



# Duluth Township Newsletter

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September

*Masthead: The setting of the Lakewalk Bridge over Lester River ... with public supervision — August 14, 2013*

## The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

**September 4<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Coffee & snacks. “Martha” and “Julia” will share unusual recipes and innovative clothing ideas and do it yourself projects for men and women to fill their long night of hunting talk.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Coffee and snacks. Program: Adam Hastings presentation on CPR.

**November 6<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Potluck and Turkey bingo.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call : Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

## What's Coming Up?

**ABC Inc. takes over ownership of the school and community center property.** (see article on page 5)

**Harvest Dinner:** A benefit for our Volunteer Fire Department - Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm, Town Hall (see article p3)

**20-20 Studio Art Tour**—2 weekends Sept 20-22 and Sept 27-29 Fri 10-7, Sat 10-6, Sun 12-4. (see article p3)

**Cribbage Tournament**, Town Hall, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> (see p3)

**Senior Cooperative Housing in the Township** Successful meeting, individuals indicating commitment, future information meetings to be announced. (see p6).



## Duluth Township Knitters

*“Helping to Build Community,  
one Stitch at a Time”*

Come meet your knitting neighbors and share skills and ideas or just see what we're up to. On the second Tuesday of each month we will meet at noon for a potluck lunch, followed by knitting until about 2:30pm.

The next meetings are Sept 10<sup>th</sup> and Oct 8<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. If you would like more information or would like to be added to the Knitters email list, contact Jo Thompson at 525-5854 or [woodfarm1785@gmail.com](mailto:woodfarm1785@gmail.com).

***I lost it!*** At the Come On Home Party I was given a slip of paper which had an offer to write an article about an old barn in the Township and a request to be put on the Newsletter mailing list. If you are that person, I apologize. Please leave a note at the Town Hall so I can contact you. Thanks, the Editor.

## Communication Agreement

The Township's agreement on civil communication is posted in the Town Hall. It's worth reading again!

*All our rainwater runs to our streams and to Lake Superior, carrying any dirt or pollution with it. Help keep our roads and ditches clean to keep our water clean and pure.*



Thanks to Mary Tannis for providing and tending Town Hall flower barrels again this year



## 2013 Come On Home Party

Over 100 people enjoyed great food, music and conversation. Also attending were folks celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1963) of their Clover Valley High graduation. Thanks to all who attended and those who provided food, helped in the kitchen and with set-up, and provided door prizes.



Musicians Jim and Dwaine Madison



Musicians Bob and Louisa Fabbro

## Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Bill Aho, Jody Anderson, Val Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Tera Freese, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Michelle Libby, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Mary Ann Sironen, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila and Webmaster Linda Hollinday.

## Clifton Volunteer Fire Depart-



**Elsa Edblom** is an experienced first responder and fire fighter who joined our Department almost a year ago. Elsa is an EMT with Lake County Ambulance and is taking coursework in nursing at Lake Superior College. She volunteered

because she wants to use her knowledge for people in her community. Elsa is the daughter of Township residents Dave and Katy Edblom and Helen Hendrickson's granddaughter.

Elsa is impressed by the hard work that our small Department has put in to get up-to-date fire and first responder equipment. Elsa's hobbies include biking and playing piano.

Thank you for volunteering your experience in our fire and first responder department!

### Congratulations Todd Gremmels

Todd recently received a certificate of recognition for 20 consecutive years of being nationally registered as an Emergency Medical Technician. The honor was given by the Board of Directors of the National Registry of EMT. Todd is a volunteer with our Fire and First Responder Department. Thanks for your service!

### NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING DAYS

The regular business and training meeting days have been changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday **TO the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAY. Starting in September on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.**

The trial change was made to accommodate some work schedules.

**Jim Rogers** is our newest volunteer. He is from Alden Township. Jim will be completing fire fighter training in the near future.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department provides fire and emergency response service to Alden Township and maintains equipment in the Alden Fire Hall on Laine Road.

### Emergency Preparation

A Township committee is meeting to organize a Township plan to help coordinate efforts in case of a widespread emergency. When the plan is ready information will be available.

