

Wishing you Happiness and Peace in 2007

Duluth Township Newsletter

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Wendy Anderson, Ann Cox, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hooley, Michael Kahl, Carolyn Marino, Janet McTavish, and our Township webmaster, **Linda Holliday.** Note: If you would be willing to provide a masthead drawing or picture, leave a note at the Town Hall.

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What's Coming Up?

Some Topics and Issues Being Considered.

Job Opening: Secretary for Planning Commission, deadline is January 20th. (see article).

Position Open on Planning Commission: (See article). Application deadline is February 1st.

Filing for Town Supervisor. Filing is open from January 2nd to 5pm on January 16th at our Town Hall. The filing fee is \$2.00. Our Township election is held March 13th before our *Annual Town Meeting*. Two positions will be on the ballot. Information on candidates will be in the March Newsletter.

Community Education – 7 Winter Classes.

Information on classes and an Enrollment Form is enclosed on an insert in this Newsletter.

Drug Information presentation by our Police Department. Call if you are interested in attending.

THE HOMESTEADERS

Helen Hendrickson

January 3rd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. New Year's Pot-Luck and Bingo.

February 7th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Roy Mattson speaking on personal experiences in WWII.

March 7th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. To be announced.

Everyone is welcome. For information, call 525-4154

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DAYCARE OPENINGS

Call Mindy at 727-2528 -- Torgeson Road

Paid Advertisement

Skating Rink at our Community Center

Supervisor Wendy Anderson

Flooding will soon begin, we are currently putting in new electrical service for lights and heat in the warming shack. The Town Board would like to thank **Erick Bergerson** and **Gary Johnston** for offering to help organize the flooding of the two rinks.

Skating Rink Hours this year are:

Weekdays: 4pm-9pm

Weekends: 10am to 9pm

We have purchased timers so the lights will automatically shut off.

Rules for our new Hockey/Pleasure Skating Rink:

- ▶ The Township or NSCS will not be responsible for thefts, accidents or injuries.
- ▶ Younger children (under 13) should not be left at the rink unattended.
- ▶ No rough playing.
- ▶ Children under 12 have priority on the hockey rink until 7:00pm.
- ▶ Absolutely no hockey playing or sticks outside the hockey rink.
- ▶ Recommended protective gear to be worn by ALL while playing hockey.
- ▶ Use of soft rubber pucks only!

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.



Robin Whaley
218-834-6454

Stay at Home
PET CARE SERVICES

Dependable pet care in your home.

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Found: If you have lost three golden retriever puppies, about 2 months old, call Jim & Jody Ward, 525-5724.

Mailed to **918** Duluth Township homes and businesses. Copies are available at the Town Hall. Please send your comments and suggestions to the volunteer *Newsletter* editor, Don McTavish at the Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or use the *NewsBox* on the Town Hall porch. The Newsletter is printed locally by **BB&K Printing**, and mailed for us by **UDAC**.

Septic Repair, Sand, Gravel, Lime Stone Rock and Large Rock. Call **Walt 525-5092** -- I wish to thank Duluth Township and all the other folks who have done business with me through the years. Call anytime.

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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

Jan 2006	Roger Rose, 5252 McQuade Road
July 2006	Donna Brenna, 1456 West Knife River Road
Oct 2006	Robert Mohs, 5163 Greenwood Road
Dec 2006	Priscilla Sklors, 714 Hayes St, Eveleth, MN

Township Police Department

Shawn Padden, Police Chief

A **Drug Awareness presentation** will be held in January (time to be announced later). If you are interested in attending, notify the Police Dept if you are interested in attending, or call the Town Hall 525-5705.

There were 69 police events reported for November. The Police are focusing more attention on the school.

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

A \$5000 DNR matching grant was received to purchase needed hose nozzles and a slide-in grass fire water pump.

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!!

