



1997 Tractor Show at the old Clover Valley Store, north end of Homestead Road

Duluth Township Newsletter

Duluth Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org

May 2014

What's Coming Up?

Township Memorial Day Ceremony - May 26th, 11am, at Palmers Township Cemetery (see article, p1)

New Town Board (areas of responsibility to be assigned)

Clover Valley Tractor Show — June 28-29, everyone welcome. No charge to attend or exhibit. Tractor parades daily. Lunch available. (see article, p2).

Stormwater public meeting - May 8th (see article, p1)

Noxious Weed Eradication (see article, p2)

Township Youth seeking jobs (see article, p3)

The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

May 7th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Coffee, sandwiches and Darnell Nelson, master gardener.

June 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Coffee, sandwiches. Program to be announced.

July 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Annual Picnic, chicken dinner, and bingo.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call : Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Township Stormwater Meeting

Valerie Brady

Our Township will hold its annual stormwater meeting on Thursday May 8th at 6:30pm, at the Town Hall. Township residents are invited to attend and learn about state and federal stormwater management requirements and how our Township is meeting them. The Township is responsible for ensuring that all of the rain water running through Township ditches remains clean and does not pollute or degrade local streams and Lake Superior.

Join your neighbors in honoring service men and women from our Township

Township Memorial Day Ceremony

At our Palmers Lakeview Cemetery
North Shore Road just east of Homestead Road
11am on Monday, May 26th

Memorial Day Speaker will be N.V. (Vince) Sando, retired USAF Master Sergeant, Lake County Veterans Service Officer in Two Harbors and Silver Bay

Other participants include Boy Scout Troop #162, music led by members of the French River Lutheran Church, coffee and donuts thanks to Rolf and Nancy Carlson and the French River Church women's group .

Mark your calendar and attend this community event!

For further information, contact event organizer
George Sundstrom, 525-5655



Your Fire Number Sign

Please help emergency crews by making sure you have a fire number sign and that it is clearly visible, like this one. In an emergency, fire or medical, it helps greatly to be able to find the correct location!

Your safety depends upon it. Delays add danger and frustration. A good, one-sided sign is satisfactory if it is clearly visible from the road, however our Fire Department and First Responders recommend the newer, *reflective, two-sided* sign that is visible from both directions.

If you don't have a fire number sign or its not legible, or you want to update you can request a replacement fire number sign by calling:

St Louis County Communications at 218-726-2921.

The cost for an up-to-date replacement is \$35 (There is no charge if it is a new/first fire sign). You will receive an invoice with the new sign plus installation instructions, all mailed directly to your address.

It's pretty cheap insurance for your family or business!

Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Duane Madison, Janet McTavish, Dave Miller, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Mary Ann Sironen, George Sundstrom, Carol Surine, Rose Vastila, Corlis West and our webmaster Linda Hollinday.

Clover Valley Tractor Show

Corlis West

The Clover Valley Tractor Show will again be held on the last weekend of **June (28-29)** (see below). The show is held in Corlis and Pam West's field, at the *North end of Homestead Road by West Knife River Road*, in Duluth Township (St Louis County).



The tractor show, originally called "Heavy Metal in the Country" was started in 1997 and was held at the old Clover Valley Store (see masthead pictures). Initially organized with neighbors Larry Nesgoda, Jim Aspoas, Jim Bourgeois and myself, the idea was to bring together rural people with common interests. In 1998 when the store was no longer available, the tractor show was moved to the Duluth Town Hall. I cooked turkey on the "Webber" and Jim Bourgeois brought a keg of root beer! We had a good turnout of exhibitors and people coming to see the tractors. Future planning fell through the cracks and there wasn't a 1999 tractor show.

The old store has been closed for many years, but Pam and I decided to rekindle the tractor show after 12 years without one. In 2012, 7 tractors were shown, and last year with help from Alan Anderson, the *North Shore Tractor Club* and publicity in local papers, we had 28 pieces of equipment! Machinery from as far away as Grand Marais showed up. Tractor parades were held each day and food and beverages were available to help offset some of the expenses. The weather even cooperated, except for the 3 inches of June rain before the show which made our field a little soft.

This year we are hoping for an even better turnout, with more local tractors. A **tractor parade** will be held each day at 1pm, and lunch will be available to help support the show. Some tractor owners camp out with their tractors. Everyone is welcome. There's **no admission fee to exhibit or to come look**. If you would like to help set up for the show, we will get together on Thursday June 26th at 2pm at our place, 1598 W Knife River Road, to get it done. If you are interested in bringing a tractor or would just like more **information, call Corlis at 218-525-7719**. To find pictures from past tractor shows and information go to our Face Book page "*Clover Valley Tractor Show*".