Web sites that provide suggestions for your planning are:

- [www.stlouiscountymn.gov/lawpublicsafety/emergencymanagement.aspx](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/lawpublicsafety/emergencymanagement.aspx) or
- [www.SevereWeather.state.mn.us](http://www.SevereWeather.state.mn.us)

## Protecting Our Shore Land

*John Schifsky*



*Management of the Congdon Trust Property is of vital interest to the residents of Duluth Township.*

This undeveloped land lies mostly on or between the North Shore Scenic Highway and Lake Superior, and stretches east from Lester River to Stoney Point. While the City of Duluth has control of the Congdon Trust Property, Duluth Township Planning Commission members as well as other interested individuals have contacted the City, expressing interest in partnering in managing that land.

Lake Superior and the trust property define the southern border of our Township; this shore land vista is probably one of the Township's most prominent and probably one of its most valued natural amenities. But careful management of the trust property is essential for another, equally important reason. The roots of the trees and shrubs which cover that property are essential for preventing the clay shore land, and in many places the roadbed and pavement, from eroding and sliding into the lake.

Cutting trees or brush on the Congdon land, which is public property, is expressly prohibited by the City of Duluth. Nevertheless, anyone traveling along the Scenic Highway between McQuade Road and Knife River will have seen places where someone, usually to improve their view of the lake, has thinned the vegetation or cut away all the trees, leaving an obvious gap. Given the aesthetic and practical importance of the Congdon land to the quality of life in Duluth Township, we ask residents to refrain from cutting trees or brush on that land. In fact, the City of Duluth has assessed fines for cutting trees on City property: \$1,000 for each inch of width of tree(s) cut down.

For now, the Planning Commission and others have begun discussions which, we hope, will lead to a vision statement that will guide further management plans which will address, among other matters, cutting vegetation. The Township wants to work with the City of Duluth to ensure this priceless and fragile land resource is managed in a way reflecting our community vision and values.

## Duluth Township Recreation Corner

*Kevin Pettis, Recreation Coordinator*

Hi, everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying the summer or what summer we have received so far. The weather is good enough for outdoor recreation. AYSA soccer has started. Good luck to our AYSA teams this year. All game schedules will be posted in our communications recreation board hanging on the back of the baseball backstop.

We are also adding sidewalks and a safety bar over by our newly completed Warming Center. The reason for this addition is for everyone's safety especially in the winter for users of the skating rink. The ground between the east side of the Warming Center and the hockey rink will also be leveled off and improved for easier plowing in the winter and to allow proper drainage in the spring.

The new riding lawn mower/sweeper unit that we purchased last year, works very well and our fields are a shining example of that. Our thanks to the facilities manager at North Shore Community School who has worked diligently to keep the fields up this year.

All recreation requests for rentals and programs will still fall under the recreation program in Duluth Township. If interested in renting or creating a program, please call me at: 525-0663 ext 301 or email me at [recreationcoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:recreationcoordinator@duluthtownship.org).

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Dinner Oct.12<sup>th</sup>

Come to the benefit dinner for our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department.

5-7pm at the Town Hall.

*Live music, lots of door prizes, fantastic homemade dinner—a family/community event.*

Support our fire and



## Homesteader Cribbage Tournament

Bill Aho

At Duluth Town Hall on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Singles at 9:30am and Doubles 12:30pm

Chicken dinner for lunch.

Call Bill at 525-7415 or Bob at 525-1753

## Police Department



In June and July our officers responded to 102 officer initiated or calls for service. 53 were requested vacation home/business checks (*plus 8 extra patrol requests*), 20 citations/warnings for traffic

violations, 12 careless ATL drivers (1 ATL DWI), 12 suspicious person/vehicle/activity complaints, 12 public assists, 11 medical emergencies, 9 animal complaints, 9 permit to carry handgun, and 6 burglar or fire alarms (*including 1 solved residential burglary*). Our Township web site has a full list of police response events. You can sign up for email notification of serious crimes in your area on the Township site.

### SCHOOL STARTS!

Watch out for school busses and kids waiting.

