

# Duluth Township Newsletter

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July 2014

Two Harbors, captured by Ann Cox



## Remembering Supervisor Dave Miller

Sue Lawson

May 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 was a sad day for our Township when Supervisor Dave Miller passed away at his home.

Just two months earlier, Dave was elected for a second 3-year term as a Town Board Supervisor and he served actively until days before his death. Dave believed in involving the community in planning for their future wherever he and his wife, Anne, lived during his Forest Service career in natural resource management. Retiring in Duluth Township 11 years ago, Dave was a part of the process updating our *Comprehensive Plan* and *Zoning Ordinance* and served on or chaired our *Planning Commission* for six years. He had a practical approach and long term perspective. Dave's Town Board service included improving our Township roads and culverts, and overseeing a FEMA grant to repair major flood damage a few years ago. He was a member of the school board in Aurora, MN, and this interest continued as he served as liaison with North Shore Community School and more recently as a member of the Joint Use Committee with NSCS and their new owners, ABC Inc.

Dave will be missed by all who worked with him in the Township. His legacy will be carried on through all the work he did for the communities he lived in and for the environment, nationally and locally in our Township.



## What's Coming Up?

### Community **COME ON HOME PARTY**

Saturday Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall 1-4:30 (see p3)

### Town Hall updating (see article p2)

### Township Youth seeking jobs (see p8)

### Cribbage Tournament—August 3<sup>rd</sup> (see article p1)

Seeking a Township **Web Master** (see article p3)

Information on our **Palmer Cemetery** by Township Sexton Molly Tillotson, 1-4pm at the Cemetery.

## Homesteader Cribbage Tournament

Bill Aho

At Duluth Town Hall on Sunday, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

Chicken dinner for lunch.

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

## Thank you, Linda Holliday!

Over the past many years, resident Linda Holliday has volunteered to manage and develop our Township's acclaimed and informative web site. She has decided to "retire", but agreed to help us "bridge" to a new web master. We will miss her expertise behind the scenes helping keep our Township residents informed.

## The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Annual Picnic, chicken dinner, and bingo.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Coffee, sandwiches. Molly Tillotson, the Township Sexton, will bring a plot map of Palmer Lakeview Cemetery and discuss plans and stories of early settlement in the area.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, **Come On Home Party**, 1-4:30pm, Town Hall (see article, page 3)

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Coffee, sandwiches. Bob Mitchell, storyteller and writer of novels: *A Traveler's Legacy* and *The Deadly Violin*. will talk on the tradition and reconstruction of Gypsy Wagons.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

## Our Palmer Lakeview Cemetery

Molly Tillotson, Sexton

There is an opportunity to get information on our Palmer's Cemetery on **Saturday Sept 13<sup>th</sup>**, 1-4 at the Cemetery. I will be on site to answer questions.

## Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Bill Aho, Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Kathy Johnson, Susie Lannon, Sue Lawson, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, John Schifsky, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, Jo Thompson, Molly Tillotson, Rose Vastila, and our webmaster Linda Holliday.

### Updating Our Town Hall

Supervisor Don Sitter

If you have visited the Town Hall recently you may have noticed the new handicap compliant door and temporary safety railing. This improvement is first on a developing list since the Town Hall's last main update some 30 years ago. There are plans to improve the ramp area and make it safe and useful.



In 2009 there was a small committee formed to assess

Town Hall needs from handling stormwater flow to updating bathrooms so pipes don't freeze in the winter, to adequate office and fire resistant records storage space to space for various community meetings and informal gatherings. Recently the Board appointed a small, across-functions, committee charged with developing recommendations for further improvements and expansions. They have completed the needs assessment by gathering ideas from various groups and people involved in Township functions such as administration, police, fire, recycling, etc.



Planning suggests an addition at the back of the Town Hall so that the historic impression of the building is maintained. As plans develop, there will be an **information open house**. It is hoped that significant progress can be made by the end of the year. The vision is to provide updates that will carry the Township over the next 30 years or so.

During the last several years, the Board has set aside taconite relief funds that are received each year, in a Township Capital Improvement Fund. It now has sufficient funds to realistically start on the list of needed improvements. In addition, we have had grant funds to help with the new ADA-compliant door. Other grant funds will be explored for special parts of the overall project such as funds for an added bay at our main fire hall (*which currently houses 4 emergency vehicles behind three bay doors, necessitating delaying jacking of vehicles!*). Stay tuned for further developments on this exciting project!

### Senior Housing in Duluth Township

Dave Hanson of *RealLife* Senior Housing is planning a summer meeting of those interested in senior housing in our Township. Plans have been delayed by an architect's retirement and developing arrangements with a potential local construction firm and calculating cost estimates.

