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DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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*Thank you to all contributors to this issue: **Jody Anderson, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hooey, Todd Lindahl, Rich Sill, and Mary Ann Sironen.***

We need volunteers to do a sketch for the top of the September or November *Newsletter!* Call the editor (525-0103) if you have an idea or know someone who would do a drawing. *Both school kids and adult artists are needed!*

New Message Board on the Township Website. You can post a message on the Township website. It is a fine way to communicate events, sales, greetings, etc. Teenagers could advertise services like mowing lawns or yard work. See www.duluthtownship.org and click on "messages". Thanks to the Township's Webmaster, Linda Hollinday. Note you can also send emails to Township officials from the website.

Thanks to the "Clover Valley Girls" for cleaning up the ditches along the lower part of Homestead Road this spring. Thanks too all who help keep the Township clean.

Congratulations to all Steering Committee members for their careful and respectful work in making decisions to update our zoning ordinance. This involved a large group of residents and many, many meetings. The good will of this group and the fine leadership of Sue Lawson meant that on virtually all issues the group was able to reach a consensus on what was best for our Township. Their last meeting was June 19th. Thank you all for your hard work.

Break-ins On The Shore

We have had several break-ins and burglaries of businesses and homes along the shore. Police have asked residents to be watchful and report potential problems. There is discussion about establishing a **Neighborhood Watch** program. Call Al Katz if you are interested: 525-4356 or email amkatz@msn.com.

Traffic speed along the shore is also being watched more closely and a speed-monitoring trailer is being used to warn speeders.

Be sure your FIRE NUMBER is clearly posted at the end of your driveway. This helps us find your home in an emergency. Call the Town Hall if you have questions.

Township Calendar

See updates on www.duluthtownship.org.

July 2003

- July 1, Tue, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- July 2, Wed, 12:30 **HOMESTEADER'S** meet Town Hall
- July 2, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- July 8, Tue, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- July 9, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** maintenance
- July 10,** Thu, 7:30pm **TOWN BOARD,** Town Hall
- July 12, Sat, 8am Town Board Annual Road Inspection
- July 16, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training
- July 17, Thu, 6:30pm Planning Commission, Town Hall
- July 24,** Thu, 6:30 & 7:30pm **Planning Commission**
- July 31, Thu, 6:30pm Planning Commission, Town Hall

August 2003

- Aug 5, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church.
- Aug 6, Wed, 12:30 **HOMESTEADER'S** meet Town Hall
- Aug 6, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- Aug 14,** Thu, 7:30pm **TOWN BOARD,** Town Hall
- Aug 12, Tue, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
- Aug 13, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** maintenance
- Aug 20, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training
- Aug 23, **Deadline** for news for the September *Newsletter*
- Aug 27-28, NSCS Goal-Setting Conferences for students and parents. Letters will be sent.

Aug 28, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission,** Town Hall

September 2003

- Sept 2, **First Day of School** at NSCS
- Sept ? **North Shore Community School Fall Barbeque.**
- Sept 3, Wed, 12:30 **HOMESTEADER'S** meet Town Hall
- Sept 3, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road.
- Sept 9, Tue, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- Sept 10, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** maintenance
- Sept 11,** Thu, 7:30pm **TOWN BOARD,** Town Hall
- Sept 16, Tue, 6:30pm NSCS Board Meeting, Library
- Sept 17, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training
- Sept 25, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission,** Town Hall

Mailed to 810 Duluth Township homes and businesses. Copies are available at the Town Hall. Please send your comments and suggestions to volunteer *Newsletter* editor Don McTavish at the Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or in the *NewsBox* on the Town Hall porch. The Newsletter is printed locally by **BB&K Printing**, and mailed for us by **UDAC**.

Volunteer Fire/First Responder Auxiliary

Jody Anderson

The Auxiliary is planning a community-wide **Fall Harvest Festival Dinner** for October 11th 5-8pm. Circle the date on your *Clifton Volunteer Fire Department* calendar!

You should know that our First Responders are local neighbors who volunteer, receive training and are first on the scene when an emergency call is received. They have considerable medical and emergency experience (some have more first hand experience than most emergency medical personnel), plus knowledge of the various hard-to-find roads and addresses in our Township. We are very fortunate to have their help in time of need.

