

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



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## Absentee Voting

If you want to vote by absentee ballot you need to go to the St Louis County Courthouse in Duluth, Elections Office, Room 212 (you could request an absentee ballot by mail or online but official absentee ballots must be received by election day). The Township does not have absentee ballots.

Thanks to **Janet Johansen** for her service to our Township. Janet has been Duluth Township Treasurer since 1995 and until recently was webmaster for our web site (*now Supervisor Wendy Gustofson is webmaster*). She continues to help as an election judge.

During her tenure there have been a number of changes in the State Auditor's Office. Janet kept us running smoothly and performed her duties with excellence, meeting two audits with top ratings, no errors and no needed adjustments. She will continue as Treasurer to help the Township end the year and help train in a new Township Treasurer. Thank you, Janet!

## THE HOMESTEADERS

*Rose Vastila*

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Coffee and snacks. Turkey Bingo.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Pot luck, NSCS youth choir and instrumentalists.

**January 4<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Pot luck and bingo.

**Everyone is welcome.**

*For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.*

## What's Coming Up?

**VOTE!** Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Polls will be open from 7am to 8pm, Town Hall.

**Youth seeking jobs** (see list on page 8)

Time to file for Supervisor is from Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> to Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm Town Hall. Two positions will be on the ballot.

Art and Heritage Group (see article page 5)

## Clover Valley School Bricks

About eighty bricks from the old Clover Valley School (*now torn down*) have been set aside for those who would like a memorial brick.

Bricks need some clean-up but are available at the Town Hall Recycling Center, one per person while the supply lasts.



## Important D/NSSD Information

*Angela Braud and Wendy Gustofson*

Duluth North Shore Sanitary District 2017 homeowner debt service fee payment of \$950 is **due by November 11<sup>th</sup>**. No late payments are accepted. If you miss the deadline, the fee will be added to your property taxes. For billing questions, call 218-409-2287.

SNOWBIRDS! When your home is left unoccupied for longer than a week, contact **PeopleService** at 218-590-5911. Do not turn off power to the grinder pump. The DNSSD Newsletter has important information that will help avoid problems. See [www.DNSSD.org](http://www.DNSSD.org).

**Land Use Permits are required in Duluth Township.** See the Town web site for our Zoning Ordinance. A summary booklet "Welcome to Duluth Township" is available in the Community Room at the Town Hall.

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

Valerie Brady, Angela Braud, Ann Cox, Mary Anne Daniel, Bob Engelson, Wendy Gustofson, Barb Jackson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, John Schifsky, Carol Surine, Jo Thompson and Rose Vastila.

### Town Hall Community Room

It is a beautiful area to meet friends, browse the **free library**, use the free WiFi, computer area, etc. Small groups can meet and share the area. Coffee maker, microwave, refrigerator, Wifi and ADA bathroom are available.



See the notice board on the porch for open hours. So far, Community Room hours are:

- Tuesday** 7am—noon & 2pm-6pm
- Wednesday** 9am — noon
- Thursday** 2pm — 6pm
- Friday** 9am — 11am
- Saturday** 8am — noon

Volunteers are needed to keep the Community Room open for more hours. Please contact the

Town Hall office if you can help out (messages 525-5705).



### Snow Plowing

Call **Larry Nesgoda** to arrange for snow plowing. Phones: 218-393-2863 or 525-1305.

Paid Advertisement

### Early Learning Sticks Like Glue!

Kathy Johnson

Openings are still available in our Play and Learn Early Childhood Program at NSCS. We are looking for 3, 4, and 5 year olds to join our PAL family. Children may attend one, two or three days per week. Both morning and an afternoon session are offered, and a monthly tuition fee is charged.

For more information, contact: Kathy Johnson at: 525-0663 ext 106 or 834-5429.

### Country Kids Day Care, 525-1073

Infants to School Age, Licensed Bus to NSCS & Lakewood Schools  
Accepting Full and Part Time

Paid Advertisement

NORTH COUNTRY LAND SURVEYOR, INC.