Summary of Town Board Meetings

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

November 9th meeting. All five Supervisors attended. *Audience concerns:* Possible extension of City of Duluth water line, short-term rental issue, increased TV static possibly due to powerline increase, legal representation for the Township and Odyssey. The Board is considering updating the Junk Car Ordinance but tabled suggested changes and asked the Town Attorney to review relevant laws. *Police:* **Richard Swanson** was hired as a part-time officer. *Fire:* Engine #2 is back on line after repair problems. *Community Center:* Sprinkler system is fully functional including water tank and generator. Grant for window replacement has been submitted. The Building

Addition Team (BAT) was approved to continue their feasibility study of adding to the Community Center. *Legal:* Odyssey Development wanted to use our Town Attorney's law firm in proceeding with their Stoney Point development. The Board was unwilling to approve Odyssey's request to waive conflict of interest. Our Township may have to seek alternative legal council in this instance. Legal action is being pursued in a case where a building is being constructed but the owner has not acquired a land use permit after several reminders. **Keith Darsow** was hired part-time to help **Jody Anderson** with Township maintenance tasks. A short-term rental policy was referred to the Planning Commission for inclusion in our zoning ordinance.

The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday) Jan. 11th and Feb. 8th at 7:00pm in the Town Hall.

Residents are urged to attend these public meetings

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

October 26th meeting. All members attended. *Audience concerns:* Short term rental policy needed. The rental policy will be sent to the Town Board for review. John Geissler reported on the Stormwater project and map training classes he held for Township residents. Attendance at the group discussing possible LIU performance standards has been disappointing. Many letters about the meetings have been sent to relevant land owners. The Hennessey vegetation plan which was agreed upon as a condition of a variance has not yet been submitted. Enforcement guidelines were discussed.

Next Planning Commission meetings: (4th Thursday) Jan. 25th and Feb. 22nd at 7:00pm, Town Hall

Residents are invited to attend these meetings.

Rural North Shore Senior Housing Initiative

A group of residents exploring ways to help our seniors stay in our community.

The Committee's next meeting is January 8th (2nd Monday each month) at 7pm in the Town Hall. Officers for the year will be elected. Interested residents are invited to participate. For more information contact: Helen Hendrickson, 525-4154.

Building Addition Team (BAT)

The Town Board asked the group to continue their work. The next meeting is 7:00pm Tuesday, January 2nd, Town Hall (first Monday).

Light Industrial Use (LIU) Districts Group

Michael Kahl

The Planning and Zoning subcommittee is still seeking comment regarding the Limited Industrial Use (LIU) parcel classification. Consolidation of the Rural Industry/LIU designations has been discussed. Performance standards which already exist within the zoning ordinance is being considered for use in this new district classification. Discussion of this possible classification change will be addressed in the January 25, 2007 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. For further information, please contact Michael Kahl through the Town Office (a note or message at 525-5705).

Duluth Township Information

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
 Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),
 fax (218) 525-3845, web site: www.duluthtownship.org. or
 Email: TownHall@duluthtownship.org

Town Office Hours: Tues. and Wed. 9am-12am
 Thursday 9:00-12:00 and 4:00-7:00

Supervisors:

Wendy Anderson (2005-2008) **Vice Chair**, 525-0263
 or Email: WendyAnderson@duluthtownship.org
 (responsibilities: Community Center, Board of
 Adjustment, Personnel, Planning, Senior Housing,
 Building Addition Team), Recycling (South meetings)

Jeff Cook, (2006-2009) 525-4010
 or Email: JeffCook@duluthtownship.org
 (responsibilities: Road & Bridge, Planning, D/NSSD,
 McQuade Harbor Joint Powers, North Shore Mgmt
 Board, RSPT Stormwater)

Stephen Dahl, (2004-2007) 525-4679 or
 Email: SteveDahl@duluthtownship.org
 (responsibilities: Road & Bridge, Community Center)

Dan Tanner (2005-2008) **Board Chair**, 525-4087
 or Email: DanTanner@duluthtownship.org
 (responsibilities: Cemetery, Town Hall, Recycling
 (South meetings), Personnel, Outside Township
 Meetings – St Louis County and Duluth)

Corlis West, (2004-2007) 525-7719
 or Email: CorlisWest@duluthtownship.org
 (responsibilities: Fire, Police, Newsletter, Sr. Hsg.)

