



Views of Clifton Volunteer Fire Department Fire Halls, from the first one on McQuade and Scenic 61 to the Current Fire Hall #1 on Ryan Road

Duluth Township Newsletter

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Thank you to all contributors to this issue:

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A special thanks to volunteer firefighter **Pat Healy**, who retired in 1999 after 23 years of service. Pat has kept an album of our Fire Department history and provided these pictures for the masthead. The first fire hall was recently burned for fire training and to make way for McQuade Harbor. The current fire hall is on Ryan Road and Fire Hall #2 is located at the Town Hall on Homestead Road. Our Clifton Fire Department also provides fire service for Alden Township and maintains a fire hall there.

If you would be willing to provide a masthead drawing, call the editor (525-0103). Thanks.

The Homesteaders

Helen Hendrickson

January 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Luncheon, New Year's Pot-Luck Lunch and Bingo.

February 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Luncheon and program

March 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall.

Luncheon and program

Everyone is welcome. For information, call 525-4154

Township Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief.

In October, there were some **57 police calls/events** in addition to regular patrolling. These included 10 traffic warnings, 3 citations and 7 damage to property complaints. In November there were **92 police calls/events**, including 16 traffic warnings, 4 citations and 27 vacation home/business checks.

Currently we budget for 160 hours of police work per month. The Department is now hiring one 20 hour per month officer to start in January. This is the result of action by Township residents at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting where the 2005 budget was approved).

*If there is a problem that needs immediate attention, please **contact 911.***

ChildSafe Gun Locks are available (free) for pick up at the Town Hall during business hours.

Our Police Department maintains an **email Crime Alert** service (it is also on our web site). To receive notices send your email address to

PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org.

Part Time Employment:

Community Center Event Coordinator

The Duluth Township Board of Supervisors is currently seeking applications for a 2 hour per week position, with the possibility of additional hours. The successful applicant will work with the Duluth Township Board and the North Shore Community School to provide and organize community events i.e.: classes, workshops, sports and special events of interest to Township residents.

If interested please send a "Letter of Interest" to the Duluth Township Clerk, 6092 Homestead Road Duluth, MN 55804. *Deadline 5:00 p.m. January 13, 2005.*

South Recycling Shed Closed Due to McQuade Harbor Construction Work

See 3 Inserts in this Newsletter

- 1) Annual Resident Feedback Questionnaire**
(Please indicate your views and send it back by Feb. 1st.)
- 2) St Louis County Sucker River water quality information**
- 3) North Shore Community School News**

Great Voter Turnout!

Congratulations to Township residents on the record voter turnout November 2nd. Some 1433 registered (134 new) and 1201 voted (84%)! In our Township voting went smoothly, **thanks to our Town Clerk, Ann Cox, and some ten trained residents who served as election judges.** They worked the night before to set up the polls and from 6:30am to 10:30pm on election day to get things ready, count and put things away! Good job!

Fire Department Calendars

Again this year, our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department is distributing free 2005 calendars to each Duluth Township household. *If you have not received your calendar, please pick one up at the Town Hall.* Ads in the calendar help support our Clifton Fire Department. Support the businesses who have ads in the calendar.

Thanks to all who have contributed.

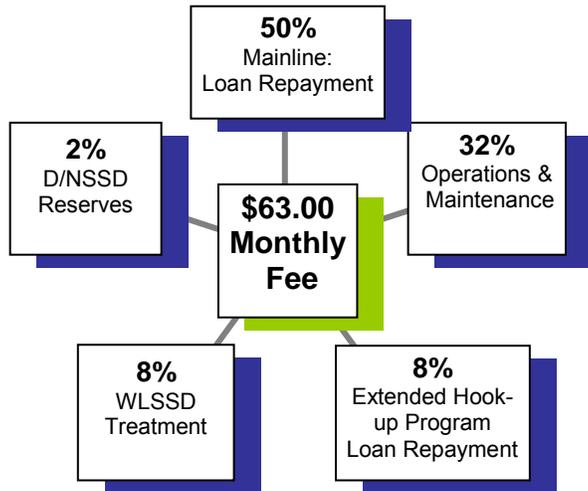
Make your views known. Complete and return the Duluth Township Resident Feedback Questionnaire (an insert) by Feb. 1st.

Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District
Mary Ann Sironen

Update based on the newsletter coming out to DNSSD customers.