**Anthony Lueck**  
Surveyor

Minnesota/Wisconsin  
MN.LIC.24587/WI.LIC.2366  
BUS.TELE.218-348-8037  
anthonylueck@northlc.com

6098 Ryan Road  
Duluth, MN 55804

GPS  
Drafting  
Mapping  
Property Lines

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**Remember to Vote November 8<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall Polls open from 7am to 8pm**

218-834-3310

**Stay at Home**  
**Pet care in your home.**  
Daily • Weekends • Vacations • Holidays

**www.stayathomepetcare.com**

Paid Advertisement email: robin@stayathomepetcare.com

**LOOKING FOR A HOME TO RENT?**  
or,  
**LOOKING FOR A RENTER FOR YOUR NICE HOME?**  
Call **Apartment & Home Advisors** – we can help!  
We specialize in properties of distinction and we help “take the stress out of moving”.  
Call Susie Lannon at 218-720-3987

Paid Advertisement

**Community Youth Groups**

**Clifton 4-H Club:**  
(leader needed)

**Cub Scouts:** call David Hooy, 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 Town Hall.)

**WAGGIN' Tails**  
**Boarding Kennels**  
Long & short term boarding

**Reservations Required**  
218-525-4842  
7002 App Rd.  
Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement

## Lakeview Cemetery

*John Schifsky*

From its northern end Lakeview Cemetery slopes gently downhill, south to Old North Shore Road. The cemetery is divided into two sections, upper and lower, together approximately 900' by 250'. The sections sit on an 11.5 acre lot bordered by trees and the Little Sucker River to the west, Velkommen Drive to the east.

The main entrance road passes through a silver arch of ornamental iron featuring the words Lake View Cemetery. In the early morning, looking south towards the entrance gate and the lake from the top of the lower section, one appreciates the wisdom of the early homesteaders' choice. The land is flat, the lake a soft blue, the setting peaceful and, perhaps most importantly for access, the site borders one of the first Township roads and is within a mile of Homestead Road and Palmers station.

The southern five acres of Lakeview Cemetery were deeded to the Town of Duluth in November 1903 by Henry S. and Helen B. Mahon. Records show the plot was first owned by Nehemiah Hulett who received the land by patent from the United States in 1870. No official land transfer record seems to exist for the northern five and one-half acres.

However, North Shore Elementary sixth graders discovered five acres of the cemetery land had been purchased from Dan Mahoney in 1915. Mahoney was a Duluth banker and owner of a lodge east of the Sucker River. The sixth graders, doing research under the direction of their teacher Judy Johnson, wrote and published a history of Palmers Lakeview Cemetery in 1995.

This cemetery history was the students' response to a challenge by Don and Millie Oberg. They, with other members of the French River Lutheran Church, had solicited and received a grant for materials to use in raising grave stones which were nearly covered with sod. The work was done by volunteers in 1995 and 1996.



The earliest burials were in the southeast corner of the cemetery. The earliest stone has the name "Esther" on it with the date "1896-1910." Old paper maps of the lower section show it was divided into 23 blocks, with roughly 40 – 58 graves sites to the block. Dates on stones indicate plots were purchased in the southeast corner first, the cemetery gradually filling in towards the northwest.

In the lower section, typically, there is a large monument stone with the family surname on it. That stone acts as a visual anchor for up to eight smaller, flat stones which most often display the name, birth, and death dates of family members.

A visitor, on a casual walk through the cemetery, finds abundant evidence of affection, care, and respect. While some of the stones are slowly sinking into the ground, the majority have been carefully raised, borders trimmed, surfaces cleaned off. Family members have left flowers and other tokens. And, as is probably the case in any cemetery, there are some unique memorials. One is the head of a logger's ax mounted on a three-foot length of galvanized iron pipe. Nothing else. The story is the ax marks the gravesite of an early logger who could not afford a grave or a stone so the Township buried him and used his ax as a marker.

On the southwest side of the lower section there is a blank 2' by 8" pine board set flat in the ground, a silent, eloquent marker. Some older graves are marked with poured concrete headstones, which were set with carefully placed, colored pebbles spelling out names and dates. And there is one prominent, lichen encrusted rock which juts, like a tooth, out of the ground, clearly marking a grave of a person unknown.

Molly Tillotson is the current sexton. Her responsibilities include acting as the contact person for Township residents and funeral homes who want to arrange for a burial or who want to purchase a plot. She says there are around 700 persons buried in the cemetery. Recently, there have been five or six burials a year. Twenty years ago 80% of the burials were full body; today 80% are cremains. Molly keeps a data base of all purchased cemetery plots in both the upper and lower sections; it has 1176 entries.



