



Tumbling wood by Jana Pastika

March 11th, Town Hall

Vote

Town Election

7am-8pm

Attend

Town Meeting

8:15pm —

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2008

What's Coming Up...

Public Hearing (Mar 27th 7pm, Town Hall) on Co-op Light and Power conditional use application to erect a 61 ft. wood pole for a communication antenna to be located at their Clover Valley substation (1/4 mile north of the Town Hall on the west side of Homestead Road). The public is invited to attend and testify on the proposed conditional use.

Stoney Point Subdivision Proposal by Odyssey Development will be moving forward. A Township hearing will probably be in March or April. Check postings (Town Hall, News Tribune, etc.) and the Township's web site: www.duluthtownship.org.

Annual Township Election for 2 supervisors will be held at the Town Hall from 7am to 8pm on Tuesday, March 11th. Two incumbents, Dan Tanner and Wendy Meierhoff, are on the ballot. See *candidate statements on page 2*.

Annual Town Meeting will be held at 8:15pm, March 11th, in the Town Hall. This is the time residents vote on the Township budget for 2009 and on other Township business (see *page 3 for budget information*). A handout prepared by our Town Clerk summarizes information for last year plus budget details. Department reports and election results are announced. It's grass roots democracy in which you and your neighbors can and should be involved.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Jeanne Anderson, Ann Cox, Jeff Cook, Steve Dahl, Bob Engelson, Kate Edblom, Dave Edblom, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hoey, Kathy Johnson, John Kessler, B.J. Kohlstedt, Sue Lawson, Andrea Libby, Wendy Meierhoff, Dave Mount, Shawn Pad-den, Jana Pastika, Dan Tanner, and our Webmaster, Linda Hollinday.

THE HOMESTEADERS

Helen Hendrickson

March 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Potluck and Bingo — Homesteader's 27th Birthday!

April 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Entertained by the **Mood Swings**: Jody Anderson (violin), Lynn Brasgala (guitar), and Kathy McTavish (cello).

May 7th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall, Program to be announced.

Everybody is welcome.

For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.

Planning Points

John Kessler, Assistant Planning Director

Beginning with this issue, we'll look at specifics about uses of land. Any structure that is built, rebuilt, moved or structurally altered, including the addition of a basement, and any change in land usage requires a land use permit, approved and issued by the Planning Director.

There are several exceptions (every rule has them!): Farming — Forest management activities — remodeling of existing structures, providing the footprint is not enlarged — accessory structures 100 sq.ft. or less that meet the setbacks for the zone — satellite antennas and apparatus of 10 ft diameter or less that meet setbacks — a privy, but it requires a sanitary permit.

Most applicants ask "How long will it take to get a permit?" It's a fair question, but there is no fixed answer. All Township officers and employees are very part time workers, and it takes time just to get the paperwork handed from person to person to complete the inspection and authorization process. Then, too, there can be complexities in certain cases that simply take time. Two weeks might be an absolute minimum turnaround time, but most take three to four weeks to complete.

The rule of thumb is that both the land use and wastewater treatment applications should be submitted at the same time. Warning: if construction starts before the land use permit application is turned in, the fee doubles. A new home fee, for example, would balloon from \$300 to \$600. So don't procrastinate; get the application in as soon as you can.

If you wish to contribute to the Newsletter — short articles about our history, poetry, pictures, masthead drawing or picture, etc. of interest to Township residents, leave a note for the editor at the Town Hall.

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 Hoey 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.)

Supervisor Election — Two candidates for Town Supervisor will be on the March 11th ballot. Each was asked to provide a statement about themselves and their interests and concerns for our Township readers. Statements are printed as provided. Both candidates have served on the Town Board and are seeking reelection for a second term.



Wendy Meierhoff

Serving on the Town Board for these past three years has been a great experience. There are so many terrific people in this Township, and I've truly enjoyed working with them to maintain and enhance our common values and sense of community. I've learned a great deal about township governance, the nuts and bolts of how we keep our rural character while at the same time creating new development and opportunity that work for our community.

