

# Duluth Township Newsletter

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July 2009

## What's Coming Up...

**Online Burning Permit** procedures, a correction (*see article*).

**Construction Zone** at our Community Center. *Please do not let your children play there unattended* because of truck traffic. *Please stay out of the construction area.* See school insert for further details or call Supervisor Wendy Meierhoff at 525-0263 for scheduling field use

**Come On Home Party**—Aug 8<sup>th</sup> community gathering (*see article*)

**Public Hearing** on Board of Adjustment Ordinance Change — to be posted but probably held prior to Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting (*see article*)

**Public Safety Expo**—Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> (*see article*)

## Updated Local Business Listing Due Out by September

Check the Township web site for the current (3 yrs old!) listing. Please send additions or corrections to [dmctavish@lakenet.com](mailto:dmctavish@lakenet.com) or drop a note at the Town Hall. Most of the known local businesses have been called for update information.

**Support our local businesses!**

## Thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Jody Anderson, Amy Bergerson, Dave Chura, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Margaret France, Greg Garmer, Helen Hendrickson, Janis Hooey, Kathy Johnson, Fran Kaliher, John Kessler, Sue Lawson, Howard McCormick, Janet McTavish, Wendy Meierhoff, Dave Mount, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Alvera Pierson, Sherry Rovig, and our Webmaster, Linda Holliday. Thanks to Jim Munger for sharing his photographs.



## Comments from the Chair

Dave Mount, Town Board Chair

► Few people know that the Township has some significant responsibilities in regard to storm water management, including annual reporting to the State on efforts within the Township to manage storm water. Val Brady has volunteered a lot of her time to compile the Township's *annual stormwater report* and we owe her a great thanks for that.

► There's a lot going on at the *Township Community Center/North Shore Community School* this summer. The main building is being re-roofed, and there will be a lot of construction related to improvements to the grounds and facilities, including a picnic pavilion, outdoor restrooms, a new playground, and several other improvements. This work is being paid for by a combination of grants and rent money the school pays to the Town, so there's no additional cost to the taxpayers for all the resulting benefits. (*see article in the school news insert*)

► As indicated elsewhere in this Newsletter, the Township is organizing an email distribution list we can use to notify residents of happenings in the Township and other important news. See details elsewhere on how to sign up. We'd also welcome suggestions on what kinds of information you'd like to see distributed by email. Thanks goes to Linda Holliday for organizing this effort.

► Thanks to those that came to the recent public hearing on changes to the Township Zoning Ordinance — we had a very constructive discussion that will undoubtedly influence how we move forward.

Hope you all have a good summer!

## Community Education Class

*"Wintering Roses on the North Shore"* Now is the time to think about wintering roses. When to start? How to accomplish this task? Free class on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7pm at 5283 North Shore Drive. Instructor: Thomas Roi. Please call to sign up. All are welcome!

This year's **Duluth Township Memorial Day Ceremony** at our Palmer Lakeview Cemetery was organized by George Sundstrom and Fred Poe. The speaker was David Boe, veteran and staff assistant to Representative Oberstar. Our French River Scout Troup presented the flag and members of the *French River Lutheran Church* provided music and refreshments. There was a good crowd attending to pay their respects and names of our Township's fallen veterans were read.

Residents **Mary Tennis** and **Stacy Levres** created and tended the beautiful flower barrel plantings at our Town Hall again this year. Thank you!

**"Trout Are Made of Trees"**

*A story to help school children understand the ecology of our trout streams.*

On behalf of the *St Louis River Alliance*, **Howard McCormick** was able to obtain a grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to give 50 copies of "*Trout Are Made of Trees*", a book by April Pulley Sayre (*illustrated by Kate Endle, published by Charlesbridge*), to our **North Shore Community School** as well as copies to the Duluth Public School District. On May 13, Howard had the opportunity to read the book to a class of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Lester Park School.

