



2016 Community Come On Home Party—Town Hall Heritage displays in the Community Room. A community get together with music, great food, door prizes and good conversation!

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 2016

## What's Coming Up?

**Clover Valley High School demolition** by the County this fall. See page 4  
**BE FIREWISE!** Information wildfire safety for your home. Stop at recycling on Sat. Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 8-12am  
**Harvest Dinner** Saturday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm at the Town Hall. A Fire Fighter Benefit. See article below.  
**Youth seeking jobs** (see list on page 8)  
**VOTE!** Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7am-8pm Town Hall. To get an absentee ballot, go to the Duluth Courthouse, Elections, 2nd floor.

## THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

**September 7<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Coffee and snacks, "The Top Hats"

**October 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Coffee and snacks. THUG, Two Harbors Ukulele Group.

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

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

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## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Dinner Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

Come to the benefit dinner for our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department. Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm, 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) Thanks!

## Early Learning Sticks Like Glue!

Kathy Johnson

Orientation for new Play And Learn families will be held Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am in room 6 at NSCS.

Classes begin Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Both morning (9:15-11:30) and afternoon (12:15-2:30) sessions are offered. Children ages 3-5 may attend one, two or three days per week.

A monthly tuition is charged along with a \$30.00 registration fee and a \$25.00 annual supply fee.

Class needs include:

8-pack of crayons

4oz squeeze glue

A glue stick

A current immunization record is also required. To register or for more information, contact: Kathy Johnson at:

525-0663 Ext 106 or 834-5429.

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Jody Anderson, Ann Cox, Barb Crow, Mary Anne Daniel, Bob Engelson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Duane Madison, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Carol Surine, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila, and webmaster Janet Johansen.

### 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.



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

- Sunday and Monday — (closed)
- Tuesday — 7am—noon and 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). Coffee maker, microwave, refrigerator, WiFi and ADA bathroom are available.

### Stormwater Control

Jo Thompson

A stormwater control feature was constructed at the Town Hall this summer. The newly created rain garden will minimize the amount of sediment that reaches the stream that flows through the Township property. We planted approximately 2000 native plants in the 2 basins of the rain garden and also in the surrounding upland areas. It will be fun to watch them grow and bloom. Already, a few of the flowers are appearing. These native plants will help to keep the soil in place and provide great habitat for bees and butterflies. The constructed basins have already shown to be effective in preventing erosion caused by heavy rains. The work on this project was essential all done by volunteers. Thank you to everyone who contributed, from the heavy equipment operators, **Dave Edblom** and **Dave Mount**, to the barnstormers' and rock movers, **Sue Lawson**, **Ann Cox**, **Beth Mullan**, and **Peggy and Wayne Dahlberg**. A special thanks goes to Shoreview Natives and **Dan Shutte** for helping with the site work, selecting and placing the plants, and much in-kind support. And, finally, to all the planters who came and help put the seedlings in. **Karen Tucker** (Lake Co. Master Gardener), **Matthew** (Dan's helper), **Deb Manion**, **Cindy Hale** and **May**, **Don Sitter**, **John Schifsky**, **Larry Zanko**, **Jerry Hauge**, **Mary Tennis**, and **Larry Furo**. And, also we are so grateful for **Roger Beck**, for logistics and diligent watering of the young plants as they were adjusting. If you would like to be informed of future volunteer opportunities, please let **Jo Thompson** ([woodfarm1785@gmail.com](mailto:woodfarm1785@gmail.com)) know. The garden will need some hand weeding from time to time.



New Town Hall Water Garden

### Illicit Discharges- New Fact Sheet

Jo Thompson

It should be everyone's goal to ensure that our streams and rivers remain clean and do not carry pollutants to waters that support recreational use, wildlife, aquatic organisms and human health.

Did you know that any substance other than rain water that enters our streams and ditches can be considered a pollutant and thus is an illicit discharge?

In 2013, Duluth Township passed an Illicit Discharge Ordinance that prohibits letting pollutants enter our ditches and ultimately our creeks and rivers.

A fact sheet has now been written that can help you identify illicit discharges; know what the exceptions are and know what to do about an illicit discharge if one occurs? This fact sheet will soon be available on-line at [duluthtownship.org](http://duluthtownship.org) and copies will be available on the information table at the Duluth Town Hall.

