

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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What's Coming Up...

Filing for Town Supervisor. Filing is open from Jan. 1st (a legal holiday, office is open on the 2nd) to 5pm on Jan. 15th at our Town Hall. The filing fee is \$2.00. Our Township election is held March 11th 7am-8pm, before our *Annual Town Meeting*. Two positions will be on the ballot. Information on the candidates will be in the March Newsletter.

Annual Town Meeting is held at 8:15pm in the Town Hall. This is the time residents vote on the Township budget for 2009 and on other Township business. A handout prepared by our Town Clerk presents a summary of information on 2007. Department reports are presented. Results of the election are announced. It's grass roots democracy you can be involved in.

Seeking a Community Center Event Coordinator (see article on page 2)

PUD hearings — Watch for postings at our Town Hall on proposed **Planned Unit Developments**.

Planning & Zoning Secretary: Welcome Jeanne Anderson, who has been appointed our new P&Z secretary.. See page 7 for P&Z office hours.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Ann Cox, Sheri Camper, Barb Jackson, Bob Engelson, Kate Edblom, Dave Edblom, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hooey, John Kessler, Todd Lindahl, Dave Mount, Shawn Padden, and our Township webmaster, Linda Holliday.

If you could contribute to the Newsletter — short articles about our history, poetry, pictures, etc. that might be of interest to Township residents, let me know! If you would be willing to provide a masthead drawing or picture, leave a note for the editor at the Town Hall.

Thanks to Retiring Township Representatives

Duluth Township has been very fortunate to have residents who volunteer to do some of the heavy lifting on Township business. The three we honor here have undertaken difficult tasks and have served us for many years.

Mary Ann Sironen — Board Secretary for the Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District, Mary Ann has contributed to the Township in many ways over the years. She is stepping down as the Township's representative to the D/NSSD Board, a position held for many years.

Lars Fladmark — Current Chair of the D/NSSD Board. Lars is stepping down after many years of service both as Board member representing our Township, and currently as Chair of the D/NSSD Board of Managers.

Both **Lars** and **Mary Ann** have provided unusually capable guidance in helping solve the problem of failing septic systems in the lake shore area (*below highway 61*). The D/NSSD has acquired substantial outside funding, seen to the installation of the sewer system (which is connected to Duluth), dealt with the concerns of different governmental units along the shore, established policies and management, and worked with residents to solve a variety of problems. Our Township was well represented and we owe Mary Ann and Lars a big thanks!

Wayne Dahlberg — Planning Director. Wayne initially volunteered for the position many years ago, to keep Township land use decisions within our Township. He has helped many residents solve land use problems, worked to accomplish our updated *Comprehensive Plan* and *Zoning Ordinance*, issued land use permits, helped with public hearings on variances and conditional use permits, and has responded to many resident concerns and issues over the years. The job is a heavy one and Wayne did it cheerfully and well. Wayne stepped down at the end of 2007 and will be honored at our upcoming Annual Town meeting.



Robin Whaley
834-3310

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ON HOMESTEAD

5730 Homestead Road
525-4525

**Open daily 11am—9pm,
Bar 11am—11pm**
Join us for:
Happy Hour 4-6 Mon-Fri.
\$2 Tap & Rails
Wednesday: All you can eat Fish Fry 4-9pm
Cribbage League Starting February 5th. Teams sign up by January 28th.
Call or drop in to sign up.

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THE START OF PALMERS

Todd Lindahl

The rumors and stories had spread like wildfire through the community of Superior, Wisconsin. They were repeated in hushed tones and in small clandestine groups in places where they would not be overheard. The tales of a large deposit of copper, including a fabulous vein of the metal stretching off into the dark forest, were enough to stir every cell in a prospector to his very core. Somewhere along the wilderness north shore of Lake Superior certain untold wealth awaited. Obviously the one to locate it first and quickly lay claim to the land would triumph. There were two immediate problems however at this time in 1854. First, nobody knew for sure exactly where this magnificent deposit of copper was, and furthermore the north shore was still Indian Territory and thus off limits to white people. Negotiations were underway to establish the *Treaty of La Pointe*, which would cede the north shore to the United States Government, and open the region to white settlement. When this happened it would become a race to find the rumored deposit and acquire its riches.