**Don't be distracted  
please don't text or phone and drive!!**

Recently a driver coming down Homestead Road toward a major accident scene nearly caused another accident by trying to turn into the ongoing accident scene apparently not noticing the flashing lights or fire trucks blocking the highway to protect rescue workers, and ignoring fire fighters directing traffic to go around the accident...she was on her cell phone, apparently distracted so she didn't understand what she was attempting to do!

**Note:** If you need/want/expect a police squad to respond immediately, call **911**. Other than 911, the quickest way to get our police response is to leave a message on our squad phone (393-8407). We may work 5 days in a row, but may not always get into the office during that time. Our main office where we spend 90% of our time is in our squad vehicle.

## 20-20 Studio Art Tour

Rose Kadera Vastila

Fri.-Sun., Sept 20-22 and

Sept 27-29,

Fri 10-7, Sat 10-6, Sun 12-4.



20 local artists in a 20 mile loop, making fine arts and crafts known to the greater community. Enjoy a day of local fine arts, crafts, music and fall colors. Artists live in Duluth and Alden Townships and along the shore.

(1) **Ron Benson** (glass sculpture), **Andrew Kringen** (wood working and marquetry-veneers), **Dawnette Davis** (fiber arts), (2) **Jim Sage** (glass blowing), **Bob Husby** (glass blowing/pottery), **Jay Conradi** (wood turning), (3) **Bruce and Cynthia Lovold** (hand thrown potter), **Doug Jackson** (wood design),

**Nicole Lovold**

(photography), (4) **Rose Kadera Vastila** (pottery/sculpture), **Sandi Pillsbury Gredzens** (alkyd & oil painting), **Elsie Cook**

(oil & pastel painting), **David Gredzens**

(photography), (5) **Shelley Getten** (block printing), **Val Bolen** (mosaic), (6) **David Gilsvik** (oil painting), **Michelle Ronning**,

(Jewelry), (7 at Larsmont School) **Kathy O'Rourke**

(rosemaling) **Joyce Gow** (watercolor paintings), **Helen Hartley**

(watercolor), and **Robert Mitchell** (writer, entertainer). For information see: [www.lakesuperior2020.com](http://www.lakesuperior2020.com)



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## Preschool Orientation

"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"

Kathy Johnson

Orientation for new pre-school families will be held Thursday **Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 1pm in room 6** at North Shore Community School.

Classes begin Tuesday Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. Both morning (9:15-11:30) and afternoon (12:15-2:30) sessions are offered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Children ages 3-5 years old may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. A monthly tuition fee is charged, along with a \$30.00 registration fee and an annual \$25.00 supply fee. Limited scholarships are available.

For more information, please contact Kathy Johnson at 834-5429 or 525-0663 x106.

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Accepting Full and Part Time

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**Community Youth Groups**

- Clifton 4-H Club:** call Kate Edblom, 525-1276
- Cub Scouts:** call David Hooley, 525-6617
- Boy Scouts:** call Chris Roningen 525-5308
- Girl Scouts:** call Julie Igo, 726-4710

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

**WAGGIN' Tails**  
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Long & short term boarding  
Reservations Required  
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Two Harbors

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**JOBS WANTED**

**For our Township Youth**

An effort to match up residents who have work suitable for our youth with youth in the Township who may want a job.

**Seeking Jobs**

- Mature, hard working, experienced 12 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call Bridger at 525-0090.
- Holly, age 17, phone (cell) 349-7274 (home) 525-9065. Elementary tutoring, babysitting, housekeeping, yard work, some maintenance. Available to work most Fridays and weekends.
- Allison, age 16, home 525-9065. I am interested in doing the following jobs: babysitting, mowing, raking, gardening, painting, pet watching and walking.

**Advertise for free:** For Township youth (under 25yrs) who are seeking work and Township residents who need help with various jobs suitable for youth (babysitting, lawn, garden, maintenance, snow shoveling, house cleaning, etc.).

Leave your ad & contact information at the Town Hall or leave a message 525-5705 or email: [editor@duluthtownship.org](mailto:editor@duluthtownship.org)

(The next Newsletter is November, deadline October. 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Schools are in session. **Slow down** for school busses, kids waiting roadside and for walkers/bikers on our narrow roads.