Author April Pulley Sayre tells a story of two young children and their fathers visiting a trout stream and talking about how leaves fall into the stream and become part of the food chain. The book connects readers with the relations between trees and the trout along with other creatures in the stream as well as people who eat the trout. Trees also provide the needed shade that keeps the water temperature cool for trout and the branches in the water provide hiding places for trout fry and other small creatures.

This collaboration will help teachers at the North Shore Community School develop science activities to help students use our local environment to teach basic biological concepts. When we are able to teach concepts in a student's backyard, it becomes more real and easier to understand. There are many trout streams along the north shore of Lake Superior and this book will help us use these resources to teach our students.

*Information provided by Greg Garmer.*

**Update on Lakenet Email**

If you have an email account on CLP's lakenet high speed internet, the reason your outgoing email *may* sometimes be blocked if it is going to an email account on big email provider systems is that they are blocking it. Periodically, some of lakenet's email customers have had their password breached and spammers have tried to use their accounts to send out "*spam*" messages under the pirated email address. Fortunately, lakenet detects this fraudulent use and stops it. But, spammers have figured out how to get into the customer's webmail account as well and use that to send their spam.

Once spamming starts from a lakenet webmail account, AOL, Frontier, MSN, and Yahoo computers instantly cut off anything they receive from any lakenet account. What takes a few moments to get blocked, takes days to get removed. It is very frustrating for Kevin Olson, who is in charge of CLP's highspeed internet system and who has provided this and other informative updates. Lakenet's provider is installing new servers and anti-spam detection software to reduce these blacklisting events.

**Protect your passwords.** Any free Yahoo or Google email account would be a good backup.

Thanks for your patience.

**The Homesteaders**

*Helen Hendrickson*

**July 1<sup>st</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Annual picnic and bingo.

**August 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Information on medical and non-medical services available in our community by Michelle. Coffee time follows.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>**, "Come On Home Party".

Saturday 1-4:30pm, Town Hall,

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30, Town Hall. Program to be announced.

***Everybody is welcome.***

*For information call Helen Hendrickson at 525-4154.*

**Fall Community Education Classes**

Watch the September issue of the Newsletter for details. Community Chorus—"*Singing Together 101*" directed by Paul Peterson. Probably Monday evenings. More to follow. Prepare to sing!



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**Best growing dirt on the North Shore!**

Rotted manure, sand, gravel, rocks, big rock, **Driveway work and septic repair, large rock, small rock, Lawn mowing.** Call Walt at 525-5092

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**ROUGH SAWN LUMBER**

For Your Projects

*wood shed, yard shed, raised garden beds, etc. Call for prices, George A. Sundstrom 525-5655*

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Police Department  
Shawn Padden, Chief

Our Police Department logged 83 events plus regular patrols and paperwork in May. These included 13 traffic violation warnings, 8 medical emergencies, 5 motorist assists, 4 suspicious vehicle checks, and 23 vacation home/business check.

**Vacation/Business Patrol** — If you are away or need extra police checking, there is a form you can use to request police checking while you are away. See the Town Hall or our Township web site.

Crime Alerts Our Police Department maintains an **E-mail Crime Alert** notification (*also on our web site*). To receive notices send your email address to:

[PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PoliceOffice@duluthtownship.org).

Duluth Township's Annual  
"Come On Home Party"  
August 8<sup>th</sup>

Saturday afternoon, 1-4:30pm  
at our Town Hall on Homestead Road.

It's free!

It's for everyone in the community  
— new residents and old timers,  
young and old.

The purpose of  
the event is to  
have fun and to  
build a strong and caring community.

**There's music, dancing, great  
door prizes, refreshments  
and a chance to meet new friends.**

Join Your Community's Gathering!  
(for more information, call 525-4154)



Public Safety Expo  
Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 10-3pm

Dept of Public Safety Facility  
5111 Maple Grove Road, Hermantown

It's a public **family event** showing police, fire, and emergency equipment. Outdoor and indoor demonstrations. Door prizes. City, county, and community exhibits, food, and fun!

Plan to attend. Shawn will be there!

