



This is about as much "spring" as we could find by the Newsletter deadline!

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2015

## What's Coming Up?

**Township Memorial Day Ceremony** - May 25<sup>th</sup>, 11am, at Palmers Township Cemetery (see article, p7)

**Town Board** (with assigned areas of responsibility, p7)

**Stormwater Meeting**, 6:30pm, May 14<sup>th</sup> Town Hall

**Town Hall Expansion Update** (see article, p3)

Opening for **Part Time Rental Coordinator** (see p3)

**Seeking Recycling Staff** (see p6)

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

**June Public Hearing on Ordinance Updates** (see p7)

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[North Shore Locavores meeting, May 31st.](#) (see p1)

Join your neighbors in honoring service men and women from our Township

## **Township Memorial Day Ceremony**

At our Palmers Lakeview Cemetery  
North Shore Road just east of Homestead Road  
**11am on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Memorial Day Speaker is

**Dan Fanning**

Iraq War Veteran and

Administrative Assistant to Mayor Don Ness

Other participants include Boy Scout Troop #162, music led by members of the French River Lutheran Church, women of French River will provide coffee and donuts. Mark your calendar and attend this community event!

For further information, contact event organizer  
George Sundstrom, 525-5655



Thanks to Supervisor **Jim Ward** for volunteering to complete the first year of Supervisor David Miller's term following Dave's death last spring. Jim was active on the Board, assisting with Road and Bridge responsibilities and with fiber optic arrangements for the Township. He ran to complete Dave's full term and missed by two votes (see page 2). Thank you for your willingness to serve the Township.

## **The North Shore Locavores**

*"Producers and Consumers of Local Food"*

Jo Thompson

North Shore Locavores will hold their ANNUAL POTLUCK, SEED and PLANT SWAP on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:30-5:30pm at the Town Hall. Bring your extra seeds, extra plant starts, perennial divisions (herbs, etc.) to share or swap! For those that are able, bring a dish to share for the potluck. All are welcome, whether you bring something or not! Contact Jo Thompson 525-5854.

## **School Building Addition Opened**

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, ABC Inc held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open its "Strom-Sundstrom" addition to the NSCS building. The addition includes 4 classrooms, an art room and a greenhouse.

## **Township Stormwater Meeting**

Valerie Brady

Our Township will hold its annual stormwater meeting on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, at the Town Hall. Township residents are invited to attend and learn about state and federal stormwater management requirements and how our Township is meeting them. The Township is responsible for ensuring that all of the rain water running through Township ditches remains clean and does not pollute or degrade local streams and Lake Superior.

## *Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue*

Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Don Sitter, George Sundstrom, Carol Surine, Jo Thompson, Jeana Torricer, Rose Vastila, Corlis West, and webmaster Janet Johansen.

### THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Sandwiches and bars. Program: Paul VonGoertz in civil war costume will reenact a Gettysburg civil war story.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Sandwiches and coffee. Program: Marie Zhuikov, novelist, science writer and poet. Book signing and discussion of her eco-mystic romance novels.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Annual picnic and bingo. New this year: scrabble.

**August 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Sandwiches and coffee. Marlene Wisuri will present "Putting up the Lavuu at the Sami Cultural Center in Duluth Lakeside neighborhood".

**August 8<sup>th</sup>**, **Come on Home Party**, 1-4:30 Sat, Town Hall

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Sandwiches and coffee. Program: Music by THUG from Two Harbors.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

### March Annual Town Election and Meeting

The March 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting was well attended with a group especially interested in community center funds. Lars Fladmark was elected moderator for the evening. Last year's minutes were approved and the Clerk of Town, Ann Cox, distributed detailed budget materials. The State audits the Town's books annually. *Lake Bank* and *North Shore Bank of Commerce* were approved as our banks of deposit and *Duluth New Tribune* as our official newspaper for publication of notices. Official posting places continue to be the *Town Hall*, *Fire Hall #1 (Ryan Rd)*, *Scenic Café*, and *NSCS*. Department budget items were presented and discussed. **The Township levy for 2016 was approved as presented, \$344,065**, down slightly from that approved last year for 2015.

