



# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2007

## What's Coming Up...

**Annual Election and Town Meeting** — Vote on Tuesday, March 13th for two Supervisors. Three candidates have filed (see candidate statements). Voting is at the Town Hall from 7:00am to 8:00pm. Our Annual Town Meeting begins at 8:15pm. The Town Meeting includes any business that citizens wish to discuss plus a vote on the 2008 Town budget (see proposed budget article). Please do not enter the Town Hall for the Annual Meeting until after 8:15. Voting takes place until 8pm and voting materials have to be packed and secured.

**Volunteer Fire Fighter Openings**  
**Wanted: Paid Volunteer for Recycling Zoning Ordinance clarifications**, corrections and revisions are being pulled together by the Planning Commission. Once ready, they will announce an open house and public hearing.

**Building Assessment Team (BAT)** is meeting on building needs at our Community Center.

### Inserts in this Newsletter:

- ▶ Township Government 101, a bit of background on our governance.
- ▶ North Shore Community School (NSCS) news
- ▶ "Will Your Home Survive" how to protect against grass and forest fires.
- ▶ Our Community Education spring class listing.
- ▶ Supervisor candidate statements, 2008 Town budget (page 9-10)

## THE HOMESTEADERS

*Helen Hendrickson*

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Potluck and Bingo celebrating Homesteader's birthday.

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. "**Isle Royle Families—The Larsmo Connection**", a program about early life on the island presented by **Lou Mattson**, a descendant of a fishing family. Everyone is welcome

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. To be announced. **Everyone is welcome.** Information: 525-4154.

Licensed  
**DAYCARE OPENINGS**  
Call Mindy at 727-2528 -- Torgeson Road

Paid Advertisement

*Thanks to all contributors to this issue: Wendy Anderson, Nicole Barg, Sheri Camper, Ann Cox, Steve Dahl, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hooey, Janet Johansen, Kathy Johnson, Todd Lindahl, Janet McTavish, Dave Miller, Dave Mount, Doug Rowlett, Laney Schraufnagel, Mary Ann Sironen, George Sundstrom, and our Township webmaster, Linda Hollinaday. If you would be willing to provide a masthead drawing or picture, leave a note at the Town Hall.*

### Spring Forest Fire Danger

Our Township's forested areas are dry after a summer of little rain and low ground water levels. There will probably be an extended fire ban this spring. Burning permits are mandatory if there is less than 3 inches of snow on the ground. Please take extra precautions when burning. Be alert for fires, notify 911 and alert your neighbors if there is a fire problem in your area.

Doug Rowlett, DNR Area Forest Supervisor in Two Harbors provided us with a free brochure "**Will Your Home Survive?**". It contains tips on how to prepare your home area to minimize the threats from a grass or forest fire. The brochure is included in this Newsletter

**Vote**  
**Town Election**  
7am-8pm, Tues. March 13th  
Town Hall  
See candidate statements.  
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**Attend**  
**Annual Town Meeting**  
8:15pm, Tues. March 13th  
Town Hall  
See the proposed 2008 budget



**Robin Whaley**  
218-834-6454

**Stay at Home**  
PET CARE SERVICES

**Dependable pet care in your home.**

Paid Advertisement

**Community Education**

*Anne Miller, Community Education Coordinator*

The Spring class schedule is enclosed in this Newsletter. Seven classes are offered. For more information, contact Anne Miller at 525-1555 or by email at damiller1988@msn.com.

**Clifton Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders**

*Bob Engelson, Chief*

**2006 Activity** — 26 fires, 41 medical, 221 burning permits, 7 requests for information, totaling 295 events.

**Fire Alert** — Our Fire Department cautions everyone to be extremely careful with fire this spring. With the dry summer, lack of snow and low water table, we anticipate a busy wildland fire season.

**Chief Berry Lampi** has stepped down as Fire Chief and volunteer firefighter after some 16 years of service to our Township, the last 3 as Chief. He continues under contract for fire vehicle maintenance. Among the accomplishments in which Berry has had a part is a recent \$95,000 FEMA grant to replace the aging turnout gear for all of our volunteer fire fighters and a \$5,000 grant to purchase foam nozzles and a grass fire pump.

Over the past 16 years the Department acquired two newer fire engines and two tankers and built fire hall #1 on Ryan Road. Our ISO rating has also improved from 9 to 8. Many thanks to Berry's work and to the Department for all this development.

**Volunteer Fire Personnel Needed** — Call the Town Hall or Chief Bob Engelson at 525-6819.

**911 Signs** need to be clearly posted for emergency personnel to see, especially at night. Check your sign.

**New Officers:** Our fire volunteers elected new officers at a February meeting: Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief Will Hartman, First Captain Keith Darsow, Second Captain Kip Brown, and Third Captain Pat Farley.

The Department is searching for a used fire tanker to replace the 6000 gallon tanker with a bad motor.

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**Thanks to our Fire Department and First Responder Volunteers**

Jody Anderson, Kip Brown, Ann K. Cox, William Cox, David Dahlberg, Mary Anne Daniel, Keith Darsow, Robert Engelson, Pat Farley, Dean Godding, Todd Gremmels, Pat Halverson, Bill Hartman, Will Hartman, Neal Myrdal, Sherry Rovig, Jerry Simmons, Don Walli.

**New Book**

Local author *Dorothy Aho's* book, "**A Journey of Love into Peace**", telling how love is the solution to everything, is available at *Mocha Moose* or call 525-7415.