Town Clerk: **Ann Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
 or Email: TownClerk@duluthtownship.org

Treasurer: **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
 or Email: TownTreasurer@duluthtownship.org

Attorney: **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)
 or Email: TownAttorney@duluthtownship.org

Cemetery: **Denise Connolly** 525-7161 or 525-1902
 or Email: Cemetery@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Administrator: **Wayne Dahlberg**
 Assistant to the Administrator: **John Kessler**
393-8500 or Town Hall hours: 3:30-6:30 Wed.
 or Email: JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Secretary: **Carolyn Marino**
 Email: CarolynMarino@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Committee: **Dave Miller** (Chair), **Dave Chura** (Vice Chair), **Sue Lawson**, **Jan Green**, **Adam Hendrickson**, **Michael Kahl**, and **Seth Levanen**.

Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org

Peace Officers: **Chief Shawn Padden**, **Officers: Mike Peterson, Steve Peterson and Rick Swanson.**
 Emergencies 9-1-1, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407
 Email: DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org

Fire Department: **Chief Barry Lampi**, **Assistant Chief Bob Engelson** Email: FireHall@duluthtownship.org

Community Events Coordinator: **Anne Miller** 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 project.
 (Drop off only during recycling hours)

Township Calendar

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

January 2007

- 2, Tue, 7:00 BAT committee meets, Town Hall
- 2, Tue, Start of time to file to run for Supervisor.
- 3, Wed, 12:30 **HOMESTEADER'S** meet Town Hall
- 3, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 8, Mon, 7pm **Senior Housing** group, Town Hall.
- 10, Wed, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 11, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 15, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 16, Tue, 5:00pm Last day to file to run for Township Supervisor (*note office hours are 9-12 today*).
- 17, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* Training Hall #1
- 20, Tue, Application deadline for Planning Commission *Secretary* position.
- 25, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

February 2007

- 1, Thu, Deadline to submit application to fill the one opening in our Planning Commission.
- 6, Tue, 7:00 BAT committee meets, Town Hall
- 7, Wed, 12:30 **HOMESTEADER'S**, Town Hall
- 7, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 8, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 12, Mon, 7pm **Senior Housing** group, Town Hall.
- 14, Wed, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 19, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 21, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* training, Hall #1
- 22, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 23, Mon. Deadline for March Newsletter

March 2007

- 6, Tue, 7:00pm, BAT committee meets, Town Hall
- 7, Wed, 12:30 **HOMESTEADER'S**, Town Hall
- 7, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 8, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 12, Mon, 7:00pm **Senior Housing** group, Town Hall
- 13, Tue, 7:00am-8:00pm Supervisor **Election**
- 13, Tue, 8:15pm Annual **Town Meeting**, Town Hall
- 14, Wed, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran
- 19, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
- 21, Wed, 7:00pm *Volunteer Fire Dept:* training
- 22, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

Skating Rink Hours: (Community Center, Ryan Road):
 Weekdays: 4pm – 9pm
 Weekends: 10am – 9pm

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2007

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If your name and address are in error or you know of someone who is not receiving a Newsletter, please send a note to the Newsletter Editor at the Town Hall (News box on the Town Hall porch). Extra copies are also available in the Town Hall.

Planning Commission Opening.

Dedicated residents who would like to serve a term on the Planning Commission should apply by February 1st to fill one vacancy.

The job involves becoming familiar with our adopted Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, preparing for and attending monthly meetings, applying the ordinance in various land use issues including hearings for variances and conditional use permits, working on projects that are envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan for the Township, etc. Interviews will be scheduled after February 1st. The Town Board appoints Planning Commission members.