George Sundstrom introduced a resolution to transfer \$390,000 in Township community center funds to the School by April 10<sup>th</sup>. The advisory resolution passed. The Township Lawyer has advised the Board that they can not legally transfer funds to a school and if they do so, they could be individually liable (*further background for this legal opinion was reviewed again at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting*). A "Joint Use Agreement", signed by NSCS, ABS Inc, and the Township (*and posted on the Township web site*) established a mechanism for proposing and legally funding community center projects which benefit our community as a whole.

**Election results** were announced. The ballot included two people for the regular 3-year term: Michael Kahl (124) and **Travis Stolp** (130); and two for the remaining 2 years of former Dave Miller's term: **Wendy Gustofson** (130) and Jim Ward (128). The close election results will be certified and the new Board first meets on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Wendy and Travis.

### 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

- Mature, hard working, experienced 13 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call Bridger at 525-0090.
- 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.
- Mason Stolp, age 13 years, looking for work (mowing, shoveling, yard work, cleaning, general labor). Call Mason at 525-0576.
- Young man, age 11 looking for work, including lawn mowing and general yard work. Experienced. If interested, please call Konrad, at

#### Summer Babysitting Job Available

Jeana Torricer

We are looking for 1 or 2 responsible babysitters who are first-aid certified and preferably have taken a babysitting course. The position will run through the summer and be for 1 child. Hours will vary and pay is dependent on experience. Interested parties should call 525-4122, ask for Jeana.

213-7361.

**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](mailto:editor@duluthtownship.org).



### French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

The book for next month is *Heaven is for Real* by Todd Burpo. The next meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Our host is Peggy Dahlberg. For information call Carol Surine, 525-4426 or email [carolsurine@gmail.com](mailto:carolsurine@gmail.com), or see [www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub](http://www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub).

**Town Hall Expansion Update**

*Supervisor Don Sitter*

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Town Board approved the first phase of the Town Hall expansion project. The construction contract will be signed as soon as the legal review has been completed. Construction is scheduled to begin as soon as the weather and road conditions permit and the contractor schedules can be coordinated. Construction will likely last throughout the summer. All attempts will be made to keep Town Hall activities running as smoothly as possible during construction, but certainly some activities will be impacted. We will keep you posted as this exciting project continues.

**Township Demography**

Our Township has grown! The 1930 Census, about the time our Town Hall was constructed, shows a population of 728 and now, in 2010 we grew to 1941. That's 1213 more people or a 167% increase over 1930.

**Advocates for the Knife River Watershed**

*Jo Thompson*

The *Advocates for the Knife River Watershed (AKRW)* will host a presentation, "The Results of the 2013 Knife River Fish and Habitat Assessment" by John Dumke, Aquatic and Fisheries Research Fellow, Natural Resources Research Institute (NRR), University of Minnesota, Duluth. The abundance and types of fish present in river reaches are often correlated to stream and riparian habitat. In 2013, researchers at NRR conducted a survey of several river reaches of the West Branch of the Knife River for the Lake Superior Steelhead Association. Mr. Dumke will discuss the results of that survey and also some of the unique challenges trout face in this system and other Lake Superior tributaries in Minnesota. **The presentation is Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Duluth Town Hall** at 6092 Homestead Road. Refreshments will be served and a brief business meeting will precede the program.

The *Advocates for the Knife River Watershed* is a non-profit organization committed to learning about the river and promoting policies and practices that enhance the Knife River ecosystem. AKRW serves as a forum for citizen voices in the private and public land use decisions that affect the watershed ecosystem. Visit our "Facebook" page. For more information on this event, call 525-5854.

**Police Department**

*Shawn Padden, Chief*



**Police Events.** There were 211 police events in March and April. Of these, 101 were resident requested vacation home/business checks and 13 traffic violation warnings or citations. The big news was a drug search in the northern part of the Township with a \$100,000 marijuana seizure and 2 felony drug arrests. There were 10 suspicious activity checks, 9 medical responses, 8 permits to acquire or carry handguns, 8 animal complaints, and 7 fraud complaints.