**Carolyn Marino**

*Honoring 26 Years of Service to Duluth Township*

Carolyn Marino is stepping down as secretary to our Planning Commission after 20 years of service. Prior to this Carolyn served for 6 years as a member of our Planning Commission. The Planning Commission acknowledged her contributions with a plaque at their February meeting.

Many of you know Carolyn as the friendly, helping person who, along with Bob Abrahamson, has been in charge of our recycling centers over many years. Don't worry, you'll still see Carolyn on recycling days!

Carolyn is a long time Duluth Township resident. She attended our local Bloomingdale school and Clover Valley High School. Carolyn works with people with special needs. She knits and crochets. Carolyn married Jim Marino and they live in their new home on Bergquist Road on land that has been in her family for years.

Carolyn likes to keep up on Township affairs and knows most of the families in the Township! She is known as a person of kindness who cares about her community and generously contributes to many of its events including those at French River Lutheran Church. One characterized her as a link between lots of residents. A special thanks to Carolyn.

**Police Department**

*Shawn Padden, Chief*

**Thanks to our Police Officers:** Shawn Padden, Steve Peterson, Mike Peterson, and Rick Swanson.

**Methamphetamine Drug Abuse Awareness program** will be presented by *Shawn Padden* and DARE Officer *Wayne Boucher* at the Town Hall, March 6th from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Residents are urged to attend.

**January Report.** There were 66 police events reported for January in addition to regular patrols and increasing paperwork.

**2006 Police Events** (see Table on page 7) This past year there were **881 police events**, in addition to regular patrols. This is down 17% from our peak year, 2004, and down 9% from 2005. The table on page 7 groups the long list of specific types of calls into 18 categories. These are listed from the more serious or urgent calls down to more routine requests for assistance that can be scheduled, at least to some extent. Some calls require considerable time during the event and in required documentation afterward. Traffic violations are down but other violations are up compared to last year. There have been 30% fewer requests for vacation checks and a higher number of burglary and fire alarm calls.

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](mailto:PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org).

## 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](http://www.duluthtownship.org)  
or Email: [TownHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownHall@duluthtownship.org)

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

### Supervisors:

**Wendy Anderson** (2005-2008) **Vice Chair**, 525-0263  
or Email: [WendyAnderson@duluthtownship.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:SteveDahl@duluthtownship.org)  
(responsibilities: Road & Bridge, Community Center)

**Dan Tanner** (2005-2008) **Board Chair**, 525-4087  
or Email: [DanTanner@duluthtownship.org](mailto: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](mailto:CorlisWest@duluthtownship.org)  
(responsibilities: Fire, Police, Newsletter, Sr. Hsg.)

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

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

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

**Cemetery:** **Denise Connolly** 525-7161 or 525-1902  
or Email: [Cemetery@duluthtownship.org](mailto: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](mailto:JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org)

**Planning and Zoning Secretary:** **Trisha O'Keefe**  
Email: [PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PlanningZoning@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](mailto: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](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org)

**Fire Department:** **Chief Bob Engelson**, **Assistant Chief Will Hartman** Email: [FireHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:FireHall@duluthtownship.org)

**Community Education Coordinator:** **Anne Miller** 525-0663  
x208 or Email: [EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@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 Calendar

See updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
Official calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### March 2007

- 6, Tue, 6:00pm **Methamphetamine Drug Abuse Awareness** presentation by Township Police Chief Shawn Padden, Town Hall, public invited.
- 7, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall (note article)
- 7, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 8, Thu, 6:30pm Storm Water Public Hearing, Town Hall
- 8, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, 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
- 15, Thu, 7:00pm Board of Canvass, Town Hall
- 19, Mon, 7:00pm **Senior Housing** group, Town Hall
- 19, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library
- 21, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** trainin
- 22, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### April 2007

- 3, Tue, 7:00 BAT committee meets, 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
- 8, Tue, 7:00pm, **Open House** by Building Assessment Team, Community Center/school, Ryan Rd
- 11, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 12, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, 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 May Newsletter
- 26, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### May 2007

- 1, Tue, 7:00 BAT committee meets, Town Hall
- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 2, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 7, Mon, 7pm **Senior Housing** group, Town Hall.
- 9, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 10, Thu, 7:00pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 16, Wed, 7:00pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 21, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 24, Thu, 7:30pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

## Township Recycling Center

**North site** – at the Town Hall, on Homestead Road  
Staffing by **Carolyn Marino**. **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)

## Skating Rink Hours:

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

Homesteaders invite everyone to a special presentation: "**Isle Royale Families—The Larsmo Connection**". It is a program about early life on the island presented by **Lou Mattson**, a descendant of a fishing family. **April 4<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30 in our Town Hall on Homestead Road.

**Pre-school Registrations** are now being accepted for the '07-'08 school year. Children ages 3-5 may attend 1, 2, or 3 days per week. Both a morning and an afternoon session are offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please stop in the pre-school (room 6) at North Shore Community School or call 525-0663 ext 106 to enroll. A \$25.00 registration fee is required.

**Township Government 101 Insert** was prepared by Janis Hoey using information from the Minnesota Association of Townships.