Send a letter summarizing your background, experience and interests to Dave Miller, Chair, Planning Commission at the Town Hall, or give it to Carolyn Marino or Ann Cox at the Town Hall. **Application deadline is February 1st.**

Duluth Township Community Center Winter Class Offerings

Anne Miller, Event Coordinator

If you are interested in teaching a class or have comments or concerns, please contact Anne Miller at 525-0663 x208 or by email at EventCoordinator@duluthtownship.org (see insert).

Township Job Opening

Planning and Zoning Secretary Position Open

Dave Miller, Chair Planning & Zoning Commission

Applications are now being accepted for the secretary position for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Duties include attending and taking minutes at P&Z meetings; maintaining electronic and paper files and handling variance and conditional use permit procedures. Basic computer skills such as email, word processing and filing as well as knowledge of office management procedures are required. Salary: \$10/hr.

Hours of work: 16-20 hours/month from April through October (day and time to be determined); and approximately 8 hrs/month from November through March; in addition to this the secretary needs to be flexible and respond as needed throughout the year.

A complete Position Description is available at the Town Hall. For more information contact: Dave Miller, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission – 525-1555.

Resumes must be submitted by January 20, 2007 to: Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804, Attn: Dave Miller.



Duluth Township Community Education

Winter Class Offerings

2007

GEO CACHING 101

A fun new sport called Geo caching has been attracting players of all age groups and interests worldwide. Using coordinates found on the internet; players locate the geo cache using GPS receivers. Geo Caching 101 will teach participants how to use a GPS receiver and how to play the game. If you don't own a GPS receiver one will be available for the class. This class is designed for adults and children ages twelve and above, and is a great opportunity for anyone interested in using a GPS receiver and discovering a new pastime. Youth 12 and above must be accompanied by an adult. 1 hour in computer lab, the remaining time outside – dress for both.

*\$20 per team or \$25 for adult and two children.

Saturday	Feb. 10	
9:30 – 12:00 noon	\$20 per team – 1 class	
North Shore Community School	Computer Room	

MINNESOTA TRAPPER EDUCATION

Improve your knowledge of Minnesota's furbearers and provide basic information needed to trap them in a responsible manner. Learn basic techniques and how to avoid many of the most common trapping mistakes. Course is geared primarily to young people ten years old and older. This course fulfills the State requirement for all first time license holders but will also be of interest to individuals of any age with an interest in the outdoors. Shawn Johnson Instructor.

Mondays	Jan. 8 – Mar. 12
6:30-8:00 pm	\$20 – 10 classes
North Shore Community School	Science Room

**No class Feb. 19th*

SCIENCE CLUB – Rubber Band Cars

Come and participate in a hands-on science program where you will use science knowledge and experimentation to build Rubber Band Powered Cars, while using a variety of materials like cardboard, paper plates, dowels, and rubber bands. This class will be taught by 5th grade teacher, Angela Wood. Open to all students in grades 4-6.

Tuesdays	Jan. 9 – Feb. 27
3:00-4:30 pm	\$35 – 7 classes
North Shore Community School	Portable 1

**No class Feb. 20th*



12 PAGES FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK

Make 12 pages for your scrapbook with your choice of theme and colors. In this 4 hour class you will learn a system you can use over and over. Get ideas on getting started scrap booking without feeling overwhelmed. Start preserving your memories now. This class will benefit all skill levels. Bring plenty of tape runner adhesive, a 12 x 12 paper trimmer and a beverage. I will supply a treat! There will be a raffle too! Any questions call Pam Wiseman at #525-0187 or email at pjy1@msn.com.

Saturday	Jan. 13
10:00 – 2:00 pm	\$32 – 1 class
North Shore Community School	Cafeteria

FLY TYING

Increase your satisfaction in catching fish, use flies you have tied yourself. Classes will take you from “no clue” to “I know how to tie most classic fly types”. Classes will be a progression from simple to more complex. Class is limited to no more than 6 individuals to ensure more one-on-one instruction. Come and have fun. Howard McCormick instructor.