If you have information about any criminal activity in our community, please contact the Duluth Township Police Department at: 218-525-5705 or our mobile phone: 393-8407, or email: [DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org).

Go to the Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) to sign up for online police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications.

**Clifton Volunteer Fire Department**

*Bob Engelson, Fire Chief*



So far this year our Fire/EMS volunteers responded to 15 medical calls (including a death), 4 grass fires and a wild-land fire (3 were mutual aid calls), a chimney fire, and a car accident (power lines down, etc.).

**SPRING FIRE DANGER** — dry ditches, fields and forests present a serious spring fire danger. Be sure to take extra care in handling fire. Note that **burning permits are required**. See page 7 for ways to get a burning permit.

**Fire Number Signs are important!** These are critical to finding your place if you need fire or emergency help. Be sure that your sign is clear of brush and clearly visible from the road. You can order an up-to-date, 2-sided, reflective fire sign from the County 911 office (727-8770).

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

Emergency fire/EMS entry key boxes are available by calling the Town Hall.

**Open Position — RENTAL COORDINATOR**

*Supervisor Travis Stolp*

Duluth Township has a new open position for a "Rental Coordinator". The main responsibility of this position is to schedule and coordinate all Township rental activities occurring at the Town Hall and the North Shore Community School. This position will be responsible for handling all communications with potential renters, on-site rental coordination, informing renters of rental policies and collecting the rental fees. No previous experience is required. Good communication skills and basic record keeping skills are desirable. Living near the NSCS and/or the Town Hall is a definite advantage, but not a requirement. Starting pay will be \$11.96/hour and will be paid for actual hours worked. If interested, please call the Town Hall at 218-525-5705 or email [TownClerk@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownClerk@duluthtownship.org).



Supervisors Vice Chair Dave Edblom, Chair Don Sitter, Mary Anne Daniel, Travis Stolp, and Wendy Gustofson (not available for the first organization meeting picture)

### Summary of Town Board Meetings

(Official minutes by Town Clerk Ann Cox are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)).

**February 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** All Supervisors attended plus the Town Clerk and Treasurer.

**Main Actions:** A recreation program framework was adopted. It lists goals and a new position of "rental coordinator" in lieu of a recreation coordinator. Motions were passed to update salaries for the Planning Director, Cemetery Sexton, and Town Board meeting stipends.

**Discussion:** Treasurer reported a January balance of \$918,246.68 after \$7,772.13 deposits, \$30,030.02 expenses and the emergency fund CD. **Reports: Police:** Officer Mike Peterson resigned as of this meeting. **Fire:** A memo of understanding on emergency use of water at the Fish Hatchery was approved. **Zoning:** The required MS4 update of our Zoning Ordinance involves planning Township enforcement. Nokomis is working on their Planned Use Development (PUD) feasibility. **Recreation:** Most use of the facility is by rentals and casual users rather than organized recreation programs. The rental coordinator job will be hourly averaging about \$1,152/year. Net annual Township recreation costs, (less about \$2,150 in rental income for use of the facility) is estimated at \$1,300. The Town will be responsible for lights/heat at the warming house and the porta-potty for January-March. The Joint Use matrix of who is responsible for what, was adopted.

**March 6<sup>th</sup> special meeting.** Attending were Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Mary Ann Sironen and Don Sitter. The meeting was called to discuss Town Hall expansion plans, recommendations of the Facilities Committee, timing and an analysis of cash flow for the project.

**March 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Attending were Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter and Jim Ward, Town Clerk and Attorney.

**Discussion:** There was an extensive discussion of George Sundstrom's resolution from the Annual Meeting to immediately transfer \$390,000 in Township community center funds to the school. Township Attorney Tim Strom again reviewed the statutes which do not permit such a transfer, and the personal liability of Board members should they act on the request. It was noted that there has been an established *Joint Use Agreement* between ABC Inc, current owners of the property, NSCS and the Town, laying out the procedure for proposing funding of projects at the Community Center and identifying their benefit for the broader community (see the Township web site where it has been posted). Earlier, much before the NSCS/Community Center property was transferred, a Building Assessment Committee (BAT) including school and community members identified projects of mutual

benefit to the school and broader community. Jim Ward is working on a needed hockey board replacement proposal.