Township Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

You will notice our new police vehicle with newly designed markings! It's been outfitted and delivered.

Note that our Police Department will be doing **increased traffic checking along the shore**, in response to requests from Township residents. Please observe the speed limits; keep our *Scenic Byway* safe and enjoyable.

Slow down for construction crews working on the North Shore Scenic Drive (the sewer line project and the McQuade harbor project are in process).

Neighborhood Watch: A meeting may be scheduled for residents along the shore to discuss organizing a Neighborhood Watch with Chief Shawn Padden. If you are interested, contact Al Katz 525-4356 or email to amkatz@msn.com.

E-mail Resident Alert List: In response to recent break-ins along the shore, the Township is considering organizing an e-mail notice list as another way to keep residents informed about this and other more urgent news. If you would like to receive these notices, send your e-mail address to the Township at: PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Jerry Simmons, Fire Chief

Fire Rating: The Fire Department has undergone its ISO rating process and we should hear soon whether our rating is improved from its current 9 to an 8! We are awaiting an official letter. When the Township receives this letter you can get a copy from the Town Hall. The letter will also be printed in the next Newsletter so you can clip it out. This will be information you will want to give to your homeowner's insurance agent to lower your rates.

The *Fire Department*, *First Responders* and the *Fire Auxiliary* all participated in special "full gear" **search and rescue training** conducted recently at the Lakeview Castle. It was a successful and valuable training exercise that used the new **fire-helmet-mounted infrared camera** that the Fire Department recently purchased. The special camera allows firefighters to identify the key sources of a fire and find fire victims for speedier rescue.

THE HOMESTEADERS

Helen Hendrickson

July 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm the Homesteaders will meet at the Town Hall on Homestead Road and Dale Rogers will present a musical program.

Aug 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Amanda Anderson will provide a program of music on the hammer dulcimer at the Homesteader's meeting, Town Hall. Don't miss it!

Aug 9th, Saturday, 1-4pm. Annual **Come On Home Party** for the Township. Everyone is welcome. Town Hall

Sept 3rd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Homesteaders meet at the Town Hall. Entertainment to be announced. See the Two Harbors or Duluth newspaper.

Everyone is welcome. For information, call 525-4154.

Duluth Township's "Come On Home Party"

The 19th annual Come on Home party will be held at the Duluth *Town Hall* on Saturday, August 9th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Everyone in our community is invited – newcomers, old-timers, young and old. Join the group for music, dancing and refreshments. **NO CHARGE!**

For information call 525-4154

Arthur Station

Todd E. Lindahl

Arthur station was located just east of the Little Sucker River trestle. There was a long siding here with a short spur off of the west end of it.

It was there that John Sederberg of the Sederberg & Gillis Logging Company maintained a warehouse to supply their logging camps. The Northern Lumber Company of Cloquet also had a warehouse across the river at Palmers. On occasion Sederberg & Gillis would do contract logging for the Northern Lumber Company (a Weyerhaeuser owned company).

The Sederbergs had extensive logging operations scattered throughout Lake, St. Louis, and Cook counties. A large amount of their forest products were shipped over the Duluth & Iron Range Railroad to Duluth. The D&IR built a telegraph office at Arthur before there was one at Palmers due to the amount of business here. Later that telegraph office was moved to Palmers station.

Among the places along the D&IR that Sederberg & Gillis logged were the Drummond Branch, Wales Branch, Darby Branch, Mesaba Branch, McAlpine spur, and the section 30 mine spur to name a few. While they were at Drummond they operated their own logging railroad that extended well into St. Louis County. This line was a major source of logs from 1903 to 1917. They and the Northern Lumber Company conducted the last big time logging operation on the north end of the Drummond Branch in 1922 and 1923.

Not only did they ship by rail, but also by log raft from Sugar Loaf Cove in Cook County. Those logs were towed across the lake to the south shore. Log rafting to Duluth had ended back in 1903 because of harbor congestion.

Today there is nothing left of Arthur station. Most people today do not even know where it was. Even the siding has been removed for a long time now. Gone and almost forgotten.

Summary of Town Board Meetings

(Official minutes are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org).