Preschool Registration is Underway

"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"

Kathy Johnson

We are now accepting registration for the 2014-2015 school year! 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.

Please contact Kathy Johnson at 834-5429 or 525-0663 x106 for further information.

Noxious Weeds

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

Noxious weeds are coming back...eventually...so let's be ready! The best way to control invasive plants is to eliminate them before they spread and reproduce. When populations increase, so do the associated costs and labor to identify, quantify and control them. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture website has complete information on identifying the weeds on the "eradicate" list and indicate that they're not of concern yet in our area.

We need to be concerned about the following weeds found throughout our Township that are likely to join the "eradicate" list soon.

Spotted Knapweed is causing great concern in our neighbors in North Star township. This pretty weed has attractive pinkish-purple flowers on wooly, grey-green stems and foliage but is invading meadow and pastures at an alarming rate. It generally blooms in July and August, propagating primarily by seed that can be moved by wind, water, wildlife, equipment, and vehicles. The movement of hay and gravel infested with knapweed seed allows knapweed to proliferate in new areas. It is thought that the county gravel pits have been the source of spotted knapweed so that whenever gravel has been used, the weed gets a start.

We're all familiar with the **Canada Thistle** and should take steps to pull it out before it blooms. It's recognizable as a perennial with small pink-purple flowers that grow from a rosette to a height of 2-5 feet tall. It reproduces by seeds and roots so pulling up plants early in the year halts its spread.

Purple Loosetrife, another attractive weed, has been seen along wet roadsides and ditches in the Township. It has stout stems with lance shaped leaves and large showy purple flower spikes. If you see these on your property or along public roads, picking and discarding flowers will help slow its spread.

We're all familiar with the **Common Tansy** that is galloping through woods and fields of the Township. It grows 2-5 feet tall and has a typical aromatic odor when the leaves are crushed. The yellow button-like flowers grow in flat topped clusters. Although it spreads through seed and rootstalk, pulling up the plants early in the year will also help control this noxious pest.

Our Town Supervisors are appointed as weed control officers but your help is needed to watch out for, and do whatever you can to keep these troublesome plants from overrunning our fields and woods. Thank you for your assistance with this effort.



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D/NSSD Update
 Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

It is not well known that a dedicated group, the D/NSSD Board of Managers, meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 0700am at French River Lutheran Church to manage the operations and affairs of the Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District. Although well into general use, there are numerous issues that must be dealt with on an ongoing basis, not the least of which is dealing with the cost of running a system as well as continuing payment for its construction. Currently there is a legal process going on between D/NSSD and the Knife River Sanitary District over fees that the latter is required to pay for their wastewater to pass through the D/NSSD main line. A legal decision on that question is expected by the time this Newsletter is published.

Ayres Engineering, the company that designed and built the sewer system, is closing their Duluth office so interviews have been conducted to hire a new firm. The company chosen was MSA Professional Services of Duluth. More information is available on the D/NSSD website for which a link is provided at www.duluthtownship.org.

Northeast Technical Services (NTS) that has provided the operational support for the sewer system has been purchased by PeopleServices, a company based in Omaha, NE. Phone numbers and contact information remain the same.

Duluth Township's representatives on D/NSSD are Angela Braud and Dean Korri. These uncompensated public servants bring their expertise (Angie is a CPA and Dean is an engineer) to the complex issues that come before the Board. To them, along with Kate Kuettel and Scott Smith from the City of Duluth and Kevin Bovee from Lakewood, we give our heartfelt thanks for work well done and much appreciated by the residents of the District. Thank you!

Contacts: D/NSSD Emergency: 590-5889, Email: EApelwick@nettechnical.com or beckym@fiop.biz or call 612-234-4740.

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

(Deadline for the next (July) Newsletter is June 23rd)

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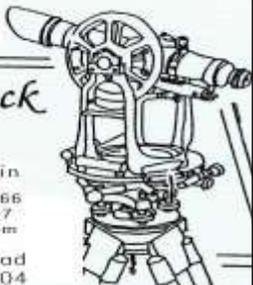
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Restored Memories

Duane Madison

Most of the old time fishermen are gone from Duluth Township and very few of their boats are still around.