At this time the *R. B. Carleton Land, Mineral, & Mining Company* was formed and included Vose Palmer as one of the members. To get a jump on other prospectors, R. B. McLean and John Parry were to illegally scout for copper along the north shore and report back to the group. The men were instructed to make note of any promising mining locations encountered. After crossing the bay in a canoe from Superior to Minnesota point, they hid in the brush until after dark. They then set out, but before going a mile, however, a group of Indians caught them and warned the men not to enter their lands. The prospectors claimed to be fishing and were allowed by the Indians to continue. A number of locations were assessed to be possible mining sites and the men soon returned to Superior with their report. Within a couple of days some men arrived from La Pointe and stated that the treaty had been ratified and the land was open to settlement.

Since no large copper deposit had been seen, the plan was to have each *R. B. Carleton Company* man establish a claim on the most promising lands. Vose Palmer was selected to claim an area on the Sucker River, which would eventually be named after him. The following day several of the Carleton men, including Vose Palmer, met at the Superior harbor, and after boarding a sailing craft, departed for the north shore. They were to build cabins to allow them to claim and hold the sites selected. Three men assisted Palmer in building his cabin. A short time later Sam Palmer with his wife and Roswell Palmer arrived to join Vose at Sucker River. Leander Palmer surveyed a town site at the Gooseberry River farther up the north shore that never amounted to anything.

The high hopes for a spectacular copper strike soon faded as only scattered small amounts of copper were found. The huge deposit and associated vein were never found and were probably just a myth. John Parry, the old time prospector and explorer, at a location that is within the Duluth Township area, found an ancient abandoned cribbed mine shaft in 1854. In spite of all the secrecy, clandestine maneuvering, and race to be first, someone else had beaten them at their own game perhaps more than a hundred years earlier. Regardless of these bitter setbacks, the Palmers remained and engaged in farming and other activities. Their name became synonymous with the Sucker River area and remains so to this day.

(Note: The "Palmers" site is at the junction of Homestead Road and the Scenic Highway by the Sucker River. You can still see the "Palmers" sign along the railway there, and the name still appears as a place on some current maps.)

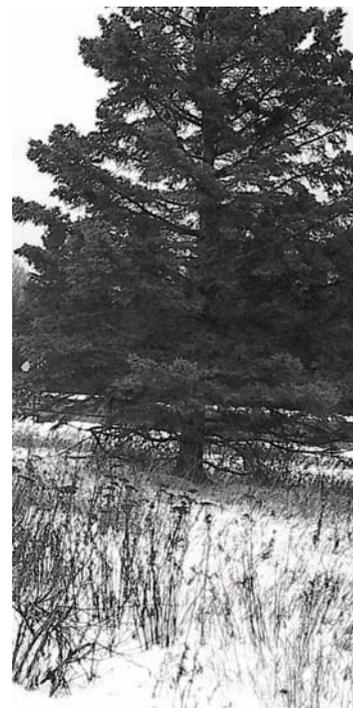
Needed: A Community Education Program Coordinator

Make a difference in the community and make some spending money too!

The Township is looking for someone to coordinate our Community Education Program and other activities at the Community Center. We've had a great start for the Community Ed Program and want to see it develop further. The position's primary responsibility is to coordinate the development of the Community Ed Program. This doesn't necessarily mean teaching courses (though that's great too), but working to identify and recruit instructors for a diverse set of offerings. As part of this, the Coordinator will prepare announcements of upcoming courses, register participants, help instructors with logistics, and coordinate use of the Community Center facilities with staff of the charter school.

We estimate the position will require 8-12 hrs per month, at a pay rate of \$10/hr. The Community Education Program has a dedicated budget managed by the Coordinator. This is a chance to use your imagination, and offer unique educational opportunities to the community, building from the courses offered previously. So come on, step up to the challenge to make a real difference in our community, meet some great people, and make a little money at the same time.

