



Jimmy & George Rolfe wonder what happened to the Trolls living in this stump/house on the Old North Shore Road. Have you seen the Trolls?

Duluth Township Newsletter

Duluth Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org

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What's Coming Up?

Some Topics and Issues Being Considered.

Special Community-wide Events:

- ▶ Sept. 15th -- NSCS Open House and BBQ.
- ▶ Oct. 14th – Fire Dept Annual Harvest Dinner.
- ▶ Oct 27th – NSCS Halloween Carnival

Elections – Primary, Sept 12th, General, Nov 7th, both 7am-8pm in our Town Hall on Homestead Road.

Survey on Duluth Township Community Center building addition ideas (*enclosed*), due back by Sept. 22nd.

Stoney Point Development – Odyssey Development received Duluth City approval to exchange some land by the Little Sucker River for land originally a part of the Congdon Trust land along the Stoney Point shore. They are also negotiating with D/NSSD for sewer access. Thus far, no new land use permit application has been filed with Duluth Township.

Other (see articles):

- History of Town/NSCS relationship**
- Two Job Openings**
 - Maintenance Position
 - Community Center Event Coordinator
- Sale of Water Tanker**
- Wanted Senior Housing site**

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The Township thanks **Jeanne Anderson** whose hard work over the past couple of years has started evening classes going for our Duluth Township Community Center. She is stepping down due to her own busy schedule but will continue as Community Center Events Director until a replacement is found.

The Supervisors would also like to thank the Planning and Zoning Commission for their work on Ordinance 3A: Adult Use/Sexually Oriented Business. We especially thank **Dave Chura** for all his research and work on the project.

VOTE!

Primary Election: Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 12th.

General Election: Tuesday NOVEMBER 7th

Duluth Town Hall – Polls Open 7am to 8pm
(for absentee ballots, see our Town Clerk)

SURVEY

What You Would VALUE In a Proposed ADDITION
 To Our

Duluth Township Community Center
 (Questionnaire enclosed.)

Please send in your response by September 22nd.

New Office Hours – Oct 1st

Planning Assistant John Kessler's wintertime office hours start October 1st. He will be at the Town Hall office 3:30-6:30pm on Wednesday (not Tuesday).

Town Clerk office hours starting October 1st, will be 9-12am on Tuesday and Wednesday (changed from the current 12:30-3:30pm).

Free Training on getting maps and aerial photos of your property via the internet. See page 8 for details.



Anyone you know?

Upcoming Duluth Township Community Center Fall Class Offerings

Jeanne Anderson, Event Coordinator

See page 2 for class listings and a registration form.

If you are interested in teaching a class or have comments or concerns, please contact Jeanne Anderson at 525-0663 x208 or by email at janderson@duluthtownship.org.

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Duluth Township Community Center Classes

Fall Class Offerings 2006 September 14th – December 1st

STAINED GLASS - Beginning

Would you like to be able to make your own stained glass window? Come learn copper foil method. Bring \$10-20 for first night supplies. Glass and equipment can be purchased locally for final weeks. A complete supply list with approximate costs will be given out the first night of class. Instructor is Linda Lundberg.

Wednesdays **Oct. 11 – Nov. 8**
6:30-8:30 pm **\$25 - 5 classes**
North Shore Community School **Science Room**

MIND BODY WELLNESS –

Do you have an interest in improving your sense of wellbeing and reducing your levels of stress? Do you have a desire to transform your life? This class is being instructed by local physician Susan Nordin and will focus on five basic themes including stress reduction, healthy eating, movement, self discovery and the group experience. These experiential classes will be held in small group format in which a variety of mind body skills will be introduced. Mind body skills make use of the connection between mind and body, and include techniques such as breath work, imagery, meditation, and movement (such as gentle yoga and dance). They involve the body's "relaxation response" and promote health by decreasing the effects of stress. Past participants of these classes have reported a remarkable increase in their sense of well being. For more information contact Susan Nordin at 525-2702 or msnordin@verizon.net.

Mondays **Sept 18 – Nov 27**
6:00 – 7:30 pm **\$75 - 9 classes**
North Shore Community School **Library**
***No class Oct. 16 and Oct. 23**

PIANO LESSONS -

Private, thirty minute piano lessons for students age 5 to adult. Lessons are held every Thursday beginning at 3:00 p.m. If interested please call 525-0663 x 208 to schedule a time. Instructor Cindy Ensign has 10+ years of experience. **Note: This is now a 10 week session. (\$12.50 per lesson.)*

Thursdays **Sept. 14 – Nov. 30**
3:00 - 6:30 pm **\$125 – 10 lessons**
North Shore Community School **Music Room**
***No class Oct. 19 and Nov. 23**

SCRAPBOOK-IN-A-BOX –

You will become addicted to making these and they are great gifts! We will make a fall theme scrapbook with paper that folds into a box. You will have room for up to 12 pictures to show off. This class is for all levels. The paper and embellishments will be supplied. Please bring adhesive for mounting photos, scissors, pencil, ruler, and a paper trimmer is helpful (but not required). If you have questions contact Pam Wiseman at #525-0187. \$12 class fee includes supplies. Hope to see you in class!

Tuesday **Nov. 7**
6:00 - 8:00 pm **\$12 – 1 night**
North Shore Community School **Cafeteria**

TAE KWON DO – Grades K – 6

This course introduces children to the basic concepts, movements, and philosophy of Tae Kwon Do. Tae Kwon Do is practiced for physical fitness, self-defense, and personal growth and is based upon the tenets of courtesy, integrity, self-control, perseverance, and indomitable spirit. Promotional testing (optional, additional fee) will be offered – dates will be announced. Uniforms are encouraged but not required. Kukkiwon certified Black Belt instructors from North Shore Tae Kwon Do will be teaching this course. **Note: This is now a 10 week session.*

Thursdays **Sept. 14 – Nov. 30**
3:00 - 3:45 pm **\$53 - 10 classes**
North Shore Community School **Cafete**
***No class Oct. 19 and Nov. 23**



ADULT VOLLEYBALL – Tuesday evenings

A non-competitive volleyball group will meet at the North Shore Community School gym on Tuesday evenings starting October 3rd. Players will follow standard volleyball regulation rules (no "jungle" volleyball). If you have questions please contact Amy Bergerson at #525-3792.

