



# Duluth Township Newsletter

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January 2014

## What's Coming Up?

**Township Day** — Election and Town Meeting March 11th, Town Hall. Election 7am-7pm, Meeting 7:15pm

**Filing Deadline** — Two Town Supervisor positions will be on the March 11<sup>th</sup> ballot. Candidates need to file at the Town Hall during office hours by January 14<sup>th</sup>.

## The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Potluck and bingo.

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. "Old Timers" and sandwiches.

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Potluck, Homesteader's anniversary cake, bingo.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call : Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

## 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.
- Allison, age 17, home 525-9065. I am interested in doing the following jobs: babysitting, mowing, raking, gardening, painting, pet watching and walking.
- Ryan, age 13, is looking for work. He is interested in yard work and babysitting. Call 525-9065.

**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)

(Deadline for the next (March) Newsletter is February 23<sup>rd</sup>)

## Barnes & Noble Benefit for NSCS Library

Barb Jackson, NSCS Librarian

Mark your calendars...the next Barnes & Noble book fair is scheduled for **January 25<sup>th</sup>**. A percentage of everything purchased that day will be donated to the school library. Just mention the fair at the checkout. Thank you for your loyal support of the library.

## List of Township Artists, Musicians and Craftspersons

for our Township website & Newsletter

If you would be interested in putting together a list of local artists, musicians and craftspersons, please leave a message at 525-5705 or [editor@duluthtownship.org](mailto:editor@duluthtownship.org).

## Pre-school News

"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"  
Kathy Johnson

Give the Gift of Early Learning!

Do you know of a 3, 4, or 5 year old ready to step into a wider world? North Shore Pre-school has 2nd semester openings in January. Please call Kathy Johnson at 525-0663 ext 106 for more information.

## Opportunity to Grandparent!

Arrowhead Regional Corrections is planning to institute a program where *grandparents* come in and visit with some of the children who have no one to visit. A visit might involve playing cards or just sitting and talking. If you might be interested, call Jen Wright at 625-6711 for information.



## Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Jody Anderson, Leo Babeu, Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Barb Jackson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Evelyn Lukkonen, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Alvera Pierson Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Carol Surine, Jo Thompson, Rose Vastila and our webmaster Linda Hollinday.

Police Department  
Shawn Padden, Chief

Our Township Police provided a **crime alert** to residents who have signed up for these emailed notices. This one, dated November 26<sup>th</sup>, indicated that four burglary suspects had been apprehended. They had been burglarizing homes over a range of Townships, including ours, presumably to support a drug habit.

To sign up for email crime alert notices, see the Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).

**Prevention Tips:**

- Call 911 or the Duluth Township Police if you suspect something is just not right.
- If you see something, report it.
- Lock doors and windows.
- Record serial numbers on valuables.
- Take pictures of jewelry, guns and electronics.
- Let us know when you are away on vacation.
- Do not leave large amounts of coin/cash hidden or in plain view.



Burglars may go up to a house and knock on the door. If nobody answers, they might break in. On some occasions, people were home and burglars used a random excuse such as "I'm here to look at that item you were selling on Craig's list" or some other odd purpose for being on the doorstep. It's not a bad idea to keep your door locked too.

**Debit Card Fraud.** Residents in the area have received fraudulent calls stating that there were problems with their debit card. These calls are an attempt at fraud. Do not give personal information or information about your account or card.

If you have information about any criminal activity in this community, please contact the Duluth Township Police Department at: 218-525-5705 or our mobile phone: 393-8407, or email: [DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DuluthTwpPolice@duluthtownship.org).

**Police Events.** In October and November our officers responded to 242 calls for service. Among the more frequent were 110 requested vacation home/business checks (plus 7 extra patrol requests), 28 citations/warnings for traffic violations, 14 suspicious activity/vehicles (plus 7 attempts to locate careless drivers), 10 public assists, 9 property damage accidents, 8 medical emergencies, and 6 residential burglary (3 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burglary arrests). There was one suicide, a vehicle theft, a child custody dispute, 4 animal complaints and a school bus stop arm violation arrest. Our Township web site has a full list of police response events.