North Shore Locavores

Sherry Rovig

No meetings are scheduled for July. The next meeting will be Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, (4<sup>th</sup> Sun.) at our Town Hall. For more information, see "[Locavore](#)" tab on our Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org), or call: Sherry at 525-0489 or Georganne at 525-4679. Meetings are free and open to the public. An educational hour often precedes (3pm) a 4pm meeting with a pot luck meal at 5pm.

Township Calendar

See updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

—JULY 2009—

- 1, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
1, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
9, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.  
15, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** Training Hall #1  
20, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library.  
21, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
23, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

—AUGUST 2009—

- 5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
5, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
8, Sat, 1-4:30pm **COME ON HOME PARTY**, Town Hall (*see article*)  
13, Thu, Possible Public Hearing, Town Hall (*see article*)  
13, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall  
17, Mon, 6:30pm **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library  
18, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
19, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1  
22, Sat, 10-3, Police/Fire Expo. Hermantown Fire Hall.  
23, Sun, 4pm Locovores, Town Hall  
23, Sun, *Deadline for September Newsletter*  
27, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

—SEPTEMBER 2009—

- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall  
2, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd  
10, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall  
14, Mon, 6:30pm, **North Shore Community School Board** meeting, NSCS Library  
15, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
16, Wed, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall#1  
24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

Township Recycling Center

At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road  
Staffing by Carolyn Marino and Al Anderson,  
Marlys Livingston, and Kathy Peer

**April-October: Tues. 7-11am, Thurs. 3-7pm, Sat. 8-noon.**  
Nov-March: Tues. 7-11am, Thurs. 2-6pm, Sat. 8-noon.  
**(Drop off only during recycling hours)**

Please report theft of aluminum cans at recycling, to Police.  
Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.

Call 911 for all emergencies

To leave messages and non-emergency information:  
Duluth Township Police: 393-8407 or 525-5705,  
St Louis County 911 or their office: 727-8770

**Home Care Resources That Serve Duluth Township**  
Margaret France

**Medical Services:**

*Nursing and therapy services; Medicaid/insurances may cover cost; need a physician order for services, and must be homebound.*

Gentiva Health Services: 723-8999

Interim Healthcare: 722-0053

*(if they have staff available in the area)*

Regency Home Health Care: 727-0296

St. Luke's Home Care: 249-6111

St. Mary's Home Health: 786-4004

Senior Friend Home Care: 727-1111

Superiorhealth Community Care: 834-7205

**Non-Medical Services:**

*Light housekeeping, meal prep, shopping, med. Reminders; most insurance does not cover costs; no physician order needed.*

Caring Companions/Touching Hearts at Home: 724-4743

Home Instead Senior Care: 727-8810

**Other:**

*Home healthcare and special transportation services.*

Pathways to Achievement, Inc.: 721-4732  
or [www.pathwaystoachievementinc.com](http://www.pathwaystoachievementinc.com)

**Senior Linkage Line: 1-800-333-2433**

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department  
Bob Engelson, Chief

**For Sale:** Two 10'x10' old garage doors from Fire Hall #2. If you are interested, contact Chief Engelson (525-6819).

**Volunteer Fire Fighters Needed** — Our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department needs residents who would like to be a volunteer firefighter. It's a great way to serve your community. We need 8 more firefighters to fill out our roster. Call Fire Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819.

**Burning Permits are required.** (see article)

Planning Pointers

John Kessler

I'll bet y'all took a big sigh of relief last month when you learned there was no test. But it was a trick: the test is this month!

And to top it off, it will be a one-question quiz, a trick question at that...are you ready? If you are making plans to expand a building on your land, or build something altogether new, **how soon should you submit an application for a permit** to execute your plan? Two weeks before you plan to start, a month, or maybe six weeks might be soon enough, you say?

Looking at this answer through your eyes, and using your planning-ahead skills, you might pick a date for delivery of a new modular dwelling. You might assume that counting days backwards from that date to have a slab laid down, and then a few days prior to that to have the site prepared, and then pick a date to start the paperwork. And then, to your dismay and disappointment, some of the working folks at the Town Hall are away for, let's say, a vacation, or a learning opportunity, to be gone for two weeks. Or the weather turns bad and the concrete cannot possibly be poured for a week.