May 8th meeting. Attending: Supervisors Bruce Aho, Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, George Sundstrom, Corlis West plus about 10 residents. Minutes were approved with a correction. There were no audience concerns and the agenda was approved with two additions.

Correspondence reviewed including notices from the State Demographer and on land tax forfeit property. The Treasurer reported \$15,438.47 in receipts and \$55,944.91 in expenses for an ending balance of \$173,106.41. A motion to change audit dates to the 2003 fiscal year (1/1/03 to 12/31/03) was approved but a motion to hire an independent auditor rather than the State Auditor failed.

Reports from departments were received. The Police report was read. A motion to have the Chief sign documents to acquire the police vehicle was approved. The Fire Chief reported 2 fires this past month. The ISO rating is in process and the Alden Township contract with our Fire Department is pending.

The NSCS staff made an interesting presentation on the school's "*Environmentally Integrated Curriculum*". The Community Center report noted a meeting between Ann Cox, Stephen Dahl and Mabelle Lampela to discuss the security system and summer rentals. Changes were made in the rental agreement. Rental checks should be made to the Town of Duluth, deposited in the Community Center account and rental proceeds used for maintenance of the school building. A request to rent tables and chairs from the Township was considered and a rate and deposit requirement were set. Portable classroom buildings will be on site by May 12th and a motion to pay the movers was approved. A tabled motion to permit nonprofit groups in the community to rent the community center for short periods without cost was withdrawn.

There is a continuing water problem in the Town Hall. A new furnace will be purchased this fall. Planning and Zoning reported on the *State of the Coast* conference that was attended by several Township residents and officials. A Coastal Council *Star Grant* application was approved. This grant, written for us by Sue Lawson, helps underwrite extra time and expertise that is needed to prepare the updated zoning ordinance. Sue Lawson, a professional planner, chair of our Planning Commission and volunteer facilitator of the Steering Committee, will be hired by the grant to spend the considerable extra time needed to pull together various parts of our updated zoning ordinance prior to an information meeting and a public hearing later this year. Planning and Zoning fee structure changes were approved, effective immediately (see the Planning and Zoning minutes).

Electricity will be run to the south Recycling Center. The annual road inspection will be scheduled at the June meeting. A cemetery clean-up work day will be May 17th.

A minimum wage resolution was adopted, effective June 1st. It is currently \$8.60/hour and the rate will be adjusted each May 1st. A concealed weapons resolution was tabled until the June meeting.

June 12th meeting. Attending: Supervisors Aho, Cook, Dahl, and Sundstrom. The minutes were approved and concerns from the audience were heard. There was concern about camping at the Sucker River. Janet Green

was approved as a Township delegate to inquire into criteria used by the PCA for the Storm Water Phase 2 program and why the Township was identified as needing to be involved. St Louis County sent notice of snow plowing fee increases. Reissue of liquor licenses for Lakeview Castle and Shorecrest were approved. A written Treasurer's report was received.

Department reports: Police have a speed trailer located on North Shore Drive. A letter will be sent to Duluth requesting parking/dumping signs on Stoney Point. Business and residential burglaries along the shore were reported. The new squad vehicle is in operation. The Fire Department reported 2 fires and 1 medical call. The ISO review is being completed. Fire and First Responders are holding 2 training and 1 business meeting per month.

Community Center report: It was moved and passed to have the portable classrooms at the school located on a slab (George abstained since he also serves on the School Board). Winkleman requested additional funds but this was not part of the original contract and will be referred to our attorney. The topic of a survey for the computer lab and staff person for the NSCS computer lab was tabled until July.

A request has gone out for furnace bids for the Town Hall.

Zoning reported the last Steering Committee meeting was scheduled. The *STAR* grant is being processed and Jeff Cook has completed a hazard mitigation plan.

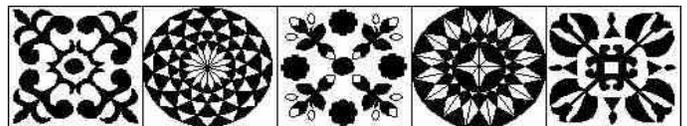
Recycling: Electricity to the south Recycle Center is being pursued and its phone will be reinstalled (525-4592).. Aluminum cans will no longer be stored at the south site (the old fire hall is being demolished). It was suggested that groups who collect the cans provide their own collection bin.

