

# Duluth Township Newsletter

Duluth Township web site: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

November 2014

## What's Coming Up?

**VOTE!** November 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 7:00am-8:00pm at the Town Hall. In Minnesota you can register on election day.

Fiber Optic Lines in the Township (see article)

Local snow plowing services (see article)

Town Hall Improvement Update (see article)

Emergency Planning (see article)

## Time to Remember Past Holidays

(reprinted at the suggestion of Helen Hendrickson, from the Township's 1978 "Landmarks" newspaper)  
By Marguerite Oberg Blaisdell

The holiday season is almost here. For many it's a time for remembering the good old days.

My favorite Thanksgiving story is about Mr. Andrew Gullberg. He was a bachelor who lived about a mile east of the present North Shore School, in the early 1900's. He worked on the Railroad Bridge Gang. He was quite a large man and seemed huge to the children especially when he had a full pack sack on his back.

He was a friendly fellow. Farmers would go to him for small loans if they were a little short of money when their *Blue Valley Creamery* check may have been late or they were waiting for money from the sale of cord wood or pulp wood.

Mrs. Ramstrom would do his mending for him such as turning the collars of his shirts, putting new sweat bands into his hat or putting new elbows in his shirts and jackets.

The Paul Saari's, wishing to repay Mr. Gullberg for the kindnesses shown to them, would roast a turkey and bring it to him for Thanksgiving, along with all the trimmings which included a whole pumpkin pie. They did this for several years until one year they decided not to remember him. But, the closer it came time to eat their dinner, the more they thought of Mr. Gullberg, so they brought him a dinner after all. Paul was a little late then and when he got there, Mr. Gullberg was seated at his table, with a fork and knife in his hands waiting to eat. To this day the Saari's still remember and ask, "What if we hadn't remembered him?" What a lonely, unhappy day he would have had. They are so thankful that they remembered him after all.

...*(skipping a bit of the original article for the sake of length...ed)*

My favorite Christmas memory was about 1924. We had had a big snowstorm and snow was piled high in drifts. Christmas Eve we hitched Old Jack, our horse, to the sleigh and we all started for my grandmother's. The Lundquist Road was blocked so we went up the Burke Road and Peterson's driveway. The drifts were so big that Old Jack couldn't move. The men got out and tramped the snow down so he could pull the sleigh to the field and on to grandma's. That evening, especially the sleigh ride, is something I'll always cherish.



## The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall.  
Sandwiches and bars and Turkey Bingo.

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Coffee, sandwiches. NSCS holiday sing.

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, potluck and bingo.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

## LOCAL SNOW PLOWING

Larry Nesgoda—call: 525-1305 or 393-2863

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Others? There is *no charge* for listing your snow plowing service in the January Newsletter (*deadline Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>*).

**Send your listing to:** [TownHall@duluthtownship.org](mailto:TownHall@duluthtownship.org), or leave a message at the Town Hall, 525-5705.

## Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Alice Dahlberg, Bob Engelson, Helen Hendrickson, Barb Jackson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Patti Rowray, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, Jo Thompson, and Rose Vastila.

**Barnes & Noble Benefit for NSCS Library**

*Barb Jackson, NSCS Librarian*

Mark your calendars...the next Barnes & Noble book fair is scheduled for Saturday, **January 24<sup>th</sup>**. A percentage of everything purchased that day will be donated to the school library. Just mention NSCS at the checkout. Thank you for your loyal support of our NSCS library.

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 1702 W. Knife River Rd.  
 Two Harbors, MN 55616  
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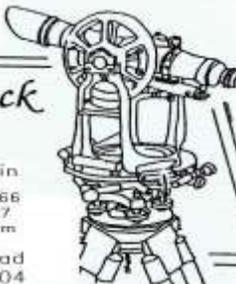
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**JOBS WANTED**  
**For our Township Youth**

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

**Seeking Jobs**

- Young man, age 11 looking for work, including lawn mowing and general yard work. Experienced. If interested, please call Konrad, at 213-7361.
- Mature, hard working, experienced 13 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call Bridger at 525-0090.
- 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 (January) Newsletter is Dec. 23<sup>d</sup>

**For Internet Updates**

**Lake Connections'** (fiber optic service) web site is [www.lakeconnections.com](http://www.lakeconnections.com). 218-834-8500.