**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.

**Free-Ranging Pets Beware!**

A Township resident noted that we should be aware that trapping and hunting seasons are underway and pets should be kept on the property-owner's land and not allowed to roam or run free.

Our **Sue Lawson** and staff members from Arrowhead Juvenile Center won a *Touchstone Award* for their *Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative*. The award is given by the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation to nonprofit groups for outstanding work. Congratulations!

Thanks to **Julie Igo** for her years of service as Girl Scouts contact. Tracy Mandelin at NSCS is their new contact person (see *Community Youth Group listings*, p5).

**Coal Tar Driveway Sealant is Prohibited after January 1, 2014**

A Minnesota Statute now prohibits sale or use of coal tar which has been used to seal blacktop driveways. Alternative products are available such as asphalt-based seal coats.

According to MPCA information, coal tar is a waste material generated in the conversion of coal to coke. While coal tar coating makes a driveway look good, there are serious environmental consequences as it wears down and is washed into streams, ponds and lakes. The *polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons* (PAHs) in coal tar are shown to cause tumors in some fish, disrupts the reproduction of aquatic organisms, and causes some water-bottom species to avoid sediment altogether. Health risks to humans related to PAHs are based on the length of exposure to vapors or sediments contaminated with PAHs.

MPCA says that the **best choice** is *not* to seal coat your driveway. If you do choose to seal coat, check the label to be sure it is an asphalt-based product, not a coal tar based product.

As recommended in a recent *Cabin Life* article (Aug 2013), if you are building a new driveway, consider using material like concrete, stone or permeable pavers that don't require a sealer.

**Advocates for the Knife River Watershed (AKRW)**

Leo Babeu

Want to know more about projects underway to improve water quality and fish habitat in the Knife River and its tributaries? Are you concerned about how public lands are logged near streams? What are the pros and cons of beaver removal from the watershed? The Advocates for the Knife is an independent group of local citizens that welcomes you to join us in learning about these issues and working to become a citizen's voice in land use decisions and practices affecting the Knife River.

We meet regularly at the Duluth Town Hall to hear from knowledgeable presenters on issues affecting the Knife and other north shore streams. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Duluth Town Hall on Homestead Road.

Call 834-2247 to learn more about us. To get on our contact list and receive future notices of meetings, notify Secretary Julie Johnson at [julnrod@gmail.com](mailto:julnrod@gmail.com).

Duluth Township Recreation Corner  
Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator

Winter has definitely settled in and volunteer crews have already been working hard on flooding our Pleasure and Hockey rinks this season. Thanks to all who worked on snow blowing and flooding the rinks and to those volunteers who will be flooding the rinks throughout this winter.

We expect the rinks to be open the week of the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. Rink hours during the weekdays are 4pm to 9pm, Monday through Thursday, and weekends Friday through Sunday will be open from 10am to 10pm.

Please follow the recreation skating rink rules while using the facility (*see rules listed below*).

We will be receiving new hockey nets and replacement netting for current nets. This will give users a chance to have two games going on **ONLY** the hockey rink surface.

The PTA is currently looking considering who will be operating our concession stand this year. The Joint Use Committee (JUC), consisting of representatives from our Township, North Shore Community School and ABC Inc., are currently discussing procedures to help things run smoothly over at our Community Center.

The Community Center is available to rent for events or programs. Please contact me at 218-525-0663 ext 301.

### Skating Rink Rules & Hours

Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator

#### Skating Rink Hours

Weekdays, Monday thru Thursday, 4pm — 9pm

Weekends, Friday thru Sunday, 10am — 10pm

- No one under age 10 will be allowed on the pleasure skating or hockey rinks without **adult supervision**.
- Please park your vehicles in the parking lot. **Do not park in front of the Warming Center building** for safety.
- **Do not run snow machines on Township fields.**
- Children under 12 have priority on the hockey rink until 7:00pm
- **No hockey playing allowed on the pleasure skating rink.**
- Recommended protective gear **must** be worn by all hockey players on the hockey rink.
- No smoking or alcohol is permitted on Duluth Township Community Center property grounds
- The Township and/or North Shore Community School **will not** be responsible for thefts, accidents or injuries.
- Lost and found items will be kept for 10 days only. After 10 days, items will be donated or discarded.