With the 2004 Construction season at an end, the Board continues to work on the financial portions of the D/NSSD Sewer system. The Rates & Charges committee presented a summary to the rest of the Board.

- All Residential Sewer Rate: \$63.00 a month This includes seasonal properties.
- Commercial Sewer Rate: \$63.00 + additional cost per thousand gallons based on the metered flow.
- The assessment on each property is \$5,500 and began on January 1st, 2003.
 - Duration of Assessment: 20 yrs – ending 12/31/22
 - Original Assessment Value: \$5,500.00
 - Yearly Tax Payment: \$329.41
 - Roughly 1.8% Interest
- A tax levy based on the value of the property varies each year and is expected to go down and eventually disappear as the system becomes operational.



Construction and restoration has finished for the year. Properties west of the French River are using the D/NSSD Sewer System. Due to unexpected delays, ranging from weather to a greater than expected amount of rock in the Greenwood Beach area, homes to the east of the French River were not hooked-up this year. They will be connected in the coming construction season. These properties operate in conjunction with the Main Pump Station #2 near Homestead Rd. In order for the main line between the Ryan Road and Main Pump Station #2 to function properly, most of the homes between French River and Lake County line are required to be in operation before any can start to use the sewer.

D/NSSD Board of Manager's meeting dates have changed for 2005. The Board will meet on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** (instead of the first Tuesday) of each month at 0700 at the French River Lutheran Church (time and location remain the same).

January 12	February 9	March 9	April 13
May 11	June 8	July 13	August 10
September 14	October 12	November 9	December 14

Board minutes and other information are available on the DNSSD web site – www.dnssd.org.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Barry Lampi, Fire Chief

Our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department is looking into the purchase of a fire truck to replace our 1978 truck now located at Fire Hall #2. Repairs on the old truck are getting quite expensive. The Town Board is considering possibilities for supporting the purchase. Fire Hall #1 has recently been paid off so funds would be available in the Fire Department budget to help pay off a loan on the purchase of a new or newer fire truck. Grant funds may also be available.

- Our current ISO is 9. The application for a lower (better) rating has been submitted but it takes a few months to process. We expect to go to an 8, thus lowering fire insurance rates in the Township.
- Reminder: Use care with wood fires and check the chimney to avoid chimney fires.

Township Resident Feedback Questionnaire

A brief questionnaire is included in this Newsletter. Its purpose is to provide another opportunity for all Township residents to give their suggestions and views regarding a number of current topics. Results will be tabulated and provided to the Town Board and other departments and published in the Newsletter prior to the March 8th Annual Town meeting.

Please provide your views and return the questionnaire to the Town Hall (mailing address is on the back of the questionnaire) by the **deadline: February 1st**.

Running for Town Supervisor?

If you are interested in running for Duluth Township Supervisor, you should be sure to file with Clerk Ann Cox at the Town Hall between December 28th and January 11th during regular office hours. The filing fee is \$2.00. Two positions are up for election. The election will be held during the day before the Annual Township meeting, 7am to 8pm on Tuesday, March 8th. The March Newsletter will include statements from those who are running.

Storm Water Workshop Report

Cindy Hale

Duluth Township Stormwater Management Workshop, hosted November 9th at the Town Hall was attended by 16 people. Jeff Cook provided an overview of the regulatory environment we find ourselves in and the implications for Township zoning and stormwater management requirements. Mike Nordin gave a presentation on the stormwater management project at the North Shore School where students are actively involved in learning about stormwater management and designing a rain garden project. Diane Desotelle provided an excellent presentation on how to approach a site assessment, site design and building construction with stormwater

management in mind. Charlene Johnson and Peggy Dahlberg also gave wonderful presentations on local and regional examples of using rain gardens and rain barrels
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to address stormwater management issues. **Storm water management packets assembled for the workshop are available for free pick-up at the Town Hall.** Packets include copies of the presentations, "how-to" manuals for stormwater management, designing and building rain gardens and rain barrel systems and a list of additional resources available on the web. Finally, Cindy Hale announced efforts she and the Planning Commission are working on to provide tools to Township citizens to help them meet stormwater management requirements. These include 1) working with the St. Louis County Soil & Water Conservation to possibly provide low cost site assessments and free technical assistance for stormwater management design efforts, and; 2) working with researchers at the University of Minnesota's Natural Resources Research Institute in Duluth and their new Coastal GIS project (<http://www.nrri.umn.edu/coastalgis>) to serve as a pilot township in helping them to design a user-friendly web-based resource that gives individuals access to GIS mapping resources. Among other things, one goal of this site is to use it to build site maps of their property for stormwater site assessments and site design. This project is in it's infancy and the Coastal GIS folks would like people to visit the web site, play around with the tools there, and then provide feedback to them on what you can and can't do, how you want to use the sites, etc. We will keep you posted as this project moves forward.