**Lakenet** (wireless internet) Contact Kevin Olson at Coop Light and Power, 834-2226 or [kolson@clpower.com](mailto:kolson@clpower.com).

**French River Readers Book Club**

This month's selection is titled "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger. December is an ice cream party with the book to be announced.

If you would like to join in the discussion, you are most welcome. We have no rules and you are welcome even if you have not finished (or even started!) the book. We meet 7:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road.

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



The Ruralaires  
John Schifsky

"Music can enlighten people's lives," she said. "What is better than singing?" The question came from Alice Dahlberg when I was sitting at her kitchen table. We had been talking about the Ruralaires, a popular and well-loved mixed chorus of Duluth Township residents who performed in the Township from the late 1940's into the mid 60's.

A large, imitation leather folder with the title "Ruralaires" on the spine brought me to Alice. The folder, which includes many photos of the group as well as related programs, newspaper reports, and other written records, was in a large plastic bin with volumes of minutes from the Bloomington-Clover Valley PTA meetings. Many of the photos are of groups of singers and musicians, and others of stage productions. When asked, Alice said the Ruralaires first presented shows in the late '40s in the Bloomingtondale School, but community interest led to a move to the Town Hall which offered the space to seat their enthusiastic audiences.



The 1952 production "*Rhythm Ranch Roundup*" was presented in two acts with a cast of 20 characters as well as an orchestra. It featured a rope act, comedy, and a square dance. Leads in the production directed by Ann Colby Albright were Marlene Sunde, Harold Dahlberg, and Stan Sheldon. One photo features two men and two women in cowboy shirts and blouses, hats and boots, playing harmonicas, with two women seated in front playing guitars, Alice on the Spanish, Dorothy Schwendinger on the Hawaiian. When asked about the Western theme, Alice said people liked Western shows; they liked the music.

Ann Colby Albright, a black woman who was a Duluth and St. Louis County music teacher, organized and directed many PTA "mother choruses" as well as the *Jenny Lind Singers* in Duluth and the surrounding area in the early 50's. In addition she taught at the Clover Valley and Bloomingtondale schools. She directed the productions of "*Rhythm Ranch Roundup*," "*Clonita*," a gypsy romance, and a musical comedy titled "*Memory Lane*". This latter production involved a significant number of Township residents. Besides members of the cast, there was a comedy team as well as orchestra and soloists, more than thirty people on the program list. And there were also the committees, including stage, properties, publicity, programs, make up, wardrobe, and ushers, nearly twenty more people. Handwritten financial records for "*Memory Lane*" show ticket income for three productions: \$133.25; expenses - \$28.45. The profits were split equally among Clover Valley School, Bloomingtondale School, and the Ruralaires.

Albright, who was the director of the Ruralaires, had received her music education at Oberlin College in Ohio. She passed away in 1955. Prior to her death, the Ruralaires sponsored a party for her in the Duluth Town Hall, which a large number of Duluth Township residents attended. They, and the school children, all contributed generously to a gift for Albright.

Mrs. Lud Solem served as director after Albright's death, and the Ruralaires continued to perform. In addition to Christmas concerts, they staged, in 1956, the musical comedy "*Sadie Shaw from Arkansas*" at the Clover Valley School, and several years later, directed by Mrs. Myron Perry, they joined the North Shore Elementary School students in a spring program which included folk songs, sacred music, and community singing.

Alice Dahlberg remembered that Ann Colby Albright inspired the Ruralaires, and the people who joined the group loved music and were willing to spend time rehearsing and doing the many other jobs, including making their own costumes, which came with their productions. "Music is a fun time," Alice said, and she declared the group "a good bunch who had a fine time." Alice herself began playing guitar at age twelve, and gave guitar and piano lessons in her home for twenty-nine years, finally stopping in 2009. She has a quick smile and bright eyes, and when she asked if I wanted to hear her play, I was delighted. She played two Western songs, one of which included the line "I want to be cowboy's sweetheart" and ended with Alice yodeling. She joked that she plays guitar at the French River Lutheran Church but she can't yodel there. I left agreeing that music does indeed enliven people's lives.

### Township Emergency Planning

Supervisor Mary Anne Daniel

Did you know that over the year a committee worked on a draft Emergency Plan for the Township, using information from similar areas in the County and advice from emergency specialists? The draft will go to the Town Board soon.

Did you know that your family should have an disaster supply kit? You can pick up a FEMA pamphlet at the Town Hall which makes recommendations about what a Basic Kit should include (or see [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)).