**Spring Community Education Classes** — see insert

### The Alger Line — Part 1

Its official name was the Duluth & Northern Minnesota Railway on the charter, but most people in northeastern Minnesota simply know it as the "Alger line." The common name comes from the railroad's parent company, the Alger - Smith Lumber Company of Detroit, Michigan. Russell A. Alger was a Civil War general who went on to become a U. S. senator, Governor of Michigan, the Secretary of War in President William McKinley's cabinet, and a lumber baron. He also established one of the very first logging railroads in the country in 1868. In an odd twist of fate, it was one of Alger's employees from his logging railroad in Michigan (The Manistique) that assassinated President McKinley in 1901. By the late 1890's the big timber in Michigan was all but gone. The main focus now became the north shore where the company had acquired timberlands earlier in anticipation of continuing logging here. In May 1898 they began to move their operation across the lake to Knife River. The sinking of the *USS Maine* in Havana Harbor had provoked the Spanish American War just the month before, but Secretary of War Alger was not dissuaded in making the move anyway. The first locomotive was sent by barge from Grand Marais, Michigan. The engineer, Joe Rabey, kept the engine steamed up on its trip across the lake. Upon landing at Knife River, track construction began in earnest directly in front of engine number one. Building track would continue non-stop for the next 21 years as the mainline was lengthened and spurs were laid into new stands of timber. What started out as a small logging operation, soon turned into a giant, dwarfing any of the previous Alger railroads. It was to become one of the most colorful logging railroads of all time.

Todd Lindahl

**Need Trees?** St Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District offers trees and shrubs at nominal cost. There is also a new Handbook on tree planting. Order deadline is April 14. Call 723-4867 or web: [www.southstlouisswcd.org](http://www.southstlouisswcd.org).

**Community Ice Rink** — Periodically, there have been cars driving on the skating rink at the Community Center/North Shore Community School. This ruins the ice for school children and community members. Please remind teenage and young adult drivers that this is not respectful and report any suspicious activities you notice occurring at the Community Center to the Township Police Officers or 911.

**Aluminum Recycling** — The chain link fencing near the Recycling Shed at the Town Hall is for aluminum cans. This collection has helped support the library at North Shore Community School for many years. Many books have been purchased to help our children develop into fluent readers. Some aluminum has been taken from the collection. Please don't take away reading opportunities from our children.

**New Lighting in Gymnasium** — NSCS is using some of its capitol improvement funds to enhance gymnasium lighting for school and community use! The old lights will be replaced with efficient, full spectrum, florescent lighting. There will be more capabilities to adjust the light levels for various activities and energy savings will be immediate. Installation is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**High Speed Internet Update** — CLP's Kevin Olson reported that an additional high speed connection has been made with their antenna. This has increased internet access speed even in high usage times.

If you are experiencing trouble with your router, contact CLP. Certain serial numbered routers were found to be defective and are being replaced.

**Clifton 4-H Club** — The club meets monthly. Laney Schraufnagel reported that in January members presented information about lung cancer/smoking, a kind of bead craft, and a talk on records and how to keep them. They played a great dice game at the Christmas party. The February meeting included a demonstration of fishing and supplies you need. Members were shown how to do matting on photos. Younger members made bird feeders out of oranges, pinecones, peanut butter and bird seed. The Club also did cookie plates for elderly people on Valentines day (they were good!). Clifton 4-H Club is fun and anyone can join. Call Katie Edblom for membership information: 525-1276.

**Clover Valley Forum** — is an interesting site with a lot of history being shared about our area. The link is: [clovervalley.twoharborsforum.com](http://clovervalley.twoharborsforum.com). Janet Johansen (local resident and our Town Treasurer) suggested that it would be nice to get more people adding information about our Clover Valley area.

**South St. Louis Soil and Water  
Conservation District**  
*Nicole Barg*

Do you have shoreline erosion, soil erosion, or wetlands on your property? The South St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) can provide technical and financial assistance to landowners through Duluth Township in an effort to solve erosion and runoff problems on your land. We are also available to answer any questions you may have on wetland regulations or permitting. Contact us at 723-4867 for more information.

The South St. Louis SWCD is a local unit of government that has been in place since 1963. Our mission is to provide technical, educational, and financial resources to land occupiers in order to implement practices and projects that preserve, protect and enhance water quality and other natural resources.

Contact information: 215 North 1st Ave East, Room 301, Duluth, MN 55802, Phone: 218-723-4867 or [www.southstlouisswcd.org](http://www.southstlouisswcd.org).

**Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**  
*Mary Ann Sironen*

The cold weather just past was a rigorous test of the D/NSSD system that was passed with flying colors. Eric Appelwick, and his crew from Northeast Technical Services that responds to calls for service, had to deal with a small number of frozen valves that were easily fixed. The offending valves were replaced with a model that should be immune to cold temperatures and will likely become standard on other pumps as time passes.

All construction and restoration issues have been addressed. Funds have been retained for the last of the seeding and yard work to be done in the spring but the contracts are basically complete.

The Board is currently working with the financial aspects of managing the system and will be reviewing cash flow at their coming meeting(s). Work continues to evaluate commercial rates and improve billing processes.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 0700 at French River Lutheran Church. The public is invited to attend and bring input.

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

**Bird Flu** is back in the news. It pays to prepare. A useful web site on how to prepare for disasters is: [www.mayoclinic.com/health/pandemic/FU00008](http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/pandemic/FU00008)

**Summary of Town Board Meetings**

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

**December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.** All Supervisors attended. The Board approved the resolution electing the D/NSSD Board of Managers. Correspondence was received about wage re-opener for the Police Department. The Treasurer reported deposits of \$83,240.47, expenses of 24,917.25, ending in \$676,301.41. The list of bills to be paid was approved. Our Junk Car Ordinance will be reviewed. Department reports were presented: *Police* activity for November, *Fire*: Old GMC tanker sold on bid. Request to increase the per-year service payout (lump sum pension) for the Fire Department Relief Association from \$700 to \$950, approved. *BAT* (Building Assessment Team): drafted a time line and draft of possible visions and goals for Duluth Township Community Center. *Town Hall*: old portable stage donated to NSCS. *Roads*: a sign will go up on the corner of Lismore and McQuade roads. Other discussion: Skating rink signs and fees for hockey rink rental. MATIT will be requested to attend the next meeting to discuss our insurance.