**THE LIGHTHOUSE**  
Casual Riverside Dining AT Emily's

Open 7 days a week at 11am, Sat and Sun. open for breakfast at 10am

Mon: BBQ ribs; Tues: Tour of Italy; Wed: All you can eat fish fry; Thurs: Swedish meatballs; Fri.: Cook's choice fish specialty, live music 7-9; Sun: Full Turkey dinner w/all trimmings

Takeout available. [www.lighthouseatemilys.com](http://www.lighthouseatemilys.com)  
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with rough lumber from our local saw mill.

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**Anthony Lueck**  
Surveyor

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Drafting  
Mapping  
Property Lines

Minnesota/Wisconsin  
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BUS.TELE. 218-348-8037  
[anthonylueck@northlc.com](mailto:anthonylueck@northlc.com)

6098 Ryan Road  
Duluth, MN 55804

Paid advertisement

**Courtney Kappes**  
[Northshoredaycaremn.com](http://Northshoredaycaremn.com)  
Tel: 218-522-0123  
[courtneykappes@msn.com](mailto:courtneykappes@msn.com)

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We will make up a gift basket for you!! *In a hurry?*  
Call ahead and we'll have your order ready to go.  
Weekly tasting events!

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Supervisors Barb Crow, Dave Miller, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, and Mary Anne Daniel

## Summary of Town Board Meetings

(Official minutes by Town Clerk Ann Cox are available at the

**June 13th regular meeting.** Supervisors attending: Barb Crow, Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Miller, Don Sitter. **Main Actions:** May 9<sup>th</sup> minutes approved, Community Center Property minutes for May 4, 11 and 20 were tabled for full-Board consideration. Motions were passed on personnel and warming house completion. **Discussion:** Our *Treasurer* reported deposits of \$46,438.41, expenditures of \$50,772.20 for a May ending balance of \$985,180.17. **Police:** It was a busy month with 2 break-ins. **Planning:** Postponed Dryco (*Deerview Trail business*) conditional use hearing. Township information booklet is being updated. Commission is working on 3 projects including Congdon Trust (*see article*). **Roads:** Grading is about 2 weeks behind due to weather. Projects include the FEMA-funded repair of Johnson Road flood damage, chloride on roads, 7 "Welcome to Duluth Township" road signs will soon go up. **Community Center:** J.R. Sundberg bid to complete the Warming House grounds was accepted. Purchase of hockey rink nets was approved. **Town Hall:** The new copy machine will be hooked up to wifi to service all of our computers. The second phone line will be used for special needs such as elections. **Materials Management:** The old aluminum can cage will be removed since it is broken and people throw garbage in it. Aluminum cans can be recycled with plastics and cans. **Cemetery:** Sexton Molly Tilotson was thanked for her work on identifying unmarked graves and flagging them. **Personnel:** The Treasurer's salary was adjusted (*first increase in at least 8 years*). Larry Zanko was approved for the open position on the Planning Commission. He had been previously interviewed by the Board.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> special CC Properties meeting** to finalize transfer agreements between the Town and ABC Inc (*minutes on the web site*)  
**July 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** All Supervisors attended. **Main Actions:** Community Center Property meeting minutes for May 4, 11, 20, June 22 and 28 were approved with added details. The June 13<sup>th</sup> Board minutes were also approved. \$560 was approved to get a title commitment on the Community Center property. **Discussion:** Treasurer report: Deposit of \$194,090.06 (*includes the regular half-year part of our tax levy*), expenses of \$49,246.02 for a June ending balance of \$1,130,024.21. **Planning:** Permits are

coming in steadily. Home-based business conditional use permit (*Deer View Trail*) was approved with conditions. Officials will be asked to meet with the Commission to discuss trails and Congdon Trust land along the lake. **Roads:** Township road signs are up and one has been stolen. The County is replacing all culverts on North Shore Drive in 4 stages. **Community Center:** A lengthy discussion was held with ABC Inc members concerning transferring all 40 acres to ABC Inc but having any mortgage be only on the western 20 acres (*see full minutes on our website*). The main concern was whether a lot coverage variance would be needed on the west 20 acres to satisfy potential mortgage requirements. In the end it was agreed to have ABC Inc apply for a lot coverage variance to be considered at a special Planning Commission meeting. **Recreation:** An interim fee schedule for Township use in renting space to recreation users was approved pending establishment of the proposed *Joint Use Committee*. **Town Hall:** Resident Dale Sohlstrom will be contacted about replacing the broken desks at the front of the Town Hall. A plan to improve the west door/handicap entry to ADA standards is being discussed with Wayne Dahlberg. The Township's "*Communication Agreement*" was posted in the Town Hall as a reminder of how we propose to treat each other in civil discussions. Funds were approved to send a senior housing meeting announcement to all residents. A membership fee for the North Shore Management Board was approved.