Did you know that you could pick up a FEMA pamphlet at the Town Hall about emergency preparations for your pets?

Did you know that volunteer members of our Clifton Fire Department and EMS continually train and refresh emergency preparedness guidelines? For medical, fire and police emergencies, call 9-1-1.

*The Newsletter and the Township web site will provide updates and more information.*

*Sign up on our web site for emergency notices and important urgent information.*



2014 Supervisors Jim Ward, Dave Edblom, Chair Mary Ann Sironen, Vice Chair 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)).

**September 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Mary Ann Sironen and Don Sitter, Jim Ward and Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Janet Johansen attended

**Main Actions:** Motion passed to give the Township's lawn tractor/mower/sweeper at NSCS to ABC Inc. ABC will mow the fields, blow ice rinks and maintain the tractor.

**Discussion:** Treasurer reported deposits of \$42,558.06, expenses of \$34,005.96 for an ending spendable balance of 928,209.52 and a \$200,000 reserve fund. The second half of the taconite production tax was \$38,266 which is added to the capital improvement fund. **Fire:** Maintenance addressing building structure issues is underway. The new septic system holding tanks and turnout gear washer are scheduled. **Police:** The State Patrol is running a safe driving program in the area. Due to thefts, call 9-1-1 if you see anyone around the NSCS construction site after dark. **Emergency Operations** planning has been meeting. **Joint Use Committee:** Dave Chura represents the Township. The original community/school Building Addition Team document will be sent to the Committee. ABC Inc proposal for gym storage will be discussed in October. **Facilities:** A draft Town Hall update plan was presented and discussed. A public information open house is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. **Recycling:** Recently garbage bags left at the dumpsters have an address (we have security cameras as well). Police were notified. **Communications:** Our web site will be managed by "Anysite Hosting". Janet Johansen will be our Township coordinator.

**The Next regular Town Board meetings:**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) **are Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.**  
Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

**Other Community Events**  
**Turkey Bingo.** With food, etc. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm. at French River Lutheran Church, 5210 Ryan Rd. Bring a food shelf item for a free game board (one per person). Sloppy Joe's and snacks available too.  
Proceeds go toward CHUM/Steve O'Neil Apartments (formerly CHUM emergency family shelter). All are welcome.  
**Scandinavian Festival and Olde World Goodies,** Sat. Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 9-3pm. Swedish Smorgasbord 11-2pm. at French River Lutheran Church, 5210 Ryan Rd. Craft items, jewelry and ethnic baked goods available!

**Fall ditch care can protect our streams and your driveway.**  
Valerie Brady

In our Township, ditches carry stormwater runoff straight into our beautiful streams and down to Lake Superior. We can help protect these streams and the lake by helping to take care of the ditches near our property, and we might save ourselves some headaches in the process.

This is a good time of year to walk your ditches and make sure that there aren't loose branches, trash or loose wads of weeds that could clog culverts during next spring's snow melt. We have enough trouble with culvert icing without having additional blockages! You can also note if culverts have been crushed and might cause a problem next spring. (If you live on a Township road, notify the roads Supervisor Dave Edblom or Jim Ward, leave a message at 525-5705 or the Town Hall; if you live on a county road, call the county road maintenance folks 720-1500.)

Don't mow your ditch unless it's really necessary, or only mow the edges. "Weedy" ditches may not be pretty, but they help protect our streams better than mown ditches.

Try to keep excess leaves out of the ditches. Our streams get plenty of leaves just from the forests they flow through; they don't need extra leaves.

Finally, if you see raw eroding soil, consider taking the time to plant some grass seed now or note the area and plant some in the spring. It can be difficult to get our clay soils to grow grass well, and the grass seed is easily washed away, so be sure to press or rake the seed into the soil. If the erosion seems pretty bad, call the Township or County, depending on who maintains your road.

Thanks for helping protect our streams and Lake Superior!



**New Light in the Old Lighthouse Building**  
Our newest Township business will be a small motel. Pat and Kathy Kunst, who live on Tischer Road, are renovating the old "lighthouse" building on Homestead Road in one of our Township's commercial zones.

