

Bridge construction on Shilhon Road at the Knife River crossing. This is a county road project funded by FEMA.

By Ann Cox



Duluth Township Newsletter

Duluth Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org

September 2014

What's Coming Up?

Information Open House on the Town Hall improvement/update project, at 5-7 pm on Monday, Oct 20th Town Hall. (see article)

Harvest Dinner A benefit for our Volunteer Fire Department - Saturday, Oct 11th 5-7pm, Town Hall (see article)

20-20 Studio Art Tour—2 weekends Sept 19-21 and Sept 26-28 from 10am-6pm (see article).

Information on our Palmer Cemetery by Town Sexton Molly Tillotson, on Sept 13th, noon-3pm at our Palmer Lakeview Cemetery on Old North Shore Road..

WANTED — SNOW PLOWING LIST!

A resident suggested that we develop a list of people who offer snow plowing services for residents. The listing will appear in the Newsletter starting in November. It's an opportunity for snow plowers to do business and residents to have someone reliable to call.

There is *no charge for listing* your snow plowing service in the Newsletter. **Send your listing to:** TownHall@duluthtownship.org, or leave a message at the Town Hall, 525-5705.

Our Palmer Lakeview Cemetery

Molly Tillotson, Sexton

There is an opportunity to get information on our Palmer Lakeview Cemetery on **Saturday Sept 13th, noon-3pm** at the Cemetery. I will be on site to answer questions. Plot maps will be available for inspection.

Apologies for the late September Newsletter. We were in Portland for our granddaughter's wedding!

11th Annual Harvest Dinner
Oct. 11th

Come to the benefit dinner for our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department.
Saturday, October 11th, 5-7pm at the Town Hall.

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

Support our fire fighter and first responder volunteers!



The Homesteaders

Rose Vastila

September 3rd, 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 (also on display during the 20/20 art tour at the Larsmont Schoolhouse).

October 1st, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Harvest Potluck. Music by Lynn Bragaia and the "Mood Swings".

November 5th, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Sandwiches and bars and Turkey Bingo.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

Our Township was chosen as the site of a special October 6th CTAS training on the State's newly upgraded accounting package. It is used by many Minnesota counties, townships and cities, including ours. About 80 clerks and treasurers from the State will attend at our Town Hall.

For Internet Updates

Lake Connections' (fiber optic service) web site is www.lakeconnections.com. 218-834-8500.

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

Thanks to all contributors to this issue

Leo Babeu, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, Jo Thompson, Molly Tillotson, Judith Torrence, Rose Vastila, Jim Ward and our webmaster Linda Hollinday.



2014-15 Supervisors Jim Ward, Dave Edblom, Chair Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter and Mary Anne Daniel.

Summary of Town Board Meetings
 (Official minutes by Town Clerk Ann Cox are available at the Town Hall and on our Township web site: www.duluthtownship.org).

June 12th regular meeting. Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Mary Ann Sironen and Don Sitter and Town Clerk Ann Cox attended
Main Actions: Architectural Advantage was retained for development of Town Hall improvements. A motion was unanimously passed to approve \$675,000 as a target cost for Town Hall improvements. Replacement of the aging Township laptop was approved.
Discussion: Treasurer reported deposits of \$2,605.21, expenses of \$34,753.73 for an ending balance of \$791,238.83 and a \$200,000 reserve fund. Fire: Discussed providing fire number signs for all residents like Lake County. Grants will be considered. Planning: Required MS4 stormwater zoning ordinance changes and the recreation report were discussed. Legal: ABC's bank requested the Township subordinate its interest to the bank on the western 20ac to get their \$3 million loan. ABC requested Township funds to help pay for an \$80,000 storage closet off the gym. The Town has to consider benefit to the broader Township residents. Town Hall: The scope and phases of a Town Hall addition were discussed. Supervisors Edblom and Daniel were authorized to sign off on boring and site survey. An open house on the Town Hall project will be planned. The west entrance patio project is being planned for this summer or fall. Communication: A job description for the web master position is being developed. One person has indicated an interest in the open Town Board position and an interview will be set up. It was advertised online and in the Newsletter.