During my term I've worked on a number of different projects. Among the first was working with the Planning and Zoning Commission, Township citizens, and the Town Board to finalize and implement our Zoning Ordinance. The continuing growth of our community brings new challenges and emphasizes the need to work together to create a balance that meets the needs of everyone.

Another major emphasis for me has been the Community Center and the relationship between the Township and the charter school. The synergy created by this relationship has already brought many new opportunities, and provides a great base from which to build a stronger future and to foster closeness in the community. Our community education program was launched three years ago and has successfully provided a resource for continuing education in the Township. I've also worked to support and enhance our Township recycling program, which is a significant service to citizens.

As I look forward, there are several issues that need continued attention. One of our biggest challenges is to create affordable senior housing in the Township so seniors can remain in the community as their needs change. I have been working with the Senior Housing group and would like to see this project succeed. Other issues are emerging from continued growth along our North Shore. Finally, the success of the charter school and the need to enhance the Community Center as a source of educational and recreational opportunities emphasizes the need to plan for the future of that facility. These are all issues I would like to continue working on if elected for another term.

I ask for your vote on March 11th, and encourage you to attend the Annual Town Meeting at 8:15 that evening. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss these or other issues with me, you can call me at 525-0263.



Dan Tanner

I have been a Duluth Township resident for 37 years and have served for the last three years as one of your Township Supervisors, two of those years as the chairperson. I sought this position following my retirement because I feel strongly about my community and its future direction. As a supervisor, I have worked to maintain the quality of our roads and bridges, town hall, cemetery, and fire department. Our Town Hall has a newly refinished floor, and our cemetery building received a new roof and gutters, was repainted, and had rain barrels installed to provide water. A tanker truck was purchased for the Fire Department. Further improvements are planned for the Town Hall and Fire Department.

Saving the North Shore School through its conversion to a charter school is a great success story for our community, and I am strongly supportive of it. However, the Township's relationship with the school has greatly increased and complicated the Township's financial responsibilities. I believe that these and all other financial decisions should be thoughtfully evaluated. I also have tried to maintain our budgets at a level that provides the services our residents need and desire without creating undo tax burden.

In addition, I strongly support the careful and thoughtful Planning and Zoning policies that we have in our current plan. I would like to see the rural nature of the Township maintained as much as possible because I am an avid fisherman, bow hunter, skier, and gardener. Although there is room for new people in our community, we should think carefully about which natural assets of our Township we want to save for everyone to share. Furthermore, we must be ever vigilant to protect our community from the large urban developments that have encroached into other communities.

Those who know me can tell you that I am an honest and forthright person, and I strive to keep an open mind to concerns from all Township residents. I believe that I have brought these qualities to my dealings with community citizens.

Finally I would like to say that I am very proud to work with the many folks who are working hard to serve our community. I respectfully ask for your vote on March 11. If you would like to discuss any Township issues, please feel free to call me at 525-4087.

Township Expenses and Budget for 2009

The budget history table that has been included in the March issue each year was getting a bit cumbersome so this year the relevant information is in a different format. The **bottom line** is that the Township budget continues to be pretty flat over the last several years. In fact, the *proposed* 2009 budget is lower than that approved by residents in 2007 for 2008. Your *total* property tax and any increases you notice are primarily due to County and State level budgets, reduced State aid for local governments, and from special assessments (e.g. school district, sewer). Listed below is a comparison, by department, of actual expenses for last year (2007), the budget we citizens approved last year for the current year (2008), and the proposed budget for next year (2009). The 2009 budget will be voted on at the upcoming March 11th **Annual Town Meeting**.

The proposed budget for 2009 is down 3.2% from that approved for this year, 2008. This is due, in part, to projected lower expenses for our Police and Fire Departments. All Departments ended the year in the black and this also helps keep the 2009 budget down. Thanks to our Township's various departments and Supervisors for managing our Township business.

There are some upcoming expenses such as roofing the Town Hall and Fire Hall, and some work to keep storm water out of the Town Hall basement, which will come out of past savings and do not need to be added to the proposed 2009 budget request. Modest reserve funds are maintained by Police and Fire Departments (for vehicle purchase/repair) and the Road and Bridge Department (for emergency road repairs).