### Township Business List Update

We need to update our Township business listing. It is published in the Newsletter and listed on our Township web site...all free in support of local businesses.

If you see that your listing is out of date or if your business (*formal or informal*) is not on the current list, let the us know. Leave a message at the Town Hall 525-5705 or email to [editor@duluthtownship.org](mailto:editor@duluthtownship.org).

### Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief



Checking on hose testing progress are young Dave Roselund and firefighter/first responder Sherry Rovig.



Helping firefighter/first responder/Dad Dan Roselund with hoses.

This fall Fire Dept members conducted the required testing of all our fire hoses.

This time the testing was done in the Town Hall parking lot with borrowed equipment. Since then, the Department purchased their own hose testing equipment. We have many feet of hose to be tested, needed by a rural fire department, from our three fire engines, our grass-fire pickup, plus backup hose.

Ours is a **busy volunteer department**. In 2012 in our Township there were 18 fire-related calls plus 68 medical emergencies. In addition, we responded to 3 fire-related calls and 9 medical calls for Alden Township. That averages over 8 calls per month or about 2 per week!

**2014 Fire/First Responder Calendars** have been hand-delivered, free, to all Township homes. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year they have provided these great calendars, thanks to the Fire Auxiliary and local businesses.

**Be sure to support our local businesses too!**



**Todd Grammels** is an experienced first responder and fire fighter who joined our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department 6 years ago, having prior first responder service with Douglas County Ambulance and Gold Cross. Todd is a certified counselor at Northwood Children's Service and an Adjunct Instructor in MS at Lake Superior

College. He recently received recognition by the National Registry of EMT for 20 consecutive years, nationally registered as an Emergency Medical Technician. Our Ann Cox and folks at Gold Cross encouraged him to join our Fire Department when he moved to Duluth Township in 2001.

Todd and his wife, Deborah Collins live on the shore. They have three children and two grandchildren. Deborah works as a waitress at Perkins. Todd, a "5<sup>th</sup> generation Norwegian immigrant," was raised in Central Minnesota. His hobbies include music and building kit sports cars.

Thank you for being a part of our Clifton Volunteer Fire/First Responder Department!



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 Town Hall and on our Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)).

**October 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Barb Crow, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, Mary Anne Daniel, and Dave Miller attended. **Main Actions:** A motion was approved to move the stormwater reporting requirement from *Roads* to *Planning* and appoint Jo Thompson, Val Brady and Don Sitter to work with other jurisdictions on issues the new requirements impose. They will respond to the short deadline with a timeline and plan as discussed at the Planning Commission. Compensation for the team's expenses will be considered.

**Discussion:** The Treasurer reported deposits of \$2400.91, expenditures of \$37,123.04 for a September ending balance of \$1,033,381.73. Bills were reviewed and paid. A Joint Use Committee (*JUC*) meeting was announced for Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. **Reports:** Police: There have been complaints of speeding on Ryan Road on Sunday mornings. Planning: Information is being gathered on trails in the Township and on the Congdon trust land along the shore. Concerns about the new MS4 stormwater reporting requirements were discussed. Roads: A grant was received for required GPS mapping of culverts and ditches. Recreation: The budget was discussed and the Joint Use Agreement was referenced (see the Town web site, [News & Events](#), click on *Community Center News*). Concerns were about maintenance and accounting for the value the Township receives for community use of the NSCS property which is a condition of the sale to ABC inc.

Communications: With the change in ownership of NSCS, the Newsletter will shift to informative articles rather than inserts. Town Hall: Two Harbors computer firm JAWs will be used for computer maintenance. Surveillance cameras were installed at the Town Hall due to recent vandalism.