Bruce Aho will contact Qwest to reinstall an incorrectly installed phone cable along one road. A barricade on the Ryan Road south of the Pioneer road needs to be replaced. The date for the Supervisor's Annual Road inspection was set for 8am Saturday July 12th. Rock and dirt have been requested for the cemetery.

A resolution was presented by George Sundstrom to deal with the State's new concealed weapons legislation. The first part of the resolution was tabled until July but the latter part was moved and passed. This stated that until the concealed weapons law is repealed, public buildings in Duluth Township (Town Hall, Community Center, Fire Halls) are to be posted "**concealed – loaded firearms are unwelcome**".

A motion to deny the request by Dan Dunphy to rent the Town Hall for gun safety classes was tabled to the July meeting pending the Attorney's review. The meeting was adjourned and bills were reviewed and paid.

The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday) July 10th and Aug 14th at 7:30pm, Town Hall. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.



Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

(Official minutes are available at the Town Hall)

April 24th meeting. Attending: Chair Lawson, Edblom, Fladmark, Hendrickson, McTavish, Miller, Zoning Administrator Dahlberg, Secretary Marino and two residents. The agenda and minutes were approved. Wayne Dahlberg presented, along with Supervisor George Sundstrom, at the annual *State of the Coast* conference (April 28th, Superior Shores). It was moved, seconded and approved that a small DNR/STAR grant be applied for to help underwrite Sue Lawson's many hours of added work needed to complete our zoning ordinance. She has devoted many days of her consulting work to our zoning update and has been the untiring and effective Steering Committee leader. Thanks to her organizing work great progress has been made. The Coastal Program has a GIS (geographic information service) program with maps of the area that may be put on a computer in the Township office and a grant may be sought for a suitable computer.

The 2002-2003 attendance report was distributed. We are losing money on variances and conditional use permits. A motion was made by Edblom, seconded by Miller to increase the fee structure. (\$200 for variances and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs), \$150 for a single family dwelling, \$75 for accessory structures, \$50 for decks, \$300 for commercial). The increases were to cover the increased costs in the fairest manner. Motion passed 5-1.

A report on the Steering Committee was made. It will meet twice in May. Bruce Duncan distributed material he thought of interest. Wayne Dahlberg indicated concerns about *detached-garage/guest-room/rental-unit* issues. It will be addressed at a future meeting.

May 22nd meeting. Attending: Chair Lawson, Fladmark, Hale, Hendrickson, McTavish, Miller, Secretary Marino and Zoning Administrator Dahlberg plus 3 in the audience. The agenda and minutes were approved. The Zoning Administrator reported that the North Shore Management Plan update was about completed. Lot coverage will be the next issue. A conditional use permit hearing is planned for the June meeting regarding putting two residences on a single home lot. The Town Board approved applying for the \$5000 STAR grant to hire Sue Lawson to do added work on completing work on updating our zoning ordinance. The Zoning Administrator has had meetings with the new owners of Lakeview Motel.

The permit fee structure was approved. Work of the Steering Committee was noted. They will meet June 5th and 19th. After that the Zoning Committee will have an increased number of meetings to put the Steering Committee's work together, finish up administrative aspects of the updated zoning regulation and review the zoning ordinance legal language that the consultants will be providing.

Through May there have been 20 building permits issued; 4 for new single family homes, 1 commercial, and 1 for NSCS temporary classrooms.

Next Planning Commission meetings: (4th Thursday) July 24th and Aug 28th at 7:30pm, as well as additional work sessions on July 17th and 31st, Town Hall. Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.

Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District

Mary Ann Sironen, D/NSSD Secretary

Construction activity is in full swing on the D/NSSD sewer line along the shore. Several crews of S.J.Lewis, the main line construction company, are working to prepare the route and lay the main line pipe while the second contractor, Frontier Pipeline, has begun putting in the lateral lines to homes on the west end of the project. Township residents are urged to drive with care and observe the flagmen as the work continues.

The Board has engaged Northeast Technical Services to provide temporary support in development of system operations. Their agent, **Eric Appelwick** will be available on a real time basis to field questions, provide details of construction and assist in the connection procedures. He can be reached through his cell phone at **218-590-5911**. Residents are urged to call Eric with questions or comments. He will have the most detailed, up to date information on what's going on with the sewer project. Board members also remain available for questions or comments and the website www.dnssd.org will continue to contain minutes of meetings and other important information.