Each year the cemetery continues to be the site of a Memorial Day gathering to honor all the veterans and others buried there. There are graves of veterans from WWI, WWII, the Korean War, and Vietnam. In the 1930's and 40's, families gathered, as today, to tend the graves, plant flowers and bushes, cut grass, and socialize. Children ran around; adults visited and shared food. Gravesites of persons with no survivors were cleaned up with the same care as those sites with survivors present. Today there is a program with a speaker, a choir, and coffee, reaffirmation of community. As in the 30's and 40's Memorial Day is a time to reaffirm community, both those present and those who passed away. The cemetery provides a welcome, comfortable setting.

**Fall Ditch Care**  
**Protect our Streams and Your Driveway.**  
*Valerie Brady*

In our Township, ditches carry stormwater runoff straight into our beautiful streams and down to Lake Superior. We can help protect these streams and the lake by helping to take care of the ditches near our property, and we might save ourselves some headaches in the process.

This is a good time of year to walk your ditches and make sure that there aren't loose branches, trash or loose wads of weeds that could clog culverts during next spring's snow melt. We have enough trouble with culvert icing without having additional blockages! You can also note if culverts have been crushed and might cause a problem next spring. *(If you live on a Township road, notify the roads Supervisor Travis Stolp, 525-0576, or leave a message at the Town Hall, 525-5705; if you live on a county road, call the county road maintenance folks 720-1500.)*

Don't mow your ditch unless it's really necessary, or only mow the edges so you can see animals along the roadside. "Weedy" ditches may not be pretty, but they help protect our streams better than mown ditches because they slow down the water, help dirt drop out in the ditch rather than in the stream, and helps the water soak into the ground.

Try to keep excess leaves out of the ditches. Our streams get plenty of leaves just from the forests they flow through; they don't need extra leaves; this fertilizes our streams, and they don't need fertilizer.

Finally, if you see raw eroding soil, consider taking the time to plant some grass seed now or note the area and plant some in the spring. It can be difficult to get our clay soils to grow grass well, and the grass seed is easily washed away, so be sure to press or rake the seed into the soil. If the erosion seems pretty bad, call the Township or County, depending on who maintains your road.

Thanks for helping protect our streams and Lake Superior!

**French River Readers Book Club**

*Carol Surine*

The book for November is *The Nightingale by Kristin Hanna*. The next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Jennifer Anderson will host.

For information call Carol Surine, 525-4426 or email: [CarolSurine@gmail.com](mailto:CarolSurine@gmail.com), or [www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub](http://www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub).

Thanks to Barb Crow, Wendy and Gus Gustofson, and Roger Beck for preparing a site and moving the Clover Valley High School sign to the Town Hall.

**The Next Planning Commission meetings:**

*(4<sup>th</sup> Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall)*

*because of holidays; meetings will be posted at the Town Hall.*

*Special hearings are also posted at the Town Hall.*

*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))*

**July 28<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky and Jo Thompson attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Commission Secretary Beth Mullan. Variance hearing: John Yankowizk requested a reduction of the side lot setback from the required 10ft to 4ft in for a larger garage. There were conflicting lot line surveys. After discussion of options the variance was denied.

Discussion: Terry Mickelson provided information about current traffic problems on Homestead Drive, a private road in the Township. Issues involved speeding, careless drivers, volume of traffic, and increasing commercial traffic. A home business, Dryco, has grown and met with the Planning Commission with approved plans to move from Homestead Drive to new commercial quarters at the Bomarc site (*water tower site*).

The Commission is reviewing plans to zone the old Clover Valley School site in line with surrounding land once the County demolishes the school building. The Commission is reviewing the zoning of SMU 8 around Greenwood road.

**August 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson, Liz Strohmayer, Paul Voge and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Commission Secretary Beth Mullan. New Commission member Liz Strohmayer was welcomed.

Discussion: The County will be contacted about their plans to sell the old Clover Valley school site once it is cleared so that rezoning plans can be coordinated. Stanley Creek on the CVHS property is classified by the DNR as a trout stream requiring a 200 foot setback.