If you would like to be notified of meetings, leave a message for Mary Ann Sironen: 525-5705.

All are welcome.

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### French River Readers Book Club

Meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7:30pm in the *Fireside Room* of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. For the current selection, see our web site:

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

*All are welcome whether you have read the selection or not!*

## NEEDED A Township Web Site Webmaster

With Linda Holliday's retirement, we need someone to manage our Township's website. The position involves a modest monthly payment. It would be most desirable to have a talented and interested Township resident to take over the web site.

Other than keeping our web site refreshed and up to date, duties involve uploading the Newsletter, providing updates from the Newsletter, Town Clerk and other sources so information is up to date. Some messages are sent out such as police alerts and emergency notifications. The process can be done from home assuming the webmaster is alert to events in the Township and keeps the Town Board informed.

If you are interested, call 525-5705 for our Town Clerk or email our Town Board Chair, Mary Ann Sironen: [MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org](mailto:MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org).

## 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. 218-834-8500.*

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

## Community Youth Groups

**Clifton 4-H Club:** call  
Kate Edblom, 525-1276

**Cub Scouts:** call  
David Hoey, 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.)

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## Reading Help!

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## Duluth Township's Annual "Come On Home Party" August 9<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)



## 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

- Young man, age 11 looking for work, including lawn mowing and general yard work. Experienced. If interested, please call Konrad, at 213-7361.
- 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.
- 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 (September) Newsletter is August 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Police Department  
Shawn Padden, Chief

**Police Events.** In April and May our officers logged 157 calls for service. Among the more frequent were 60 requested vacation/home/business checks, 17 traffic citations/warnings, 9 permit to acquire and carry a handgun, 9 property damage accidents, 6 suspicious activity or vehicles, 5 medical emergencies, 5 checking on hazards, 4 animal complaints, and 4 response to fire alarms.

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

Go to the Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) to sign up for online police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications.

**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.



**Please drive carefully. Watch out for hikers and bicyclists on our narrow and hilly roads.**

**On Being an Election Judge**  
Town Clerk, Ann Cox

If you have an interest in being an election judge to help with various duties involved in voting at the Township, contact me at the Town Hall (525-5705 or during Town Hall office hours listed on page 7).

Election judge training is required and this year's training is on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the St Louis County Court House Board Room. It is an interesting and impressive education in grass roots democracy.

The Town Board approves the list of qualified judges. For upcoming elections, judges on the list are scheduled depending their availability and the workload needs of that election. Judges help set up and take down the election equipment and help with paperwork involved in the process.

It's a good way to help out with Township business.

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Clifton Volunteer Fire Department  
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

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Fire fighters and first responders welcome. Training and turnout gear are provided.

Robert Peldo was elected Assistant Fire Chief. Also elected were Dan Rosenlund as First Captain, Dale Tikka as Second Captain, and Elsa Edblom as Third Captain. Shane Kirby is President.

Maintenance of our primary Hall 1 on Ryan Road is being discussed. There are plans to upgrade the septic system which has been troubled with ground water infiltration. We also house 4 vehicles in 3-stalls and need to plan for an added stall so all vehicles are available for response.

**Emergency Fire Key Box** — Several private residences and businesses in our Township now have a special fire key box installed by their main entrance. You can request one too by calling the Town Hall (525-5705) to leave a message for our Volunteer Fire Department. There is a \$40 one-time charge to install the box. You need an extra key to put in the box.

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))

**April 24<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson, Paul Voge and Larry Zanko attended.

**Main Actions:** It was decided that officers will be continued: Paul Voge as Chair and Jo Thompson as Vice Chair. **Discussion:** The stormwater permit requires us to include some added language in our Zoning Ordinance. A variance to move a non-conforming garage on a non-conforming lot would require notice of neighbors within 350 feet. **Structure size vs. lot size:** The issue is whether large lots (5-40ac) along the shore should be permitted to build larger accessory structures, and what conditions and procedures should apply. Alternatives and implications were discussed. **Congdon Trust Land:** There has been no response from Duluth. There was a question of whether the Township could purchase plantings for the areas where the County stripped vegetation to put in culverts on the Scenic Drive. A question was raised about what Township residents would want to do to preserve Congdon land. **Brochure:** John Schifsky will help edit it. Printing estimates will be brought to the Town Board. **Trails:** The Commission will continue work on trails.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting** Commissioners attending were Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson, Paul Voge and Larry Zanko.