Some discharges, such as a fuel leak or chemical spill, are considered hazardous wastes and can pose an immediate and substantial risk.

If you suspect a hazardous waste, do not go near the contaminated site and call 911 immediately. For all other discharges, call the town hall (525-5705), St Louis County (720-1508) or the Regional Stormwater Protection Team (529-3281)

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### French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

The book for September is *My Lady Judge* by Cora Harrison. The next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Wendy Gustafson 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).

### Community Youth Groups

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

**Cub Scouts:** call David Hooley, 525-6617

**Boy Scouts:** call Chris Roningén 525-5308

**Girl Scouts:** call Tracy Mandelin, 525-4148

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

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### Buchanan Glasses

Duane Madison

If you drive the Scenic highway from Duluth, about a **half mile before Knife River** there is a WPA site with a monument commemorating the platted but never developed **Town of Buchanan**. Before Knife River was settled, Buchanan was the location for the district *Federal Land Office* but only for a couple years before the office was moved to Duluth. In that short time, it attracted the notice of Leonidas Merritt who wrote in 1914 *"Not many may know that in 1856 and 1857, on the North Shore of Lake Superior, just this side of Knife River, was located a pretty little city called Buchanan. At that time Buchanan was the emporium of the North Shore, with a pretentious hotel, the United States land office, a steamboat dock, several saloons, boarding houses, etc. Due to politics and the difficulty of getting there, the town was abandoned soon after Minnesota was admitted to the Union. The several homes and business places mentioned stood for many years tenantless and intact, until finally destroyed by forest fire."*

Recent new home building in the Buchanan area often turns up artifacts, including kettles, other cookware and shards of pottery during the excavation of foundations. These eye glasses were found by the Murray family during construction of their new home. Interestingly the glasses have no prescription and may have been early safety glasses. In all likelihood the glasses date from around **1856**. One hundred and sixty years later the Murrays donated the glasses to the Duluth Township heritage collection. Our sincere thank you to the Murrays for their contribution to the history of our community.

### Duluth Township Art and Heritage Group

Jo Thompson

Many thanks to all who brought historic artifacts and helped to put a township map and pictures together to help celebrate our township history during the August 2016 *"Come on Home Party"*. There was much conversation and reminiscing. 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 be found not only to archive but also make available to the public other documents which reflect on 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 and 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 and/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.) you would be willing to loan for inside display. Also, let us know if you are an artist (visual, musicians, fiber, quilters, 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 meets Friday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room.

### **SLOW DOWN, KEEP US SAFE!**

Speeding on public and private roads is dangerous. Township area roads share large trucks, cars, farm equipment, ATV's, bikes, joggers, strollers, and our hilly roads set the stage for disastrous surprises when speeding cars or trucks pop into view. **Please slow down...and ask your kids to slow down too!**

**Obey posted speed limits:** no more than 50mph on the Scenic Highway and up to 40mph in front of Clearwater Grill to the Talmadge River. Greenwood Road is posted at 25mph maximum. Most other roads in the Township are 55mph except the Expressway at 65mph but you could go slower and enjoy the scenery!

State Statutes require driving at a "safe and reasonable" speed depending on weather and other conditions (*"reasonable" speed may be 25mph or less in wet, icy or hazardous conditions*).

Always STOP for a STOPPED school bus. Save phoning and texting for non-travel time!



### 20-20 Studio Art Tour

Fri./Sat./Sun. Sept 23-25, 10-6pm

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> Art Tour with new studios, new and returning artists. For information, see: [www.lakesuperior2020.com](http://www.lakesuperior2020.com).

There are two new stops in Arden Township and Silver Creek.

Come and enjoy fine arts and crafts, music, pop up artists, refreshments and demonstrations in the autumn countryside and explore the talent in the North Woods!

### 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)).

**June 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Edblom, Wendy Gustofson, and Travis Stolp attended.

**Main Actions:** Two candidates for the Planning Commission were interviewed. The Town Hall rental policy developed by Ann Cox was approved. Town residents may use the Community Room free of charge for groups of 30 or less.