Tuesdays **Oct 3 – Nov 28**
7:00 - 8:30 pm **\$15 - 9 weeks**
North Shore Community School **Gym**
***No class Tue. Oct. 31 - will meet Mon. Oct. 30 instead**

Complete and mail the registration form with payment to: Duluth Township Community Classes, 5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804. Please make checks payable to: Duluth Township Community Ed. Fees must be paid in advance to attend course(s). You will not receive confirmation of registration, but will be notified by phone if class is cancelled. If you have questions please contact Jeanne Anderson at (218) 525-0663 x 208 or email Janderson@northshorecommunityschool.org.

Duluth Township Community Center Class Registration

5926 Ryan Road, Duluth MN 55840 * #525-0663x208 * janderson@northshorecommunitysch

Participant Name: _____ Childs Age: _____
(If applicable)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Course Title: _____ Fee(\$): _____

Course Title: _____ Fee(\$): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Total(\$): _____

Please make checks payable to: Duluth Township Community Ed. Registrations must be received prior to class start date to attend class. Duluth Township Community Education is a self-funded program and all course fees go toward instructor and administrative costs.





Mike Wiseman, making hay while the sun shines

Community Events

North Shore Community School

Open House and BBQ

Friday, September 15th.

Open house begins at 5:00pm and the Barbeque begins at 5:30pm.
Everyone Welcome.

Annual Harvest Dinner

Saturday, October 14th, 5-7pm Duluth Town Hall
Everyone Welcome

The annual benefit dinner for the *Clifton Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders* will be October 14th from 5-7pm at the Town Hall. If you've attended in previous years, you already know what a fine time this is. The combination of homegrown food, music, door prizes, and friendly neighbors make a great event.

If you'd like to help put on the dinner or donate a dessert or door prize, please call Jody at 525-4971 or Sherry at 525-0489.

Show community support for our Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders

Halloween Carnival

Friday, October 27th, 5:30-8:30, NSCS

The *North Shore Community School* (NSCS) PTA is sponsoring a Halloween Carnival, Friday, October 27th from 5:30-8:30pm at NSCS.

Games, Raffle, Bean Witch, Fish Pond, Face Painting, Photo Shoot, Cake Walk, Prizes, Delicious Food and much more!

Come in costume, bring a non-perishable food item and receive one free ticket! All ages welcome. For information call Mary Negus, Publicity Parent, 834-5668.

THE HOMESTEADERS

Helen Hendrickson

September 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall.

Luncheon, and a program by Jim Gangl on Bird Flu, and music by Schmidt.

October 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Lincoln Park Ramblers.

November 1st, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Turkey Bingo.

Everyone is welcome. For information, call 525-4154

Township Calendar

See updates on www.duluthtownship.org.

Official calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

September 2006

- 5, Tue. SCHOOL STARTS
- 6, Wed, 12:30 **HOMESTEADER'S**, Town Hall
- 6, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 7, Thu, 7:00pm Limited Industrial Use (LIU) zoning working group meeting, Town Hall
- 11, Mon, 7:00pm **Senior Housing** group, Town Hall
- 12, Tue. 7:00am-8:00pm **PRIMARY ELECTION**, Town Hall, Homestead Road
- 12, Tue. 7:00pm Duluth Township Community Center **Building Addition Team (BAT)**, (working meeting) NSCS Library
- 13, Wed, 7-9am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran
- 14, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 15, Fri. 5:00- **NSCS Open house and BBQ**
- 18, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
- 20, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* training
- 28, Thu, 7:00pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

October 2006

- 3, Tue. 7:00pm Duluth Township Community Center **Building Addition Team (BAT)**, Town Hall
- 4, Wed, 12:30 **HOMESTEADER'S** meet Town Hall
- 4, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 9, Mon, 7pm **Senior Housing** group, Town Hall.
- 11, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 12, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 14, Sat. ?? Clifton Fire Department's **Annual Harvest Dinner**, Town Hall.
- 16, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 18, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* Training Hall #1
- 23, Mon. Deadline for November Newsletter
- 26, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 27, Fri, 5:30-8:30pm **Halloween Carnival**, NSCS.

November 2006

- 1, Wed, 12:30 **HOMESTEADER'S**, Town Hall
- 1, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 6, Mon, 7:00pm Duluth Township Community Center **Building Addition Team (BAT)**, Town Hall
- 7, Tue. 7am-8pm **ELECTION DAY**, Town Hall
- 8, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 9, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 13, Mon, 7pm **Senior Housing** group, Town Hall.
- 15, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* training, Hall #1
- 20, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 23, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

Adult Use Ordinance Adopted July 13, 2006

Ann Cox, Town Clerk

The Town of Duluth, St Louis County, Minnesota posted the following legal notice:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE pursuant to Minn. Stat. 365.125, that the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota, has enacted "Ordinance 3A: Adult Use/Sexually Oriented Businesses" as a portion of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a printed copy of the whole ordinance is available for inspection by any person at the Duluth Town Hall during the Town Clerk's regular office hours and at the St. Louis County Law Library, 100 North 5th Avenue West, room 515, Duluth, Minnesota, 55802.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board of Supervisors has decided, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 365.125, to publish the following summary of the ordinance: Ordinance 3A: Adult Use/Sexually Oriented Businesses regulated adult uses and sexually oriented businesses with Duluth Township. It is based upon studies finding that sexually oriented businesses have or may have adverse impacts on surrounding properties and neighborhoods. To regulate and minimize those adverse impacts, the ordinance places restrictions and regulations upon adult uses and sexually oriented businesses as defined by the ordinance. It primarily employs a conditional use process to accomplish those goals. The ordinance describes and explains various definitions, setbacks, regulations, and other restrictions for these types of businesses.