**January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.** All Supervisors attended. *Correspondence*: Health Dept requested runoff water be diverted from the Town Hall well. It will be repaired. Hartford boiler insurance to be renewed. Treasurer reported \$1,315 income, \$21,461.81 expenses, for a balance of \$737,747.75. Claims list was approved. Another CD will be purchased. *Junk Car Ordinance*: It was proposed that the fee for the first offense be raised to \$300 and the second to \$1000. This and other ordinance housekeeping issues will be put together for one Public Hearing. Junk Car proposal is available at the Town Hall for residents to review.

Department reports: *Police*: report on December events. *Fire*: Barry Lampi is retiring as chief in February. The 5000 gallon tanker broke down (broken piston). *Community Center*: We made the first round for a \$300,000 (5% match) grant to replace all windows (except portables and newer library addition). Skating rink heater finished, donated lights will be installed, skating rink shack to be heated during lunch hour for students. *Legal*: No response to first or second letter to Nelsons at 6240 Homestead road, regarding building a garage without a permit. If they do not respond by phone, the Police will be asked to deliver a copy of the request directly to the Nelsons. *Planning*: Requested two tax forfeit properties not be sold (being considered for senior housing) and two being requested for sale. *Recycling*: Jeff Willemarck is planning to provide curbside recycling pickup below Highway 61 this coming June. Opening our South Recycle shed is still being pursued with WLSSD and others.

**February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.** All Supervisors attended. Election judge list was approved. *Correspondence*: St Louis County fee schedule and road maintenance agreement, Qwest buried cable request, and Wiseman request for wood ash application. Treasurer: 15,547.38 deposit, \$62,847.39 expenses, balance \$659,351.28. Claims list was approved. Board of Audit and Planning interviews will be February 27<sup>th</sup> (3 applicants). Department reports: *Police*: 66 events in January. *Fire*: Seeking replacement tanker. Walked through Community Center to review new sprinkler and alarm systems. *Community Center*: Received the \$300,000 window replacement grant. Gym lights will be replaced for efficiency. All items noted by Fire Marshall have been cor-

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**911 Numbers** — If you are expecting a 911 sign, call the Town Hall to see if it is in and ready for pickup (525-5705).

(Board meetings, continued from page 5)

rected. **BAT:** Assessment of building underway. Open house scheduled May 8<sup>th</sup>. A letter summarizing views of Board members was read and will be presented to the BAT meeting. **Town Hall:** Thanks to Ed Bruckelmyer, our frozen septic system is now working. Furnace cleaning and programmable thermostat will be arranged. **Planning:** Nelson's permit is in process. There are three candidates for the one open position on the Planning Commission. Interviews will be held February 27<sup>th</sup>. A Stormwater Hearing will be held March 8th before the Town Board meeting. Patricia O'Keefe was introduced as the new Planning Secretary. The Planning Commission is seeking clarification of when the 60-day rule begins in the PUD (Planned Unit Development) process. Corrections and clarifications to the Zoning Ordinance will be given to the Board for review prior to a public hearing. **Recycling:** Aluminum cans are being stolen from the recycling bin (funds from cans go to the school library for books). **Roads:** The Township road bid package will be advertised and sent to contractors. **Insurance:** reviewed, received refund on duplicated coverage, insured values adjusted to replacement cost for Town and Fire halls and remain the same for the Community Center and portables. Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT) payment is for education about watershed to keep us in compliance with our MS4 program.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Town Hall.**

*Residents are urged to attend these public meetings*

<b>Comparison of Actual and Proposed Duluth Township Budgets<sup>(1)</sup></b>									
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<i>Expenditure Area</i>	<i>(actual)</i>	<i>(budgeted)</i>	<i>(proposed)</i>						
Roads & Bridges <sup>(2)</sup>	\$59,793	\$110,751	\$85,720	\$63,818	\$40,555	\$60,043	\$69,513	\$60,000	\$70,000
General Township	\$56,151	\$87,883	\$108,877	\$89,439	\$107,262	\$126,969	\$114,196	\$115,395	\$115,415
Fire Department <sup>(2)</sup>	\$51,740	\$50,520	\$47,875	\$73,907	\$60,872	\$60,456	\$170,803	\$72,104	\$76,754
Police Department <sup>(2)</sup>	\$38,470	\$26,903	\$33,248	\$58,399	\$32,746	\$32,538	\$36,292	\$39,286	\$43,135
Township Cemetery	\$6,454	\$4,590	\$7,075	\$4,425	\$5,762	\$10,575	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Planning & Zoning <sup>(1)</sup>	\$6,346	\$29,426	\$17,849	\$18,657	\$17,341	\$21,403	\$24,462	\$16,000	\$16,000
Community Education <sup>(1)</sup>							\$9,268		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$226,920</b>	<b>\$318,953</b>	<b>\$309,913</b>	<b>\$308,645</b>	<b>\$265,812</b>	<b>\$311,984</b>	<b>\$279,332</b>	<b>\$305,785</b>	<b>\$327,304</b>
<i>Approximate average YEARLY cost per household for all Township services <sup>(3)</sup></i>	<u>\$307</u>	<u>\$431</u>	<u>\$419</u>	<u>\$417</u>	<u>\$359</u>	<u>\$422</u>	<u>\$377</u>	<u>\$413</u>	<u>\$442</u>
<b>Expenses Covered by WLSSD or NSCS Lease Funds</b>									
Recycling Centers <sup>(4)</sup>	\$7,966	\$8,880	\$9,269	\$13,902	\$10,058	\$8,062	\$9,285		
Community Center <sup>(5)</sup>			\$33,090	\$184,976	\$62,883	\$73,136	\$203,694		

(1) Note that the **actual** expenditures include expenses that may be partially covered by fees (e.g. permits, Community Education class fees etc.), grants (e.g. Fire Dept FEMA grant and Alden Township's contract for fire coverage), escrowed funds (e.g. for replacement of the police and fire vehicles). Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.