St Louis County Rescue Squad

Ann Cox

Many heart felt "Thanks" and "Congratulations" to Al Shovein and Tom Crossman of the *St. Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad*. Al Shovein will retire in December after many dedicated years of serving as Captain to the all volunteer department. Tom Crossman will accept the position of Captain and continue to provide the excellent leadership and professionalism the Rescue Squad has offered the County these many years. Lieutenant Ray Sink, a member with 45 years in the department, will step down and begin to enjoy semi retirement in a general membership.

The following members accepted Lieutenant positions: 701 - Robin McCauley; 702 - Brian Saari; 703 - Rick Slatten; and 704 - **Ann K. Cox**. Congratulations to all!

"911" Signs Available for Pick-up

The Town Hall has received "911" fire number signs for the homes listed below. Please pick up the County-prepared 911 signs at the Town Hall during office hours.

It's important to post "911" fire numbers so fire, police and other emergency responders can quickly locate your home.

Thomas **Wright**, 5771 Bergquist Road
Dan **Galyen**, 1377 E. Lismore Road
David **Quam**, 1456 Torgeson Road
Richard & Julie **Johnson**, 1973 Old North Shore Road

Frederick and Vicki **Behrends**, 6634 McQuade Road
David and Laurie **Jackson**, 5315 Greenwood Road

Township Calendar

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

January 2005

- 5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet Town Hall
- 5, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 11 Tue, 5:00pm **Deadline** for filing for Town Supervisor
- 12, Wed, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 12, Wed, 7:00pm *First Responder* meeting, Hall #2
- 13, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 18, Tue, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 19, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* Training, Hall #1
- 27, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- ? **Mandatory Township stormwater public hearing.** *Date will be posted at the Town Hall.*

February 2005

- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 2, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 9, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 9, Wed, 7:00pm *First Responder* meeting, Hall #2
- 10, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 15, Tue, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 16, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* training, Hall #1
- 19, Sat, **NSCS-day**, Barnes & Noble book store, all day.
- 23, **Deadline** for news for the March *Newsletter*
- 24, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

March 2005

- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 2, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
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- 8, Tue, **Township Election**, 7:00am-8:00pm
- 8, Tue, **Annual Town Meeting**, 8:15pm-, Town Hall
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- 9, Wed, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
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Stay At Home Pet Care Services

Robin Whaley provides safe, trustworthy care for your pets at your home anytime you need it.
Call 834-6454 for a free initial visit.

Recycling Update

Caroline Marino

As many of you have noticed, **the South Recycling Shed on North Shore Drive is no longer open.** We were told to shut down that site for approximately a year due to liability issues during the construction of the Marina/Safe Harbor project. Because of the short notice, we were unable to notify many of the "regulars" who recycle at that location. We apologize for the inconvenience.

We encourage you to recycle at the North Recycle Shed at our Town Hall on Homestead Road.

New, expanded hours at the North Recycle Shed are:

Tuesday, 7am to 11am and 2pm to 6pm

Thursday, 3pm to 7pm

Saturday, 8am to 12 noon

I know that many of you are very frustrated and even angry about the closing of the South Recycle Shed. It was an excellent, convenient location. Please continue to recycle and take the scenic route to the Town Hall and maybe see a deer or two and spot one of the many gray owls in the area! ***I will share hours with Bob Abrahamson at the North Recycle Center.***

Remember, keep on recycling! See you there!

What to Recycle

Caroline Marino

The following items are accepted at our Recycle Sheds:
Glass: clear glass, green glass and brown glass – should be washed clean with no food residue left on container and lid off. **Steel cans** – washed clean, flattened if possible, and with label off. **Newspaper** can be put in a brown paper bag or left free – no plastic bags. **Plastic** -- #1 and #2 plastic is what is acceptable. Please look for the triangle with a number on the bottom of the container if you are uncertain about its number. Please WASH your plastic containers – no soiled peanut butter, jam or salsa jars. The WLSSD considers soiled containers "contaminated" – take an extra minute and wash them properly. **Corrugated cardboard** – should be flattened. **Mixed materials** – this category confuses some people. The following is "mixed material": magazines, catalogs, light weight cardboard (e.g. cereal boxes, soda pop or beer boxes), phone books, junk mail, computer paper, etc.). We do NOT accept ice cream containers and waxy surfaced milk or orange juice containers. NOTHING with a waxy surface should be put in with mixed materials.