**July 15<sup>th</sup> special CC Properties meeting.** Supervisors Daniel, Miller, Sironen and Sitter were present. Others attending were ABC Inc representatives Phil Strom and George Sundstrom, NSCS Chair Helmer, Planning Director Lawson, Clerk Ann Cox, and Town Attorney Tim Strom. The purpose of the meeting was a status check. The Planning Commission will have a special meeting on Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> on the ABC Inc variance request for increased lot coverage on the western portion of the property. The Town Board meets Aug 8<sup>th</sup> to consider their recommendation. The Board Chair was authorized to sign off on a variance. (*see website for minutes*).

**The Next regular Town Board meetings:**  
 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs at 7pm in the Town Hall) Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> .  
 Residents are urged to attend these public meetings

## Community Center/NSCS Update

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen, Board Chair

As this Newsletter goes to print, August 26<sup>th</sup> has been set as the date to officially transfer the property at 5926 Ryan Road (*the Township Community Center that has been rented to North Shore Community School*) to the Affiliated Building Corporation of North Shore Community School (*ABC Inc*).

Meetings have been ongoing since April with representatives of the Township, NSCS and ABC Inc working through the details of a legal transfer of property from the Town to ABC Inc (*see previous issues of the Newsletter for more background*). A *Use Agreement* and *Purchase Agreement* have been created, reviewed, discussed and revised to assure that all Township requirements and school interests are met. An important part of the agreement was to provide the framework needed for the ABC/NSCS to go forward with their expansion plans.

Through the *Use Agreement* the Township will retain use of the ABC/NSCS facilities for its Community Education and Recreation programs. The value of this ongoing use is a large part of the "payment" that ABC Inc will be giving to the Township in exchange for ownership of the property. A *Joint Use Committee* will be form-

**Senior Housing in Duluth Township**

A well-attended information meeting was held Aug 14<sup>th</sup> (an announcement mailing was sent to all residents). Dave Hanson of Realife explained cooperative housing. Mr. Hanson is interested in helping us develop cooperative housing for seniors who would like to remain near Township neighbors. Several indicated their serious interest. Concept drawings were shown of the potential building (single story, 4-6 units with patio, double garages and community space). The Realife web site has added information: [www.realifeinc.com](http://www.realifeinc.com).

Once sufficient interest is shown, units could become available in about two years (serious interest is shown by a fully refundable \$500 deposit which also establishes the order in which a person would be able to choose a unit — so far we are about half-way to the 12 which would indicate sufficient interest to start planning).

Several sites in the Township are being considered. There will be additional public information meetings in the near future. If you would like to be notified of these meetings, leave a message for Mary Ann Sironen at 525-5705.

**Summary of Planning Commission Meetings**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.** Members present: Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Jo Thompson, Brigid Pajunen and Paul Voge, plus Beth Mullan, Secretary, Sue Lawson, Planning Director, and Supervisor Don Sitter.

Main actions: Approval of the April minutes.

Discussion and work on priority plans: A conditional use application for a home based business on Deerview Trail was postponed for documentation. One person responded to the vacancy on the Commission. There is not much building going on. The upcoming transfer of Community Center property to ABC Inc. was discussed. The Commission has been working on three priority projects this year:

Updating the "Welcome to Duluth" booklet which is given to those applying for a land use permit. Brigid Pajunen is working on the revised document.