Thursdays	Jan. 18 – Feb. 15
6:30-8:30 pm	\$40 - 5 classes
North Shore Community School	Science Room



MIND BODY WELLNESS

Make a New Years resolution to improve your sense of wellbeing and reduce 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	Jan. 8 – Mar. 12
6:00 – 7:30 pm	\$75 - 9 classes
North Shore Community School	Library

**No class Feb. 19th*

ADULT VOLLEYBALL – Tuesday evenings

A non-competitive volleyball group will meet at the North Shore Community School gym. Players will follow standard volleyball regulation rules (no “jungle” volleyball). If you have questions please contact Amy Bergerson at #525-3792.

Tuesdays	Jan. 2 – Feb. 27
7:00 - 8:30 pm	\$15 - 8 weeks
North Shore Community School	Gym

**No class Feb. 20th*



Watch for Spring Class Offerings

The Spring Class flyer will be coming out in the March 2007 Duluth Township Newsletter.

If you are interested in teaching a class please contact Anne Miller at #525-1555 or by email damiller1988@msn.com.

***Registration form located on the back of this flyer**

Complete and mail the registration form with payment to: Duluth Township Community Education, 5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804. Please make checks payable to: Duluth Township Community Education. 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 Anne Miller at (218) 525-1555 or email damiller1988@msn.com.

Duluth Township Community Education Registration

5926 Ryan Road, Duluth MN 55804 * #525-1555 * damiller1988@msn.com



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 Education. 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.



News Bulletin

Calendar of Events:

- Jan. 2 School resumes
- Jan. 4 PTA Meeting, 3:15 p.m.
- Jan. 9 Geography Bee, time to be announced
- Jan. 15 NSCS Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 19 NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 14 NSCS Endowment Fund Valentine Ski and Supper Event
- Feb. 19—23 Winter Break NO SCHOOL
- March 24 PTA Musical *Peter Pan*

NSCS members elect two board representatives, hear update at Nov. 20 Annual Meeting

North Shore Community School (NSCS) conducted its annual school board elections and member meeting on Nov. 20.

There were two open positions—a teacher representative position and a community member position—on the School Board. Each position serves for a three year term.

Second grade teacher Dayna Stretar was elected as a teacher representative, taking the place of music teacher Amy Giddings. "I'm excited to serve on the Board," Stretar said.

NSCS parent Janis Kivela Hooley was also elected to fill a community representative position left vacant by community member Uwe Kausch.

In addition, NSCS members attending the Nov. 20 Annual Meeting received an update on the school's financial and operating performance over the past year.

Copies of the NSCS Annual Report were distributed at the meeting and to all voters.

- John Dover, Sixth Grade Teacher

NSCS Holiday Concert draws enthusiastic crowd

It was standing room only in the NSCS gymnasium on Dec. 19 as parents, siblings, grandparents, and friends packed the gymnasium for the 2006 NSCS Holiday Concert.

Students of all ages, the band, and even the teachers performed a variety of songs drawing enthusiastic applause.

To accommodate the anticipated crowd, this year's concert featured two performances—at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.



5926 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN 55804

Sheri Camper, Director
B.J. Kohlstedt, Curriculum Coordinator
Machelle Lampela, Business Manager
Heidi Horoshak, Admin. Assistant

NSCS Board Members:

George Sundstrom, chair
Janis Kivela Hooley B.J. Kohlstedt
Kristi Lounsbury Robert Nelson
Dana Stretar 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.

Director's Corner:

Duluth Township Police help with school safety plans, activities

NSCS is adding to its list of familiar faces around school. Duluth Township police officers are making regular, and very welcome, visits to the school!

This fall national media attention focused on some violent incidents that occurred in small rural schools. I started thinking more and more about how to keep our children and staff members safe in the event of a crisis.