Residents are also encouraged to attend the Board meetings. These are held at 7:00 am at French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road, on the first Tuesday of the month (except for Sept. 9th instead of Sept 2nd).

The History Corner

Rich Sill

The catcher's mitt was lying in a bin on a bottom shelf of Dunham's Sports Store. Caleb and I had gone to Dunham's for one reason, to buy a bag of practice baseballs. But when I saw the mitt it was hard to resist not trying it on. Stepping past a display of bats, I pulled the mitt from the shelf and slowly slid my fingers into its leather sleeves. They fit perfectly. That's an omen when it comes to gloves. A new baseball glove hardly ever starts out fitting "just right". But for whatever reason, this glove was different. It felt all ready broken in, as if someone had spent ten years catching balls with it before deciding to throw it back into the bin, leaving it for me to find. I tried on three or four other gloves but none were as comfortable, none felt right. I picked up the catcher's mitt and again tried it on, took it off, tried it again and took it off again. I must have repeated that exercise twenty times and each time it felt just the same. Like my hand was made to be in it. I told myself I really didn't need another glove. After all, I already had a perfectly good one, a well broken in fielders model that I had bought back in 1967. But, then again, a catcher's mitt is different.

This spring Caleb's Little League coach had switched him from center field, a position he had played for five years, to pitching. My old fielders glove had worked perfectly well for just throwing a ball around but since he was now actually pitching, "playing catch" with him had become a slightly more serious matter. This spring I had already repaired and retied the lacing on my old glove several times so I was quite aware that a well thrown ball could easily split the glove in half, sending a hard and unwanted projectile straight into me. If I were

actually going to play "catcher" maybe a glove appropriate to the position, with strong laces and adequate padding wouldn't be a bad idea after all. I recalled that my dad had always used a catcher's mitt when we played together and earlier this spring I had run across the old mitt in one of the boxes I had collected from his apartment after his death. It had probably been over 40 years since it had been used and I tried tossing the ball a few times to Caleb with it. After all the years it was pretty unusable as a glove but just holding it in my hand rekindled great memories of mosquito filled nights throwing a ball back and forth to my dad those many years ago.

When I was a kid baseball truly did seem to be everywhere. Not just in the cities where I grew up but out here in the country as well. In fact one of the more closely followed team sports in this area was the local baseball league, which began playing in the early 1920's. Nearly every settlement able to round up enough young men fielded a team. Adolph, Greysolon Farms, Normanna, and French River along with four or five other teams participated in the league. Most baseball diamonds were little more than converted farm fields and often as much time was spent clearing and preparing them as was dedicated to the art of fielding grounders or catching flies. The French River team practiced on a three acre field located along Shilhon Road a little over a mile west of its intersection with the Homestead. For nearly twenty years, once daily chores and farm work were completed, the league provided a welcome break of sport and entertainment for our community members.

I had just about finished working "Dr. Franklin's Professional Glove Conditioner" into my new mitt when Caleb stepped into the kitchen wondering when we could play catch. I grabbed a ball, threw it into my glove, and headed out. As we started to leisurely toss the ball back and forth the memories of my dad flooded back. Him, holding that old glove, cupping his bare hand over the ball as it smacked into the mitt. It all seemed as if yesterday. In my mind I could see the white picket fence that bordered our back yard and the red '57 Plymouth station wagon parked in the alley. I could see him pull the white handkerchief from his back pocket to wipe his forehead and hear him complain that the mosquito's would soon drive him inside. Caleb was warmed up now and as I squatted down to begin catching it became clear to me that not much had changed in all these years. I still enjoyed tossing a ball back and forth as much as I ever did but now, as Caleb fired another fast one at me, it became clear that it had become my time to hold the catchers mitt.

On The School/Township Partnership

Our North Shore Community School has had a very successful year – great teachers, great administration, lots of community volunteers and full classrooms. Next year promises to be even better with added classroom capacity for the increased enrollment.

Thanks to the effort of many and the leadership of Phil Strom, about a year ago the Township was able to save its school from closure by arranging for a public, no tuition, charter school. Since a charter school can not own its building, the Township stepped up and took responsibility for the school property as a Township *Community Center*.