Clint Little will help the Commission with maps showing lot sizes in the SMU 8 zone in the Greenwood Road area. There are 262 lots that are .9 acres or less, 17 that are .91 to 1.1 acres and 37 that are larger. Lot size and width are the focus of attention. The zoned minimum lot size has been 1 acre since before 1976. The Commission had an extensive discussion of data needs and possibilities for zoning changes to better fit the area.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Liz Strohmayer, Paul Voge and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Commission Secretary Beth Mullan.

Action: A request for extending the date to remove the large commercial greenhouse (*built without permit*) on Clover Valley Dr. was discussed. The Commission adopted a resolution to extend it to May. The owners are in the process of purchasing a Duluth site nearer customers.

An informative initial discussion was held about the feasibility of a proposal to create a PUD on 20ac in the Lismore/Bergquist Rd area for rental to community seniors. Four structures of 4 units were discussed. The PUD process was explained.

Progress on SMU-8 and CVHS site zoning was discussed. New plat data about the SMU-8 shore area was presented.

## 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)).

**August 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Mount (*chair*) and Travis Stolp attended.  
**Main Actions:** Approved purchase of a security camera in Town hallway (\$139.58). **Reports: Treasurer:** Ending balance of \$635,892.09 after deposits of \$194,048.08 and expenses of \$25,488.96. **Planning:** The Town would need an ordinance to participate in FEMA flood insurance. There is little Township land designated as floodplain. Planning will discuss the topic. **Legal:** The State Auditor is holding a formal audit of the 3 towns who donated funds to Birch Grove School. **Joint Use Committee:** A school project list and proposed amendment to the agreement will be brought to the Board. **Communications:** Janet Johansen stepped down as webmaster.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Edblom (*vice chair*), Dave Mount (*chair*) and Travis Stolp attended plus Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Janet Johansen. **Reports: Treasurer:** Ending balance is \$637,149.64 after deposits of \$32,386.62 and expenses of \$31,129.01. Janet Johansen submitted her resignation effective at the end of the year. She will help train in a new treasurer and she was thanked for her years of dedicated service. Nikki Carpenter, NSCS representative, asked about the process for reimbursement of agreed electrical use for the warming house and skating rink. It was agreed that \$1,100 (*based on prior metered use*) would be paid annually. **Fire:** A wildland fire gear grant was received and FIREWISE information will be distributed at the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> recycling. **Planning:** CLP plans a solar array at the substation on Homestead Road. **Roads:** A speed sign on Greenwood Road has been fixed so it is visible. A question about the legal length of Beck Road was discussed. **Joint Use Committee:** Kathy Johnson requested support for a scholarship program for tuition at NSCS. The request was deferred until legal advice is sought. **Town Hall:** \$4,000 has been held back from Architectural Advantage until final building items have been completed. **Recycling:** The shed needs to be better lit. Waste Management now has the bin contract from WLSSD. **Emergency Planning:** The impact if the recent wind storm on the Township was discussed. Needed items for better communication were identified but not approved at this meeting.

### **The Next regular Town Board meetings:**

(2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) **are November 10<sup>th</sup> & December 8<sup>th</sup>** (posted at the Town Hall).

Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

## Duluth Township Art and Heritage Group

Jo Thompson

Our Township is rich in arts, culture and history. Sharing this heritage offers us an opportunity to build community. Our newly remodeled Town Hall offers space for people to gather to share experiences and memories. Poetry readings and presentations are also possibilities. Artifacts can be displayed in open floor space, and the walls offer display space for photographs, maps, paintings, quilts, and fiber art that reflect our heritage. Space might also be found to archive and make public other documents reflecting the lives of Township residents present and past.

A group of community members has begun the process of identifying ways in which the Town Hall can be a resource center, display space, and gathering place. They welcome your input. Please contact Jo Thompson ([woodfarm1785@gmail.com](mailto:woodfarm1785@gmail.com) or 525-5854) or leave a message at the Town Hall if you have old photos of homesteading or activities within the Township that you would be willing to have copied and displayed or artifacts (e.g. small pieces of farm equipment, old tools, etc.) that you would be willing to loan for inside display. Also, let us know if you are an artist (visual, musicians, fiber, quilters, potters, etc.) who would like to perform at a community gathering or have work on exhibit at the Town Hall for set periods of time.

The *Art and Heritage Group* will meet again on Friday, November 11th at 9:30am in the Town Hall Community Room. Everyone is welcome.