Most of those that are still around are under the weather, so to speak, and not too many of those few are still serviceable. A few weeks ago I had the privilege to visit David Hammer's well lit and heated shop on the McQuade Road where there are two local boats being prepped for rebuilding. One was built by Einar Hendrickson who was the father-in-law of

our friend Helen Hendrickson. Einar crafted the boat at his farm on the Ryan Road in a lean-to fastened to the barn. He named it the Strand after his home town area in Sweden. The picture of the Strand was taken on its launching day in 1947 when it was first put into Lake Superior close by the mouth of the Talmage River. In the picture, Einar is in the small skiff and his son Harold is on the Strand. In later years Russ Myrdahl used the Strand until he berthed it on Stoney Point. Many of you remember it sitting for many years evolving into a weathered work of art until Mr. Hammer brought it home for a long needed restoration.



The next boat in

Mr. Hammer's work shop is the Lark which was one of the many boats at the Blue Bird Landing where our Homesteader friend Skipper Sironen grew up. The Landing holds many memories not only for the people who lived in this area but also for those who drove out to fish, play, picnic or even just to look at the scenery on the North Shore. One of the most beautiful scenes was the Blue Bird Landing with its trolley car diner and all the boats painted white with blue trim. Each boat was named after a bird. I remember the **Blue Jay**, **Blue Bird**, **Lark** and **Wren** and there were more. To a nine year old boy like me at the time, the Landing seemed to have a bit of magic to it.

It occurred to me that I know at least five people doing boat restorations. Many thanks to them and to others who are helping to preserve those boats and our memo-

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

We had a new heater installed in Hall 1 following problems during the winter. We are also seeking a grant for a heavy-duty washer and dryer for turnout-gear. Today's fires contain many toxic and other contaminants so it is important to reduce exposure for volunteer firefighters (and their family, if they wash turnout gear at home).

SPRING FIRE DANGER — dry ditches, fields and forests present a serious spring fire danger. Be sure to take extra care in handling fire. Note that fire permits are required. See page 7 for internet and ranger contacts.

Fire Number Signs are important! Drive down any of our roads sometime and see how many fire numbers you can quickly see!! These are critical to finding your place if you need fire or emergency help. Be sure that your sign is clear of brush and clearly visible from the road. You may want to get up-to-date reflective replacements (see article, p1).

Emergency Fire Key Boxes. Our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department is offering to install an emergency entry key box for your home and business. This allows emergency personnel a secure way to enter your home or business if called on a 911 emergency when no one is available to open the door. See how you can request one (see article, p5).

To Volunteer, call Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819
Fire fighters and first responders welcome. Training and turnout gear are provided.

Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief

Police Events. In February and March our officers logged 192 calls for service. Among the more frequent were 94 requested vacation home/business checks, 12 traffic citations/warnings, 10 serving civil process, 9 permit to carry a handgun, 7 animal complaints, 7 property damage accidents, 7 motorist assists, and 7 suspicious activity.



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.

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.

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).

This emergency key box **holds a key to your main door that only fire, medical first responders or police can access.** The purpose of the fire key box is to provide emergency personnel with a way to enter your home if there is a fire or medical emergency and no one is able or available to open the door. Otherwise the alternative is to break a door or window to gain any necessary access in an emergency.

The key in the box is not available to you as a "backup". It is only available to emergency personnel in an emergency. Usually this is initiated when you or a neighbor calls 9-1-1 for fire or medical help.

Some reasons you might be interested are if you have a vacation home or are away from your home for extended times such as in the winter. Some residents with medical problems have the fire key box in case they may be unable to let emergency personnel in after an accident. If your home has a locked drive-way gate, a fire key box would be helpful to volunteer emergency personnel who may not have a suitable chain cutter with them to gain access in an emergency.

If you would like to have a fire key box installed, call or leave a message for our Volunteer Fire Department at the Town Hall (218-525-5705). There is a \$40 one-time charge to install the box at your location. You will need an extra key to put in the box.

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For Internet Updates

Lake Connections' (fiber optic service) web site is www.lakeconnections.com. It contains information on services and costs plus progress on installation. **Lake Connections' office is at 409 17th 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.*

Western Lake Superior Sanitary District & the Regional Stormwater Protection Team are pleased to host a

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Board Chair Mary Ann Sironen announced that our required MS4 Stormwater permit was approved after the public comment period. Thanks to Val Brady and Jo Thompson for their extensive work on our application.

Duluth Township Recreation Corner
Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator

The hard winter this year also brought one of the best skating seasons. Thanks to all volunteers who flooded and tended rinks and ran the warming house concession stand.
REMINDER: *Please do not use the melt-softened fields.* A sign on the baseball backstop will notify when fields are open and ready for use.