**Reports:** *Treasurer:* \$1,121.00 deposits, \$15,761.78 expenses, ending balance \$519,041.07. Claims were reviewed and paid. *Public Comments:* Tom Kaylor and the Town Board held a pro and con discussion of the Town Board's letter to the County Commissioners on their ATV ordinance concerning ATV's on roadways. *Police:* request for review of parking on Bergquist Road and junk cars on McQuade. *Fire:* New ISO rating review, concern for hazardous materials in homes and possible fire fighter injury. *Planning:* Stormwater was discussed. The required report was completed in June. The County is seeking proposals for dismantling the Clover Valley School. The CVS sign will be moved to the Town Hall. The Commission is reviewing LIU and SMU8 areas. *Legal:* The State Auditor's Office is expected to provide guidelines for town relationship with charter schools. Barb Crow will call to see if the Emergency Plan needs State safety director approval. *Roads:* The snowplowing contract with the County was rewritten and signed. Magnesium Chloride will be spread for dust suppression. Roger Beck will ride with the County driver since Travis is not available. Bob Rodda's road contract was renewed for the year. *JUC:* Barb Crow and Darcy Rolfe are working on a revision to the Joint Use Agreement. *Town Hall:* The septic tank will be pumped monthly and the alarm will be checked. More frequent garbage pickup was approved.

**July 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Barb Crow, Wendy Gustofson, Dave Mount and Travis Stolp attended.

**Main Actions:** The Trail Plan was presented by James Gittmeir from the Metropolitan Interstate Council. He has assisted the Planning Commission in its preparation. Earlier Newsletter articles provided results of the trails survey, public open houses, trails committee deliberations, earlier drafts, public comments, etc. The plan is a visioning document for the future. A motion to adopt the Trail Plan was unanimously approved.

**Reports:** *Treasurer:* \$2,552.44 deposits, expenses of \$54,260.54 and an ending balance of \$467,332.97. A letter requesting information on the Town's participation in the Federal Flood Insurance will be researched (see the August minutes for information). *Fire:* The Town will write a letter to Wayne Dahlberg authorizing him to continue elevation concept studies for Fire Hall 1 added bay. *Planning:* Jo Thompson is updating illicit discharge information sheet. A requested resolution on the **Old Clover Valley High School demolition** by the County was adopted. It specified hours a crusher could operate, dust control, etc. Neighbors will be notified. The project is scheduled to be completed this fall. The stormwater garden is finished.

### Clover Valley High School Demolition

The plan is for the County to recycle as much of the structure as possible by grinding it up and reclaiming the site. Demolition is underway and is slated for completion this fall. Neighbors will be informed of the process. The Planning Commission will consider rezoning so it can be returned to the tax rolls. In the mean time, the Police are patrolling the site for trespassers.

The July Newsletter had an informative article by John Schifsky about the school's history.

#### The Next regular Town Board meetings:

(2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) are **September 8<sup>th</sup> & October 13<sup>th</sup>** (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))

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Jo Thompson, Paul Voge and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson and Commission Secretary Beth Mullan.

**Variance Hearing:** The Gaylords applied for a variance to reduce the side-yard setback from 20 to 10 feet in this SCO-8A commercial zone district. There was a discussion of the need for the setback with other planning. A motion to grant the variance passed 4 to 1.

The Director reported that James Gittmeier completed the draft trails plan and it would be presented to the Town Board. St Louis County has started work tearing down the Clover Valley High School. They will recycle everything they can. Once done, the Commission will look at rezoning those parcels.

There was a discussion of permitted rebuilding after a non-conforming building is torn down or destroyed. See the ordinance for information about permits and conditions or contact the Planning Director.

#### The Next Planning Commission meetings:

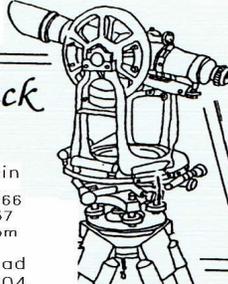
(4<sup>th</sup> Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) are **Sept.22<sup>nd</sup> and Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>** Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

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## Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

**Police Events.** 197 police events were recorded for June and July. This included 17 traffic violation warnings or citations, 12 medical emergencies, 12 checking on hazards, 8 response to burglar or fire alarms, 6 public assists and 63 resident requested vacation home/business checks. The full list is on our web site.