If you would like to know more, questions can be directed to **Wendy Meierhoff** (*Town Supervisor*) at 525-0263. Apply for the position by sending a letter of interest and a brief resume or description of your background to *Duluth Township, 6092 Homestead Rd, Duluth, MN 55804*. We are anxious to fill the position, so please send your application soon.



Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Chief

Chimney — Check/clean your stove chimney to prevent chimney fires.

Burning Permits — Permits are not needed if there is at least 3 inches of snow on the ground. Be careful but it's a good time to burn small brush piles.

Tanker — Our new 5000 gallon water tanker is in the Fire Hall! It was assembled from a heavy-duty MPL chassis and the tank from our disabled air force tanker, thanks to work by Equipment Rental in Duluth.



Volunteer Fire Fighters — The *Clifton Volunteer Fire Department* needs residents who would like to be a volunteer firefighter. It's a great way to serve your community. Call Chief **Bob Engelson**, 525-6819.

Free 21" color TV and free VCR — they are excess Fire Dept equipment. If interested, contact Ann Cox at the Town Hall, 525-5705.

Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

The Department recently sent out a list of **safety tips** for the season. These included tips while shopping (park in a well lighted area, don't leave packages untended, do a visual scan of your parking area before leaving the store area, etc.); while driving (don't pick up hitch hikers, know where you are, let someone know your travel plans, etc.); your property (lock your garage and home, notify police and/or a trusted neighbor when you are away on a trip, backup and save your computer files, dust home surfaces so police can better detect burglar fingerprints, etc.). Email our Police Department for a complete list.

A replacement **police vehicle** will be ordered and bids on the old vehicle can be submitted at the Town Hall. Bids will be opened in early 2008.

There are **snowmobile complaints**. Please do not drive over other people's property unless you have permission. Snowmobiling is permitted on the outside ditch slope along the Expressway but NOT on the inner ditch slope and NOT in the median. Snowmobiling is not permitted on roads in the Township, except for a direct crossing.

Crime Alerts. Our Police Department maintains an **E-mail Crime Alert** service (it is also on our web site). To receive notices send your email address to PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org.

Call numbers: 911 for all emergencies

For Messages and non-emergency information:

Duluth Township Police: 393-8407 or 525-5705

St Louis County 911 office: 727-8770 (and to order replacement "fire number" signs).

THE HOMESTEADERS

Helen Hendrickson

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

February 6th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall, Lincoln Park Ramblers.

March 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Program to be announced.

Everybody is welcome.

For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.



When Should You Call 911?

Shawn Padden, Chief

In general, **call 911 for emergencies** — fire, health, accidents, threats, assaults or burglaries in progress, suspicious activity, etc. If it is an urgent concern to you, you should call 911 and the dispatcher will decide what sort of action is needed. This is also the way to get in contact with our Township Officers for emergencies.

Often individuals may be hesitant to call 911 when something unusual is going on that may or may not seem to be an emergency. It's best to call so that the dispatcher can decide. There have been recent incidents where something was going on that could have ended in a severe medical emergency and calling 911 might help handle the situation. If you see something suspicious, a call would be worthwhile in case it connects with an investigation that Officers are pursuing. If in doubt, call 911.

In the summer when you have a burning permit and are starting your burn, you are asked to notify the 911 office so they can save a fire run if your neighbor or a passerby reports your fire.

When you have **non-emergency information** or requests, you could call the 911 office (727-8770) or our Township Officers (393-8407 or 525-5705) to leave a message. Remember that our Township Officers are part time so be patient for their return call.



Community Services in Duluth Township

AA meets every Monday at 8pm at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road.

Clifton 4-H Club: contact Kate Edblom 525-1276

Boy Scouts: contact David Hooey 525-6617

Girl Scouts: contact Julie Igo 726-4710

(Note: If other community service groups should be listed, please leave a note for the Editor at the Town Hall.)

Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District

D/NSSD Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 in the morning at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Public comment and discussion is a part of each meeting and all are welcome.

For sewer service, contact Eric Appelwick, Northeast Technical Services, 624-8042, cell: 590-5911, Email: eaapelwick@nettechnical.com.