Another point of view here is vital: the staff in the Town Hall "office" all work part-time, so it can take, at times, a few days just to have a message relayed to the right person, even when the email works perfectly. That's not an excuse, it's a fact, and each has several regular duties to perform, and the entire population of the community to serve.

Even given what you think of as plenty of time, there are elements of your application that need to be verified with someone possibly vacationing; ownership of land parcels needs to be validated, which we found out recently is not always just two or three keyboard clicks away; stormwater runoff is a growing concern everywhere, especially on our sloping terrain, accurate wastewater treatment facilities must be validated. All of the ordinance provisions must be kept in mind when reviewing an application, all for your benefit, as well as the community at large.

Since it's now summer, we won't dwell on this any longer: in the second paragraph, the question was, how soon should the application to build be turned in. The answer is quite simple: **it is never too soon!** Even if all of the necessary information isn't available, submit it and we can complete it later. Think about it: you'll be helping yourself by allowing more time for the critical elements of your plan to take place, and helping us to make sure the plan is OK and we both will be able to avoid having to try to make miracles happen.

Let's all have a very good summer!

Pre-school Registration

Kathy Johnson

Enrollments are still being accepted for the 09-10 pre-school at NSCS. Children ages 3-5 are eligible to attend. Classes are offered on Tues, Wed, and Thurs both morning and afternoon. There is a \$25 non-refundable registration fee. Please call 525-0663 ext 106 to enroll or to schedule a visit.

Hopefully, scholarships will again be available to assist area families. If you would like to contribute to the pre-school scholarship fund, donations can be sent to NSCS Pre-school at 5926 Ryan Road.



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## Brita and the CoHo Salmon

*Alvera Pierson*



Six-month old Brita Pierson at first planting of coho salmon in Lake Superior, with Commissioner Jarle Lierfallom.

Forty years ago, in April of 1969, when Brita Pierson Aug was 6 months old, the first planting of coho salmon was scheduled to be released at the French River Hatchery. So, Brita and Karl Strom, who was 6 years old, and I went to witness the exciting event.

The hatchery was bustling with activity, with dignitaries. Even Jarle Lierfallom, the Minnesota Conservation Commissioner in 1969, attended. I thought it would be interesting to follow up, 40 years later, on the coho population. Don Schreiner at the French River Hatchery had a wealth of information on the coho's history and management over the years.

The coho salmon were stocked in Minnesota waters from 1969 through 1972. Stocking was discontinued based on slow growth rate, small size of creel fish,

low return rate, late spawning migration, and high cost of the hatchery product. The coho have now become naturalized throughout Lake Superior. They have a 3-year lifecycle with anglers catching primarily 2 year old fish. There is no closed season for coho salmon. The bag limit is 5 when combined with chinook, pink and Atlantic salmon, with a minimum size limit of 10 inches. To determine the yearly coho population three methods are used. Winter creel surveys are conducted once every 3 years and summer creel surveys are done annually. Charter captains file annual reports and these are summarized. French and Knife River traps are monitored to count adults entering those two rivers (annually, fewer than 25 are captured in each river's traps).

I learned that the coho salmon have provided a high quality fishery based on natural production. They will continue to be monitored to provide anglers with a great fun sport in the North Shore streams for many more years.

### Trespass Posting

The Newsletter has been asked to provide information on posting your property. Information can be found in two **MnDNR publications** that contain rules that also apply to Hunting and using ATVs: "[Off-Highway Vehicle Regulations](#)" and "[Hunting and Trapping Regulations Handbook](#)". These are available at [www.mndnr.gov](http://www.mndnr.gov) or by contacting our Conservation Officer Matthew Miller (218) 834-4653 or: [matthew.miller@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:matthew.miller@dnr.state.mn.us).

Respecting private land and asking for permission to enter are emphasized by officials, trainers and in publications. "A person may not enter legally posted land for outdoor recreation purposes without permission."