**Reports: Roads:** Bans are coming on. Meeting stormwater requirements will be addressed. **Town Hall:** The building contract is planned for signing in April. A stormwater management plan was authorized. The Town Hall septic system froze and had to be thawed. The addition will resolve this continuing problem. The Board of Equalization meets April 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### The Next regular Town Board meetings:

(2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) are **May 14<sup>th</sup> & June 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://www.duluthtownship.org))

**February 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** All Commissioners attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Don Sitter.

**Main Actions:** A Public Hearing was held on Sharon DeLeo's request for a short term rental conditional use. A garage behind the main house on Scenic Byway, formerly used in an antique sales business, will be converted to a handicapped-accessible guest house with four bedrooms. A side-yard setback variance was approved. The conditional use was approved as an interim use for 3 years with conditions on quiet time, minimum of one night rentals and one party per rental period, maintaining visual screening and standard Ordinance conditions (see the full minutes on the website for the Commission's discussion).

**Discussion:** An informational design review for Ray Sandberg's proposed addition to an existing commercial building at the corner of McQuade and Lismore Roads was discussed. No approval is needed. Required stormwater ordinance language is complete. It will likely require greater administrative costs for land use permits. The Township Brochure has been finalized for the Town Board. Ordinance language for larger accessory structures in SMU-6 is being developed. A public hearing on Ordinance changes will be announced later this year.

**March 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** All Commissioners attended plus the Planning Director and Secretary.

**Main Actions:** A variance request for the proposed Town Hall addition was approved with the condition that construction stormwater protections be maintained until post-construction stormwater management is fully in place. It was also recommended that the design serve as a model, demonstrating good stormwater management for the community.

Stormwater ordinance language is being developed and planning on bikeways is progressing.

#### The Next Planning Commission meetings:

(4<sup>th</sup> Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) are **May 28<sup>th</sup> & June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

## Teaching Local History at North Shore Community School

John Schifsky

Some of the bins are grey, others clear. They are storage bins made of flexible plastic. Roughly 15" by 24" by 15", the covers snap down for a tight fit. On the cover of "Trunk 5" is the word "Roots" in red, and the notation "Logging – Kindergarten." Another trunk is labelled "Chapter 4: Fishing - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade" And below, in capitals, NSCC, North Shore Community School.

In the late 1990's, North Shore Elementary (now North Shore Community School) teachers applied for a grant to begin a foreign language curriculum. One of the funding requirements was that a community component be part of the proposed curriculum. The Clover Valley/French River Community History Project was a response to that requirement. Building on previous research done into the history and development of farming in Clover Valley, Rich Sill, Jeannine Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Bobbi Keener, Duane Madison, and Robbie Tietge formed the Clover Valley/French River History Committee. They met, did more research, collected oral histories, and reproduced photographs, the result of all that effort being the book *Roots in the Past – Seeds for the Future: The Heritage & History of Clover Valley, French River & Surrounding Communities*.

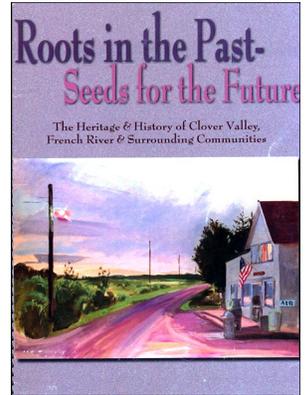
Committee members were convinced local history needed to be personal. They asked North Shore Elementary fourth, fifth and sixth graders to help in the *Roots* project, Those students interviewed people living in the community and wrote up brief sketches which were included in the *Roots* book. The point being that the area history is not something which had happened in the past but rather is a "story" which was, and is, still being written. Those students as well as students who followed them would continue to write the community story.