Our **Township income** includes various fees (e.g. land use permits), grants (e.g. planning, fire equipment), any State aid (which is being further cut), the Alden contract for fire service, and the Township part of property tax levies. Income from leasing our Community Center is used for Community Center maintenance and capital improvement projects. The County Assessor has indicated that there are no plans to increase the level of property assessments this year. Although property sales are slower and there have been some foreclosures, property values in our area have not generally decreased very much unlike some urban areas around the nation.

The proposed 2009 Township budget amounts to an average of about \$428/year per household or \$35.67/month, down from \$442/year for 2008.

	<i>Actual Expenditures for 2007</i>	<i>Approved Budget for 2008</i>	<i>Proposed budget for 2009</i>
Police Department	\$39,286.00	\$43,235.00	\$40,955.00
Fire Department	72,104.50	76,754.50	64,000.00
General Township	115,395.00	115,415.00	118,900.00
Planning & Zoning	16,000	16,000	16,900.00
Cemetery	3,000	6,000	6,000.00
Road & Bridge	60,000	70,000	70,000.00
Community Education	<i>(self sustaining from fees)</i>		
Recycling	<i>(paid by a WLSSD grant)</i>		
Community Center	<i>(paid from school lease funds)</i>		
Totals	305,785.50	327,304.50	316,755.00
Average annual cost per household <i>(depending on assessed property value, 740 households.)</i>	\$413.22	\$442.30	\$428.05

Building Permits Issued
2000-2007
Ann Cox, Town Clerk

	Total	Single
Family	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Permits</u>
2000	56	17
2001	66	18
2002	57	18
2003	69	24
2004	70	23
2005	67	20
2005	44	10
2006	28	3

*2007 Single Family Construction
Declared Value: \$314,000*

Clifton 4-H Club by Andrea Libby, Clifton 4-H Reporter.

Our 4-H meeting on Sunday was held at North Shore Community School. First we went cross-country skiing, it was a great day to ski, not too warm, not too chilly. Next we had our meeting in the NSCS cafeteria. During the meeting I (Andrea) had a demonstration, I talked about how I went through dog obedience with my dog Lucky. Last we had brownies as a snack!

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

New Planning and Zoning Staff

Supervisor Dave Mount

The Town Board and Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission are pleased to announce two new members of the Township's P&Z staff. In December 2007, **Jeanne Anderson** was hired as the new Planning and Zoning Secretary. In this position, Jeanne works to keep the P&Z department organized, keeps minutes and official records for P&Z Commission meetings and hearings, and keeps information flowing within and between the P&Z staff and the rest of the Township. Jeanne takes over from former secretary Trish O'Keefe and interim secretary Carolyn Marino, both of whom have earned tremendous thanks from both the P&Z Commission and the Town Board.

In January, **Sue Lawson** was hired as the new Planning Director for our Township. In this role, Sue coordinates the day to day activities of the P&Z department, including implementation of both our Zoning Ordinance and the Township's Comprehensive Plan. Sue takes over from Wayne Dahlberg, who stepped down in December after over 10 years of service to the Township. The entire Township owes a great debt to Wayne for a lot of hard work and extra hours during that time (thanks Wayne!).

Continuity during this time of change has been provided by **John Kessler**, who continues in the Assistant Planning Director position which he has held for several years. You can contact the P&Z staff through the general Township phone number or by calling John at 218-393-8500.

Duluth/North Shore Sanitary Dis-

John Bowen joined the Board as a representative from Duluth Township.

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. The public is welcome. For sewer service, contact Eric Appelwick, Northeast Technical Services, 624-8042, cell: 590-5911, Email: eappelwick@nettechnical.com.

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. The study has been delayed but is expected sometime in March. We will also be discussing various site possibilities, design drafts and organizational arrangements.

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

HELP WANTED

Stay at Home Pet Care (Homestead Rd).
Call: 834-3310 for an application.