The property was then leased to our NSCS charter school. Township residents at an Annual Township Meeting approved an initial \$10,000 expenditure, to do those necessary things involved in acquiring the property (the school property was transferred from School District #381 for \$1 and some assurance about its continued use as a school and/or community center).

The financial arrangements involve lease payments to the Township of approximately \$15,000 per month, year-round. This is put in a capital improvement account for the building and grounds. This account pays for building maintenance (Johnson Control contract), insurance, plowing, plus a small amount of office and staff expense that the Township incurs. We purchased, moved and installed the temporary classroom buildings out of this fund. This year, through June, there has been \$90,012.80 in receipts and \$76,311.10 in capital expenditures from this fund (school operating expenses are handled separately by the school). Unlike the Township, the school's fiscal year ends June 30th. In the past 12 months the school has paid \$180,000 rent. This will increase to \$190,000 in the next 12 months.

NSCS does not have authority to levy taxes. The State of Minnesota provides operating funds through per-student funding plus some added start-up grants that helped provide needed equipment and staff. When the Community Center is rented for events, that money also goes to the capital improvement account. The school schedules rentals during the school year and the Township does this during the summer.

Although separately governed, we are still part of School District #381 and, as such, help pay for District high school buildings, etc. The District provides school bus service for our school.

The NSCS Board and the Duluth Town Board discuss and coordinate plans for improvement and use of our Community Center property. Phil Strom indicated that decisions on capital improvements, maintenance, etc. are made by a 6-person committee made up of representatives from the Town Board of Supervisors and NSCS Board. This committee includes Supervisors Bruce Aho and Steve Dahl plus NSCS representatives Bob Engelson, Dave Sundberg, Stan Johnson and NSCS Board Chair Phil Strom. Supervisor George Sundstrom also serves as a Town Board representative on the NSCS Board. One of the current discussions involves how to coordinate and maximize the use of the property for school and Community Center activities. Readers are referred to Phil Strom's comments on uses of the Community Center property in the May Newsletter.

Contact Supervisors Aho, Dahl or Sundstrom or NSCS Board Chair Phil Strom if you have questions or suggestions.

Survey Crews In Duluth Township

As noted in the May *Newsletter*, crews from the St. Louis Surveyor's Office may be seen on the roads or in remote locations in our Township in the next few months. They are locating and verifying the position of all the *Government Corners* (see the May *Newsletter*).



News Bulletin

For more information on North Shore Community School, visit the updated website at www.northshorecommunityschool.org.

Features: 2003-04 School Calendar, class supply lists, school board meeting minutes, and more...

Parents, students, staff, community invited to NSCS Fall Barbecue

Begin the 2003-04 school year by meeting neighbors, other parents and students at the North Shore Community School Fall Barbecue in September.

This year's event promises to be as exciting as years past, as North Shore Community School kicks off another school year. All students, parents, NSCS staff and community members are invited to attend and partake of a special barbecue menu, meet the

NSCS staff and get an overview of the coming school year.

While the date is still being determined during the first weeks of school, plans are underway for the event, which is co-sponsored by the NSCS Board and NSCS PTA.

Watch for more information in the next edition of this newsletter. Notices will also be posted in the community and on the NSCS website at



Local musicians entertained at the 2002 NSCS Fall Barbecue.

Report from NSCS Board:

Historic first year rated a success; Preparations underway for '03-'04

The last week of the first school year in the history of North Shore Community School, evoked a broad spectrum of emotions for many: children, parents, professional team members, as well as Board and community members. I was particularly touched by the thoughtful, often bittersweet comments of several Sixth graders, as they contemplated their future schooling at a different place.

For a "start-up," this has to be considered a terrifically successful year. Academically, the nationally-normed spring testing revealed broad advancement at all grade levels. Although a single year is not an adequate statistical sampling to form sweeping conclusions, we remain convinced, and are dedicated to the principal, that *kids learn best in an environment in which they feel safe and secure, respected, and loved.*

We implemented many creative curricula

enhancements, with even more progress envisioned in the years ahead. I know that I speak for the entire Board, when I report here how very proud we are of the entire professional staff of our school. They prove with their dedication and creativity, that teamwork and a strong sense of ownership fosters the highest quality setting for learning.