Committee members Jeannine Engelson and Helen Hendrickson were instrumental in developing and integrating the community component into the North Shore Elementary curriculum. Teachers in grades K – 6 solicited artifacts, got the names of community resource persons, gathered books, contacted area institutions such as the Natural Resources Research Institute and the Minnesota Discovery Center, and did considerable research on their own in the process of developing age appropriate curriculum materials. The grey plastic bins, stacked high on corner shelves or tucked away in closets, were and are the repositories of many of the materials used by the teachers in introducing students to local history.

That process begins in kindergarten. Linda Johnson, Lynda Markon, and Darcie Rolfe's students are immersed in a year-long study of how trees are useful. They learn the parts of trees as well as their uses; they study apple trees; they help transplant trees. In the winter the children set up a bunny restaurant (a small shelter in which they place carefully chosen twigs) for area snowshoe hares to understand how they migrate and adapt and what conditions are necessary to assure their sustainability. The springtime brings maple tree tapping, making Mother's Day cards of recycled paper with seeds embedded in the paper. Put in the garden and cover with dirt. There are also dramatic play centers on the school grounds where a demonstrator introduces the students to draft horses as well as the tools used to shoe and care for them. Students have an opportunity to drive the horses, while a camp cookie treats the kids as loggers, and teachers dress in clothing loggers and their families wore. The grey *Roots* bin for kindergarten is full of woolen clothing and blankets as well as pine cones.

Towards the end of the school year there is a trip to Tom's Logging Camp where the kids learn about who did the logging, how much they were paid, what they ate, where they slept, and how they kept clean. They are introduced to logging vocabulary and asked what it might feel like to leave their parents and live in a logging camp.

**"Teaching Local History at North Shore Community School" will continue in the next issue of the Duluth Township Newsletter.**



### The Edible Schoolyard – Our new Greenhouse Initiative

NSCS Director Barry Wolff

If you haven't had a chance to head out toward the K-2 playground and see our new greenhouse, you should check it out. It is going to be an amazing new space for our students and staff to implement the brand new *Edible Schoolyard* curriculum in the fall of 2015! Come June 21<sup>st</sup>, two staff members will be headed to Berkley, CA to attend the coveted *Edible Schoolyard Academy*.

Its founder, Alice Waters, built the program back in 1995. The stated mission of the Edible Schoolyard is "to create and sustain an organic garden and landscape that is wholly integrated into the school's curriculum, culture, and food program." **ESY** aims to involve students in the experience of growing, harvesting, preparing, and sharing food as a means of fostering knowledge of food and food systems, improving students' food choices, and connecting students to the land, the environment, and their community. It also aims to engage students and enhance their educational experience through activities in the garden and the kitchen classrooms.

Stop by our 'Edible Schoolyard' table at Light Bulb Fair on April 30<sup>th</sup>!! NSCS is looking for monetary donations to help fund this new initiative. Thank you for your support!

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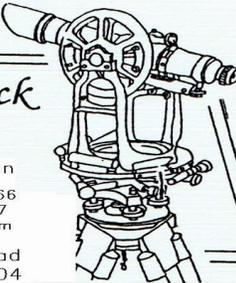
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**Duluth Township Recreation Corner**

Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator

As you know, the Township has decided to eliminate the recreational coordinator position and change to a rental coordinator for our Community Center starting in June 2015. I have declined this position. I would like to thank everyone on the Town Board I have worked with in the last five years as we accomplished a lot for our Community Center. I would like to thank everyone involved that helped make that possible.

In the years I have been in this position I have met a lot of people and made a lot of friends. I have worked very hard to help create a place where Township residents and non-residents could enjoy playing and being together. I really enjoyed being your Recreation Coordinator and will miss the daily interaction I have had with everyone.

**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

**For Fiber Optic Network Update**

Completion of connection work is expected by summer. An application must be completed to get connected.

**Lake Connections'** (fiber optic service) web site is [www.lakeconnections.com](http://www.lakeconnections.com). 218-834-8500.