(2) Some Departments designate funds for special projects: Road and Bridge emergencies (\$35,000), Fire and Police to replace aging fire and police vehicles. These funds are included in the year end balances shown in the Clerk's report at the Annual Meeting.

(3) The average annual cost per household uses 740 as the number of households for comparisons here. The Newsletter is currently mailed to about 921 addresses (the U.S. Census counted 704 homes in Duluth Township in 2000 and estimated 710 for 2005).

(4) All Recycling Center costs are covered each year by a grant from WLSSD.

(5) Community Center expenses include insurance and maintenance items, adding the temporary classroom space, and various capital improvement items plus some Township clerical expense. These items are paid for out of the lease funds received from NSCS.

## Our Annual Town Meeting

*Ann Cox, Clerk of Duluth Township*

Our meeting starts at **8:15 pm** on Tuesday, **March 13<sup>th</sup>**. State regulations set this as the date for all township annual meetings. Residents are asked **not** to enter the Town Hall until 8:15, after voting ends at 8pm and voting equipment is stored.

The Clerk calls the meeting to order. Citizens who attend elect a resident (not a Supervisor) to preside at the meeting. Last year's minutes are read and approved. The budget for 2008 will be discussed and adopted, perhaps with changes. See page 6 for information on the proposed 2008 budget. There is a handout of relevant information.

Other business of the Township is raised and discussed and results of the Town election are announced. The meeting is usually suspended rather than adjourned. This permits a special meeting to be called in August in case there is other business that needs to be conducted by Township residents.

This meeting is grass-roots democracy but it depends upon the participation, respect and good ideas of all of our citizens. The Town Meeting is also a good chance to meet some of your neighbors and to discuss important Township issues.

Absentee ballots are available from the Town Hall. The Town Hall is open, by law, Saturday, March 10, from 10-12 for absentee voting.

## Proposed Town Budget for 2008

The proposed 2008 Duluth Township budget is shown in the table on page 6 with the actual expenditures for 2000 through 2006 and the budget for 2007 which was approved at our Annual Township Meeting last year.

The 2008 budget proposal is based on requests developed by our Township departments and reviewed by our Township Board. The total is up 7.0% from the 2007 budget approved last year (see Table) and up 17.2% from actual expenses for this past year, 2006. Recycling expenses are covered by a grant from WLSSD. Some costs are covered by fees and grants (note especially our Fire Department's FEMA grant of some \$95,000 for new personnel equipment).

According to the State Auditor's Office, in 2001 our Township was below the average per capita expenditures for all townships. In 2001 our per capita expenditure was \$185 compared to \$330 for other St Louis County townships and \$222 for all townships in the State. The 2008 per capita budget is \$182, based on the Census estimated Township population of 1798 in 2005. The proposed 2008 budget is up only 2.6% from our actual expenditures 7 years ago.

Overall, the 2008 proposed average yearly cost per household for Township services (fire, police, road, governance, etc.) is about \$442 or **\$36.83 per month**, up about \$2.41 per month from last year's actual expenses. Note that actual taxes are more for expensive homes and businesses, lower for less expensive homes and businesses, and lowered by State homestead credits, etc. Details of the budget will be available at the Annual Township meeting, 8:15pm on March 14<sup>th</sup>, when we will vote on the proposed 2008 budget.

## Reported Duluth Township Police Events

*Shawn Padden, Chief*

### Estimated Total Market Value Of Property in Duluth Township

**2006 \$ 186,365,300** up 20% from 2005

**2005 \$ 155,302,100** up 17% from 2004

**2004 \$ 132,499,100** up 24% from 2003

**2003 \$ 107,141,700** up 16% from 2002

**2002 \$ 92,237,300**

The County Assessor's office is anticipating a general increase in assessed values in Duluth Township in 2007. The amount is not Yet known. A majority of property sales in the Township have exceeded the assessed value. The State requires assessed values to be brought in line with actual property sales.

Call Category	Year 2002	Year 2003	Year 2004	Year 2005	Year 2006
Medical emergency	18	38	31	36	43
Deaths	4	0	0	0	2
Fire/burglary alarm	13	25	21	17	55
Personal injury	7	6	9	11	10
Assault/disputes/threats	22	28	37	23	4
Arrests	1	9	18	15	15
Traffic violations	152	157	155	125	75
Other violations	6	3	0	11	39
Drug incidents	4	4	3	3	3
Property/damage/theft/burglary	71	110	106	92	65
Fraud (identity theft, mail)	0	0	0	4	1
Disturbances/harassment	64	72	77	98	167
Assistance provided	57	61	80	75	54
Requested checking/patrol	314	395	467	413	289
Permits (handgun, explosives)	14	29	13	14	21
Information requests	10	13	18	15	22
In-service training/classes	1	0	0	0	0
Other (unknown trouble)	6	19	22	20	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>1057</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>881</b>

## Volunteers Needed

**Township Recycling Center** We are looking for someone to oversee the Township Recycling Center on Homestead Road. It is a paid position (\$10/hr). Openings are for Tuesday and two Saturdays per month. Current hours are Tuesday 7-11am and 2-6pm, Saturday 8-12 noon and 3-7pm Thursday. For information see Carolyn Marino or call the Town Hall at 525-5705.

