.

Help for Fire and EMS response to your home or business. We would appreciate sketches or information about issues pertinent to Fire or EMS response to your home or business. Our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department is compiling a database to help save lives and property. Some examples of pertinent information are: location of hazardous fuel or chemicals, structures that may contain people or animals that might not be obvious otherwise, close sources of water, utility shut off controls, etc. Leave your sketch or information for the Fire Dept at our Town Hall or contact Sherry Rovig (343-0911) or Email: smrovig@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar! Annual Harvest Dinner Oct.10th
This is a benefit dinner for our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department. Sat., Oct. 10th, 5-7pm at the Town Hall with live music, lots of door prizes, fantastic homemade dinner. A family/community event. Support our fire fighter and first responder volunteers! You could volunteer to help with this event! Call Jody Anderson (525-4971) or Pat Halverson (310-2975) Thanks!

The Planning Commission needs your input, thus the enclosed survey.
Please give your views and return the survey by mail or at the Town Hall by the deadline, July 17th. Fold it so the return address is outside. You could mail it or leave it at the Town Hall. Come to the Trail Planning Open House Thursday, July 16th 7pm at our Town Hall.

French River Readers Book Club
Carol Surine
The book for next month is The Necklace, by Cheryl Jarvis. The next meeting is July 16th at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Wendy Gustofson is host. For information call Carol Surine, 525-4426 or email carolsurine@gmail.com, or see www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub.

TOWNSHIP TRAILS SURVEY (enclosed)
Many residents have commented on how dangerous it is to walk or bike along the main roads in our Township. Hills and high speed vehicle traffic make non-motorized use very dangerous. Township officials tried to get a wider shoulder on Homestead Road when it was resurfaced a few years ago, but no luck. Now, the Planning Commission has linked with County folks to see if we can arrange for some sort of road-side trail along main roads in the Township. NSCS has also shown interest in possibilities for linking trails with the “safe route to school” program for school kids.

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Teaching Local History at North Shore Community School

John Schlisky

This is the second part of a three-part series featuring the way teachers at North Shore Community School integrate community history into their curricula. The first part, focused on kindergarten activities, appeared in the April edition of the Duluth Township Newsletter.

In first grade the focus is on fishing and the Roots bin contains, among other objects, a fishing net, net floats, lead weights, and a fisherman’s slicker and pants. Candice Johnson, Toni Maki and Sheri Camper show a video on the life of a commercial fisherman and how, once caught, fish were packed for market. Steve Dahl, a herring fisherman who lives in the Township, visits the classroom to talk about his experiences on the lake and the responsibilities of a commercial fisherman. The children get to sample fish cakes, and Steve invites them to visit his boat. There is discussion about the difference between commercial fishing and fishing as a sport. Students make a field trip to the aquarium in Duluth. The art teacher, Mrs. Tamburro, talks of Howard Sivertson, the artist fisherman who lived on Isle Royal. She has the children paint pictures of fish and make fish prints on tiles.

Dayna Phelps and Anne Woszowaty take second graders on a field trip to Kathy Johnson’s farm as part of the year’s focus on farming and community life. There they inspect flowers and the vegetable garden, and what makes good soil. They are introduced to sheep and goats, learn about the creek on the farm and what lives in it. They examine the pictures in the Roots book to learn how farming was different in the early 1900s, and they are encouraged to interview their grandparents about community life as well as farming practices when their grandparents were young. The Roots bin is heavy with old household implements including an iron and iron stand, a whisk, and a butter crock as well as rusty tools and horseshoes found by students over the years when using metal detectors on the school grounds.

The second graders also make butter, read Little House on the Prairie books and draw big murals with pictures comparing modern farms with earlier farms. Students watch a video which features a comparison of today’s farming practices with those of earlier times. When available, older community members visit the classroom to talk about what it was like to go to school in a one-room schoolhouse.

Mining, rocks, and minerals are the focus in the third grade. At the bottom of the Roots bin are rocks with copper in them as well as shiny copper plumbing fittings. For thousands of years native peoples mined copper in this area, and white men continued the practice in the 19th century. Kristi Lounsberry and Tara Young scatter pennies in four different areas on the school grounds, and the students search each of those “countries” with metal detectors, “mining” the copper. They also “mine” the chocolate chips from cookies. Students watch a video titled Modern Mining and You and a community resource person visits to talk about mining in the area. Students are introduced to the Otto Peltonen’s journal which describes what it was like to be a kid in the mines years ago, leading to a comparison of the way miners and their families live today. There is an immigration unit with a focus on miners’ ethnic differences. Pasties and stone soup are featured. The culminating activity is a trip to the Soudan mine in Tower where the students ride the elevator to the bottom of the shaft and get to see what underground mining was like.