Thank you for following the above guidelines.

Summary of Town Board Meetings

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

October 14th meeting. Supervisors attending: Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, George Sundstrom, and Corlis West. Minutes were approved. There were no concerns raised from the audience of 11. Correspondence was reviewed. The

Serving the North Shore and Two Harbors Area

treasurer reported \$50,539.17 in receipts, expenses of \$66,705.92 for a balance of \$347,482.11. A CD matures Nov 21st. There are sufficient funds for a second \$50,000 CD from Community Center lease funds.

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Department Reports:

- **Police:** A 4th police officer, as requested for 2005 by the Annual Town Meeting in 2004, is to be hired at 20 hours per month. We currently have 3 officers sharing 160 hours per month.
- **Fire:** Scott Dane, a professional fire grant writer, was hired for \$1,250 to assist in writing grants, specifically from Homeland Security. A final packet of reports was sent to ISO for our lower rating application. A multi-agency emergency drill was held Oct 16th including our Fire Department, EMS and 911 services. Oct 16th was the Township **Harvest Dinner**, sponsored by the Fire Department and held at the Town Hall.
- **Town Hall:** Carpentry repair work is needed. Steve Dahl will install the phone low-temperature alert system which will call 3 people should the Town Hall heating fail.
- **Planning:** A \$3,000 grant was received from Duluth/Superior Community Foundation. It covers two special workshops (stormwater and alternative energy) plus the planned zoning educational brochure. With other available funds contracts for work on the brochure were approved, pending our attorney's review and recommendation: \$2,400 for work by *Fladmark Publishing* and \$2,000 for work by *Superior Design*.
- **Roads:** Telephone utilities had a permit to install cable on east side of North Bergquist. They installed it on west side and destroyed the ditch.
- **Other Business:** The County is considering selling tax forfeit lands to generate added funding.

November 4th meeting. (posted and met early due to Thanksgiving) Supervisors attending: Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, George Sundstrom, and Corlis West. The Treasurer reported \$32,469.44 deposits, \$66,177.94 expenses and a balance of \$312,356.72. A second CD for lease funds from NSCS was purchased at the Land Bank at 2.25%.

Department Reports:

- **Community Center:** Johnson Control contract tabled to December. The amended NSCS lease was approved (including a higher lease to cover added temporary classrooms). NSCS was approached as a possible site for a 2.67kw solar electric installation. The Board approved support for a grant request and approved the requested \$4,000 (matching funds) from the NSCS lease fund should a proposed grant be awarded. Two students broke a skylight on the roof. The issue is tabled to Dec. 9th.
- **Town Hall:** John Hagglund will snow plow the lot since he is under contract with the Township.
- **Planning:** A letter asking for extending the Community Foundation funding deadline for the brochure grant project was approved. An application was received from Laura Stone for the Zoning Administrator position. She will be invited to the December business meeting.

A public hearing will have to be scheduled in January to comply with the Storm Water Educational mandate.

- *Other Business:* Rick Cerano and Mary Ann Sironen were approved for reappointment to the Duluth North Shore Sanitary District (D/NSSD) Board.

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November 30th special working meeting. Supervisors attending: Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, George Sundstrom, and Corlis West. The October 12th minutes were approved. The LIU-3A zone district motion was removed from the table and discussed further. Performance standards and conditional uses from our current zoning ordinance were approved (see the Official Minutes for details as they relate to page numbers and specific wording. Minutes are available on our web site and at the Town Hall). A draft copy of the Zoning Ordinance with updates will be prepared for Board review prior to final action. The next special meeting is on December 28th.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday)
Jan 13th and Feb. 10th at 7:00pm in the Town Hall.**
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

(Official minutes are available at the Town Hall)

September 23rd meeting. Members attending: Co-chair Sue Lawson, Toni Fladmark, Cindy Hale, Adam Hendrickson, Seth Levanen. The Township received a Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation grant of \$3,000 to be used to complete the Planning Commission educational brochure and two community workshops (see reports on these workshops in this Newsletter). Projects planned and recommended for Board approval were:

- a stormwater workshop on Nov 9th
- an alternative energy workshop on Dec. 7th
- the educational brochure project. Toni, Sue and Cindy will work on this project pending Board approval.