There are **guidelines for legally posting your land**. Quoting from these DNR publications, "...land must have signs posted once each year that state 'no trespassing' or similar terms either: 1) along the boundaries every 1,000 feet or less, or in wooded areas where boundaries are less clear, at intervals of 500 feet or less; or 2) at the primary corners of each parcel of land and at access roads and trails at points of entrance to each parcel, except corners only accessible through agricultural land need not be posted."

"...with lettering at least 2 inches high and the signature or the legible name and telephone number of the owner, occupant, lessee, or authorized manager." "Notification to stay off private land, authorization to remove a sign posted to prevent trespass, or legal permission to enter private land or to take wild animals near occupied buildings or corrals, may only be given by the owner, occupant or lessee." "Just because property isn't posted, that doesn't mean you have the right to enter someone else's private property." The booklets also list trespass penalties. Questions? call Conservation **Officer Matthew Miller** (834-4653) or our Township Police.

## Open Burning Permits Available Online

*Fran Kaliher*

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Forestry has implemented a new open burning permit online service which is available to individual private landowners. The one-time fee is five dollars for a calendar year. After completing the online application process and paying the fee, individuals can print and save an electronic copy of the permit. **Individuals must have the printed permit while conducting a burn. The permit must be activated for each burn by calling a toll-free number or going online.** The system will inform you at that time of any restrictions in effect for your specific area.

This permit system allows **911** dispatch centers to have the latest information on active permits to help protect the community from wildfires and false runs. A burning permit is required unless there is three inches of continuous snow cover at your burn site. Campfires up to 3 feet in diameter do not require a permit, but must be attended at all times and extinguished before leaving.

To apply for an online permit, visit [mndnr.gov/permits](http://mndnr.gov/permits).

**Burning permits are also available from** our Town Hall during business hours, local Fire Wardens, Jay Zink (525-5589) and Jeff and Caroline Marino (525-6431), and DNR Forestry offices in Two Harbors (1568 Hwy 2, 834-6609). Our Fire Chief does not handle burning permits!

*(Thanks to Fran Kaliher for catching my error and providing a correction to information in the May Newsletter).*

## Community Services in Duluth Township

**AA** meets Monday at 8pm at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road.  
**Clifton 4-H Club:** call Kate Edblom 525-1276

**Cub Scouts:** call David Hooey 525-6617  
**Boy Scouts:** call Jim Atkinson 343-0119; or Email: [jbatkinson@allete.com](mailto:jbatkinson@allete.com)

**Girl Scouts:** call Julie Igo 726-4710  
*(Note: If other community service groups should be listed, please leave a note for the Editor at the Town Hall.)*

## Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.** Present were Commissioners Dave Chura, Barb Crow, Mike Kahl, Bill Lannon, Seth Levanen, and Yvonne Rutford. March 26th minutes were approved. The Lighthouse Restaurant requested guidance on signage. Currently one 50sq ft sign is permitted. They want to put up a larger display (a large inflated bottle) on at least 4 holiday weekends. It could be taken down at night. A conditional use permit with notice to residents within a 1/4 mile would be needed. It was suggested that all signage be considered at once. *Planning Director report:* The proposed revised fee schedule was discussed. This includes fees for permits for planned unit developments (PUD), subdivisions and raising some other fees to better reflect the cost to the Township. Comments at the Annual Town meeting suggested that the Planning budget should recover more of its costs from fees. The new fee schedule will be presented at the June 3rd Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance changes. Fire Hall/Town Hall long range planning is proceeding. A preliminary meeting has been held. The Master Site Plan for the Community Center was discussed. Two members of the Town Board and 2 members of the School Board will meet to discuss construction details. Wayne Dahlberg has been working on design details for the pavilion. The Board agreed to hold a closed site visit May 7<sup>th</sup> with the Bieraugels, (related to their legal suit), their attorney, our Planning Director and a member from the Town Board and the Planning Commission, to look at alternatives for the small lot by Bluebird Landing.