Township Resident Don Mount Places Land into the Forest Legacy Program

If you've driven around the northern part of our Township recently, you may have noticed some new signs along App and Hegberg Roads marking *Forest Legacy Conservation Land*. Those signs are on the property of Don Mount, who placed 470 of his 480 acres into the *Minnesota Forest Legacy Program*, insuring that his land will remain permanently as forest.

Despite the vast tracts of State and federal lands in northeast Minnesota, the bulk of our state's forests are in private ownership. In light of the development and fragmentation pressures facing our private forests, the federal government created the *Forest Legacy Program* within the 1990 Farm Bill as a way to protect forests threatened by development. Under this program, the Minnesota DNR uses federal funds to purchase development rights from landowners in the form of permanent deed restrictions against development of the property. The land remains in private ownership under the landowner's control and may be sold as any other property, but must be permanently dedicated to forest uses (including logging, habitat preservation, recreation) and cannot be subdivided. Management goals for individual properties are outlined in a forest management plan developed as part of the application process.

Although Don donated his land to the program, landowners entering the program can receive compensation for lost market value in the form of direct payments, reimbursement of legal or other associated costs, or tax credits. In addition, decreasing the market value of the property can lead to reductions in property tax assessments. "Forests are nice as green space, but their importance is much more than that," Don said. "Forests are the sources for lumber and wood fiber we use every day. If we don't preserve local forests as a source of these materials, we create pressures to cut other forests, such as tropical rain forests, with much greater consequences for our planet."

For more information on the *Forest Legacy Program*, see: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestlegacy/index.html>



Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Chief

New Tanker Grant from FEMA — We have received official notification that a \$163,150 grant has been awarded (including a required 5% match)! FEMA requires purchase of a new (not used) vehicle and getting rid of our oldest tanker.

Our rebuilt Tanker #1 is now in service.



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.

Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief

A **Crime Alert** warned of a person checking out mailboxes along McQuade on a recent weekend evening. *Don't leave your mail sitting in your mailbox.* Avoid the possibility of mail/identity theft. Also someone is dumping their garbage in others' empty garbage carts left out after garbage pickup. *Retrieve your garbage cart promptly.* Please report suspicious activity.

During 2007 in addition to regular patrols and reports, our Officers attended to **1087** police events. Most frequent were requested home/business checks (340), assisting public/motorists (90), checks of suspicious vehicles/persons (83), traffic warnings (82), requested extra patrol in some area (47), serving civil process (41), animal complaints (38), response to burglar alarms (35), locating reckless drivers/DWIs (35), citations for traffic violations (22), medical emergencies (27), and responding to fire alarms (24), arrests (13), and suicide attempts (11).

Other more infrequent but serious events include drug incidents, missing persons, burglaries, threats, vehicle thefts, explosive device incident, missing persons, criminal sexual conduct, domestic disturbance, child abuse, garbage dumping, etc.

The Police Department processed 8 permits to acquire and 2 permits to carry handguns.

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.

Who to call: 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).

**Recorded
Police
Events**

2007	1087
2006	881
2005	972
2004	1057
2003	969
2002	773

Vacancy on Planning and Zoning Commission
Supervisor Dave Mount

This year marks the end of Adam Hendrickson's term on our Township Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission, and he leaves with everyone's thanks for the time he has committed to serving our Township over the last six years. While we are sorry to see Adam go, this provides an opportunity for another Township citizen to step forward to serve.

The P&Z Commission is a seven member board that guides the implementation of the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. While relevant experience is always a plus, no special qualifications are necessary to serve on the P&Z Commission other than an interest in the Township's future and a willingness to serve. Commission members serve three year terms and cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. The Commission holds regular monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month, with occasional special meetings as the need arises. Commission members receive \$35 per meeting in return for their service.

Interviews to fill the Commission vacancy will be held by the Town Board in early April. Interested citizens should submit a letter of interest and relevant past experience to Duluth Township, Attn: P&Z Commission vacancy, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Dave Miller, Chair of the P&Z Commission, at 525-1555.