Other topics discussed were the County's 2009 Homestead Road project, manure pile near a stream, old cabins on Stony Point, and the sale of Lakeview Castle and its parking and green space.

October 28th meeting. All members were present. Two public hearings were held, both for variances:

- JoAnn Hiukka (McQuade) request for a rear yard variance on a .59 acre non-conforming lot. Neighbors were reported to be supportive. After discussion the variance was approved.
- Daniel & Linda Marrin (Lake Shore, MN) request for lake and/or road setback variances to build on a non-conforming lake lot (5664 North Shore Drive). There was a discussion of rip-rap designs to control erosion. Four neighbors spoke against the proposal citing erosion problems and the drainage that flows through the property. The variance was denied with reasons listed.

The Planning Commission discussed collaboration with the City of Duluth concerning tree cutting and maintenance of the Condon property along the lake in our Township. City Forester Kelly Flessner will be invited to a Planning Commission meeting for discussions.

South St Louis County Soil and Water District received a grant including the Sucker River. A workshop on the Sucker River situation was held at NSCS on October 27th (one of the inserts in this Newsletter provides further information). Cindy Hale reported on discussions with SWWCD about soil site assessments.

A copy of the hardship statement from our zoning ordinance will be provided with permit applications.

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The planned educational brochure is on hold pending Board action on getting bids for the work. Two knowledgeable Commission members had volunteered to do the work and be reimbursed by existing grant funds that were received for that purpose. They will see if grant funds can be held over to next year. Plans for two public workshops were discussed:

- on Stormwater management (Nov. 9th), and
- on Renewable Energy (solar, wind, etc.) (Dec 7th)

The November Newsletter included an insert announcing both. See reports on these workshops in this Newsletter.

**Next Planning Commission meetings: (4th Thursday)
Jan 27th and Feb 24th at 7:30pm, Town Hall.**

Residents are invited to attend these public meetings.

Storm Water Planning

Jeff Cook, Supervisor

In 2003, our Township was included on a Federal List for Storm Water Planning (MS-4). The main objective of the mandate from the MPCA is to keep waters as clean as possible by holding local governments responsible for their waters. To help implement good standards, the MPCA has six program elements that we must meet as part of our Storm Water Plan

Here's what we need to do for the 5th and last mandatory point that we need to address in the Newsletter:

Post Construction Runoff Control. Post construction review pertains to 1+ acre building sites where the soil is disturbed. The owner of the site needs to have a storm water plan in place. It is up to a Township official to make sure that the plan has been followed so that, at the end of construction, what was supposed to be done was done and that stormwater safeguards that were in place during construction and are not needed any more, are removed.

What I have written about in this column during the past year can be very hard to follow. Some of the mandatory points are difficult to comprehend even for someone who does stormwater management work. In most cases all a person needs to do to keep our waters clean is just to use some common sense. Help in understanding these regulations is available. Ask the Township Planning Director or call me. Try to keep as much natural space as possible, especially by any water course. If you can do just that, all of us will benefit, including our wildlife.

Annual Clifton Volunteer Fire Department HARVEST DINNER. Thanks to all who attended, helped and contributed to this annual event. It was held in October at the Town Hall and had a good crowd. *Mark your 2005 calendar!* It was a fine community event with good food and music.

Patronize our local businesses. Thanks to many businesses who contributed to the Fire Department by taking out ads in the 2005 calendar that was distributed for free to each Township household. When you visit local businesses, mention that you saw their ad in the Fire Calendar. Check out the local small businesses before you drive all the way to the mall!

Faster Internet Service in Duluth Township

The Editor

There is some good news for those in our Township who want faster internet connections. I had a helpful conversation with Kevin Olson, communications representative for Coop Light and Power (CLP). This explanation of options is my understanding of our conversation so some details may need updating or clarification.