When I approached Duluth Township Chief Shawn Padden about an increased police presence at North Shore Community School, I learned that he had been thinking about the

same thing. Shawn, Mike Peterson and/or Steve Peterson now include a stop at the school in their weekly Township rounds, often on Fridays.

Shawn, and his wife Ann, recently attended a meeting with school staff to discuss ways to increase safety in our building and what to do in the event of a shooting or bomb threat situation. Ann is a police officer for the city of Duluth and the liaison to one of the high schools. She brought a wealth of information and ideas to the meeting.

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NSCS Endowment Fund Holiday fund drive

Invest in your community, and make a charitable contribution to the North Shore Community School (NSCS) Endowment Fund.

The NSCS Endowment Fund is a special fund that provides money for projects or programs at our local school. The fund is managed by the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation, which retains and invests all donations.

Each year, the NSCS Endowment Fund Board of Directors awards money to selected school programs or projects. Only the interest earned on the principal is used each year, so donations remain invested for the future.

Awards are given to projects that focus on strengthening the connection between our school's children and the community. During

2006, Endowment Fund grants were given to assist with these great programs:

- Environmental Education Partnerships for NSCS-based educational programming.
- NSCS Pre-School Scholarship funding.

During this year's holiday fundraising drive, if we reach our goal of raising \$5,500, the local Korkki Nordic Center Board of Directors will give a generous matching gift of \$300. Please support local education.

Mark your calendars! The **Valentine Ski and Supper** event again on **Feb. 14, 2007**. Tickets and more details for this fun event will be available in January.

- Beth Hendrickson, VP/Secretary

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We currently have a plan for a lockdown situation and the state requires us to have five lockdown drills. As our safety precautions and plans evolve, I will be updating parents and the community.

NSCS also asks for peace officer involvement on our committee that addresses tobacco, alcohol and drug prevention strategies. We do get some funding from the state for Safe and Drug Free Schools activities. Steve Peterson has graciously agreed to participate on that committee and has recently met with staff members to brainstorm ideas for teaching our students about the dangers and legal consequences of drug use.

I feel very fortunate to be able to work closely with our community police officers and to have their involvement in our school. When you see Shawn, Steve and Mike, please thank them for protecting our community, our school and our kids.

-Sheri Camper
NSCS Director

Spirit of Giving growing with NSCS students



Before the Holiday break, NSCS completed a Book Drive. Instead of exchanging gifts in the classroom, students and their families donated a new book or \$2 so that the classes could select and purchase a new book..

Students collected \$90 and purchased 302 books that were donated to the Salvation Army's Toys for Tots program.

- Sheri Camper, NSCS director



For the third year, NSCS was able to send 12 Thanksgiving dinner boxes to the Two Harbors Food Shelf.

Students in each classroom compiled the ingredients for a holiday dinner complete with appetizers and desserts! Staff members contributed a turkey and a couple Thanksgiving story books to each box.

PTA Winter Frolic plans underway, volunteers needed

The members of the PTA would like to thank all those who worked to make the Hockey rink a reality this year! There were a couple of crews that first helped clear the brush and remove the old boards, and replaced with the new boards. It looks great, and soon the hockey games will begin.

Winter Frolic, Feb. 3

This is a FREE event sponsored by the NSCS PTA for students and their families. Traditionally, the Winter Frolic is day at to enjoy outdoor games and activities.

With help from Mother Nature to give us some snow, the event planners hope to have dogsled rides, skating races, snow painting, hockey puck shoot, skating obstacle races, human dog sled

races. In addition, the 3rd and 4th grade boys basketball team will be scrimmaging against Lakewood Elementary. The cafeteria will also be offering tasty delights.

Nikki Carpenter is recruiting Winter Frolic volunteers to supervise the games. Most volunteer positions only require a one hour commitment. Please contact Nikki if you are willing to help out.

Mark Your Calendars!

The PTA Musical this year will feature Peter Pan. The performance is scheduled for March 24. Watch for more information on tryouts and practices after the Christmas break.

- Wendy Anderson, PTA vice president