**Volunteer Fire Fighters** The Clifton Volunteer Fire Department welcomes any prospective members. It's a great way to serve your community and get to drive big red trucks! Apprehensive? Give a call to Bob Engelson at 525-6819 to find out what its all about. Also, we will train and outfit you in the latest fire fighting fashion attire.

## BABY SITTER WANTED

About 15 hours per week for a 1-1/2 year old. No overnights. Must furnish your own transportation. Call 525-2253 and ask for Dawn.

*Paid Advertisement*

Mailed to 921 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**.

## Drug Information

Duluth Township Police Chief Shawn Padden in conjunction with Hermantown DARE Officer Wayne Boucher will be offering a **Methamphetamine Drug Abuse Awareness presentation** on Tuesday, **March 6th** from **6:00pm** to approximately 7:30pm at the *Duluth Town Hall* located at 6092 Homestead Road.

This presentation will be a power point format focusing on the chemical makeup of Methamphetamine along with the psychological and physiological effects it has on the body. Discussion will include the random acts of violence and property crimes committed by those addicted to Methamphetamine as well as methods of manufacturing and distribution of the drug. Other commonly abused drugs and drug paraphernalia will also be discussed and available for viewing. Chief Padden's presentation was initially going to be offered to our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders but due to numerous requests, will be extended to the general public. We encourage any and all to attend and take part in this very informative discussion. **Note: Some content may not be suitable for younger attendees. We will be scheduling a 5th and 6th grade student/parent presentation at the North Shore Community School in the near future.**

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Chief Shawn Padden at 525-5705 or 393-8407

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MARCH 2007

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## Candidates for Town Supervisor

Each candidate was asked to provide a statement for the Newsletter and a picture. These statements are presented as written to provide residents with background information. There are two Town Supervisor openings (Supervisor Corlis West stepped down at the end of his terms and Supervisor Stephen Dahl is seeking another term).



### Stephen Dahl

My name is Stephen Dahl. Some of you may be familiar with me as I have been one

of your Township Supervisors for the past six years. I have lived in Duluth Township 23 years. I commercial fish out of Knife River. My wife, Georganne Hunter, teaches music, harp and piano. We live on the Old North Shore Road.

I feel fortunate to be a part of this community. There are so many people who contribute to making this a great place to live. And as your Township Supervisor, it makes it much easier when people are willing to help — to share ideas, information or just pitch-in with a hands-on project.

During my last three years as a Supervisor, I feel we've accomplished some positive things. Our Zoning Ordinances were updated. I felt the residents of our Township spoke clearly about maintaining the rural character of our community while still allowing for some growth. I believe our updated zoning ordinances provide for this.

One of my responsibilities these past three years has been as a liaison between the North Shore Community School (NSCS) and our Township. I've also been a member of the NSCS Buildings and Grounds Committee. The school's and Township's commitment to maintaining our facilities is at a very high standard. An updated sprinkler system was completed in the fall of 2006. The parking lot was paved two summers ago. A project that was exciting for me to see completed was the installation of a photovoltaic system (making

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### Dave Mount

My name is Dave Mount and I would like to serve you as a Town Board Supervisor. My roots in Duluth Township

go back to 1971, when my family bought the Nordlund homestead on Dammon Road. At that time my father started a small sawmill and a maple syruping operation that continue to this day. After graduating from high school, I left for college and to pursue my professional career. In 1995 I was offered a transfer to Duluth, and I took that opportunity to return to Clover Valley to live. For the past 11 years, I've worked as a research biologist at the EPA Research Laboratory and am also an adjunct UMD faculty member. Beth, my wife of 17 years, and I stay busy with our hobby farm, and enjoy canoeing, skiing, and other outdoor activities.

Since moving back, I've been struck by the importance of Township government, which provides fire protection, police services, recycling, planning, zoning, road maintenance and much more. While easily taken for granted, these functions exist only through the efforts of Township citizens, many of them volunteers. During the past year, I volunteered for the Building Assessment Team, a Township committee formed to evaluate the future of the North Shore Community Center on Ryan Road.

Professionally, I have held management positions with responsibility for 20 - 90 people, gaining extensive experience in creating and coordinating teams for specific projects, planning, administering budgets, and public speaking. I believe in a straight forward approach; letting facts drive decision-making; and approaching issues, even contentious ones, with

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### George Sundstrom

My name is George A. Sundstrom, age 65, I am seeking election for Duluth Township

Supervisor. I was born and have lived in this township all my life, during which time I was married (Judee, 38 years) and had two children. We now have four grandchildren, two of which currently live in Duluth Township.

I believe I am qualified because of my educational and life history which includes: graduating from Clover Valley High School in 1959, attending UMD, completing a four Sheet Metal Worker apprenticeship, which has served me very well. In 1963 and 1968, I received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, and the Minn. Army National Guard, respectively. I retired as a Union Sheet Metal Worker in 2000. Currently, I am a member of Sheet Metal Worker's International Association, Local 10 and the Chairman of the Board at North Shore Community School. During 2002 - 2005, I served on the Township Board of Supervisors for Duluth Township. From 2005 - 2007, I continued to attend Town Board meetings (I believe I missed two meetings) in order to keep abreast of issues before the Town.