Rural North Shore Senior Housing Initiative

Jan McTavish, Convener

A group of residents are exploring ways to help our seniors stay in the community. The next meeting is **Sept. 12th (2nd Monday each month)** at 7pm in the Town Hall. Interested residents are invited to participate. For more information contact: Janet McTavish, 525-0103 or Helen Hendrickson, 525-4154.

Wanted: Senior Housing Land Site

The Senior Housing group is looking for potential sites for affordable senior housing in our Township. If you or someone you know has a site that might be available (donation, sale or trade, such as land in trade for a senior housing unit), please let us know (call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154 or Jan McTavish at 525-0103).

The Group also wishes to identify builders/developers who may be interested in working on the project.

The Senior Housing Group is in preliminary planning stages of financing, design, location, etc. If you are interested in this project, please join us at public meetings in the Town Hall, held monthly at 7pm on the 2nd Monday.

Massage Therapy ... On the North Shore!

Lisa Richards Massage Therapy

5722 Homestead Road

(218) 428-2858

Lower Level, Cooley Chiropractic Building

On-site or Event Appointments Available

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Duluth Township Community Center Building Addition Team (BAT)

Note the **Questionnaire** (enclosed, please return by Sept 22nd) and **article** by Town Attorney Tim Strom on the relationship of our Duluth Township Community Center and North Shore Community School.

"BAT" is a large and representative committee that is looking into the feasibility of an addition to our Community Center. Meetings are noted in the calendar. Working meetings are open to the public. For more information contact: Sheri Camper (525-0663) or Wendy Anderson (525-0263).

Pre-school Welcomes You to a New Year

Kathy Johnson, Preschool Director

Orientation for new pre-school families will be held Wednesday September 13th at 10:00am and 1:00pm in room 6 at North Shore Community School on Ryan Road.

Classes will begin Tuesday September 19th. Both morning (9:15-11:30) and afternoon (12:15-2:30) classes are offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Children may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. A monthly tuition fee is charged:

1 day – Wed. only, \$45.00/month

2 days – Tues/Thurs, \$75.00/month

3 days – Tues/Wed/Thurs, \$90.00/month

A \$25.00 registration fee is required and all children must have a current immunization and health record to attend. Scholarships are available this year, thanks to community donations and a grant from the NSCS Endowment Fund.

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

Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District

For service call Eric Appelwick's office at 345 Canal Park Drive, Suite 300, Duluth 55802. Phone. 624-8042 and 590-5911.

Board meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00am at French River Lutheran Church. The public is invited to attend all D/NSSD meetings.

Please Pick up your 9-1-1 Sign!

Ann Cox, Town Clerk

The following 9-1-1 address signs need to be picked up at the Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 during regular business hours.

Pending since

Aug 2005 Mary Brown, 5385 North Shore Drive

Dec 2005 Daniel Ring, 5736 North Star Road

Jan 2006 Roger Rose, 5252 McQuade Road

July 2006 Donna Brenna, 1456 West Knife River Road

Aug 2006 Scott & Janet Nelson, 6914 Olson Road

Aug 2006 Rod Hammerstrom, 6230 Homestead Road

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Congratulations to our NSCS Director, **Sheri Camper**, on her graduation from St. Mary's Principal Licensure Program.

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Thanks to **Mary Tennis** for donating the beautiful flowers in the tub planters at the Town Hall. It was a great, cheerful idea!

Job Opening - 1
Community Center Event Coordinator
Wendy Anderson, Supervisor

We need a person who would like to coordinate and facilitate events and activities for Duluth Township. The job description:

- Create a curriculum of classes/events
- Prepare a program budget
- Advertise classes/events to the community
- Work with NSCS to schedule classes and events
- Register participants in classes
- Work with instructors
- Present progress reports to the Town Board

The rate of pay is \$10.00 per hour, we estimate 8 to 12 hours per month.

Please send your resume to the Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy at 525-0263.

Job Opening - 2
Town of Duluth Maintenance Position
Ann Cox, Town Clerk

Responsibilities: Sweep/clean floor as needed (at least once per week). Change lights and handle routine maintenance of Town Hall. Keep steps and handicap access ramp shoveled in winter and areas near recycling where snowplow does not reach. Mow grass at Town Hall and at Fire Hall on Ryan Road. Fill in low areas around older gravesites, spread topsoil on new graves when settled, plant grass seed and water. Also raise smaller markers as necessary or when requested. Paint trim and buildings at Town Hall, fire hall and cemetery. Other general maintenance duties as requested.

Requirements: Able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds. Should have some painting, plumbing, wiring and general carpentry skills. Willing to follow directions and be courteous to all Township employees. Capable of using 28 foot ladders safely. Must be 18+ years old.

Salary: \$10.00 per hour.

Hours: Flexible, depending upon tasks. Estimate a minimum of 10 hours per week.

Send qualifications to the Town Hall 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804. Qualifications will be opened at the September 14th Town Board meeting.

Township Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief.

In July there were 76 police events in addition to regular patrolling and office work, including: 26 vacation business/home checks, 7 medical emergencies, 7 hotrodder complaints, 5 traffic citations or warnings, 5 burglary/attempted burglary/alarms, 3 property damage, 2 animal complaints and 1 bomb incident.

School starts September 5th. Please be especially alert for children and school buses!