Officers for 2009 were elected: Dave Chura will continue as Chair, Mike Kahl continues as Vice Chair, and Bill Lannon was elected as Commission member on the 3-member Board of Adjustment.

*Proposed Zoning Changes:* It was moved and approved that we discontinue short term rentals. Among listed reasons were findings of a report submitted to the Town Board, the vision of the *Comprehensive Land Use Plan*, the existing rural character of the Township, budget concerns expressed in the Annual Meeting and enforcement issues. We also have a number of businesses catering to long and short term stays. A single family, two family or seasonal dwelling rented by the owner for periods of 30 days or longer and not occupied by the owner during rental periods is a long term rental which is allowed in all zones except LIU3. The period for appeal of a variance or conditional use is 15 days to not lose time on the 60-day rule clock. There was discussion of other proposed changes, all of which go to the Public Hearing and to the Town Board.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings: July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) at 7pm in the Town Hall.**

*Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.*

*Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.*

## 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](http://www.duluthtownship.org).)

**April 9<sup>th</sup> stormwater meeting.** Supervisors Stephen Dahl, Dave Mount, Mary Ann Sironen, and Dan Tanner were present. This is a required meeting for residents to raise questions and provide comments. Only 2 residents attended. The road supervisor will have to take GPS readings and pictures of Township culverts and all drive-ways that could potentially be a problem.

**April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.** All Supervisors were present. Minutes of March 9, 12, 24 and April 2 meetings were approved. The Annual meeting approved a budget that took account of a gas tax rebate from the County if we budgeted \$97,000 for roads for 2010. We discovered the actual figure to qualify for the rebate should be \$637 higher. The Board is legally able to make this adjustment to qualify for the rebate funds.

*Department reports: Planning:* Fee recommendations were made. A public hearing on zoning changes will be posted for June 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Community Center:* Supervisors Dahl and Meierhoff were authorized to pursue a contract with Peak Construction bidding \$282,400 pending required assurances of insurance, prevailing wages. Summer work on grounds needs to proceed with the LK and Musser grants. *Town Hall:* needed maintenance items were listed (lighting, mike, drain, flush valve). Memorial day flags are on hand. Liquor licenses were approved for Lakeview Castle, Lighthouse on Homestead, Nokomis Restaurant, and New Scenic Café.

**April 15<sup>th</sup> closed meeting.** On Bieraugel vs Town of Duluth (re: small shore lot by Bluebird Landing).

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> road bid opening meeting.** Supervisors Dahl, Mount and Sironen attended. One bid was received and Robert Rodda, our current contractor, was awarded the contract for May 2009-April 2011.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> Meyer Cartway meeting.** Attorney Tim Strom recapped the issue. If a private arrangement is made, Meyers would withdraw their petition. The next meeting is in July and it will be a status conference. If the issue is not resolved, a future meeting will be scheduled.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.** All Supervisors attending. Minutes of Mar 26, Apr 9, Apr 22 meetings approved. *Treasurer:* 34,418.18 receipts, 38,766.65 expenses, ending April balance \$866,062.23. The \$50,000 we are receiving this year from the Taconite Fund will be used to offset the final cost of the new FEMA fire tanker. We cannot depend on receiving these funds next year but funds received will be set aside in a Township Capital Improvement Fund for facilities maintenance. *Department reports: Police:* (see article). *Fire:* Two bids received for old tanker and \$4,800 bid from Betty's Pies was accepted. *Planning:* Discussion with Bieraugel's regarding other proposals and we are awaiting details. Worden sales contract on the 5232 Greenwood property was received, ending their short term rental suit. Jan Green was reappointed for a term on the Commission. The Commission's recommendation on zoning changes for short term rentals was discussed. It will be part of the posted June 3rd public hearing on zoning changes. (continued on page 7)

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A document listing proposed changes was available at the Town Hall. **Legal:** The newspaper of publication is decided by the Town Board and it is unclear which papers fit legal circulation requirements. Chair Mount is looking into the issue. **Roads:** Road inspection was completed on May 12<sup>th</sup>. A priority list is being developed to keep within our budget and to see if we can afford a second grading. A question was raised about assessing property owners whose driveways are not properly graded and thus cause repetitive road washouts. Road Supervisors have started taking pictures and GPS locations for culverts (required for our stormwater report). A resident discussed the possibility of having a new style wind generator (about 30" tall, 6' wide with vertical axis) on a house ridge. Current zoning does not permit wind towers along the shore. Planning will look into implications of new wind technologies.