**Discussion:** Town Attorney Tim Strom gave a presentation on laws governing grandfathering in Minnesota (see the Commission minutes on our website for this informative discussion). There was a lengthy discussion of ways to

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## Chester Congdon and North Shore Drive

John Schifsky

The May 26<sup>th</sup> 1913 *Duluth Herald* announced, in front page bold type, the **“Land Will Be Condemned.”** An *“ordinance providing for the condemnation of the roadway for the \$1,000,000 boulevard between Duluth and Two Harbors is scheduled for introduction at the meeting of the city commission this afternoon. The improvement will be the gift of Chester A. Congdon, one of Duluth’s foremost public-spirited citizens and benefactors.”*

This roadway would begin between Eighth and Ninth Avenues east, follow London Road and extend along the “rock ribbed” scenic shores of Lake Superior to Two Harbors. The route would lie between the right of way of the Duluth and Iron Range Railroad and the lake. Congdon referred to this road as the *Lake Superior International Highway* and its creation was the result of a state law making possible the acquisition by the city of the property necessary for the road. In 1909 Congdon, a member of the state legislature, had lobbied successfully for the passage of that law which benefited not only Duluth but also all first class cities in the state.

The highway was not the first road along the North Shore of Lake Superior. Rich Sill, in *Roots in the Past – Seeds for the Future*, noted the presence of a route along the shore known as the “North Shore Indian Trail, an established pathway which had run up and down the shore for years.” But it was muddy and there were the frequent drainages and rivers which cut across the path, making travel by wheeled transport difficult. Canoes and boats made it much less difficult to reach destinations along the shore, even considering the challenges posed by wind and bad weather.

In June 1915 Duluth’s Mayor Prince signed an ordinance “accepting the gift from Chester A. Congdon of funds to pay the awards, verdicts, judgments and costs in the matter of the condemnation of lands, by the City of Duluth for road, highway and boulevard purposes, along the Shore of Lake Superior.” Congdon did not, as has been the popular belief, purchase the land and gift it to the city. In fact, he was insistent that the city be responsible for purchase of the property.

The 1915 ordinance also ordained *“that the land so acquired shall be forever used by the City for the purposes for which the same was condemned, and that the City of Duluth shall never use the same for any purpose other than as a road, highway or boulevard, and shall never dispose of the same or any part thereof.”* This condition, often referred to in legal opinions since 1915 and most recently in 2001, has been the guiding principle when questions have been raised about development on what has come to be known as the “Congdon trust land.”

Congdon noted, in a 1915 letter, that the strip of land taken for the boulevard was “13 miles 1043 feet long . . . to which should be added 5407 feet in the return loop

incurred by the City was \$28,625.05 which sum Congdon and, after his death, members of his family, reimbursed.

But Congdon’s generosity was not limited to paying for the land condemnation proceedings. Mayor Snively, in a 1925 letter, refers to an agreement reached in 1922, by Mrs. Chester Congdon (Chester Congdon died in 1916), St. Louis County, and the City of Duluth in effect sharing the costs for building what we now know as North Shore Drive. The total cost of that work was \$335,425.22 which included paving, grading and culverts, lighting, a bridge at Lester River, as well as bridges farther up the shore towards Stony Point. Each of the principles paid one third of the total. In the end, the Congdon family contributed roughly \$130,000 (\$1,760,000 in today’s dollars) to the creation of the Lake Superior International Highway.

Chester Congdon’s biographer, Roy Hoover, speculated that Congdon’s work on Glensheen may have excited his interest in the environment and motivated him to efforts to preserve the natural beauty along the North Shore. Duluth was growing, the shore would attract developers, and public access might be denied by development. Congdon may well have wanted to make it possible for the public to enjoy, for years to come, the scenery and striking vistas afforded by the North Shore Drive.

*(Planning Commission, continued from page 4)*

handle the size of accessory structures on larger acreages along the shore, taking account of the relationship of lot size, impervious surface, setbacks, purpose, etc. Should large buildings on large lots involve public notice and a variance? Sue and Paul met with ARDC and the Met Council on trails. ARDC will be sent a letter asking for aid to get things started. The attorney will be asked about the legal aspects of an owner using adjoining lots to meet zoning requirements.

### GPS Marking of Township Culverts and Ditches

Valerie Brady

You may have noticed a couple of people in bright vests inspecting ditches and culverts on Township roads this spring. Andrea Crouse and Mary Heise were hired as part of a grant that the Township and UMD’s *Natural Resources Research Institute* received from Minnesota’s *Lake Superior Coastal Program* to map all of our ditches and inspect all Township culverts.