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.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Barry Lampi, Fire Chief

Firefighter volunteers are needed. To join up, come to a Fire Department meeting (first Wednesday at 7pm in Fire Hall #1 on Ryan Road) or contact Chief Barry Lampi at 525-4842.

Emergency Key Lock Boxes are available. They can be purchased from our Fire Department for \$35.00. A request form is available at the Town Hall. You provide a key for the lock box. Our Fire Department sets the code and installs the box at your home or business. This provides *only* emergency fire/police/medical access. It's not a resident backup key!!

FOR SALE: Water Tanker

Our Clifton Fire Department is accepting bids on a 1970 Chevrolet 2-ton Water Tanker. It has an overhauled 350 engine, 5-speed transmission and 2-speed rear axle. The truck can be viewed at the Alden Fire Hall on Laine Road (or call Barry Lampi for an appointment at 525-4842).

Bids should be sent to the Duluth Town Hall (6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804). **Bids close at 12:00 noon on September 20th.** Bids will be opened at the Fire Department meeting on September 20th at Fire Hall #1 on Ryan Road a block north from the Expressway.



Robin Whaley
218-834-6454

Stay at Home
PET CARE SERVICES

Dependable pet care in your home.

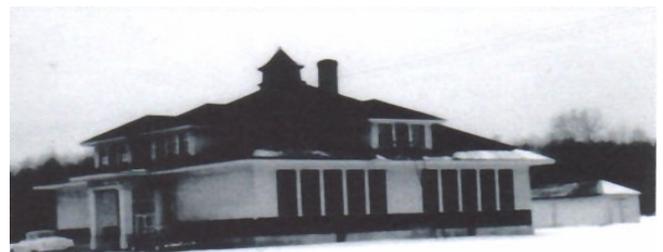
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Soccer and Recreational Field Report.

The regulation soccer field has been seeded and mulched. Currently they are working on the infield area. Once the infield is finished, we will need volunteers to help put up the backstop. Call Supervisor Steve Dahl (525-4679) if you can help.

Note that the grass takes a year to get fully established so the field won't be useable until next Fall, 2007. Please stay off the field until then to give the grass a chance!

Thanks to **Danny Hendrickson, Billy Cox, Steve Dahl** and **Dave Mount** for their work on this fine addition to our Community Center grounds.



Bloomington school

The following article provides a summary of the Town/School relationship. The Building Addition Team (BAT) felt this would be helpful to residents as background to their survey of valued possible additions to our Community Center property. Be sure to return the enclosed questionnaire with your views.

**Overview of the Relationship Between
The Town of Duluth and the North Shore
Community School**

Tim Strom, Town Attorney

Historical Background.

In 2002, the Town of Duluth, the North Shore Community School (NSCS), and the Lake Superior School District entered into an agreement that began the current relationship between the Town and NSCS.

Faced with budget deficits in 2000 through 2002 the School District began considering whether it might need to close North Shore Elementary School (NSE) in Duluth Township. A difference of opinion developed over that issue.

Some argued that closing NSE could save expenses. They reasoned that if NSE was closed, the students—approximately 179 of them—could attend one of the two elementary schools in Two Harbors and the District could cut expenses by approximately \$250,000 by no longer operating or maintaining NSE.

Others argued that closing NSE would instead create a net financial loss for the District. The District's revenue depended to a large extent upon the number of students attending its schools. Roughly speaking, the District received between \$3,000-5,000 for every student. If NSE was closed, the argument went, some NSE students would undoubtedly enroll at the elementary school in Two Harbors, but many would instead choose to leave the District to enroll in the Duluth School District. Many of those students, once accustomed to attending elementary school in Duluth, would probably never return to Two Harbors for their secondary school education. That would reverse a longstanding historical trend under which approximately 90% of NSE students went on to attend Two Harbors for their secondary school education. If closing NSE resulted in even half of its 179 students leaving the District, the District's loss of revenue at the secondary school level would significantly exceed any savings it might hope to gain by closing NSE.

In short, some believed that closing NSE would save expenses, while others believed that closing NSE would result in a loss of revenue that would significantly exceed any savings.

A proposed compromise addressed both of those concerns. The compromise was that the District should allow NSE to become a public charter school.

That proposal satisfied those who believed that the District must avoid the expenses connected with owning and operating NSE. Public charter schools are independent from any school district and are responsible for their own expenses, so the school's expenses would be taken off the District's books.

It also satisfied those who believed that closing NSE would result in a net financial loss to the District. By keeping an elementary school in Duluth Township, the historical pattern of approximately 90% of NSE students attending Two Harbors for their secondary education

would likely continue. Although the District would lose revenue during those students' elementary school careers, it would not lose revenue when most of them transitioned to Two Harbors. In other words, the charter school would essentially become a "feeder" school for the District's secondary school program.

The proposal looked promising to advocates from both camps, but there was a hitch.

By law, a public charter school could not own a school building or grounds. Thus, the charter school could not own the NSE grounds or facilities. The School District did not want to continue owning the building or grounds or be the charter school's landlord.

That was where the Town, at least metaphorically, stepped in. It saw the benefits of keeping an elementary school in the township, and recognized that a large number of community affairs and functions revolved around the school. It also recognized that the property might be useful as a community center, with its classrooms, gymnasium, commercial kitchen, large lunchroom, skating rink, walking trails, fields, and other facilities.

However, the cost of operating and maintaining a building of that size as a Town Community Center would be prohibitively expensive. The Town would not be able to operate and maintain the property unless the property could produce enough revenue to make it economically self-sufficient.

The newly-formed charter school board was able to show, with detailed but conservative estimates and figures, that it would be able to pay the Town sufficient rent to offset all township expenses connected with the Community Center's operation and maintenance.