After a successful basketball year—more participants and teams—the Championship games wrap up April 26th for adults and May 10th for K through 6th grade.

AYSA soccer registration has sign-ups starting April 23rd. If you miss sign-ups, contact me and I will help with registration.

This summer and fall there will be construction outside NSCS. Be aware of the security fence and watch for notices on the basketball backstop about field use. Please be safety conscious around the construction site.

There is a **new rental policy**, approved by the new building owner, ABC Inc, the NSCS school, and the Town Board. There is also a rental agreement for renting the Town Hall. These are listed on the Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org, along with documents pertaining to the property transfer and the use agreement.

If you are interested in renting the community center (gym, fields, etc.) contact me at 218-830-0052.

For Town Hall rentals, contact the Town Hall, Ann Cox, 525-5705. Rental forms are on the web site as well.



2014-15 Supervisors Dave Edblom, Chair, Mary Ann Sironen, Dave Miller, Don Sitter, and Mary Anne Daniel. Work areas will be discussed May 6th.

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).

February 13th regular meeting. All Supervisors attended. **Main Actions:** Minutes for Jan 9 were approved. A motion to invest all but \$30,000 in CD's was tabled for information. The community education funds were closed out while that program is being reviewed. A bid for \$1,460 was accepted to install heating system failure alarms in Fire Hall 1 and 2 and the Town Hall. Alden Fire Hall needs a phone line to proceed with that alarm. Recreation budget for 2014 was approved at \$5,000 for bats, balls, fuel, maintenance repairs for the sweeper and needed consumables. The meeting rate for the Planning Secretary was set at \$40.

Discussion: The Treasurer reported \$2,187.54 deposits, \$37,653.45 expenses for a January ending balance of \$1,053,308.34. A recreation coordinator job description needs to be written. Two rental forms were approved — one for the Town Hall and one for the Community Center. The Board requested some changes in the maintenance matrix for the community center. This was rejected by ABC and the Board tabled further action. A motion to support a Mary Murphy legislative amendment (see the March Newsletter) was tabled for added information.

March 13th regular meeting. Supervisors Daniel, Miller, Sironen and Sitter attended.

Discussion: The Odyssey Stoney Point project final plat was approved for signing. **Fire:** Alden Twp is considering a phone system that would permit a heating system alarm to be installed in Hall #3. **Planning:** Our MS4 stormwater application is in its comment phase. The Community Center rental agreement was approved by the Town, tentatively by ABC Inc, and we are awaiting NSCS approval. The use matrix has been tabled, waiting for responses from ABC and NSCS Boards. The skating rink concession stand made more than expected. The PTA usually donates some back to the program. A request for the Town to support Mary Murphy's legislation permitting rural Township charter schools to give priority to local residents was discussed after considerable research by Board members. Some contacts indicated that rather than changing the law, the local charter could be changed, and others had mixed opinions about the broader effect of the law. Since there is currently no companion bill in the Senate, the request remained tabled. The County requires a second phone line available at elections. The ADA door access to the Town Hall is proceeding with grant support. Our Town Hall facility needs are being reviewed.

The Next regular Town Board meetings:
 (2nd Thurs at 7pm in the Town Hall) are May 8th and June 12th.
 Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings

March Annual Town Election and Meeting

A smaller than usual number of residents attended our March 11th Town Meeting where the 2015 tax levy for the Township was approved. Dave Mount was elected moderator for the evening. *Lake Bank* and *North Shore Bank of Commerce* were again approved as our banks of deposit. *Duluth New Tribune* is again the official Newspaper for publication of notices. Official posting places continue to be the *Town Hall*, *Fire Hall #1 (Ryan Rd)*, *Scenic Café*, and *NSCS*. Last year's minutes were approved and the Clerk of Town, Ann Cox, distributed detailed budget materials. The State audits the Town's books annually. Budgets were discussed by department. George Sundstrom made a motion to increase the levy by \$4,000 for Community Center field mowing and rink plowing (passed 22 to 14). He also made a motion to reduce the levy by \$70,000 (failed). **The final approved levy for 2015 is \$344,506.** The meeting can be continued at 7pm on Aug.14, 2014, if needed.

Only 69 residents voted. Dave Edblom (65) and Dave Miller (55) were elected as Town Board Supervisors in the non-contested election.