**Township Demographics**  
The 2010 U.S. Census lists Duluth Township as having 1,941 people with a median age (half more and half less) of 45.2 years, and ethnically and racially very homogeneous. In our Township 14.5% of the population is 65 or older and 28.8% age 19 or younger.  
There were 107 households with children in the 6-17 age range (elementary and high school) or 14% of the 750 occupied households in our Township. We had an additional 90 housing units that were vacant (mostly seasonal and recreational units).

## Town Hall Improvements Update Supervisor Don Sitter

The Town Hall improvement project continues to progress. We held an open house on October 20<sup>th</sup> at which several residents attended to review the plans and offer their comments. Those comments along with the results of interviews with various user groups are now being considered as the plans progress. As mentioned before, the Town Board has chosen Architecture Advantage as the professional architectural and engineering firm. Wayne Dahlberg, a long time Township resident who has previously worked on Town Hall and Fire Hall improvements over the years, is working as a design consultant in conjunction with Architecture Advantage.



The **information boards** from the open house are on display at the Town Hall for the public to review. Please stop in when the hall is open if you wish to take a look at the plans. The Town Hall hours are posted on our website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) (or see page 7).

The next step in the process is to ready the plan for construction bids. The "sealed bid process", as required by law for townships making expenditures of this amount, will be used. As soon as bids are received, the Facility Committee will review them and make a recommendation to the Town Board. The goal is to have everything in place so construction can begin in the spring as soon as the weather allows.

If you have any questions, please address them to the Town Board or the Town Clerk (see page 7 or the *Town website*).

## Fiber Optic Internet Service

Lake Connections' crews are working in Duluth Township. As of publication time, they are 90% complete with some 17 miles of aerial and 10 miles of underground wiring to complete.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You must complete an application for service with Lake Connections, even if you have previously requested a fiber drop to your home or business. You cannot receive Lake Connections' service without completing and submitting an application.

1. For commercial, contact Patti Rowray at 218-595-6053.
2. Call 834-8500 or stop at 409 17th Ave, Two Harbors 55616 and complete an application.

If you have questions, call 218-834-8500 weekdays 8am to 4:30pm or visit their Two Harbors office.

The web site is [www.lakeconnections.com](http://www.lakeconnections.com).

## Notes from the Chair Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

Special thanks to **Linda Hollinday** as she retires from her valued position of website manager for the Township. Linda worked in the electronic media venue during her professional years and has brought great expertise and value to our efforts. She developed and has maintained the Town of Duluth website from its beginnings to its often noted and appreciated current state. She is helping us convert to our new site host. We thank Linda for her faithful support through the years and wish her lots of happy, restful days in another retirement!

We continue our electronic information status with "Anysite Hosting", a local website company. Janet Johansen and Jo Thompson will be working along with Anysite owner, Joe Nelson, to learn how to participate in keeping [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) interesting and current. We look forward to making important information available to Township residents and interested others on a real-time basis. Check the website and stay connected!

### "Turning to One Another"

by Margaret Wheatley

*There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about. Ask "What is possible?" not "What is wrong?" Keep asking. Notice what you are about. Assume that many share your dreams. Be brave enough to start a conversation that matters. Talk to people you know. Talk to people you don't know. Talk to people you never talk to. Be intrigued by the differences you hear. Expect to be surprised. Treasure curiosity more than certainty. Invite in everybody who cares to work on what's possible...Remember you don't fear people whose story you know...Real listening always brings people closer together. Rely on human goodness. Stay together.*

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come to the Town Board meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the Town Hall at 7pm. Have a great season!

## Community Youth Groups

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

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Police Department  
Shawn Padden, Chief

**Police Events.** 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 **9-1-1**. Other than 9-1-1, 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.



### HUNTING IN THE TOWNSHIP

A reminder: Honor no-trespassing signs, get owner permission to hunt. Note that utility easements are private property...get permission to hunt them.

Hunt safely with respect for your neighbors.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department  
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

**It's time to replace old smoke detector batteries. Clean wood burning flues to prevent chimney fires.**

The annual Township calendar will be distributed (free) to all Township households later this year. Local businesses help fund the effort. If you can help distribute calendars, call Jody at 525-4971.



Thanks to **Warren and Joam Peterson** for donating their time, equipment and supplies to install the much needed septic tank. **Carlson Concrete** also gave us a

good deal on the holding tank. Thank you!

The turnout gear washer and dryer have been installed. This cleaner helps protect volunteer firefighters and their families from toxins involved in contemporary fires. Well installed by

Max Bruckelmyer, Dan Rosenlund and Dale Tikka. Jody Anderson initiated and supervised the project.