This solution worked for all parties—the District could escape expenses for an elementary school while retaining the "stream" of students who had traditionally attended its secondary schools, the charter school could continue operations in the existing facilities, and the Town could obtain a Community Center valued at approximately \$2-3 million for one dollar, then pay for its maintenance and upkeep with the rent proceeds from the charter school.

The District imposed one condition on the sale. Because it wanted to insure that the charter school continued to be a "feeder" for the District's secondary school programs, it required that the property return to the District if, prior to 2012, it was not leased to a charter school.

That is the basic history of the relationship between the Town and NSCS. Since 2002, the Town has leased its Community Center to NSCS, and has used the rental payments to pay the Town's expenses connected with the Community Center. Since that time, the charter school's enrollment has grown from 179 to approximately 255 students.

Current Relationship.

The Town owns the land and the buildings (as well as many of the furnishings and fixtures) and holds it as a Community Center. NSCS has leased the Community Center since 2002, and uses it to operate a public charter school. The Town and its citizens use it as a Community Center.

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The Town/NSCS relationship is governed by a written lease. This year (the current lease year is 7/1/06-6/30/07, which is the second year of the current five-year lease) NSCS will pay the Town \$369,000 in total rent.

The rent has two components.

First, NSCS pays the Town \$19,500 per month (\$234,000 per year) as straight rent.

Second, NSCS has a repair allowance of \$135,000. The repair allowance works basically like this--at the end of the lease term (6/30/07) NSCS owes the Town a lump sum payment of \$135,000 but, to the extent NSCS can show that it has made reasonable and necessary repairs to the building or grounds during the year, it can deduct the cost of those repairs from that \$135,000 lump sum payment. In other words, if NSCS makes \$100,000 of reasonable and necessary repairs to the building and grounds during the year, it would only owe the Town a lump sum payment of \$35,000.

What does the Town do with the rent money? It is deposited into a Town account known as the Community Center Capital Improvement Fund.

The Town's expenses for the Community Center—with one exception discussed below—are paid from the rent money. The Town's principal expenses are:

1. Paying Johnson Controls to maintain the building's equipment systems—things like the heating, ventilation, and security systems.
2. Paying to insure the building and grounds, and for the Town's liability coverage.
3. Paying other Town expenses related to the Community Center—such as the time that the supervisors, clerk and treasurer devote to Community Center issues.

In other words, the Community Center is meant to be self-sustaining. The Town's expenses in connection with the Community Center are meant to be paid out of the rent money rather than Town taxes.

There is one exception. Originally, NSCS paid for lawn mowing and snow and ice removal. Several years ago the town electors at their annual meeting decided that it would be appropriate for the Town, as landlord, to pay for that. Since then, each year, the electors have raised an amount—usually several thousand dollars—for lawn work and snow and ice removal at the Community Center.

The rental payments exceed the Town's expenses by a considerable margin. Currently, there is approximately \$400,000 in the Town's Capital Improvement Fund.

That money is an important component of the NSCS/Town relationship because the Town recognizes that, at some point, it will need money for major repairs, projects, or improvements for its building or grounds. For example, the day will come when a new roof, boiler, or some other major capital improvement is needed, and the Town's intention is to "grow" the amount in the Capital Improvement Fund for that. NSCS is allowed, under the lease, to request disbursements from that Fund if it believes a major project is necessary, but ultimately the Town Board decides if those funds will be used for any given project.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire by September 22nd. Thank you

Meet our Town Clerk, Ann Cox

For those who are new to our Township or who haven't visited the Town Hall, here is an introduction to our Town Clerk, Ann Cox.

Long-time residents of Duluth Township, Ann and her husband Robert have four children and six grandchildren. Robert works on buses for the Lake County School District.

Born in Cloquet, the oldest of five children, Ann and her parents, lived for a time in the teacher's quarters above the old Bloomingdale School (it was located on Shilhon Road). She attended the newly opened North Shore Elementary School where her mother was a music teacher, went to our Clover Valley High School (the building still standing on Homestead Road), where her father taught, and to Cathedral School (now Marshall) in Duluth. She attended college at St. Scholastica in Duluth. For 24 years Ann was a soloist at St. Michaels and sang at other events. She plays clarinet and now is taking harp lessons with Georganne Hunter, also a resident of our Township. Ann is an artist in stained glass, cross stitch, quilting, knitting and crocheting, as well as a gardener, canner and baker! She worked in the old Clover Valley store at the north end of Homestead Road and as secretary at French River Lutheran Church.

Ann has been our **Town Clerk** for 10 years and she knows most of our residents. Over that time Township business has become much more detailed, filled with new rules and reports required by various County and State and National agencies. Town Clerk is an official office with a very long list of duties described in State law. The Town Clerk is charged with creating official records of all Board of Supervisor's and Town meetings and hearings. The Clerk posts official notices, keeps official files that are periodically audited, helps keep Township business organized for the Board, and provides Township bills for Board approval. Should there be a mid-term vacancy on the Board, the Clerk serves and votes with the remaining Board members to fill the vacancy; otherwise the Clerk does not vote. The Town Clerk officially starts the required Annual Town Meeting in March, arranges for trained election judges and oversees the various local, state and national elections. In addition a Clerk keeps up on new rules and reporting requirements, arranges for office hours and distributes various materials and information to our citizens (including in the *Newsletter*), and much more. In other words, the Town Clerk performs much of the day to day management of our Township.

One of the hallmarks of our Clerk, Ann Cox, is the thorough, accurate and professional way in which she carries out these responsibilities and facilitates the work of the Town Board. Ann has arranged the 12 hours per week (plus official meetings) that the Township pays for, so the Town Hall is open both daytime and evening hours to accommodate residents. Various County and State officials and auditors with whom she deals have remarked on how well our Township office is maintained – old records can be found, information can be provided in a timely fashion and our reports get in more accurately and on time than is true of most Townships with whom they deal.