## Do you have dirt and gravel piles?

Jo Thompson

Make sure piles of gravel or dirt left from current projects or stockpiled for early spring projects are protected to prevent materials from rain or snow melt washing it into nearby ditches and streams. Even clean dirt that washes into ditches and streams is considered an illicit discharge.

Storage piles greater than 10 cubic yards should not be located within 25 feet of a road, ditch or stream and must be stabilized by placing silt fence barriers around the piles or covering them with a tarp. Even smaller piles closer than 25 feet of a road, ditch or stream, must be covered with tarps or have other controls in place. It is always prudent to cover all dirt piles and/or put barriers around them even if they are only a couple of yards. For further information, please refer to the Township's "Stormwater, Erosion, and Sediment Control Ordinance" and the "Prohibition of Illicit Discharge" Ordinance (see the Town website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)).



**Police Department**

*Shawn Padden, Chief*

**Police Events.** 99 police events were recorded for September. This included 8 public assists, 7 traffic violation warnings or citations, 6 health and welfare checks, 6 attempt to locate careless drivers, 4 medical emergencies and 39 resident requested vacation home/business checks. The full list is on our web site.

The Department has plans to replace and equip a new squad car. The Police Department escrows funds for periodic replacement, depending on mileage and State requirements. The vehicles are leased.



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.

**For medical & police emergencies call: 911.**

*Sign up for email police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications at the Township web site:*

***www.duluthtownship.org.***

Check to be sure your **FIRE NUMBER** is visible and posted at the end of your drive. Call 727-8770 if you need a new fire number sign.

This is very important to help fire and police locate your home in case of an emergency.

**Clifton Volunteer Fire Department**

*Bob Engelson, Fire Chief*

**FIREWISE information**

was provided at recycling last October 1<sup>st</sup>. Fire and DNR personnel were on hand and many residents stopped by to learn how to make their homes safer from wildfire. Pamphlets for residents are available in the Community Room at the Town Hall. The event will be scheduled for next year as well.



The Department received a \$4,400 award for fire and emergency responder training. A DNR grant was also received for wildland fire training.

**Burning permits are required.** See page 7 for places to get permits when they are available.

**Emergency Fire/EMR entry key boxes** are available by calling the Town Hall. The Fire Dept will install the box by your main door. It contains a spare key for the door so in a 911 emergency, fire and medical responders can enter quickly without damage to your property. The box is secure and the key is not available as a homeowner backup key. The cost of the box is \$40. paid to the Township. If you change keys, call so the Fire Department can open the box and exchange the new key.

Be sure to **safety check your smoke and CO alarms**, fire extinguishers, and wood stove chimneys.

**To volunteer as a fire fighter or emergency medical responder, call Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819.**

Training and turnout gear are provided.

**Emergency Preparedness**

*Mary Anne Daniel*

*Duluth Township Emergency Operations Director*

**Call 9-1-1 for all emergencies.**

Things you can do to help protect your home from wildfire (from the MN DNR FIREWISE pamphlet — copies at the Town Hall).

Create a “**defensible space**” of at least 30 feet around your home (to help home survive a fire and firefighters space to work)

Remove the majority of flammable vegetation. Keep grass green and short around your home.

A broader zone of 70-100 feet should involve reduction of potential wildfire fuel.

No cost, just a little time

Move your firewood pile, clean roof and gutters, have a clear house number, trim overhanging branches.

Minimal cost, some time

Install metal screens on attic, foundation or other openings in your home to keep out leaves and needles.

Install fire extinguishers in the kitchen and garage

Hold neighborhood meetings to talk about fire safety...invite the fire chief, have coffee with neighbors.

Prune or trim conifer trees within 30-100 feet of your home.

Replace conifer and evergreen shrubs with low-flammable plants in the 30 feet around your buildings.

Higher cost improvements.

Replace your roof with fire-resistant materials such as class ‘A’ shingles.

Install a roof irrigation system to protect your home’s roof.

Replace wood or vinyl siding with non-flammable material.

Relocate propane tanks that are now inside your defensible space.

Improve your driveway to accommodate a fire truck (surface 12-20 feet wide, 14 feet vertical clearance turnaround (circle or T), turnouts on long drives for vehicles to pass.