Stormwater regulations require that we map and keep a close eye on our ditches and major culverts in order to help protect our streams and Lake Superior from dirt and pollutants carried by stormwater runoff. The

*Coastal Program* grant gives the Township funding to create a computer (GIS) map and a set of pictures of each ditch and culvert to track their condition over time so we know how often they need repair and how long repairs last. Not only will this help us protect our streams by keeping stormwater clean, but we hope it will help us save money in the long run by figuring out what repairs work best and how long these repairs last.

Andrea and Mary are done with the ditch mapping and are now creating an on-line catalog of all the images they took. With their help, we can now keep better track of ditch condition, better keep stormwater clean, and better protect our streams and the lake.



2014-15 Supervisors Dave Edblom, Chair, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, and Mary Anne Daniel. Missing and missed is Supervisor Dave Miller, who was elected to a 3 year term in March but stepped down shortly before his death on May 15<sup>th</sup>. See Sue Lawson's remembrance article on page 1.

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 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Dave Miller, Mary Ann Sironen and Don Sitter attended. Main Actions: Minutes for March 13<sup>th</sup> were approved. A motion was approved for a 2014 recreation budget capped at \$4,000. A resolution passed supporting Mary Murphy's HF 1964 bill.

Discussion: Note that draft Annual Meeting minutes are available in the Town Hall soon after the March meeting. The Treasurer reported deposits of \$34,200.31, expenses of \$35,118.70 for a March ending balance of \$1,046,225.54. Taconite Tax of \$25,000 has been received for our Township Capital Improvement Fund. *Police:* Clearwater Grill liquor license was approved. The Ryan, Johnson, Old North Shore and Flynn roads were flooded. *Planning:* A letter was sent to a short term rental that doesn't have a permit. Sue will be working with Odyssey as they develop their first driveway and revetment on the shore near Stoney Point. The Town Hall rental fee for the culvert workshop was waived. *Recreation:* Basketball program doing well. The conflict between the recreation program and the gym teacher is to be resolved by a standard operating procedure worked out by both parties. NSCS approved the rental form.

**May 6<sup>th</sup> Board Retreat (Planning Meeting).** Supervisors Daniel, Edblom, Sironen and Sitter attended. There was a wide-ranging discussion of 2014 plans for work to be done by Township departments/components. Supervisors divided up the various work areas they would oversee (see page 7). Mary Ann Sironen will continue as Board Chair and Don Sitter will be Vice Chair this year.

Department heads described their work plans. For example, Sexton Molly Tillotson described brush cutting, contracting for fixing heavy head stones that have tipped or fallen, more permanently identifying plot corners, etc. The need for a Recreation Coordinator job description was discussed by Personnel. The Joint Use Committee has Town members Dave Chura and Dave Miller with Mary Ann Sironen as alternate. Forms and requirements for requesting Township support were discussed. Our webmaster is retiring and a replacement needs to be found. A facility committee was set up to give recommendations about solving a number of accumulated Town Hall needs. Accumulated money from the Taconite Tax funded Township Capital Improvement Fund are now at a level that can be used to solve some of these

problems. Planning will update the zoning ordinance to take account of required language from our MS4 Stormwater permit. Trails are being discussed and the Township brochure is nearly finished. Long range financial planning, investment options, and the need for an emergency fund were discussed. Those present reflected on procedures that worked and didn't work over the past year.

**May 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Stormwater meeting.** Held at 6:30 prior to the regular Board meeting. Board members and several residents were in attendance. Valerie Brady made an excellent PowerPoint presentation of mechanisms of stormwater impact on our streams and lake with suggestions for mitigation, new rules and ongoing abatement efforts. Our MS4 stormwater permit has been approved. **May 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Daniel, Edblom, Sironen and Sitter attended. Dave Miller had resigned due to illness.

Main Actions: Approved New Scenic Café liquor license. A 7-member facilities committee was appointed to review and provide recommendations for modifications to the Town Hall. Discussion: The April financial report listed \$826.12 in deposits, \$23,664.31 in expenses for an ending balance of \$1,023,387.35. Claims were reviewed and paid. There was a discussion of options for investing Township funds and the need for designating a reserve fund as recommended by the Minnesota Association of Townships. Work assignments from the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were affirmed. *Planning:* We have a year to update our Zoning Ordinance with items required by the County's stormwater permit. *Recreation:* We need to have usage figures. A request for an August rental at the school which would involve book sales was referred to the JUC for consideration. A process to review and decide on support requests by the JUC and a draft document were presented. *Communications:* Webmaster Linda Holliday submitted her resignation but she will serve until we have a plan. *Personnel:* At the next Board meeting appointment of an interim Supervisor will be discussed. ABC Inc. submitted a request for funding an \$80,000 planned storage area at NSCS. The request was referred to the Joint Use Committee where joint funding requests are considered. A County gave notice of a proposed sale of tax forfeit land near McQuade and Paul Roads even though it does not meet zoning requirements for building.