Trails: The Commission is pursuing information about trails in the Township and connecting existing trails (such as the Gitchi-Gami trail), etc. Earlier an interest in safe passage to schools was discussed but it has to be a school initiative. There are concerns about safety along our narrow roads. Wayne, back from England, discussed their impressive network of public footpaths. Sue will contact someone from ARDC who is knowledgeable about trails to come to a meeting to discuss issues involved. ARDC has a grant program for trail planning. A small portion of the Lake Superior Hiking Trail goes through the Township as well as the Knife River trail and the Korkki Nordic trails. Interest was expressed in connecting inland trails to the Scenic Highway which has wide shoulders for bikers and hikers. We need a vision of what the Township may want. It was noted that there are probably many miles of informal trails in the Township. Earlier attempts to have the County make wider shoulders or a separate public trail

next to main roads in the Township have not been successful.

Congdon Trust Land: The strip of land along the lake from Lester River to Stoney Point is a protected area governed by Duluth. See the article on page 2 by John Schifsky of this *News/letter* about protections of this shore land. The Commission will be meeting with city officials to see if some sort of partnership or oversight procedures might be developed which would preserve the shore from erosion, maintain the natural parkland views (from lake and shore) and take account of residential interest in viewing the lake. Policing and control of the Congdon Trust land lays with the City of Duluth. (Later, Jo Thompson and John Shifsky met with Bob Bruce, retired City of Duluth planner who will help with talks with the City about the Congdon Trust).

Relationship of Parcel Size to Building Size: This issue came up in a recent conditional use permit hearing. Jo Thompson and Brigid Pajunen reviewed the issue and suggested that future land use proposals related to this issue could be handled by our current conditional use process.

**June 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Commission members attending: Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Jo Thompson, Paul Voge and Larry Zanko.

Main Actions: A public hearing was held on the conditional use permit for a home based business (Dryco, a cleaning and restoration company for water/fire/mildew damage) by Josh Hendrickson (6163 Deerview Trail). Traffic, dust and speed were concerns although a majority of property owners within a quarter mile were supportive. Maintenance of the private road was also a concern. After discussion, the Commission voted to approve an interim use permit for a 3-year term with conditions.

Discussion: New member Larry Zanko was introduced. It was noted we don't have a fee for low-frequency short term rentals and this needs to be reviewed. Updates on the Congdon Trust and brochure projects were discussed.

**July 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Dahlberg, Thompson, Schifsky, Voge and Zanko attended.

Discussion: Odyssey wants to start work on their Stoney Point development. They are working on a plat. Attorney Tim Strom presented information about variance law. Discussion followed and he was thanked for his presentation. Robert's rules of order were discussed as they applied to Commission hearings. Work on priority projects was updated. The building size vs. lot size proposal may become an amendment to our Ordinance. A draft is being circulated. The brochure is progressing and photos are being considered. The ABC Inc variance application was distributed for review in preparation of the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**August 6<sup>th</sup> variance public hearing for NSCS.** All Commissioners attended. A variance was granted to increase permitted impervious surface from 14% to 30% on the western most 20 acres which includes NSCS buildings, to allow for future development of the school. Future projects which increase the impervious surface would require a stormwater management plan.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall): Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.  
Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.

## Duluth Township Information — 2013

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804  
Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),  
web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) or  
email: [TownHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownHall@duluthtownship.org)

**Town Office Hours:** Tues. & Wed. 9am-noon  
Thurs 2-6pm, Fri 9-11am

**Planning Office Hours:** No posted hours

Call the Town Hall for an appointment: 525-5705

### Supervisors:

**Barbara Crow** (2011-2014) 525-0489

or Email: [BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org](mailto:BarbaraCrow@duluthtownship.org)  
(Primary contact for Personnel, Finance/Banks, Insurance, Town Hall; Alternate: Comm Ctr, Env. Stewardsp, Planning and Zoning, Senior Housing).

**Mary Anne Daniel**, (2012-2013) 260-9123 or Email:

MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org  
(Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency Preparedness, Police; Alternate: Communications).

**Dave Miller** (2011-2014) 525-1555 Vice Chair

or Email: [DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveMiller@duluthtownship.org)  
(Primary contact for Roads, Community Ctr/Facilities, N Shore Mgmt Bd, Env. Stewardship; Alternate: Community Ed & Recreation).