**November 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Barb Crow, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, Mary Anne Daniel, and Dave Miller attended. **Main Actions:** Clifton Fire Dept bylaw changes were approved. A 1.5% annual cost of living increase in employee wages was approved for 2014 (this excludes stipends for the Board, Planning and separately-negotiated 3-year Police salary contract). Compensation for Town staff on the Joint Use Committee (*JUC*) was approved (Township standards of \$35/meeting and \$11.59/hour for follow up work). **Discussion:** A Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Joint Use Committee meeting was announced. The Community Center rental policy was discussed. Until the new policy/agreement is put in place, Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator, will continue to handle the rents. Event scheduling procedures will be brought to the Joint Use Committee for discussion. The process of pre-approval of maintenance costs for Town-owned equipment was discussed and funds for emergency repairs was provided.

Planning: Val Brady, Jo Thompson and Sue Lawson met to work on the new MS4 stormwater application due by December. Community Center: Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator, will handle any space requests for community education classes. He was authorized to rent a dumpster to remove debris around the skating rinks. Township representatives on D/NSSD sewer board are Angie Braud and Dean Korri. Their continued uncompensated service is greatly appreciated.

**November 15<sup>th</sup> special meeting.** Supervisors attending: Mary Ann Sironen, Mary Anne Daniel and Don Sitter. Main Actions: Approved a grant application to the Office of the Secretary of State for funds to improve voting access for persons with disabilities. The project is to replace the Town Hall door with an ADA approved doorway.

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

### Bluebird Landing

Written by Alvera Pierson and Evelyn Lukkonen for an earlier Township publication, "Landmarks", December, 1971 and provided here thanks to Helen Hendrickson

There are many sites along the shore which have a place in the area's past and in the memories of many residents. The years when BlueBird Landing was a well known spot do not go back very far, yet all that remains today is a dock which is hardly noticed when going along North Shore Drive only a little east of the Shorecrest Motel and Restaurant (*Ed: now the former Nokomos Restaurant*).

Tim and Evelyn Lukkonen based their commercial fishing and charter boat service at BlueBird Landing for about 15 years. Evelyn Lukkonen wrote the following recently from Arizona.

*Deep sea fishing on Lake Superior seems so remote from Arizona, but I will attempt to recall some of the highlights of our operation of BlueBird Landing.*

*"We started on a "shoestring" in the spring of 1940 with \$1,000 of borrowed money. In the early days we operated the "Anna S." and "Evvy", a Norwegian sailing boat with a set of sails for fun, and a Briggs Stratton motor for trolling. The following year we build "Uno", "Duo" and "Tres", and "Skel" was left with us. We rented it out when the owner didn't plan to use it and our other boats were out.*

*We added a speedboat "Corona" and the "Lark" built in Larsmont by Rueben Hill. Then as business expanded, we felt the need for larger boats. During the mid-forties, we started to build "BlueBird", which was a major project. With the help of Adolph Reiersen, John Sandberg and Tim, Rueben Hill built the 35 foot boat during the period of about two years.*

*We launched her late in June with much hope and pride. She served well, furnishing many good times to our parties. Tom Strom, Alvie Anderson, and Merle Norgren, who still live in the community (in 1971) took parties out from the landing.*

*Business and fishing continued to be good and we felt we could use another large boat, so Tim and John Sandberg went to Marinette and picked up the "Blue Jay"*  
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(BlueBird Landing, continued from page 4)

to augment the sport fishing fleet and to use for commercial fishing in the off season. They rode her back up through Lake Michigan and locked through the Sault into Lake Superior and had a rather stormy trip up the lakes.

We were kept rather busy for the next few years as more and more people felt the urge to try for trout. Sport fishing on Lake Superior reached its height in the late forties and early fifties and then became less and less each year. Everyone kept talking about the lamprey that had invaded the Great Lakes on the bottom of ocean-going ships, with the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway; but no one had any idea just how soon the lamprey would deplete the trout. Many lake trout caught during this period would either have a lamprey attached or it would have the lamprey scar showing that it had survived the attack of the predator.

A few "diehards" still kept trying for the non-existent trout, but for the most part, the fishing boats languished along the shore for want of clients. Those were difficult years for the fishermen and it is gratifying to know that the Coho Salmon being planted in the lakes are taking hold and sports fishermen are again trying for trout on the big lake".