CLP is planning to install a small antenna on top of the fire tower on Olson Road in the north part of Duluth Township to provide "non-line-of-site" wireless internet service to an area with a radius of approximately 3 miles (perhaps down to the Korkki). Coverage depends upon topography. Signals can go through some treetops but can't go through hills. CLP charges \$150 for the initial set up to your computer, plus a monthly internet service fee of \$50. This results in internet speeds of 500kb to 1000kb, much faster than the 16kb to 21kb that many of us get from Qwest telephone line internet connections in the Township.

Higher speed connection would help support those with businesses and home occupations that require extensive web and internet work, those who "telecommute" and work at home, students and others who need to do more extensive web-based research (perhaps even NSCS), and others who want to have a better, more reliable connection. One of the highlights of livelihoods in our community is the rather large number of small businesses and home occupations that we have. Better internet service would seem to be helpful infrastructure for many in our Township.

Other Township locations can be included in CLP wireless coverage. What is needed is a minimum of about 5 people in a 3-4 mile radius of an antenna site that could be installed to serve them. CLP prefers a tall wooden telephone pole (around 55 feet tall, relatively unobtrusive and just above the tree line), to serve as an antenna serving an area of about 3 miles. The antenna itself is a small box at the top of the pole. It's ideal if the pole is on a line of sight from another antenna pole (within about 3 miles) so that service can be linked from pole to pole until one antenna at the end of the sequence is served by a high speed connection that CLP installs.

While our Township has many hills, it has several **rather ideal potential sites** that could serve larger areas. One potential site is on top of the Shilhon hill west of Homestead Road, on CLP electric line easement property (a separate easement is needed on the same land because wireless service is a different purpose than electric power service). Another potential antenna site is on the missile base water tower. Yet another might be a small antenna mounted on our **community center's roof**. The cost of faster computer access for the school might

be spread over others in the area who would like to have the faster internet connection. Service **along the shore** could be served by one or two antenna poles spaced about 3 miles apart, somewhere in that area. Placement of antenna poles and determination of who can be served involves some study by CLP communications staff.

We have something of a **window to request service**

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early in 2005. CLP plans to commit to installation early in the year but not later in the year because of the economics of their investment. So, if we can locate at least 5 households/businesses that could be served by one or more antenna poles, they could be installed in fairly short order (a matter of a few weeks). Generally, placement of a pole would require a conditional use permit from the Township (including a public hearing), and a suitable property where a communications easement could be obtained. CLP does not lease land for the antenna poles although sometimes a free internet connection to the person providing the easement can be arranged.

Other options to acquire better internet connections for residents who wish it seem a longer shot. For example, we might mount a campaign to convince Qwest to improve their telephone lines to handle faster internet connections. Apparently Qwest has decided not to invest in high speed lines for rural areas such as ours, but maybe we could change their minds! Another option might be to see if the State of Minnesota or the Federal Government has a program to build the communications infrastructure of rural areas. Perhaps grant funding might be available for us to do something about connection speed. There may be other options and it would be helpful to hear of those too.

At this point, we need to see how many residents and businesses would be interested in the CLP wireless option. The enclosed *questionnaire* poses that question and I urge you to complete the questionnaire and send it in. Note that it is important to know where people who may want wireless connections are located so that the feasibility of pole/antennas can be researched. Thus, you will note that the bottom part of the otherwise anonymous questionnaire has a place for your name, address and phone number if you are interested. To preserve the anonymity of other responses, you should cut off the bottom portion and send it in separately (the Town address is printed on the back). If you do not separate the bottom portion, I will do so as soon as I receive your questionnaire so that there is no personal identification attached to your questionnaire responses.

A report on the questionnaire responses will be prepared for the Board and put on the Town web site and in the Town Hall for reference. The name/address/phone slips will be provided to CLP so they can determine if there is a cluster of interested residents that could be served from a pole/antenna. They promise not to use these slips for any other purpose.

Internet communication infrastructure in the Township is also a topic being discussed at our Planning Commission.

Support our NSCS Library

North Shore Community School Library Day
On Saturday, February 19th – All Day
at Barnes and Noble Bookstore

You can help support the North Shore Library by visiting Barnes and Noble that day...pick up a sales sheet at church, school, the Town Hall or see Barb Jackson.

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Township Recycling Centers

North site – *Town Hall – new hours!*

Bob Abrahamson and Caroline Marino now share staffing the center *Tuesday 7-11am, 2-6pm, Thursday 3-7pm, and Saturday 8-12 noon.*

South site – *Closed due to McQuade Harbor construction*
(Leave items only when Recycling Centers are open.)