In the fourth grade the Social Studies focus is on the different regions of the United States. Students travel across the country finding points of interest and landmarks significant to individual states. Building on that travel theme, the Roots emphasis is on the lifestyles of early settlers, how they farmed and traveled, who did chores, and what time children got up in the morning. Resources include a video series focusing on pioneer life and the differences between life then and now, particularly in the area of technology. When asked by Michelle Compton and Joshua Otten, students admit to finding it difficult to choose one technological possession they would be willing to give up.

The culminating experience is a pioneer school day at the Larsmont school house where everyone, students, teachers, volunteers alike, are in costume including knickers as well as page boy bobs. Students bring their lunches in pails, brown paper bags, and flour sacks; the outhouse is the only facility. Inside the school, stations are set up where students make lemonade, sew on buttons, make candles, and play games students years ago would have played. At the end of the day each student, still in costume, has his or her individual photo taken, and there is also a group photo which includes students, teachers, and volunteers.

“Teaching Local History at North Shore Community School” will conclude in the next issue of the Duluth Township Newsletter.
Country Kids Day Care, 525-1073
Infants to School Age, Licensed
Bus to NSCS & Lakewood Schools
Accepting Full and Part Time

Sandy’s Play Care Center (New! Now Open)
Licensed Family Day Care located near French River
On bus line to NSCS and Two Harbors Schools
525-2602 or Shagglu57@centurylink.net

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Call Susie Lannon at 218-720-3987

Mystery Flower Solved!
Dwane Madison

Over Twenty years ago I noticed a blue flower proliferating along the upper side of the express-
way in the Brighton Beach area. On searching my wildflower books I first thought it was Bottle
Gentian which has closed blossoms but these blossoms open and I was never able to pin down
a proper identification. Last year at a terrific web site called Minnesota Wild Flowers I found it by
looking at all the blue colored flowers and I found out why I couldn’t find it in my books. Until re-
cent years the only place they could be found was Scandinavia, Central Europe and the only one
place in North America which was along the upper side of the highway 61 expressway by Bright-
on Beach. They are called Bristly Bell Flower (Campanula cervicaria). I could go into a wordy
description but it would be better for you to stop and check them out. They’ll be showing up soon
and they are easy to spot.

The new mystery is how they got here. This is just a guess but I suspect that there may have be a home site in that
area where a family may have brought the seeds to America when they emigrated from Scandinavia. Years later the
seeds may have been spread wider with excavating and construction of the new highway.

At any rate, it is spreading and can now be found in Lake County and up the local side roads. It appears to like sunny
areas but I have found it in shady parts of my woods, although not as numerous as by the roadways. I have also found it
in quantity on open roadside embankments along the McQuade Road as far North as five miles from the expressway.

This spreading can be worrisome, for if the plant were to spread too much it could end up with a label of being an inva-
sive species or even worse yet a NOXIOUS WEED, which legally cannot be harbored or propagated on one’s property
out of fear of damage to our biome. Actually if you were to total up all the damage caused by invasive plants and nox-
ious weeds it wouldn’t come close to a millionth of the damage caused by humanity itself. Perhaps we need an environ-
mental law that makes it illegal to propagate Homo Sapiens Sapiens on one’s property… or even along the roadways.
Duluth Township

Information — 2015

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),
Email: See note below on using our Township web site.
www.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:

Mary Anne Daniel, (2013-2016) 260-9122
(Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency
Planning, Police, 50% Joint Use Committee).
Dave Edblom (2014-2017) Vice Chair 525-1276 or email
(Primary contact for Town Hall, 50% Joint Use
Committee; Assisting: Roads, Personnel, Business
Mgmt )

Wendy Gustofson (2016-2018) 573-821-0785
Primary contact for Communications, D/NSSD and
Materials Mgmt. Intergovernmental Relations.

Don Sitter (2013-2016) Chair 525-4138
(Primary contact for Business Mgmt, Personnel,
Planning and Zoning: Assisting: Town Hall
for Town Hall, Recreation, Personnel).

Travis Stolp (2016-2018) 525-0576
Primary contact for Roads, Recreation/Rental

Town Clerk: Ann K. Cox 525-5705 (Town Hall)
Treasurer: Janet Johansen 525-5705 (Town Hall)
Attorney: Tim Strom 722-4766 (office)
Cemetery Sexton: Molly Tillotson 218-525-6933
Planning Director: Sue Lawson messages: 525-5705
Planning and Zoning Secretary: Beth Mullan

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)

Peace Officers: Chief Shawn Padden and
Officer Steve Peterson.
Emergencies 9-1-1, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407

Clifton Volunteer Fire/EMS Department:

Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief Rob Peldo,
President Jason Bruckelmyer

Burning Permits are available online at mndnr.gov/permits or
the Town Hall (office hours), or from Fire Wardens:
Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), Jay Zink 525-5589
or DNR in Two Harbors, 1568 Hwy 2, 834-1418.