## Duluth Township Information 2016

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](http://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:** (see web site for email contacts)

**Barb Crow** (2016-2019) 525-0489

*Primary contact for Public Safety, Cemetery.*

*Alternate for Business Management, Personnel*

**Dave Edblom** (2014-2017) **Vice Chair** 525-1276

*Primary contact for Planning*

*Co-Primary for Joint Use Committee, Town Hall.*

**Wendy Gustofson** (2015-2017) 573-821-0785

*Primary contact for Communications, D/NSSD and Materials Mgmt, and Intergovernmental Relations.*

**Dave Mount** (2016-2019) **Chair** 525-7961

*Primary contact for Business Mgmt, and Personnel, Co-Primary for Town Hall, Alternate for: Roads.*

**Travis Stolp** (2016-2018) 525-0576

*Primary contact for Roads, Recreation/Rental*

*Co-Primary for Joint Use Committee*

**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, Liz Strohmayer,**

**John Schifsky, Jo Thompson** *vice chair,*

**Paul Voge, chair, Larry Zanko.**

**Peace Officers:** **Chief Shawn Padden,**  
**Officer Steve Peterson.**

**Emergencies 911,** 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](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.

**Community Center Rental Coordinator:** **Jim Salls** 600-9015

**Town Hall rentals:** contact the Town Clerk, 525-5705.

**Website manager:** Supervisor Wendy Gustofson.

### To Email Township Officials and Departments

Our Township web site, [www.duluthtownship.org/contacts](http://www.duluthtownship.org/contacts), has a dropdown list of personnel and departments 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, Roger Beck  
and Volunteers



**November through 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.

## Township Calendar

See calendar updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### NOVEMBER 2016

- 1, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 6, Sun, Remember: change time & fire alarm batteries!
- 8, Tue, **VOTE! 7am to 8pm, Town Hall**  
*For absentee voting go to the Duluth Courthouse, Elections, room 201.*
- 10, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 15, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 15, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 24, Thu, *Office closed for Thanksgiving.*
- 24, Thu, (holiday, no meeting) **Planning Commission** (*alternate meeting date posted at the Town Hall*).

### DECEMBER 2016

- 6, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 7, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 7, Wed, *Offices closed for Veterans' Day.*
- 8, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 10, Sat, 9-2 **Scandinavian Festival**, French River Chrch
- 20, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training**, Hall #1
- 20, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 22, Thu, (no meeting) **Planning Commission** (*alternate meeting date posted at the Town Hall*).
- 23, Sun, **Deadline for the January Newsletter**

### JANUARY 2017

- 3, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 3, Tue, *Supervisor election filing period opens*
- 4, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 17, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training** Hall #1
- 17, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 17, Tue, *Filing deadline for Supervisor election. Office Open 1-5pm.*
- 23, Fri, *Offices closed for holiday.*
- 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

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## Scandinavian Festival and Olde World Goodie Sale

Barb Jackson

Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-2 at French River Lutheran Church. A smorgasbord luncheon served 11-1. Bake sale, Christmas shop, pantry with pickles and jams, raffle, artisans and crafters gifts. Table rental available, call 525-5659. Questions, call Barb Jackson 525-5992.

## Turkey Bingo

Carol Surine

Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 at French River Lutheran Church. Food and bingo. Bring a non-perishable item for one free 25¢ bingo card. Proceeds are directed to the Second Harvest Food Shelf.

**D/NSSD is creating a new position** to oversee billing and bookkeeping. For more information contact Angela Braud at [duluthNSSD@gmail.com](mailto:duluthNSSD@gmail.com)

## Garbage Pickup Reminder

A reminder to put your household garbage in bags in your pick-up container with the lid down. Do not put bags beside the container. Please use bags so that loose paper does not blow away as the container is emptied by the truck's automatic pickup. This helps keep our roads and ditches cleaner.

## 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 15 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
- Young man, age 11 looking for work, including lawn mowing and general yard work. Experienced. If interested, please call Konrad, at 830-9514.
- Collin Bruckelmyer, age 13 looking for work Yard work, gardening, anything! Call 525-1780.
- Mason Stolp, age 14 years, looking for work Mowing, shoveling, yard work, cleaning, general labor. Call Mason at 525-0576.

**Advertise for free:** For Township youth 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 (messages: 525-5705).

Deadline for the next (January) Newsletter is Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>