Building Assessment Team (BAT)

Steve Dahl, Co-Chair

The team meets the first Tuesday at 7pm in the school library at the Community Center on Ryan Road (but the January meeting is the 8th, not the 1st). Wayne Dahlberg and Kevin Holm have volunteered to work up options for phased steps to meet space needs at the Community Center.

Forest Legacy Program



Information on the program will appear in a future issue.

Thank you

Our sincere thanks to all in the community who expressed their sympathy to us at the time of Bill's death, by a phone call, a card, or a gift. Your kindness and thoughtfulness means a lot at this time.

The Family of Bill Lindquist.

Senior Housing Initiative

Dave Edblom, Chair

The Committee is exploring options for creating affordable housing alternatives for local senior citizens who would prefer to live in the Township near friends and family.

The Committee is awaiting results of a County study which will help determine support that the County might offer. We will also be discussing various land possibilities and organizational arrangements.

Regular meeting times are the second Monday each month at 7pm in the Town Hall. Interested residents are welcome.

Scouts Volunteer at Lakeview-Palmers Cemetery

Special thanks to Earl Abrahamson for organizing and completing some much needed repairs in July at the Cemetery for his Eagle Scout Project. Earl and fellow Scout members (*Troup 7 under Bob Mattila*), along with some parents, replaced many of the cedar posts that held up the fence. These posts had rotted at ground level and fallen down, bringing the connecting rails with them. The fence now looks great. The scouts also gave the cemetery archway a new coat of hunter green paint. Finally, the scouts filled in some low areas with topsoil and spread grass seed on several gravesites.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE KORKKI-NORDIC SKI TRAIL IS NON-MOTORIZED. SNOWMOBILES AND ATVS SHOULD NOT USE THESE TRAILS.



Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

September 27th meeting. Members attending: Janet Green, Adam Hendrickson, Michael Kahl, Seth Levanen, Dave Miller, and Yvonne Rutford. Odyssey Development (on Stoney Point) said they were not ready to present their plans, so the item was deleted from the agenda.

Public Hearing: Zweber's (Torgeson Rd) asked for a conditional use permit for a subordinate house to accommodate health concerns. The mobile home would not be a permanent home and not be used for rental purposes. The conditional use passed. A land use permit and fee would be required.

Great Lakes Stone's conditional use permit to build a commercial building at McQuade and the Expressway will have a public hearing on October 25th. Several in the audience expressed concerns. Supervisor Dave Mount will represent the Township due to the Planning Director's conflict of interest.

Pine Park Road update. Mr. Schifsky and Mr. Fischer presented the "Pine Park Road Association" document with signatures of 5 residents along the "on paper" private road ending at the Ulanowski property off the Scenic Highway. A motion to accept the Association document passed. Our Town Attorney will be consulted.

Other issues: Clear cutting on the Bille property on the North Shore Drive, Pauly property storm water issues, and there are rental issues along the shore to be dealt with.

October 25th meeting. All members were present.

Public Hearing: Great Lakes Stone Supply for construction of a business dealing with stone supply on a 9ac property by McQuade and Highway 61 in the SMU-6 zone district (*Shoreland Mixed Use*). Twenty-one nearby households were given specific notification in accordance with our Zoning Ordinance. There were 18 public comments with concerns about the project. A motion to deny the application for a conditional use permit for this business was passed. The official minutes list relevant portions of our Zoning Ordinance and details several reasons for the denial.

There was a discussion of the resignation of our Planning Director, Wayne Dahlberg. Qualifications for a replacement and the increasing demands on the job were discussed.

Odyssey update. Mr. Schendel and Mr. Ryan informed the Planning Commission about their starting a subdivision process with St. Louis County concerning their Stoney Point development. They will present the Township with a concept plan for 8 units on the site. Apparently the land swap with St Louis County has taken place (part of the property was originally Congdon Trust land). The Commission discussed the erosion hazard area (project engineers are working with the DNR on this). The process was discussed and the plan will be submitted to joint agencies.

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The short term rental policy was discussed. There will be a public hearing concerning short term rentals in the future.