**Mary Ann Sironen**, (2012-2015) Chair 525-2010

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**Don Sitter** (2013-2016) 525-4138

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(Primary contact for Planning and Zoning, Town Hall; Alternate: North Shore Mgmt Bd, Personnel).

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

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

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

**Cemetery Sexton:** **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933  
or Email: [Cemetery@duluthtownship.org](mailto:Cemetery@duluthtownship.org)

**Planning Director:** **Sue Lawson** messages: 525-5705

**Planning and Zoning Secretary:** **Beth Mullan**  
Email: [PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org](mailto:PlanningZoning@duluthtownship.org)

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** **Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge** (Mar2015), **Brigid Pajunen** (Mar2016), **John Schifsky** (Mar2016), **Jo Thompson**, (Mar2016) vice chair, **Paul Voge**, chair (Mar2014), **Larry Zanko** (2016)  
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 Shane Kerby**  
Email: [FireHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:FireHall@duluthtownship.org)

**Burning Permits** are available online at [mndnr.gov/permits](http://mndnr.gov/permits) or the **Town Hall** (office hours), or from **Fire Wardens:** Jay Zink (525-5589), Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), or **DNR Two Harbors**, 1568 Hwy2, 834-1418.

**Community Education Coordinators:** **Michelle Libby & Tera Freese.** [EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org)

**Recreation Coordinator:** **Kevin Pettis** 525-0663 ext 301  
[RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:RecreationCoordinator@duluthtownship.org)

**Note:** Where possible, email is forwarded to the person, otherwise it is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up. Many Departments have a web page. See our web site (above).



## Township Recycling Center

At the Town Hall, on Homestead Road  
Staffed by Carolyn Marino, Patrick Kelly,  
David Hooey and Roger Beck.

**April-Oct: Tuesday 7-11am & 3-7pm,  
Thursday. 3-7pm, Saturday 8-12.**

Nov.-March: Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm, Thurs. 2-6pm, & Sat. 8-noon.  
(Recycle drop off only during recycling hours  
and no household garbage, please.)

Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.

Aluminum cans should be recycled with plastics/metal cans.

## Township Calendar

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

### SEPTEMBER 2013

- 3, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 4, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 10, Tue, 12:00 Duluth Township Knitters, Town Hall
- 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 17, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 17, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
- 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- 27, Fri, NSCS Fall BBQ and Grandparents day  
20-22 and 27-29 Lake Superior Studio Art Tour

### OCTOBER 2013

- 1, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 2, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 6, Sun, Cribbage Tournament, Town Hall (see article)
- 8, Tue, 12:00 Duluth Township Knitters, Town Hall
- 10, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
- 15, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 15, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
- 23, Wed, **Deadline for November Newsletter**
- 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### NOVEMBER 2013

- 5, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 12, Tue, 12:00 Duluth Township Knitters, Town Hall
- 14, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 19, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 19, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
- 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### For Internet Updates

**Lakenet** For more information contact Kevin Olson at CLP in Two Harbors, 834-2226 or [kolson@clpower.com](mailto:kolson@clpower.com).

**Lake Connections** Project Manager (and Township resident) Jeff Roiland suggests residents get information at the **Lake Connections** web site: [www.lakeconnections.com](http://www.lakeconnections.com) at the tab "Gaining Speed". The Silver Bay to Duluth Township buried feed line is expected to be completed by August. Construction is proceeding in the northern part of the Township. **Lake Connections** opened their new office at 409 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Two Harbors. 218-834-8320.

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLET-

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## Duluth Township Community Education

*Michelle Libby and Tera Freese, Coordinators*

See the insert of fall community ed classes. Sign up!

Community Ed is always looking for class ideas and instructors. If you have a skill and/or knowledge you would like to share and would like to earn some extra cash while doing it, consider teaching a class. Contact [EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org) or call 525-0663 ext 300.

## French River Readers Book Club

We meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:30pm, usually in the *Fireside Room* of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. Next discussions: Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and Oct 17<sup>th</sup>

If you have questions, feel free to call or email Carol Surine, 525-4426 or [carolsurine@gmail.com](mailto:carolsurine@gmail.com). The Book Club has a web page: [www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub/](http://www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub/). This has information about the current book choice. Come and join in whether you've finished the book or not!

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