Future issues the Supervisors may deal with include: (1) possible expansion at North Shore Community School; (2) sustainable growth in the township; (3) continually doing our part to hold down property taxes while demanding the most value for every tax dollar spent. As Supervisor I would: (1) listen to community input; (2) gather and interpret information; (3) hopefully, make prudent decisions based on that

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**Stephen Dahl** (continued)

electricity from the sun). This was a project I instigated at the Township level. A committee then formed at the school-expanded greatly upon this project-secured a number of grants-and saw it through to completion.

In the next three years, probably the most prominent issue will be the possibility of replacing the portable classrooms at the Community Center/school. An initial study by the Building Assessment Team (BAT) indicated that there are legitimate "space needs." Recently, we learned that the Minnesota Department of Education is tentatively considering phasing out the use of portable classrooms. We still need to gather more information about possible options, and I am willing to be a part of this decision-making process.

I would appreciate your support in the election March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact me at 525-4679.

**Dave Mount** (continued)

courtesy and respect. I am interested in hearing and understanding all sides of an issue. Even tough problems can have solutions that hold something for everyone –and good public policy is rarely found at the extremes.

I support the overall concept of maintaining a range of development density and preserving the rural character of the area. As landowners, we need to be good stewards of our properties and balance our interests with those of our neighbors, and with the good of the Township as a whole. Deliberate planning and careful zoning are keys to maintaining the Township's good qualities.

With that as background, I ask for your vote in the March 13 Township elections and encourage your attendance at the Town Meeting. If you have questions for me, please contact me by e-mail at [dave-mount@lakenet.com](mailto:dave-mount@lakenet.com) or by phone at 525-7961. Thank you.

**George Sundstrom** (continued)

input.

The reason I would like to serve the township as Supervisor is that: Duluth Township is more than a geographical location on a map, it is a community of caring people - as I have witnessed - who want to see a better community for their children and grandchildren. I am hopeful that as a Township Supervisor, I would continue to be a part of making that a reality.

I would appreciate your vote on March 13, 2007.

If you have any questions, please call me at 525-5655.

George A Sundstrom

**Summary of Planning Commission Meetings**

**Sue Lawson** was acknowledged and thanked at the February meeting for her two terms (the limit of consecutive terms) and hard work as a member of the Planning Commission. Her skills helped us come together as a Steering and a Planning Commission to update our Township Zoning Ordinance which serves as a model for other townships too. Sue's good humor and even-handed moderating led us to reasoned compromises and solutions to some concerns we all had about keeping the area "rural." Sue has been active on several of the initiatives envisioned by our Comprehensive Plan, including affordable housing for seniors in our Township. Many thanks to Sue for her contributions to the Township.

**Building Permits Issued,  
2000-2006**

Ann Cox, Town Clerk

	<u>Total Permits</u>	<u>Single Family Permits</u>
<b>2000</b>	56	17
<b>2001</b>	66	18
<b>2002</b>	57	18
<b>2003</b>	69	24
<b>2004</b>	70	23
<b>2005</b>	67	20
<b>2006</b>	44	10

2006 Single Family Construction Declared Value: \$1,484,000.

(See Clerk's Annual Meeting report for further details.)

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.** Present were: Chair Dave Miller, Dave Chura, Janet Green, Michael Kahl, Sue Lawson, and Seth Levanen. Planning Commission will advertise for one opening (Sue Lawson's term ends) and for a secretary (Carolyn is stepping down, see article). *Junk car ordinance* is under review. *Wetland mapping proposal* supporting an NRR1 grant was signed. A process of reviewing grant proposals will be created. Building a larger *recycling shed* at the Town Hall would require a variance. WLSSD is looking into having curb side recycling below Highway 61. Allen Nelson's *refusal to obtain a building permit* was turned over to the Town Attorney. A revised conditional use/variance permit form was discussed. A *proposed property rental policy* was discussed. The problem is short term rentals of non-homestead property. *Enforcement guidelines:* A draft was discussed. There was discussion of clarifications needed to the two-families on one property issue (sometimes on one septic system). A public hearing will be scheduled for ordinance clarifications and revised policies. The reported land exchange between Congdon Trust land and Odyssey (proposed Stoney Point development) has not occurred thus far. A December county land sale included two Township parcels, one on Stanley Creek and a .7 acre lot of record on the shore near the former Wonderland.

## Kindergarten Round Up & Open House

North Shore Community School will conduct its annual Kindergarten Round Up on March 15 from 10:30 a.m. -6:30 p.m. Parents and students are welcome to come meet the teachers and explore the classrooms.

New families interested in touring North Shore Community School are invited to attend the Open House from 4:30—6:30 p.m. Director Sheri Camper will be available to give tours and answer questions.



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 Hooey B.J. Kohlstedt  
Kristi Lounsbury Robert Nelson  
Dayna 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](http://www.northshorecommunityschool.org).

### Director's Corner:

## Building needs assessment underway, Parent, community support needed

It is time to start thinking very seriously about a permanent addition to the Community Center which houses North Shore Community School.

The “portables” were purchased and installed as a temporary solution to NSCS’ increasing enrollment. Founding leaders wanted to see if enrollment trends would continue before investing in a permanent structure.

Since they were installed in 2003, two to three of the portable classrooms have been filled with children, while the fourth has

become space for Title One paraprofessionals and the children they serve.

Each of our five years as a charter have been marked with an enrollment increase, typically about 20 students. Preschool age sibling data also supports this trend.

The children of our community need and deserve appropriate spaces for learning. NSCS staff members need adequate space to conduct business, teach children in small groups and as a whole class, and deliver services to students with special needs.