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

February 27th regular meeting. Commissioners Jerry Hauge, Brigid Pajunen, John Shifsky, Jo Thompson, chair Paul Voge and Larry Zanko attended. A public hearing was held on the Seering's request for a high-frequency short term rental on River Road (a private road). Planning Director Lawson explained the process and relevant provisions. The *Community Participation Report* was presented and residents discussed support and concerns. The Commission approved a 2-year interim use permit with conditions about 2 -night minimum stay and 140 days/year limit, etc.

Information on the Congdon Trust property along the lake is being assembled by John Shifsky and Judith Gibbs with plans to work together with the City on viewshed and clay bank stabilization issues.

Trail planning will focus on the need for trails along narrow and busy main roadways.

Land Use Permits Beth Mullan		
	<i>Single</i>	<i>Total</i>
2013	4	25
2012	3	17
2011	6	24
2010	8	28
2009	9	30
2008	10	39
2007	3	28
2006	10	44
2005	20	67
2004	23	70
2003	24	69
2002	18	57
2001	18	66
2000	17	56

March 27th regular meeting was cancelled.

The Next Planning Committee meetings: (4th Thurs at 7pm in the Town Hall) are May 22nd and June 26th.
 Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.
 Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

Duluth Township Information — 2014

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
 Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),
 web site: www.duluthtownship.org or
 email: 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: (new work assignments to be made May 6th)

Mary Anne Daniel, (2013-2016) 260-9123 or Email:
MaryAnneDaniel@duluthtownship.org
 (Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency Preparedness, Police; Alternate: Communications).

Dave Edblom (2014-2017) 525-1276 or email
DaveEdblom@duluthtownship.org
 (work assignments to be arranged May 6th)

Dave Miller (2014-2017) 525-1555 Vice Chair
 or Email: 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
 or Email: MaryAnnSironen@duluthtownship.org
 (Primary contact for Communications, Senior Hsg, Community Ed/Rec, DNSSD Materials mgmt; Alternate: Emergency Preparedness).

Don Sitter (2013-2016) 525-4138
 or Email: DonSitter@duluthtownship.org
 (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

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

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

Cemetery Sexton: **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933
 or Email: Cemetery@duluthtownship.org

Planning Director: **Sue Lawson** messages: 525-5705
Planning and Zoning Secretary: **Beth Mullan**

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

Fire Department: **Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief Keith Darsow**, President **Shane Kerby**
 Email: FireHall@duluthtownship.org

Burning Permits are available online at 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

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

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

MAY 2014

- 6, Tue, 9am Town Board, Program of Work meeting
 6, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 7, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 8, Thu, 6:30pm Twp Stormwater meeting, Town Hall
 8, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 17, Sat, 9-1pm **Rain Barrel Sale**, WLSSD, (see article,p5)
 20, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 20, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** training, Hall #1
 22, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
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- 26, Mon, 11am **Township Memorial Day Ceremony, Our Palmers Lakeview Cemetery**
 (see article, p1, for details)

JUNE 2014

- 3, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
 4, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
 17, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
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 23, Mon, **Deadline for the July Newsletter**
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 28-29SaSn **Clover Valley Tractor Show** (see article, p2)

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

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

MAY 2014

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Cub Scouts: call
David Hooey, 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.)

NSCS/Township/ABS Update

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

The three boards involved in the transfer of the NSCS property on the Ryan Road have come to agreement on joint usage for 2014. A significant part of that work created an updated procedure for using the facilities at NSCS. Those new procedures for rental and use can be found on the Township's web site, www.duluthtownship.org. Townsfolk are encouraged to review those documents and follow the instructions when they want to rent either the NSCS facilities or the Town Hall.

If you attend any of the Duluth Township meetings, you know that we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers and staff. Please give special thanks to our Town Board members for unusually effective and extensive service to our Township this past year, to Clerk of Town Ann Cox, Treasurer Janet Johansen, Planning Director Sue Lawson, P&Z Secretary Beth Mullen and Planning Commission members, Chief Bob Engelson and our Fire Department and First Responders, Police Chief Shawn Padden and Officers, Recycling leader Caroline Marino and recycling staff, Attorney Tim Strom, Cemetery Sexton Molly Tillotson, Recreation Coordinator Kevin Pettis, and all who help make our Township a good one. Show support, attend a meeting!

Please consider volunteering!

*It's a price worth paying for a great Township to live in!
Call or leave a message at the Town Hall: 525-5705.*

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. Questions? Call Carol Surine, 525-4426 or email carolsurine@gmail.com.

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