**Schools will be starting. Be sure to watch for children and school buses.** It is a gross misdemeanor and immediately arrestable offence if a person fails to stop for a school bus with lights and arm activated. We follow up on these reports and cite or arrest accordingly.

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).



**For medical & police emergencies call: 911.**  
Go to the Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) to sign up for email police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications.

### What our police do...

Beyond the more frequent police events noted in each Newsletter, our Township Police Officers regularly respond to many other local situations less likely to draw attention, including many motorist assists, checks on infirm elderly, providing information to vacationers, helping resolve neighbor and other disputes and responding to other agency requests for assistance. Police service ranges from response to car crashes, animal complaints, suicides, frauds, suspicious vehicles or persons, DWI arrests, zoning violation investigations, fire scene assistance, drug investigations, medical emergencies, sexual assaults, murder, domestic assaults, etc. They sit on the NSCS *Safe and Drug Free School* committee and meet with school staff to address concerns and to introduce kids to local police officers and let them know there is help. They are attentive to our Township's needs and follow through with extra help such as sending pictures of home storm damage to vacationing residents and patrolling our roads and giving an early alert on an obscured road sinkhole, undercut near to the center of the road, something that could have caused a serious accident.

Our Township is fortunate to have professional, trained, local Police Officers with some 60 years of law enforcement experience, a detailed knowledge of our Township, and connections to essential law enforcement resources. The Township arranges for 160 hours per month though we receive far more benefits. Their prudent management of our Police Department and advice to our Board are very much appreciated. Shawn and Steve said they were proud to serve our community and we are very appreciative of their work on our behalf. Thank you, Shawn and Steve!

## Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

**FIREWISE** information about protecting your home from wildfires. At the Town Hall recycling shed, Sat. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 8-12.

See the article on page 6.

**Burning permits are re-quired.** See page 7 for places to get permits when they are available.

**ISO Rating.** See the article below.

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

Training and turnout gear are provided.

**FALL CHECK:** Be sure to check wood fire chimneys, update smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries.



### Clifton Volunteer Fire Department Receives ISO Rating

Barb Crow

**ISO** stands for *Insurance Services Offices* and is a for-profit service that insurance companies may contract to analyze risk for many different types of insurance. The ISO Public Protection Classification (PPC) classifies fire districts according to criteria designed to tell how well a fire department is able to handle residential and commercial fires. The PPC ranges from very good (Class 1), to inadequate (Class 10).

Three main areas are considered as part of the rating: Fifty percent of the PPC is based on staffing, training and equipment. Forty percent is determined by the access, rate of flow, and quantity of the community water supply. The remaining 10 percent relates to how well the emergency dispatch system works.

In general, according to the iso.com website, the price of homeowner's insurance in a community with a good classification is lower than in a community with a poor classification, assuming all other factors are equal. However, many insurance companies in the state of Minnesota, no longer use ISO PPC rating to determine homeowners' premiums. These insurance companies use area data and determine risk by evaluating local property loss from fire and storms.

The Clifton Volunteer Fire Department recently underwent an ISO evaluation and received a PPC rating of 7/10. This means that any structures within 5 road miles of Duluth Township fire halls or the Alden Township fire hall have a rating of 7. The rating of 7 is the best we can achieve without a municipal water supply (hydrants), given the commercial structures within the Township that require a larger water supply. Structures beyond 5 road miles have a rating of 10. However, the vast majority of homes and businesses in the Township fall within the 5-mile zone. This PPC rating is **unchanged** from our previous rating and is the same as other rural fire departments that service commercial buildings in their district.

## Emergency Preparedness

Mary Anne Daniel

Emergency Operations Director for Duluth Township

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

The July 2016 wind storm and power outage underlines the need for preparation for emergencies. For many in our Township the power was out for several days and extra warm weather without fans or air-conditioning was taxing for some...what to do?

Drinking water was available at the Town Hall, Fire Hall One on Ryan Road and at North Shore Community School. Also available were access to bathrooms, internet connections and power to charge cell phones and computers. The Town Hall has an emergency generator to supply power for essential services (*including water, toilets, internet and cell phone/tablet charging*).