Wayne has met with the Stroms regarding their proposed project on Lismore Road. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

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Jeanne Anderson has accepted the position of Planning and Zoning Secretary. Many thanks to **Caroline Marino** who served as Secretary in the interim this Fall until our new secretary was appointed.

The Next Planning Committee meetings: (4th Thursday) Jan 24th and Feb 28th at 7pm in the Town Hall. Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall. Residents are urged to attend these meetings.

Planning Points

John Kessler

The Planning Commission and the Director have, for years, recognized the need to better acquaint the residents and property owners of Duluth Township with information about the use of land here, and the nitty-gritty of seeking a permit to put up a new structure, or add onto an existing one. This is the first of a series, hopefully, that will help us all to better understand the process: who, what, how, and when and where of land use oversight.

Let's start at the beginning: land use permits have been in place as far back as most of us can recall. In 1974, Duluth Township drafted its first ordinance to deal with how it should be regulated here, and in August of 2005, the latest draft, Ordinance #3, was put into play, and now is the guide for land use purposes.

The important facts to remember: a new set of rules is in use, and with it came a new, more comprehensive application form. To get that form, either go to www.duluthtownship.org and select "Forms", or pick one up in the Town Hall. There is also a free booklet available at the Town Hall, titled "*Welcome to Duluth Township: a guide to land use and living in Duluth Township*" that gives an overview of our Zoning Ordinance and its objectives. The full Zoning Ordinance is available online and at the Town Hall on Homestead Road.

Stay tuned for further insight into planning for use of the land we have around us!



Major Township Business: 2007
Supervisor Dan Tanner, Chair

Fire Department:

- Barry Lampi retired as Township Fire Chief in February and was replaced by Bob Engelson with Will Hartman as Assistant Chief. A recognition plaque was given to the retiring Chief.
- The engine failed on the 5000 gallon tanker. A low mileage 1994 replacement was purchased for \$15,000. Added work to get the truck into proper condition for fire work is about \$15,000.
- A second pumper/tanker is needed. A grant proposal to FEMA requesting \$160,000 (they grant for new vehicles) is still pending.

Community Center:

- North Shore Community School received a \$300,000 grant (5% match) to replace all Community Center windows, except those in the portables and the recently built library.
- The skating rink heater was finished in January. Skating rink lights were also donated.
- Supervisor Wendy Meierhoff serves as Community Education Director following Ann Miller's resignation. A replacement is being sought
- The septic system at the Community Center failed. An emergency meeting with consultants was called. The decision was to install new septic field pipes and renovate the mound. The low bid was from Superior Construction. Repairs are nearly complete.

Township Roads:

- Rodda Excavating was awarded the 2007-2008 Township road contract as lower of three bids.

Planning and Zoning:

- Planning Director Wayne Dahlberg resigned effective Dec 31, 2007. Two applications have been received. Interviews and a decision will be made in January 2008.
- The proposed development on Stoney Point by Odyssey is now being proposed as a subdivision. This issue is still pending before the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- The Stoneworks conditional use permit was denied. The scale and type of business did not fit the zone district.

Recycling:

- New recycling shed keepers were hired. They are Al Anderson and Marlis Livingston. Kathy Peer serves as substitute.
- Robert Abrahamson Day was May 10, 2007 to show the Township's appreciation for his dedication to our Township as Town Supervisor, maintenance person, recycling shed keeper.
- Roadside recycling below Highway 61 began in October. The response has been positive.

Town Hall:

- The Town Hall building and grounds needed several repairs this year. The building has settled, so grading was done around the building to redirect water flow away from the building to fix the problem of the flooding basement. In addition, the well was re-capped to meet current standards. On the building itself, the roof was patched. Within the next few years the roof of both the Town Hall and the adjacent Fire Hall will need to be replaced.

Summary of Town Board Meetings

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

October 13th meeting. All Supervisors attended. Others included Attorney Tim Strom, and Clerk Ann Cox. There were no concerns from the audience of five.

Two bids were received for the Community Center septic system. The lower Superior Construction bid (\$82,355) was accepted.