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## NSCS Sixth grade builds solar cars to learn solar energy

In January, NSCS 6<sup>th</sup> graders traveled to Hartley Nature Center in Duluth to build solar cars. The students have been learning about energy in class. At Hartley Nature Center, they had the opportunity to put their knowledge to good use.

Students designed and built model cars that ran on solar power. They used an assortment of materials to get their project done and learned about ways cars are designed.

“It was fun,” said Jordan Hanson. “My favorite part was racing our car, but it was going around in circles.”

*-John Dover, 6th Grade Teacher*



*Jordan Hanson and Holly Nowacki display their solar car.*

## Student enrollment, recommitment process underway for 2007-08 school year at NSCS

Now it the time when NSCS seeks student recommitment for the 2007-08 school year and accepts new applications for kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Because NSCS is a public charter school, the school is required to conduct its own recruitment and enrollment.

Recommitment forms have been mailed to currently enrolled students and must be returned by March 2. **Current students are not automatically enrolled** for school next year without the completion of the recommit-

ment form. Families that have not received their recommitment form in the mail are to call Heidi in the office.

Also included in the mailing was a Sibling Kindergarten Application. This form also needs to be returned to the school office by March 2 in order to plan ahead for Kindergarten enrollment.

Applicants to North Shore Community School are enrolled based on the following criteria:  
1<sup>st</sup>) Children of members & former members

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## From the Board Chair: NSCS Board receives audit, conducts strategic planning

At the December 2006 NSCS Board meeting, Eikell & Schilling LTD, auditors presented the NSCS official audit for the year ending June 30, 2006. NSCS received an “unqualified opinion” (the highest form of accountant flattery) and ended the year with a Fund Balance of \$412,001, or 20% of our annual total revenue. This 20% reserve is right in the area that the state recommended when we first pursued the charter for NSCS. The auditor commended the staff for their “responsible financial performance.”

Prior to the January meeting, four students from John Dover’s 6<sup>th</sup> grade class—Niki Hiivala, Jessie Swartz, Lily Hauger, and Hanna Guse—demonstrated the energy models they had made.

In January, the Board was notified that NSCS had been awarded a \$300,000 grant for facility improvement by the Minnesota Department of

Education. These funds will be used to install new windows and new window treatments in the building.

Also, the Board evaluated and adopted a revised format for the annual February evaluation of NSCS Director Sheri Camper. The annual evaluation is one of the more important functions of the school board and is taken seriously by each member.

On Feb. 10, the NSCS Board conducted a day long “strategic planning session” in which the Board reviewed its annual budget projections, discussed long-term goals, and (in closed session) interpreted the findings of the director evaluation survey.

There are currently 260 students enrolled in Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade at NSCS.

- *George Sundstrom, NSCS Board Chair*

## NSCS PTA presents . . . Peter Pan on March 24

Come join the fun as this year’s PTA theatrical production takes you on an exciting trip to “Neverland” with all the beloved characters of this classic adventure: Peter Pan, Wendy and her family, Captain Hook, Lost Boys, Pirates, Tiger Lily and Mermaids of the Lagoon.

This heart-warming performance will take place on Saturday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the

NSCS gym.

A special thanks to the following parent volunteers who so graciously give their time and talents – Chrysa Luhrsen, Dee Furo, Carla Farley, Lauren Weckman, Lisa Tormondsen, and Corey & Leah Hulst.

-*Michelle Libby*  
NSCS PTA Co-president

### NSCS Endowment Fund Update

The NSCS Endowment fund has \$2,000 to grant this year for projects that enhance and expand the educational opportunities for NSCS students. Anyone in the community is able to apply for a grant if they have an idea to promote the growth and education of NSCS students. Applications are available in the school office, on the school website, and at the Town Hall. Application deadline is April 17. Grants will be announced in May and grant recipients will be recognized at the Community Celebration in May.

### NSCS Development Committee Fundraiser

On June 1, the North Shore Community School Development Committee is hosting a unique fundraiser to raise money for school programs. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., there will be a community BBQ and outdoor games, complete with bonfires and s’mores! As dusk settles over the school grounds, there will be a showing of a family movie (to be determined) on a **ONE HUNDRED FOOT OUTDOOR SCREEN!!!** Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and popcorn will be provided!

Tickets will be available beginning May 1 at the school office. More information to come as we move closer to the event! If you have questions about the event, or are interested in advertising pre-movie on the hundred-foot screen, please contact Development Committee members Amy Giddings (525-0663, x113) or Linda Libal (834-8380, x3 days, 834-5296 evenings).

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As a school community, and as a township community, we need to find a way to create more space and accommodate the staff and students at North Shore Community School.

Next year, an additional class will need a room. The Building Assessment Team (BAT) is beginning a process to determine square footage and funding needs for a permanent addition. It is a complicated process when a governmental entity such as Duluth Township owns the Community Center property and leases it to a school.

The BAT will host an informational open house on May 8. Mark your calendars and come to give your input and show your support. Talk to your neighbors and Town Board Members. Our community kids = our future world. Let’s give them the best we can.

- *Sheri Camper, Director/Principal*

and siblings of currently enrolled students; 2<sup>nd</sup>) Residents of the Duluth and Alden Townships; 3<sup>rd</sup>) All others. The application deadline for new families in Duluth and Alden Townships is April 13 and May 18 for all others.

If you know any new families in the area, please let them know. Application forms can be downloaded from our website [www.northshorecommunityschool.org](http://www.northshorecommunityschool.org) or you can pick one up in the school office.

-*Heidi Horoshak*