MS4 Stormwater Requirements

Supervisor Jeff Cook

The Township is required by MPCA to regularly report on potential stormwater issues and to provide information about stormwater abatement to residents. We have a once-per-year special meeting to hear resident concerns and address questions about stormwater.

With spring coming, you will notice that it is very important to have **your driveway graded with a crown** so that storm water runs off into the ditch and NOT on to Town or County roads where it can cause significant damage. *Improperly graded driveways can lead to washed out roads and expensive repairs.* Do your part! Save Township costs.

Waterways, even if dry part of the year, need to have a vegetation buffer zone to help keep stream water clean.

Building Assessment Team (BAT)

Supervisor Steve Dahl, Co-Chair

Wayne Dahlberg and Kevin Holm volunteered some of their expertise to draw up some possible "phase-in" options. And, the Board also indicated they were/are uncomfortable with long term debt. The BAT has requested a meeting with the Town Board, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4th, 7pm in the school library at the Community Center. The public is welcome to attend.

The group regularly meets the first Tuesday at 7pm in the school library at the Community Center on Ryan Road.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

(Official minutes by Planning Commission Secretary Jeanne Anderson are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org)

November 29th meeting. All members were present.

Public comment—seeking clarification of sale of one property divided by railroad as two properties (2.7ac and 3/8ac. No subdivision is needed and these properties can be sold one per year.

Jeanne Anderson was hired as P&Z Secretary. A conditional use hearing for short term rental will be heard at the January meeting. Odyssey received our comments and they will be incorporated in their submittal for a subdivision along Stoney Point. Coop Light and Power will be seeking a conditional use permit for a pole tower at their substation.

The Commission thanked Wayne Dahlberg for his service as Planning Director.

The Next Planning Committee meetings: (4th Thursday) Mar 27th and Apr 24th at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.

Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

What's Happening at the School Forest

B. J. Kohlstedt, Curriculum Director, NSCS

Driving by the North Shore Community School forest on Ryan and Lismore Roads this winter, you may notice some changes. The Town Board, NSCS, DNR, and McCabe Forest Products have teamed up to log some trees on 8 acres.

Since 1996, our 40 acres are registered as a DNR school forest. A Forest Stewardship Plan was done in 2000 and updated by forester Fran Casey in July 2007. The plan divides the forest into 5 plots. Diseased aspen in Plot 3 will be selectively harvested along with dead and diseased red pine from the Ryan Road windbreak. The plan was presented to the Town Board for discussion and approval.

NSCS students spend hundreds of hours each year using the forest for learning. The past few years a horse logger has come to demonstrate logging practices and Tom McCabe has enthusiastically offered to demonstrate modern logging practices. This is an unusual offer because the plot is so small, equipment has to be moved and the return is small. In the past Tom has donated wood chips for our trails and supports a model, sound, ecosystem.

As you drive by, the area will look much more open, as about 50 cords of mixed species biomass will be removed for chipping. There will be a buffer along the road and islands of balsam fir for a more natural appearance. Equipment access from the parking lot will avoid soccer fields. The current ski trail will be widened for double tracking.

Work should be completed by the end of March. The DNR is donating white spruce and white pine which will be protected from deer. We think you will like what you see by the end of next summer. Students will learn from many aspects of this project.

Summary of Town Board Meetings

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

December 13th meeting. All Supervisors present. The Treasurer reported deposits of \$129,426.16, expenses of \$141,342.48 and an ending balance for November of \$759,504.15. *Department reports:* *Police:* Activities were reported. A firearms ordinance is needed restricting discharging firearms between the Expressway and the Lake. Bids are in for a new squad car. *Fire:* One fire run in November, a skid pump unit has been received for the grass fire pickup. *Planning:* Wayne reported on transition business and his request to continue serving on the North Shore Management Board was approved. He recommended that the Board deal with the issue of residents who build without required permits. Mr. Ulanowski's request for a road to his property is being referred to the developing land owner association for Pine Road. A cartway petition for off the Englund road is pending receipt of security funds. *Town Hall:* Office hours will be changed from 7pm to 6pm. *Community Center:* The forest timber stand will have a logging project to improve habitat and provide an educational opportunity. Mowing at the Community Center will be included in the Cemetery bid. *Recycling:* Reported theft of aluminum cans for NSCS library. John Bowen was accepted as the Township representative on the D/NSSD Board. Planning Director interviews will be held January 3rd.