Several residents contributed to making facilities available (*Jody Anderson, Roger Beck, Barb Crow, Darcy Rolfe, Sue Lawson, Duane Madison, Phil Strom and I'm sure I'm missing many more*). Thanks to all who helped arrange for these and for neighbors helping neighbors, a Township tradition!

Our Emergency Management Director opens the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Town Hall should that be prudent in major emergencies or when our Fire or Police Departments request civilian assistance. The Township Emergency Management Plan has been adopted and is operational. See the Town web site for a copy.

Pamphlets on how to prepare your family for emergencies are available in the Community Room at the Town Hall or see the FEMA web site: [READY.GOV](http://READY.GOV).

### **FEMA-recommended Basic Emergency Supply Kit**

- *Water (gallon per person per day for 3+ days)*
- *Food (3+ days, non-perishable food, can opener if needed)*
- *Radio, NOAA Weather Radio (battery powered and batteries)*
- *Flashlight, extra batteries*
- *First aid kit*
- *Whistle to signal for help*
- *Dust mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place*
- *Moist towelettes, garbage bags, ties for personal sanitation.*
- *Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities*
- *Local maps.*

The EMD will attend the *Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers*, in mid September. The conference provides an opportunity see what other emergency managers are doing, discuss our Township plan, and get updated information useful to our Township.

## The Storm

Supervisor Barb Crow

Early in the morning, on Thursday, July 21, a powerful storm packing 80 MPH straight line winds tore through the Duluth area. 46,000 customers in MN Power's service area lost power. There was extensive storm damage from downed trees. Officials later said that it was the most damaging storm to hit the Duluth area in 50 years.

Duluth Township was on the northeast edge of the epicenter. (Our neighbors in Lakewood Township felt the impact more directly). Many of our residents lost power. The exact number of households is unclear but the largest areas effected included Greenwood Rd and areas north of the Town Hall and North Shore Community School (NSCS). To complicate the situation, Thursday was also hot and humid, with a dangerously high heat index.

Some residents were without power for 6 ½ days. In response to the prolonged power outage, Duluth Township opened the Town Hall and the NSCS opened the school building daily to allow residents access to water, air-conditioning, and Wi-Fi. Thank you to all of the volunteers who staffed the buildings and made signs to post on the roads.

## **BE FIREWISE**

Sherry Rovig

The Clifton Volunteer Fire Department along with Jeff Jackson, MN DNR Firewise Specialist for Northeast Minnesota, will be at the Town Hall on **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** to provide wildfire prevention education. Stop by **between 8am and noon** for information about what you can do to reduce the risk of wildfires and protect your family, home, and property. Our area is becoming more susceptible to wildland fires due to tree damage from storms, spruce bud worm, other tree diseases, and periods of drought. Another education session is planned for the spring, 2017.

Find out what you can do to reduce risk now.



## 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  
Offices closed July 21-22.

**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 Strohmayr, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson vice chair, Paul Voge, chair, and Larry Zanko.**

**Peace Officers:** **Chief Shawn Padden and  
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:** **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)

### 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



**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.

## Township Calendar

See calendar updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### SEPTEMBER 2016

- 6, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 7, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 8, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 20, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training**, Hall #1
- 20, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 22, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### OCTOBER 2016

- 1, Sat, 8am to noon, **FIREWISE** information at Town Hall recycling (see p6)
- 4, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 5, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 8, Sat, **HARVEST DINNER**, a Fire Dept benefit open to all, Town Hall. See notice on page 1.
- 13, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 18, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept training** Hall #1
- 18, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 23, Sun, **Deadline for the November Newsletter**
- 27, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, 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, 2nd floor.*
- 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, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2016

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## Rail Motorcar Club

In early July you may have noticed a colorful line of railroad inspection motorcars on their way by rail from Knife River to Duluth through our Township. The motorcars are restored by hobby enthusiasts who are some of the 1800

members of the North American Railcar Operators Association ([www.narcoa.org](http://www.narcoa.org)).



## Country Kids Day Care, 525-1073

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

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## 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

- 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.
- Mature, hard working, experienced 14 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 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 (Nov.) Newsletter is Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>