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In addition, for 13 years, Ann has been a volunteer **First Responder** and treasurer of our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department. Because she lives and works in the Township, Ann is often the first or only person available to respond to medical and fire emergencies, especially during the daytime.

Ann was selected to be a member of the **St. Louis County Rescue Squad** where she received a recognition in training and is now 2nd Lieutenant and finance officer. Ann is in the command circle that brings her to many of the emergency situations you read about in the paper (e.g. searches for missing children and adults, river and lake searches for drowning victims, medical emergencies, etc.). She has received special training in simulations of air crash search and rescue, disaster preparedness, school bus accidents, etc. Because of her position, she is on hand at public events such as July 4th, the air show, etc. There are many local families who express their deep appreciation for her competence, compassion and respectfulness during emergencies.

Our Township is very fortunate to have someone so able and dedicated to our community and its citizens. Many thanks, Ann!

Oriented Business Ordinance was adopted (*see legal notice listed on page 4, above*). Town Hall flooring was refinished. A maintenance person is needed and a job description will be posted (see ad, page 5). *Planning:* Rajavouri property junk car issue was noted. Light Industrial Use 3 zone informational meeting set for Sept 7th. A letter will be sent to adjoining property owners. *Recycling* is busy. *Roads:* Will check missing barricade on North Ryan. Road chloride is coming (on a barge but location unknown! St Louis County orders and applies this). A letter is being sent to County Commissioners asking that they support the non-smoking ordinance. Old ordinances will be scheduled for review and needed update.

The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday) Sept. 14th and Oct. 12th at 7:00pm in the Town Hall.

Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

June 22nd meeting. Attending: Dave Chura, Janet Green, Adam Hendrickson, Michael Kahl, Sue Lawson and Planning Commission Chair, Dave Miller. Carolyn Marino is Commission Secretary. Wayne Dahlberg is Planning Administrator and John Kessler is Assistant to the Planning Administrator.

A public hearing for a lot coverage variance (from 25% to 50% impervious surface) for *The Lighthouse Restaurant*, 5730 Homestead Road. A stormwater management plan was presented. Wayne Dahlberg and Sue Lawson were part of the design team. Sue stepped down and sat in the audience. Wayne presented the variance request for the project. Seating for 96 and 48 vehicle parking is planned. Variance was approved. Larry Nesgoda raised screening and pollution concerns about Darrell Rajavouri's property. Screening requirements will be discussed in July. Stan Hendrickson wants to lease some Heinz Beachway Motel property to locate a 1902 street car for his business. A variance is needed but the property owner needs to apply. A revised fee structure was approved by the Board in June.

Stormwater management plan grant: John Geissler is working on his MA at UMD. He is working on a project to help land owners in our Township use a web site that will show steps in developing a stormwater plan, show important contacts, and allow residents to get maps of their property to help satisfy stormwater management plan ordinance requirements. He will be working with the Township until November (*see notice of a free class at the left on this page*).

A letter was drafted to send to over 100 people, inviting them to attend a September 7th information meeting on our Light Industrial Use zones. This is a public meeting. Janet Green updated the Commission on the Stoney Point Odyssey land swap and implementation of the North Shore Management Plan.

Next Planning Commission meetings: (4th Thursday) Sept. 28th and Oct. 26th at 7:00pm, Town Hall. Residents are invited to attend these meetings.

**FREE TRAINING
for Duluth Township Landowners**

John Geissler

Learn how to find

- aerial photos of your land
- topographical maps
- soil and watershed information
- and much more...free from the internet.

Where: North Shore Community School Computer Lab

When: Pick the date that works best for you....

Thursday, September 21st 7-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3rd 7-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11th 7- 8:00 p.m.

Limited space...please register by contacting John Geissler at 721-3731 or geiss020@d.umn.edu

Summary of Town Board Meetings

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

July 13th meeting. All Supervisors were present. Janet Johanson, Treasurer, reported \$150,332.71 deposits, \$25,155.95 expenses and a balance of \$750,693.51. WLSSD will not have roadside recycling in our area. *No police or fire reports.* Corlis will request that Fire Chief Lampi or a representative attend Board meetings to provide reports. Sheri Camper, *NSCS Director*, reported that the asbestos abatement is complete. Funds will be needed from capital reserves. \$72,136.42 was approved to cover costs of the building's sprinkler system. It is anticipated that \$60,000. will be needed to pay for other capital improvements in 2007. A window was broken and a computer taken from NSCS. An addendum to the NSCS lease was approved. Jeanne Anderson, is stepping down as Community Center Event Coordinator but will help train a replacement (see ad, page 5). Jeanne Anderson was appointed as Board representative to the NSCS Endowment Board. *Legal:* The Sexually



News Bulletin

Calendar of Events:

Aug. 28-31	Staff workshop week
Sept. 5	First day of school
Oct. 19-20	No School- MEA
Nov. 22-24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22	
-Jan. 2	Mid Winter Break
Jan. 19	No School
Feb. 19-23	Winter Break
March 9	No School
April 2-6	Spring Break
May 25 & 28	Memorial Day Break
June 7	Last day of school

Director's Corner:

Summer construction season ending, Students return to NSCS on Sept. 5

After a summer full of construction, ladders, and dust, the Community Center is almost ready for North Shore Community School staff and students.

All remaining asbestos ceiling tiles were removed from the building and then a sprinkler system was installed. This improvement was required by the fire marshal.

As long as we were tearing apart ceilings, it seemed like a good time to replace the old tiles with drop ceilings and new lighting. Students and teachers will truly benefit from the improved lighting in the classrooms.

Both NSCS and Duluth Township helped to pay for the required sprinkler and other improvements.

Staff Changes Announced

There are also some changes to the NSCS staff for the 2006-2007 school year. Ms. Harich resigned from her Kindergarten position to pursue other interests. We will miss her greatly.