**Community Youth Groups**

- 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 Tracy Mandelin, 525-4148

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

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 email: [TownHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto: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:**

- Mary Anne Daniel**, (2013-2016) 260-9122  
 or Email: [MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org](mailto:MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency Planning, Police, 50% Joint Use Committee).
- Dave Edblom** (2014-2017) **Vice Chair** 525-1276 or email  
[DaveEdblom@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveEdblom@duluthtownship.org).  
 (Primary contact for Town Hall, 50% Joint Use Committee; *Assisting*: Roads, Personnel, Business Mgmt )
- Wendy Gustofson** (2016-2018) 573-821-0785  
 or Email: [townboardwendy@gmail.com](mailto:townboardwendy@gmail.com)  
*Primary contact for* Communications, D/NSSD and Materials Mgmt, Intergovernmental Relations.
- Don Sitter** (2013-2016) **Chair** 525-4138  
 or Email: [DonSitter@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DonSitter@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Business Mgmt, Personnel, Planning and Zoning; *Assisting*: Town Hall for Town Hall, Recreation, Personnel).
- Travis Stolp** (2016-2018) 525-0576  
 or Email: [Travis@cmiduluth.com](mailto:Travis@cmiduluth.com)  
*Primary contact for* Roads, Recreation/Rental

- Town Clerk:** **Ann K. Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)  
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- Treasurer:** **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)  
 or Email: [TownTreasurer@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownTreasurer@duluthtownship.org)
- Attorney:** **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)  
 or Email: [TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org)
- Cemetery Sexton:** **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933  
 or Email: [Cemetery@duluthtownship.org](mailto:Cemetery@duluthtownship.org)
- Planning Director:** **Sue Lawson** messages: 525-5705
- Planning and Zoning Secretary:** **Beth Mullan**  
 Email: [PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org](mailto: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: [PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org)

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

**Fire/EMS Department:** **Chief Bob Engelson,**  
**Assistant Chief Rob Peldo,** President **Shane Kerby**  
 Email: [FireHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:FireHall@duluthtownship.org)

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

**Rental Coordinator:** (vacancy, see notice, p3)

**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, 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. Curbside 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](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
 Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

**MAY 2015**

- 5, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 14, Thu, 6:30 pm Twp Stormwater meeting, Town Hall
- 14, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 18, Mon, 6:30pm Knife River Fish (see AKRW article p3)
- 19, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 19, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 25, Mon, 11am **Township Memorial Day Ceremony, Our Palmers Lakeview Cemetery** (see article, p1, for details)
- 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 31, Sun, 3:30-5:30 North Shore Locavores, Town Hall

**JUNE 2015**

- 2, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 3, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 11, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 16, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 16, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
- 23, Tue, **Deadline for the July Newsletter**
- 25, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 25, Thu, 7pm **Public Hearing, Town Hall** on proposed updates to the Zoning Ordinance and Stormwater Ordinance. (Check the Town web site in June for details).

**JULY 2015**

- 7, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 8, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 9, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, 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

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

MAY 2015

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## Clover Valley Tractor Show

Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28  
Corlis West

An annual event, started in 1997, is located on Pam and Corlis West's property (1598 W Knife River Rd) in Duluth Township at the intersection of Homestead and West Knife River Roads.

There's no admission fee to exhibit or to come and look, so everyone is welcome. Last year we had 31 tractors and lots of fun! A tractor parade will be held each day at 1pm. Lunch is available to help support the show. Some tractor owners will be camping out with their tractors.

There will be a setup day on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for anyone who would like to lend a hand putting it together.

If you are interested in bringing a tractor or would just like more information call Corlis at 218-525-7719. To find pictures and information from past tractor shows go to our Face Book page "Clover Valley Tractor Show".

## Preschool Registration is Underway

*"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"*

Kathy Johnson

We are now accepting registration for the 2015-2016 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.

## Book Sale — Fri thru Sun, May 1-3

Resident Michael Kahl is holding a book sale at the Larsmount Historic One-Room School on Scenic Drive north of Knife River. The sale includes 3-5 thousand books from Silva's former Duluth store, "Windever Books". 10% of the sale goes to benefit the school.

## Wanted: Missile Inn History

Bruce Hauger

I am interested in all/any photographs, memorabilia, and stories pertaining to the **Missile Inn Tavern** that was located on the Bergquist Road. I am also interested in information/photographs, etc. of the Air Force missile base.

Please contact me at 218-590-2768.