The diner, "The Flagship", was a streetcar purchased from the City of Duluth in the early forties. A galley was added to one end, and a counter and booths for seating 16 were installed. Blue and white carried out the nautical theme and Arlene Strom (Sandberg then) painted sailboats on the menus and on the curtains. Ev's delicious home-made pies brought "The Flagship" much publicity. Tourists from as far as New York are known to have stopped in on the recommendation of their friends.

The Landing was the hub of summer activity for many years and many area teenagers worked there as waitresses, cooks, boat boys and boat drivers.

Now all that is left of BlueBird Landing beside memories, is the sturdy dock which has withstood many years of pounding storms. It too is showing signs of deterioration and if not repaired soon, will be lost to the relentless north-easters. If that happens, the North Shore will lose the only dock for small craft between Duluth and Knife River; and BlueBird Landing will only be a beach again (Ed: the dock has deteriorated but McQuade Harbor now exists!).



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

**Open at 11am  
Wed. thru Sun. ,  
Closed Mon. and  
Tues.**

Wed: All you can eat **fish fry**; Thurs: **Swedish meatballs**;  
Fri: **Cook's choice fish specialty**, live music Fri. and Sat. 6-8;  
Sun: Full **Turkey dinner** w/all trimmings

Takeout available. [www.lighthouseatemilys.com](http://www.lighthouseatemilys.com)  
**834-2501 • 218 Scenic Drive, Knife River**

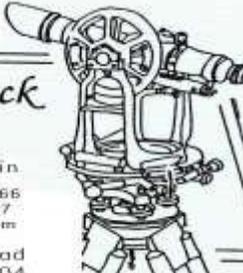
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## Lake Superior School Board Update Position Opening

Leo Babeu

*Board Representative for Alden and Duluth Townships*

Most Township children who leave NSCS after 6<sup>th</sup> grade go on to graduate from Two Harbors High School, which is operated by *Lake Superior School District, ISD 381*. Duluth and Alden Townships are represented by one member on the ISD 381 School Board. Your current local board member, **Leo Babeu**, serves through the end of 2014. I plan to step down and will not run for a new four-year term.

Issues crucial to the well being of our students and resident/taxpayers are decided by the School Board of this sprawling district. Among these are improving student achievement, setting budgets and spending priorities, and levying local taxes for schools.

Please discuss this opening with people in our community. Identify and encourage folks who would work for our students and community to step up and serve.

The filing period for the 2014 School Board election is open for two weeks in August 2014 through the District Office in Two Harbors.

For more insight on serving on the Lake Superior School Board, call Leo Babeu 834-2247 or contact me at [leobabeu@lakenet.com](mailto:leobabeu@lakenet.com).

## LOOKING FOR A HOME TO RENT? or LOOKING FOR A RENTER FOR YOUR NICE HOME?

Call **Apartment & Home Advisors** – we can help!  
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Call Susie Lannon at 218-720-3987

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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  
Tracy Mandelin, 525-4148

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

**WAGGIN'  
Tails**

**Boarding Kennels**

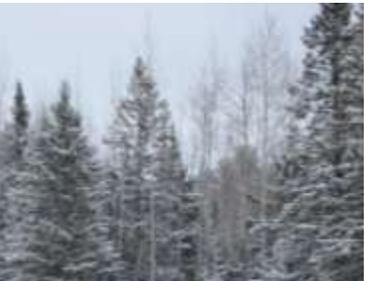
Long & short term  
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**Reservations  
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Town Board Update  
Mary Ann Sironen, Board Chair

The Joint Use Committee (JUC) that was formed to deal with operational issues between North Shore Community School (NSCS), the Affiliated Building Corporation (ABC Inc) for NSCS and the Town of Duluth has had several formative meetings over the last two months\*. The focus so far has been on working procedures and completion of the membership of the Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8th at 5pm at the Town Hall.