Before posting a position to the public, NSCS has a process for internal movement if an employee has the correct licensure.

Enroll today at North Shore Community School!

Openings in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades.

Ms. Hartman will be the Kindergarten teacher and Ms. Wood will then assume the 5th grade vacancy left by Ms. Hartman! They are both very excited to make these changes and are looking forward to meeting students and families.

Ms. Wood joined the NSCS staff last April as a Special Education teacher, but she is also licensed to teach K-6.

I'm ready for another great school year at North Shore Community School and am looking forward to seeing all of our students file into the building on Sept. 5!

- Sheri Camper, NSCS Director



5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804

Sheri Camper, Director
 B.J. Kohlstedt, Curriculum Coord.
 Machelde Lampela, Ass't Busi. Mgr
 Heidi Horoshak, Admin. Assistant

NSCS Board Members:

Amy Giddings, chair
 B.J. Kohlstedt Uwe Kausch
 Kristi Lounsberry Robert Nelson
 George Sundstrom Robbie Tietge

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

We invite your questions and concerns. For more information, call 218-525-0663 or visit www.northshorecommunityschool.org.

NSCS Fall BBQ set for Sept. 15

Everyone is invited to attend and kick off the school year with their neighbors at North Shore Community School, Sept. 15.



NSCS staff serenade the crowd with an original song at the 2005 Fall BBQ.

The event kicks off with an Open House, 5-5:30 p.m. A delicious BBQ dinner with hot dogs, hamburgers, carrots, and more will be served from 5:30—6:30 p.m. A brief program will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Delicious BBQ hot dogs, hamburgers, carrots, watermelon, and more will be served.

The event is sponsored by the NSCS Board of Directors and NSCS PTA. Donations are appreciated and are essential to continuing such celebrations in the future.

The Annual Fall BBQ is a great way to meet the NSCS staff and learn about the coming school year.

Special Orientation for all Kindergarten Parents, New Families on Sept. 5

Parents and guardians of Kindergarten children, and children new to North Shore Community School are encouraged to attend a special orientation on the first day of school, Sept. 5, at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

The orientation will begin after the children have been settled in their classrooms. Sheri Camper, NSCS director,

will provide information about North Shore Community School as a charter and public school in the state of Minnesota.

In addition, information about events and programs will be discussed with plenty of time for questions! Cookies and coffee will be served. For questions, contact the school office at 525-0663.

- Sheri Camper, NSCS Director

Nationwide survey shows today's kids are environmentally savvy—NSCS focus!

Kids across America are turning off the lights, shutting off the water, and recycling their trash! According to the findings of the "Caring About America" survey, 99% of kids ages six to 11 surveyed across the country believe that it's important to take care of the environment.

According to the survey, unlike previous generations, today's kids are quick to conserve energy by turning off the lights when they leave a room (83%), conserve water by turning off the tap when they're brushing their teeth (84%), and recycle (82%), giving Mom and Dad fewer things to remind them about. A majority of those kids surveyed (65%) even report bringing their lunch to school in a reusable container.

Given that 96% of those parents whose kids were surveyed believe it's important

to teach kids about caring for the environment, it's no surprise that elementary kids are getting the message—and viewing themselves as an active part of the process with students report hearing the message from both their teachers (78%) and their parents (79%).

Grade-school kids are also listening in science class. A whopping 84% understand that trees are important to the environment because they provide oxygen for us to breathe.

The Doubletree "Caring About America" Survey was conducted in March 2006 by Kelton Research. The survey polled 400 parents and 400 pre-teens across the U.S. to learn more about the attitudes and actions of parents and kids on the environment and taking care of it.

- BJ Kohlstedt, Curriculum Director

NSCS PTA activities underway for 2006-07

NSCS PTA is kicking off the 2006-07 school year with a flurry of activity.

This year PTA meetings will be conducted on the first Thursday of the month, alternating times at 3:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to allow more people to attend meetings.

The PTA Halloween Carnival is scheduled for Oct. 27. This event provides the majority of the funds to support classroom field trips, programs like Junior Great Books, the fifth grade puppeteer week, and the Winter Frolic.

The PTA's annual pie sale has been moved to the fall, just in time for Thanksgiving Day. Pie order forms will be sent home the week of Sept. 11. Orders will also be taken at the Fall BBQ. All orders will need to be turned in to the school office by Oct. 23. Pies will be available for pick up in the afternoon on Nov. 14.

A complete calendar of PTA events will be available at the first PTA meeting, Sept. 7.

- Michelle Libby, PTA co-president

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Due to production delays, 2005-06 Yearbooks will be distributed to students in grades K—5 in September 06. Sixth graders without siblings will receive their copies in the mail.

- The School Tool Boxes will be available for pick up in the lobby any time between 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Aug. 29, 30 and 31. If parents cannot make it during these times, they can call Heidi at 525-0663. If all else fails, they'll be in the lobby on the first day of school.

- NSCS is working very hard to secure bus pick up times for our students. If you have any questions, you can call the Lake Superior School District bus garage at 834-8240.





NSCS PTA invites the community to come to the Annual Halloween Carnival
Friday, October 27
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Come & enjoy great food, games, Costume Contest and BINGO. Raffle prizes will be announced.