**To Volunteer, call Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819**

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

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))

**September 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Brigid Pajunen, Chair Paul Voge, Larry Zanko, Planning Director Sue Lawson and Board Liaison Don Sitter attended.

**Main Actions:** Pat and Kathy Kunst, prospective buyers of the old Lighthouse building on Homestead Road, asked about using it for a motel. It is in zone SMU-8 which would permit such use. The Zoning Ordinance does not define "motel" and the Commission agreed to use the City of Duluth's definition. No set-back variance is needed since it is an existing building.

There was a discussion of Dave Pierson's inquiry about the need for a variance for a detached garage. Since a variance had been granted earlier for a home addition which was not constructed, it was decided he would not need a variance for a detached garage on the same site. If a smaller setback was desired a variance for that would be needed.

**Discussion:** The building structure formula for larger lots south of the expressway was tabled until October. The revised Township brochure was reviewed with suggestions. There was a discussion of how to express our land ethic balance of individual and community rights in the Township. There was also a discussion of the locally published Township history, "Roots in the Past, Seeds for the Future" published in 2000. Sue, Jo and Valerie are working on mandated stormwater requirements. There may be added MS4 requirements for recycling facilities. The trails project is awaiting County response to inquiries.

**The Next Planning Committee meetings**  
(4<sup>th</sup> Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall)

**Note that regular November and December meetings fall on holidays. In October, the Commission will decide on alternate meeting date/s. Meetings are posted at the Town Hall and on our web site's calendar.**

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](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) 260-9122 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).

**Jim Ward** (2014-2015) 525-5724 or email  
[JimWard@duluthtownship.org](mailto:JimWard@duluthtownship.org)  
 (Co-contact for Roads.)

**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** 218-830-0052  
[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.

### NOVEMBER 2014

- 4, Tue, VOTE! Election day. Town Hall is open for voting from 7am to 8pm.**
- 5, Wed, 12:30 Homesteader's meet, Town Hall**
- 5, Wed, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road**
- 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**
- 27, Thu, (holiday, no meeting) Planning Commission, (see alternate meeting date to be posted at the Town Hall.)**

### DECEMBER 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**
- 16, Tue, 7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District meeting, French River Lutheran Church**
- 16, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept training, Hall #1**
- 23, Tue, Deadline for the January Newsletter**
- 25, Thu, (holiday, no meeting) Planning Commission, (see alternate meeting date to be posted at the Town Hall.)**

### JANUARY 2015

- 6, Tue, 7pm Volunteer Fire Dept: business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road**
- 7, Wed, 12:30pm Homesteader's meet, Town Hall**
- 8, Thu, 7pm TOWN BOARD, Town Hall.**
- 13, Tue, Deadline for filing to run for Town Supervisor**
- 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**
- 24, Sat, Barnes & Noble book fair benefiting NSCS library (see article).**

**Filing for Town Supervisor.** Two positions will be on the ballot in March. Candidates need to file at the Town Hall during office hours from Dec 30<sup>th</sup> to noon January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2014

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## VOTE

Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, polls open 7am-8pm, Town Hall

### NSCS Preschool News

*"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"*  
Kathy Johnson

Openings are still available. Classes are held from 9:15am to 11:30am and 12:15pm to 2:30pm on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. A monthly tuition fee is charged. For further information, call: 834-5429 or 525-0663 ext 106.

### 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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### Duluth Township Recreation Corner

Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator

This fall has been very nice and community residents are taking advantage of our athletic fields and the playground. AYSA teams have completed a good season on the soccer fields. Thanks to all coaches, players, and volunteers that helped make this possible. We will soon be winterizing the fields to keep them in good shape for next year.

Winter is around the corner which means the skating season will start. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the flooding and as warming house attendants. ABC has added a new snow-blower and heated cab to the John Deere tractor, which they now own, and will be coordinating the volunteers for snow removal through Aaron Molina, the facility manager at NSCS.

Yoga Community Ed class, led by Tera Freese, started at the end of October and lasts 8 weeks. Please contact Tera if you are interested in signing up for the class.

If there is enough interest, we will run a competitive volleyball class for K-6 graders.. Watch for school information from your student.

If you are interested in renting the Community Center during the holidays (gym, fields, etc.), please contact the Town Hall (525-5705 to leave messages) or call me directly at 218-830-0052.