**The Next regular Town Board meetings:**  
*(2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs at 7pm in the Town Hall) are July 10<sup>th</sup> and Aug 14<sup>th</sup>.*  
*Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings*

**Preschool Registration is Underway**  
*"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"*  
 Kathy Johnson

There are still some openings for the 2014-2015 school year! Register now. Both morning and afternoon classes are offered for 3-5 years olds on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Thursdays. Your child may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. A monthly tuition fee is charged and there is a \$30 non-refundable registration fee to hold your spot. *For further information, call me at: 834-5429.*

## Duluth Township Information — 2014

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:**

**Mary Anne Daniel**, (2013-2016) 260-9123 or Email:  
[MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org](mailto:MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency Preparedness, Police, Joint Use Committee).

**Dave Edblom** (2014-2017) 525-1276 or email  
[DaveEdblom@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DaveEdblom@duluthtownship.org).  
 (Primary contact for Roads; Co contact for Personnel, Town Hall, Banking, Insurance)

**Mary Ann Sironen**, (2012-2015) Chair 525-2010  
 or Email: [MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org](mailto:MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Communications, Senior Hsg, Intergovernmental Relations, Materials Mgmt;  
 Co-contact for Recreation, Finance, Insurance;  
 Alternate: JUC).

**Don Sitter** (2013-2016) Vice Chair 525-4138  
 or Email: [DonSitter@duluthtownship.org](mailto:DonSitter@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Primary contact for Planning and Zoning; Co-contact for Town Hall, Recreation, Personnel).

Vacancy to be filled in July (2014 until election March 2015)

**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 Rob Peldo, 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.

**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 Hooley and Roger Beck.

**April-Oct: Tuesday 7-11am & 3-7pm, Thurs. 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.)

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.

**JULY 2014**

- 1, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 2, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, 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
- 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

**AUGUST 2014**

- 3, Sun. **Cribbage Tournament**, Town Hall (see article)
- 5, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
- 6, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
- 9, Sat, **Come On Home Party**, 1-4:30 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
- 23, Sat, **Deadline for the September Newsletter**
- 28, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

**SEPTEMBER 2014**

- 2, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 3, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 11, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 13, Sat, **Information on Palmer Cemetery**, 1-4 at our Cemetery.
- 16, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 16, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
- 25, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

**The Next Planning Committee meetings**

(4<sup>th</sup> Thurs at 7pm in the Town Hall)

**July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.

Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

JULY 2014

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## Country Kids Day Care, 525-1073

Infants to School Age, Licensed  
Bus to NSCS & Lakewood Schools  
Accepting Full and Part Time

*Paid Advertisement*

## Car-Pooling to East High: 2014-2015

*Susie Lannon*

Attention North Shore and Two Harbors families...do you have a child attending East High School in Duluth for the 2014-2015 school year? If so and you are interested in car-pooling, please call me, Susie Lannon, at (218) 340-1284 or email:

[apartmentadvisorsmn@gmail.com](mailto:apartmentadvisorsmn@gmail.com)

The school bus stops at Cape Superior Inn (5133 North Shore Drive) and can be used as a pick-up and drop-off location.



*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.*

Duluth Township Recreation Corner  
*Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator*

Summer is finally here! Its great to see the number of people playing unorganized sports on the baseball field and using the playground at our Community Center. The user agreement with ABC Inc, owner of the school, and the Town Board is that our residents are able to use the Community Center for a variety of sports, Township programs and rentals of the facility.

The *Tropics* team won over the *Red Tee's* 77-60 in the adult basketball program which ended in May. Congratulations to Calvin Lurhsen, Derek Blair, John Peer, Jr. and Kyle Omtvedt.

We are also offering a basketball and football program for 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This non-competitive program is to help teach the fundamentals of both sports. There is no fee but parents must sign a waiver to enter their children. The 6-week program started June 20<sup>th</sup>, but if you didn't get a chance to enter then, please call me at 830-0052.

Arrowhead Youth Soccer Association will start practicing in July. Schedules and games will be posted on the baseball backstop.

Thanks to Todd Sironen for volunteering to cut grass this year at the Community Center. We are always looking for volunteers to help maintain the grounds. If interested, please give me a call.

If you are interested in renting the Community Center (gym, fields, etc.) call me at 218-830-0052. The school is undergoing major remodeling and adding classrooms. Their goal is to keep the facility open, but please watch for further communication if anything changes.