The Town Hall's Spiffy Dance Floor

Dan Tanner, Supervisor

If you haven't been in the town hall since July, head over and check out the floors. They are absolutely gorgeous and can support some serious dancing, as anyone who attended the "Come on Home" party a few weeks ago can tell you. Shortly after assuming the Town Hall responsibility, I called Mike from Riverside Flooring to find out what we needed to do to restore the floors to their former beauty. Mike informed me that because the floors had been previously waxed, buffing would not be sufficient and we would have to sand them down. Finishes will not adhere if any wax is present (waxing hardwood floors is no longer recommended as part of their care). After some heavy lifting by a volunteer crew to remove all the furniture, including the piano, Mike's crew sanded the floors and refinished them with three coats of hard polyurethane varnish. This took a week. Then we carefully moved the podiums, tables, chairs, and piano back onto the floor. To prevent unnecessary scratching and gouging, we replaced about 500 chair leg tips with soft rubber tips, and replaced all the plastic wheels on chairs, tables and podiums with soft rubber wheels. I also arranged for floor mats to be placed at the entrances and beneath the table; these will be picked up and replaced once a month.

We need your help to keep our floors looking terrific. No, I won't ask you to go around in your stocking feet, as some rumors have it (although I'll applaud anyone who does). Instead, we need everyone to do the "Minnesota stomp" on the floor mats whenever it is wet, muddy, or snowy. In addition, the way we clean the floors has changed: We no longer mop the floors with hot soapy water; instead we use a special hardwood cleaning solution and special mops to clean the floor. Of course, any spills or food should be wiped up immediately with a clean cloth; it is very important not to let liquids remain on the floor. There is a floor cleaning procedure posted on the kitchen refrigerator and inside the janitor's closet.

The future: Mike from Riverside Flooring also informed me that, because the floor gets much heavier use than a typical residential floor, we will need to rebuff and refinish the floor every 1-2 years depending upon the actual wear. This will save us from completely re-sanding again. We may only have 2 or 3 sandings left before the floor boards are too thin to re-sand (at which point the nails begin to show through and we will have to lay a new floor). With a little care, we should be able to enjoy these beautiful maple floors for years to come.

*Thanks to all the residents who volunteer in many ways to help out in our Township -- setting up the Town Hall or Community Center for events, serving on boards and committees, helping with recycling and Town Hall maintenance, responding to fire, medical and police emergencies, picking up along our roads, helping neighbors, working on projects such as the shore sewer, zoning, our community center and school, etc. Duluth Township couldn't work without volunteers. Thanks!
If you want to volunteer, call the Town Hall (525-5705).*

*"Volunteering is the rent you pay to live in a good township."
Ken Hendrickson*



The D&IR Lake Division - Part 2

Todd Lindahl

Building the Lake Division to Duluth differed in several ways from the 1883 construction of the mainline to Soudan. The terrain was relatively flat with no large hills or steep grades to contend with. There were no large swamps to cross and the curves were not sharp. What it did have was many creeks and rivers to deal with, rock to blast, and red clay -- lots and lots of red clay along the entire length of the new track. Disposing of this material became an annoying problem. Then someone came up with the idea of hauling it to a trestle on flatcars and dumping it into the river. Then it was just a matter of letting the stream carry it away to Lake Superior. It was a cheap and easy solution to the problem, but as with many seemingly great ideas, there was an unseen flaw in the plan. Once the streams delivered the mud to the lake, the current took over and carried it toward Duluth. The city pumping station was at Lester Park and the water it drew from the lake was unfiltered and untreated. Thus if the water was full of mud in the lake, that was exactly what you got from the city water line. It didn't take long before the railroad men noticed the fouled water being carried in that direction. Luckily, the current kept it away from the intake pipe, but the practice of dumping into the rivers was immediately stopped.

At one point a horse team became mired in a mud hole and another team had to be brought over to pull them out. As the work began to wind down, on December 15th a rock from the last dynamite charge hit contractor F. L. Erickson in the head. He survived his injury, but two other workmen had been killed during the course of the work on the 26-mile long line. One of these fatalities occurred when a rock rolled down on a man, and a premature explosion caused the other.

A total of 300,000 cubic yards of earth and 35,000 cubic yards of rock had been moved. 4,500 yards of masonry walls were built and 1,500,000 feet of lumber used. Also required were 70,000 pounds of bolts, 80,000 railroad ties, and 21,000 feet of timber pilings. On December 20, 1886 the first regularly scheduled train, which was a passenger train, left Duluth at 8:10 A. M. and arrived at Soudan at 12:45 P. M. The D&IR had fulfilled its obligation to build to Duluth and received its long awaited land grant. December 20th was a very good day.



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Email: TownHall@duluthtownship.org

Town Office Hours: Tues. and Wed. 12:30-3:30
(starting Oct 1st Tu/W 9am-12am)
Thursday 9:00-12:00 and 4:00-7:00

Supervisors:

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or Email: TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org
Cemetery: **Denise Connolly** 525-7161 or 525-1902
or Email: Cemetery@duluthtownship.org
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Assistant to the Administrator: **John Kessler**
393-8500 or Town Hall hours: 3:30-6:30 Tues/Wed.
Starting Oct. 1st hours: 3:30-6:30 Wed. only
or Email: JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org
Planning and Zoning Secretary: **Carolyn Marino**
Email: CarolynMarino@duluthtownship.org
Planning and Zoning Committee: **Sue Lawson** (Chair), and
Dave Miller (Vice Chair), **Dave Chura**, **Jan Green**, **Adam Hendrickson**, **Michael Kahl**, and **Seth Levanen**.
Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org
Peace Officers: **Chief Shawn Padden**, **Officers: Mike Peterson, Steve Peterson**
Emergencies 9-1-1, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407
Email: DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org
Fire Department: **Chief Barry Lampi**, **Assistant Chief Bob Engleson** Email: FireHall@duluthtownship.org
Community Center Event Coordinator: **Jeanne Anderson**
525-0663 x208 or
Email: EventCoordinator@duluthtownship.org
Note: Where possible, email is forwarded to the person, otherwise it is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up.

Township Recycling Centers

North site – at the Town Hall, on Homestead Road

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.

Meetings continue to arrange for re-opening at some point.
(Drop off only during recycling hours)