January 3rd special meeting. All Supervisors present. Applicants for the Planning Director position were interviewed: Sue Lawson, Bill Lannon, Kathleen Zweber. The Board moved to offer Sue Lawson the position contingent on reaching agreement on compensation. Thanks to all who applied.

January 10th meeting. All Supervisors present. A motion to proceed with the Community Center timber stand project was approved (*see article*). Presentation of a computer map system was made by Ben Van Tassel and Kara Kent. *Department Reports:* *Police:* New squad car ordered. Officer Swanson submitted resignation. *Fire:* No fires, one rollover. Alden Township contract for fire coverage was settled. *Planning:* Wayne supported Sue Lawson as new Planning Director. He will receive \$20/hr for transition assistance. Caroline Marino will assist the new Planning Secretary in transition and will submit a bill for her time. A motion was approved to compensate the new Planning Director at \$750/month. *Legal:* Pine Road will be treated as a cartway and their road association will include Mr. Ulanowski. *Community Center:* Window replacement grant project will begin Jan 14th. The well will be evaluated to find the slow-flow problem. *Roads:* Homestead road is scheduled for resurfacing this year. A bridge on the north end of Homestead was built in 1921 and has restricted load problems. Supervisor Mount wrote to Peg Sweeney suggesting that it is in the County's interest to fix the bridge before resurfacing.

The Next Town Board meetings: (2nd Thursday)

Mar 13th and Apr 10th 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 Stormwa
 ter, 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 Director: **Sue Lawson**

Assistant Director: **John Kessler** 393-8500,
 Email: JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Secretary: **Jeanne Anderson**, 493-8500
 Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org

Planning and Zoning Commission: **Dave Miller** (Chair), **Dave
 Chura** (Vice Chair), **Jan Green**, **Michael Kahl**, **Seth
 Levanen** and **Yvonne Rutford**, (one open position).
 Email: PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org

Peace Officers: Chief **Shawn Padden**, Officers: **Mike
 Peterson** and **Steve Peterson**.

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, other-
 wise 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.

—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, 7am-8pm **ELECTION** of two Township
 Supervisors, Town Hall — VOTE —
 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.)
 12, Wed, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District**
 meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 13, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Organization meeting,
 Town Hall
 17, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School**
Board meeting, NSCS Library
 19, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall#1
 27, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

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- 1, Tue, 7pm **BAT** committee, NSCS library
 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 2, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business
 meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 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
 16, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** Training Hall
 21, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School**
Board meeting, NSCS Library.
Deadline for May Newsletter
 23, Sat,
 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

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- 6, Tue, 7:00 **BAT** committee, NSCS library
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 meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 8, Thu, 7pm **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, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
 22, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

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: Nov-March 2-6pm, April-Oct 3-7pm
and Saturday 8-noon.

Below freeway curb recycling pickup service is now available.
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Tuesday: Cribbage Night 7:00
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Pre-school Enrollment
"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"

Registration is now being accepted for the 08-09 pre-school program at NSCS. Children ages 3, 4, and 5 may enroll.

Classes meet both morning and afternoon on Tues, Wed, and Thurs. Children may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. Those attending Kindergarten for the following year are encouraged to enroll in the 3-day program. A \$25.00 registration fee is required to hold your spot for the year.

For more information or to visit the pre-school room, contact Kathy Johnson, 525-0663 Ext 106.

Address Signs to be picked up at the Town Hall
Marlin and Anna **Nelson**, 6137 Ryan Rd; Tom **Shega**, 1542 Clover Valley Dr; Thomas **Wright**, 5779 Bergquist Rd; Roger **Rose**, 5252 McQuade Rd; Donna **Brenna**, 1456 W. Knife River Rd; Ed and Monica **Grondahl-Ostrander**, 2041 Swanson Rd

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