Rental Coordinator:

NEW: To Email Township Officials and Departments
Our Township web site, www.duluthtownship.org/
contacts, has a dropdown list of personnel and de-
partments you can use to send emails. Note that a copy
of all emails automatically goes to the Town Hall for
Township records.

Note: If the person does not have email access, your
communication is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up.
Many Departments have a web page. See our web site).

Township Recycling Center
At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road
Staffed by Carolyn Marino and Roger Beck
(openings available).

April-Oct: Tuesday 7-11am & 3-7pm, Thurs.
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.)

Aluminum cans should be recycled with plastics/metal cans.
Curb recycling pickup service is available south of the freeway.
Surveillance cameras have been installed around the Town Hall
because of vandalism and dumping household garbage.

Paid recycling staff openings are available. Leave your name
at the Town Hall or contact Carolyn Marino for information
(525-6431)

Township Calendar
See calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org.
Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

JULY 2015

1, Wed, 12:30pm Homesteader's meet, due to Town
Hall construction, we will meet at French \ River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road.
7, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business
meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
9, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall.
16, Thu, 7pm Open House on Trail Plans, Town Hall
21, Tue, 7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District
meeting, French River Lutheran Church
21, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept training Hall #1
23, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall

AUGUST 2015

4, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business meeting,
Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
4, Tue, 5-7:30pm Neighbors Night Out, at French River
Lutheran Church parking lot. All welcome!
5, Wed, 12:30 Homesteader's meet, Town Hall
8, Sat, 4-7pm COME ON HOME PARTY, Town Hall
13, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
18, Tue, 7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District
meeting, French River Lutheran Church
18, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: training, Hall #1
23, Tue, Deadline for the September Newsletter
27, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall

SEPTEMBER 2015

1, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business meeting,
Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
2, Wed, 12:30 Homesteader's, Town Hall
10, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall
15, Tue, 7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District
meeting, French River Lutheran Church
15, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept training, Hall #1
24, Thu, 7pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
Emergency Planning for Duluth Township

At their April 2015 meeting, the Town Board approved an *Emergency Plan* for our Township. Its purpose is to plan for major emergencies with a broad impact on our Township residents. *The Plan does not change what we do in typical fire, medical or police emergencies.*  **You still call 9-1-1 for fire, medical or police emergencies.** Our fire and police departments respond, sometimes with the aid of neighboring jurisdictions and County agencies.

The Township Emergency Plan is intended to organize local efforts to respond in a major emergency such as very heavy snow, floods, severe wind storms, wild fires, gas line or chemical spill disasters, etc. In these situations, emergency personnel from surrounding areas may be busy in their own areas, so our Township may need to handle things at least until County and State backup arrives, perhaps for several days. Our own Police and Fire Departments may also request added help from the Township for such things as evacuation and emergency provisions in a broader emergency. Thus, the Township Emergency Plan helps fill in a potential gap until other services arrive.

The written Emergency Plan is short — 3 pages plus a map, an organizational chart and a list of functional areas which are further detailed in one or two pages. A small committee has helped draft the Plan, modeled on plans of similar rural areas. One Supervisor is appointed as our *Emergency Management Director* (or EMD). Our current EMD is *Supervisor Mary Anne Daniel*, who has the necessary “incident command” training (*because she also serves as one of our fire fighter and medical responders*). The Town Hall (or, if necessary, Fire Hall 1 on Ryan Road), serves as the *Emergency Operations Center* (or EOC) in case of an emergency. The EMD can activate the EOC, perhaps by request of Fire or Police for added backup help, or in case of a major emergency. If the EOC is activated, representatives of Police, Fire and other officials would gather at the EOC to carry out needed emergency functions. The Emergency Plan helps organize what’s needed and who does what.

The EMD and the Emergency Committee meet monthly to talk over various potential emergency situations and work out what needs to be pre-arranged. One task is letting resident’s know about the Plan and how they might be able to pitch in should there be an emergency — natural or man-made. The focus of activity will be the EOC, usually at the Town Hall.

This Newsletter will carry information about planning and what you could do to help once you have provided for your own family. You can prepare your family. *FEMA information brochures are available at the Town Hall.* We recommend the *Emergency Supply List*, for example. You could also look online at FEMA’s web site: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

The Township’s new addition includes a way to connect to an emergency generator to provide power for the EOC operation, backup for communications, emergency well water pumping, cell phone charging, and various necessary Township functions. The September Newsletter will have added Emergency Planning information and ways you could help out in a major emergency in our Township.