**Community Center:** Updates on the NSCS lease discussions, Johnson Control contracts, the Musser grant, and lawn mowing bids. **Town Hall:** Kitchen sink has been repaired and grease trap removed.

**June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.** All Supervisors attended. Audience concerns included: Rodda has done an excellent job grading Greenwood Road but it was done just before Grandma's Marathon and bus traffic tears it up. We should grade after the race or we may have to regrade. An inquiry was made about needing to include "prevailing wage" conditions in school construction bid documents. A resident on Homestead Road discussed continuing problems (theft of well pump/plumbing, garbage dumping, neighbor building/business without permits etc.). After approving the agenda, the claims list was approved and bills were paid. **Department reports:**

**Police:** reported a busy May including a robbery suspect chase, 3 burglaries and working to get a \$5,000 stimulus funds award for equipment. **Fire:** There was a brush fire. **Planning:** **Legal:** Assessor's office was seeking to tax the Community Center grounds. **Roads:** 8781 gallons of calcium chloride was ordered from the County for road dust suppression. **Recycling:** WLSSD grant covering our costs was received. **Old Business:** Zoning hearing on June 3rd was discussed.

**The Next Town Board meetings: (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)  
July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Town Hall.**  
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings

**Public Hearing on Board of Adjustment Functions**

The Town Board is considering changes to the *Board of Adjustment* function as currently outlined in our Zoning Ordinance. Changes are in response to public comment received at the recent (June 3<sup>rd</sup>) public hearing on changes to our Ordinance. A public hearing on changes to the Board of Adjustment functions will be held, most likely prior to the August 13<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. A public notice will be posted at least 10 days prior to the hearing; copies of proposed changes and confirmation of the meeting time will also be available at the Duluth Town Hall prior to the hearing. Chair Dave Mount

Duluth Township Information — 2009

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

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Recreation Facilities (JOC) and Community Center)

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of Adjustment, Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District,  
Alternate: North Shore Management, Board Chair)

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**Treasurer:** **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)  
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**Attorney:** **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)  
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Assistant Director: **John Kessler** 393-8500,  
Email: [JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org](mailto:JohnKessler@duluthtownship.org)

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**Planning and Zoning Commission:** **Dave Chura** (Chair),  
**Barbara Crow, Jan Green, Michael Kahl,**  
**Bill Lannon, Seth Levanen, Yvonne Rutford**  
Email: [PlanningZonng@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PlanningZonng@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](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org)

**Fire Department:** **Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief**  
**Keith Darsow, President Bill Cox**  
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**Burning Permits** are available from the **Town Hall** during office  
hours, and from **Fire Wardens:** Jay Zink (525-5589),  
Jeff and Caroline Marino (525-6431), or the **DNR**  
office in Two Harbors (1568 Hwy 2, 834-6609).

**Community Education Coordinator:** Supervisor Meierhoff  
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Township Email Contact Option

Our webmaster, resident Linda Holliday, is developing a way for you to sign up to get Township notices by email. Shortly you will notice that when you get on our Township web site:

**www.duluthtownship.org,**  
 ...you will see a computer form to use to sign up. It asks only for your email address and name. This is confirmed by an automatic response email sent back to you to be sure your email address works!

An email contact list would have been handy to notify people about the storm-delayed Annual Town meeting last March and might be useful for notices of special Township meetings or events. It would only be used by the Township to send you timely information.

Watch for this new option!

**Knife River Kittens** found in fisherman nets. Need homes. Call 834-9223 to inquire.

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