Planning Director Wayne Dahlberg, tendered his resignation effective December 31st, 2007.

Treasurer report: deposits last month of \$29,419.32, expenses of \$22,782.94 for an ending balance of \$803,283.94.

Highlights of other department reports: Roads — there are problems with some driveways that are improperly graded so they wash out Township roads. We are close to our budget on roads. The School District Superintendent would like work on Jacobson Road, however it was one of the roads repaired by a FEMA grant after flood damage. It was FEMA approved so no changes will be made. Community Center — There was an attempted break-in. Now everyone will be asked sign in for weekend usage. The Township will pay \$15,000 from lease funds as matching funds on a \$295,506 grant for new energy efficient windows at the Community Center. Legal — The Township will replace private culverts when needed but property owners will be billed. The first culvert is provided by the Township. Planning — Odyssey will pursue a subdivision on Stoney Point rather than a PUD. They are to meet with the Planning Commission prior to meeting with the County (which is involved in the subdivision process).

November 8th meeting. Supervisors Jeff Cook, Wendy Meierhoff, Dave Mount, Dan Tanner. St. Louis County asked if the Township had an objection to selling a small parcel of tax forfeit land (a 50 foot lot) in the Greenwood Beach area. There was no objection.

Department reports: Roads: The State-required MS4 report on storm water runoff will require a map of creek crossings of our roads. Jeff will talk with Sue Lawson about this. Community Center: Septic system repair is going well. Legal: Elden Cartway petition (our first). Attorney Tim Strom reviewed the relevant cartway statutes. A resolution was adopted to have the petitioners post a security deposit of \$12,150 to cover potential Township costs. The resolution (#110807) was passed. Town Hall: Dave Mount reported the septic system has been cleaned, shingle repair was done (the roof dates from 1984). A bid on roofing the Town Hall (\$10,975) and the fire hall (\$4,250) was received. The Town Hall is on cement piers (not wood as formerly thought). Rainwater pours directly into the basement. It was suggested that we invite Daryl Bruckelmyer to a meeting to discuss our options. Johnny Hagglund assisted Supervisor Dave Mount in some temporary work to address the immediate drainage problem. Planning: The Stoneworks conditional use permit (for McQuade and Highway 61) was denied since the scale and type of business did not fit the zone district. Recycling: Someone broke the spotlight. DNR wants to put up a historic plaque at McQuade Harbor and was referred to Rich Sill and Todd Lindahl. The south recycle shed was given back to WLSSD because it could not be sold or moved. Cemetery: A marker was knocked off its base. Bills were paid and the meeting adjourned.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday)
Jan 10th and Feb 14th at 7pm in the Town Hall.**
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings

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. 8:30am-12am
Thursday 9am-12 and 4-6pm

Planning Office Hours: Secretary: Wed. 9:30-11:30am
Administrator Assistant: Wed. 3:30-6:30pm

Supervisors:

Jeff Cook, (2006-2009) 525-4010

or Email: JeffCook@duluthtownship.org

(Responsibilities: Road & Bridge, McQuade Harbor, D/NSSD, North Shore Mgmt Board, RSPT Stormwater, MPCA, Annual SSSP)

Stephen Dahl, (2007-2010) Vice Chair 525-4679 or

Email: SteveDahl@duluthtownship.org

(Responsibilities: Recreation Facilities, Duluth Assn of Townships, BAT, Community Center, North Shore Community Assn)

Dan Tanner (2005-2008) Board Chair 525-4087

or Email: DanTanner@duluthtownship.org

(Responsibilities: Town Board Chair, Cemetery, Fire Dept, St Louis County Assn of Townships, Board of Adjustment)

Wendy Meierhoff (2005-2008) 525-0263

or Email: Wendy@duluthtownship.org

(Responsibilities: Police, Senior Housing, Newsletter, Web site, Community Education, Personnel, Community Center)

Dave Mount (2007-2010) 525-7961

or Email: DaveMount@duluthtownship.org

(Responsibilities: Town Hall, Personnel, Planning & Zoning, BAT)

Town Clerk: **Ann K. 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:

Assistant to the Administrator: **John Kessler**

393-8500, Email: JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org

Town Hall hours: 3:30-6:30 Wed. or by appointment.