Many thanks go out to Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator, and the volunteers who have moved forward to get the ice rinks ready for the skating and hockey season. Without this dedicated group, Township residents would miss the "opportunity" of this early winter to have the facilities at NSCS available for use. Volunteers are needed to help in shoveling and sweeping to keep the rinks in good shape for the skaters. Thank you!!

The Town Hall has seen some improvements this fall. New tables were purchased that replace the heavy, well-worn ones that were becoming increasingly difficult to set up and take down. The front desk has been replaced with a fine new one based on the original design but expanded to make it useful for all events and purposes. A project is underway to upgrade the front entrance to make it more accessible and meet ADA requirements. Thank you to all the folks who worked...and are working...on these upgrades to your Town Hall.

And Thank You! To the many people who work at so many of the tasks around our Township that make the Town of Duluth a good place to live. Our best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

(\*Note: The **Purchase Agreement** and the **Joint Use Agreement** are both on the Township website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org), under News and Events, click on *Community Center News*.)

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings  
(Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township web site [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org))

**October 24<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Brigid Pajunen, John Shifsky, Jo Thompson, chair Paul Voge and Larry Zanko attended. Clint Little, DNR Coastal Program, also attended. Planning Director Sue Lawson described the new MS4 stormwater management requirements: a) There must be a stormwater plan for a site if a total of one or more acres of soil is disturbed, and b) inspection, monitoring and enforcement must be addressed in a Township ordinance and appears to be the responsibility of the Township. Costs associated with the new requirements need to be discussed but they could include added permit fees, etc. We have about a year to respond. A number of rural townships are concerned about the impact of the new requirements and there are efforts to work together on the issue. Requirements are likely to be different for different soil types. The Commission is looking for grant funds to help with planning.

We have received a grant to help with the costs of required GPS survey of Township culverts. It was noted that the County is doing clear cutting but apparently not replanting as it replaces culverts along the shore. The DNR is requiring larger culverts to handle stormwater.

Commission projects are progressing. Clint Little provided large maps for sketching in existing trails. John Shifsky contacted John Congdon about the Congdon trust land along the shore. Brigid Pajunen is looking for Township photos for the revision of the Township Planning and Zoning educational booklet.

Since no hearings are planned and regular meeting times conflict with holidays, it was decided to meet next in January.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7pm in the Town Hall). The next scheduled meetings are Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall. Residents are urged to attend these public meetings.**



Township Recycling Center  
At the *Town Hall*, on *Homestead Road*  
Staffed by Carolyn Marino, Patrick Kelly,  
David Hooy and Roger Beck.

**Nov.-March: Tues. 7-11am, 2-6pm,  
Thurs. 2-6pm, & Sat. 8-noon.**

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

(Recycle drop off only during recycling hours  
and no household garbage, please.)

Aluminum cans should be recycled with plastics/metal cans.  
Curb recycling pickup service is available below the freeway.

**Surveillance cameras have been installed around the Town Hall  
because of recent vandalism and garbage dumping.**

## Township Calendar

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

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### JANUARY 2014

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

### FEBRUARY 2014

- 4, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road  
5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall  
13, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall  
18, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
18, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1  
23, Wed, **Deadline for March Newsletter**  
27, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### MARCH 2014

- 4, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd  
5, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall  
11, Tue, **Township Day**—Supervisor Election 7am-7pm  
Annual Town Meeting 7:15pm, Town Hall  
13, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall  
18, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church  
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27, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

### French River Readers Book Club

For January, the French River Readers are reading *The Long-Shining Waters* by Diana Sosin. Thursday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> (monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs), at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road.

Questions? Call or email Carol Surine, 525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com or see our web site: [www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub](http://www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub).

All are welcome.

## Duluth Township Information — 2014

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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

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**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.**  
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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 Coordinator.** (vacancy announced)  
[EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org](mailto:EducCoordinator@duluthtownship.org)

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**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).

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## Reminder

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## For Internet Updates

**Lake Connections'** (fiber optic service) web site is [www.lakeconnections.com](http://www.lakeconnections.com). It contains information on services and costs plus progress on installation. **Lake Connections'** office is at 409 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Two Harbors. 218-834-8320.

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

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