The start-up year rendered positive financial results as well. We will close our books in about 2 weeks with a strong operating surplus. NSCS is budgeting for a similar surplus in the 2004 fiscal year.

In years subsequent to that, maintaining a balanced budget will be challenging, based on the absence of State and Federal start-up funds that we currently enjoy. We are confident, however, that with the operating reserves booked in our first two years, and

North Shore Community School Quick Facts

- *North Shore Community School is a public non-profit organization.*
- *No tuition is charged for students attending North Shore Community School.*
- *Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center of Finland, Minnesota, is the sponsor of North Shore Community School.*
- *North Shore Community School offers educational opportunities for children in grades pre-Kindergarten through Sixth Grade.*
- *Applications are still being accepted for some grades for the 2003-04 school year. Contact the school for more information.*



**A School of Choice
A Tradition of Excellence**

5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804

Phil Carlson, Director
Machelle Lampela, Assistant Business Manager
B.J. Kohlstedt, Curriculum Coordinator

NSCS Board Members:

Phil Strom, chair
Leo Babeu
Sheri Camper
Cathy Gunsolus
David Sundberg
Bob Sundstrom
George Sundstrom

The public is invited to attend North Shore Community School Board Meetings scheduled for 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the North Shore School.

We invite your questions and concerns. For more information, call 525-0663.

New teacher joins North Shore Community School staff

Ann Ferrari is joining the NSCS staff as the second Fourth grade teacher.

Ferrari holds a Minnesota Teaching License in grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. She received her degree from the University of St. Thomas and completed her student teaching through a cooperating program at the College of St. Catherine.

Ferrari taught Fourth Grade and Kindergarten in the Anoka-Hennepin School District and then moved to Two Harbors, where she currently resides with her husband and two daughters.

She also taught First Grade at the John A. Johnson and had the current fifth grade class when they were in Kindergarten at North Shore!

Ferrari enjoys playing with her children, hiking, camping, tennis, biking, canoeing, gardening and traveling to new places.

She is thrilled to be part of NSCS staff and is excited to help our school continue to raise student achievement levels through her expertise in curriculum and instruction.

-Sheri Camper

Update from NSCS Board, continued from page 1

with prudent fiscal business practices, we will continue to operate in the black, even while compensating our staff professionals at the high end of comparable norms in contiguous traditional school districts.

An active volunteer Building and Grounds Committee continues to make things happen. We've scheduled replacement of all ceiling tiles, as well as some other materials that present potential asbestos hazards. We have a strong commitment to upgrading to energy-efficient mechanical/electrical components such as compressors and light fixtures. We're in the process of engineering an effective water abatement system around the facility, as well as expanding and improving parking lot size and access.

Hopefully, by mid July, the four new portable classrooms will be sited and connected to the south wing via a canopied vestibule. Two of the new classrooms will house the Fifth and Sixth grades in September.

We sincerely hope that all of the residents in our community are proud of the firm partnership established between the townships, Alden and Duluth, served by the Community School, and the Community Center owner, Duluth Township. We continue to encourage broad community support and input, into ways to even further enhance the use of this tremendous resource.

*- Phil Strom
President/Board Chair*

NSCS goal setting conferences set for August 27, 28

The NSCS staff would like parents and students to participate in goal setting conferences again this year.

Conferences are scheduled for August 27 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and August 28 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Parents of enrolled students will receive a mailing in early August that includes a school supply list and the goal setting conference information and worksheets. Notifi-

cation of your child's teacher and the conference time will also be in this mailing.

The purpose of these conferences is for teachers to meet the student and parents, and to learn about the child's academic and social needs.

We greatly appreciate parents' and students' attendance and input at this meeting. Thank you!

- Sheri Camper

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Township Recycling Centers

North site – Town Hall, **Bob Abrahamson** staffs the
center Tuesday 2-6pm and Saturday 8-12noon.

South site – McQuade & Scenic Hwy, **Caroline Marino**
staffs the center Tues 7:00-11:00, Thurs 3:00-7:00,
and Sat 8:00-noon. (Phone: 525-4592)
(Leave items only when Recycling Centers are open.)