Planning and Zoning Secretary: 525-4166 **Jeanne Anderson**

Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org

Fax: 525-3374 Office Hours: Wed. 9:30-11:30am

Planning and Zoning Commission: **Dave Miller** (Chair), **Dave**

Chura (Vice Chair), **Jan Green**, **Adam Hendrickson**,

Michael Kahl, **Seth Levanen** and **Yvonne Rutford**.

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 Bob Engelson**, **Assistant Chief**

Will Hartman Email: FireHall@duluthtownship.org

Community Education Coordinator: (position open)

Email: 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.

Official calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

—JANUARY 2008—

- 1, Tue, **Candidate for Town Board filing** starts, the Town Hall is closed on New Year's day so document processing begins on the 2nd. See our Town Clerk at our Town Hall.
- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 2, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 8, Tue, 7pm **BAT** committee, NSCS library
- 9, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 10, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 14, Mon, 7pm **Senior Housing** group, Town Hall
- 15, Tue, 5pm **Candidate for Town Board filing closes**
- 16, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** Training Hall
- 17, Thu, Last day for Supervisor candidate to withdraw
- 21, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.
- 23, Wed, 7pm First Responder training, Fire Hall #1.
- 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

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- 4, Tue, 7:00 **BAT** committee, NSCS library
- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 6, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 9, Sat, NSCS Book Fair, Barnes & Noble Book Store
- 11, Mon, 7pm **Senior Housing** group, Town Hall.
- 13, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 14, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 18, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Annual Meeting**, NSCS Cafeteria.
- 20, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 23, Sat, **Deadline** for March Newsletter
- 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

—MARCH 2008—

- 4, Tue, 7pm **BAT** committee, NSCS library
- 5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 5, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 10, Mon, 7pm **Senior Housing** group, Town Hall
- 11, Tue, 7:00am-8:00pm **ELECTION of two Town Supervisors**, Town Hall, Homestead Rd.
- 11, Tue, 8:15pm **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** Town Hall (Please do not enter the Town Hall until 8:15 to allow voting to end, equipment to be stored and chairs to be set up for the meeting).
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Township Recycling Center

North site – at the Town Hall, on Homestead Road

Staffing by **Carolyn Marino** and **Al Anderson**, **Marlys Livingston**, and **Kathy Peer** **Tuesday 7-11am, 2-6pm, Thursday 2-6pm, and Saturday 8-noon.**

Below freeway curb recycling pickup service is now available.
(Drop off only during recycling hours)

Auction 2008 — NSCS will be holding another community auction on May 31, 2008. Please store those household, farm, and antique items for a few more months, so you can donate them to North Shore and support our local curriculum field trips. Cars? Boats? We'll take it! Many local businesses also donated items and services. Our goal is to earn about \$12,000, which is what we made three years ago with our first NSCS auction. This amount will last for 3 years, and allows for each grade to visit one or two local sites for hands-on learning. If you want to help with the Auction Committee, call Amy G. at 525-0663 ext 113.

The **Clifton 4-H Club** met Oct 22nd at the Anderson's to elect officers: **Brianna Engelson, President, Drew Edblom, Vice President, Sammi Anderson Secretary, Elsa Edblom Treasurer, Michaela Strom Historian, and Andrea Libby Reporter.** Congratulations to the new officers!

A 4-H *After School Club* for grades K-4 meets the 2nd Wednesday each month in the NSCS cafeteria. For information call: **Kate Edblom: 525-1276**

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North Shore Community School is having a **BOOK FAIR** at Barnes & Noble Book Store on Saturday, February 9th. Buy books for your Valentine that day and a portion of your purchase will be given to the North Shore school library. Vouchers (*so they credit the school Book Fair*) are available at the school, French River Lutheran Church, or at the check-out counter.



Someone has been stealing pop cans from our recycling area. The cans help fund library books for our kids. If you notice someone doing this, please report it to our Police.

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