July 10th regular meeting. Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, and newly appointed Jim Ward and Town Clerk Ann Cox.
Main Actions: There had been an interview with Jim Ward who had volunteered to fill the vacancy left by Dave Miller's death. He was appointed to fill the vacancy until the regular March 2015 election.
Discussion: Minutes and agenda were approved. June income was \$207,927 (includes half of Town's levy), \$61,229.21 expenses and \$200,000 reserve for an ending balance of \$937,936.70. The Clerk was asked to look into cloud storage for the Town's electronic records. ABC is interested in some of the Town's lawn-care equipment. It was suggested that we off the larger tractor at half the current value with the agreement that trained volunteers could use it on recreation program needs. Roads: Jo Thompson, Bob Rodda and Dave Edblom will discuss road needs. JUC: The next meeting is Aug. 4th to consider equipment transfer. There was no quorum at the

July meeting. No one has expressed interest in the webmaster position. Mary Anne Daniel reported on Emergency Planning progress.
August 14th regular meeting. Supervisors Daniel, Edblom, Sironen, Sitter, Ward and Clerk Cox attended.
Main Actions: General scope of proposed Town Hall improvement plan was accepted. **Discussion:** July balances are deposits: \$13,592.19, expenses: \$31,871.47 for an ending balance \$919,657.42 (plus the reserve fund). **Police** report extra patrols on the Scenic Hwy. **Planning:** Permits continue to come in steadily. **Recreation:** reported 40 casual users, 16 baseball/football registrants, 4 AYSA teams. **Roads:** Calcium chloride ordered in May (5500 gal.) for July use. Rodda's good road work was acknowledged. Jim will work with Dave on roads. **Town Hall:** Improvement plans will include alternatives. An Open House is planned. Homestead Road is 23 feet east of the center/section line so the proposed patio space by the Town Hall door is limited. **Communications:** Lakenet provides the Town Hall with free internet service. Lake Connections will be approached about a similar fiber optic line service.

The Next regular Town Board meetings:
 (2nd Thurs at 7pm in the Town Hall) are **September 11th and October 9th.**
 Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

3rd 20-20 Studio Art Tour
 Rose Kadera Vastila

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 19-21 and
 Sept. 26-28. 10am-6pm, .



20 local artists in a 20 mile loop, making fine arts and crafts known to the greater community. Enjoy a day of local fine arts, crafts, music and fall colors. Artists live in Duluth and Alden Townships and along the shore.
(Stop 1) Jim Sage (glass blowing), **Bob Husby** (glass pottery/blowing) and **Jay Conradi** (wood turning). **(Stop 2) Bruce and Cynthia Lovold** (saddlerock pottery) and **Dawnette Davis** (fibers). **(Stop 3) Rose Kadera Vastila** (ceramics/sculpture), **Sandi Pillsbury Gredzens** (painting/watercolor) and **David Gredzens** (photography). **(Stop 4) Shelley Getten** (block printing) and **Val Bolen** (mosaic). **(Stop 5) David Gilsvik** (painting) and **Michelle Ronning**, (jewelry). **(Stop 6 at Larsmont School) Helen Hartley** (watercolor), **Kathy O'Rourke** (rosemaling), **Robert Mitchell** (writer/novelist), **Jean Mitchell** (Japanese painting/jewelry) and **Barb Lundell** (watercolor). **(Stop 7 at Lighthouse at Emily's) Doug Jackson** (wood design). Follow signs. For information see: www.lakesuperior2020.com, brochures available, or email: lakesuperior2020@gmail.com.





Meet our New Supervisor

Jim Ward is a life-long resident of Duluth Township. He responded to a request for a resident to step up to fill the vacancy left by the death of Supervisor Dave Miller. Jim was appointed by the Town Board at their July meeting to serve until the March 2015 Town Election. He and Jody, his wife of 24 years, have two children, Shelby, who just graduated and Jonathan who is in high school.

Jim has been with MnDOT for 18 years and is a Road Maintenance Supervisor. Jody has worked at the North Shore Community School and now with Phil's Garage Door Service. Jim's hobbies include horses, hunting, fishing and sled dog racing. He teaches ATV and snowmobile safety classes for the DNR. Township responsibilities involve helping Dave Edblom with roads and the list will grow! Thanks for stepping up to serve!

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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.

Deadline for the next (November) Newsletter is Oct. 23rd

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Coal Tar Driveway Sealant is Prohibited

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

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

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

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

Police Department
Shawn Padden, Chief

Police Events. In June and July our officers logged 184 calls for service. Among the more frequent were 53 requested vacation/home/business checks, 24 traffic citations/warnings, 18 serving civil processes, 11 public assistance, 10 medical emergencies (including 1 death and 1 suicide), 8 attempts to locate careless drivers, 6 checking on hazards, 6 suspicious person complaints, 5 suspicious vehicles checked, 4 animal complaints, and 4 response to burglar alarms (and 2 to fire alarms). Among the more unusual calls was one about found airplane wreckage property.



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 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.

Watch out for school buses and kids waiting.

New blacktop on the Scenic Byway has led to increased speeds. **Obey speed limits!** There are added patrols!

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

Members of the Clifton Fire Dept/First Responder Auxiliary are preparing their annual Township calendar. This will be distributed (free) to all Township households later this year. Local businesses help fund the effort. **They are looking for volunteers to help distribute the calendar.**

The **11th Annual Harvest Dinner Benefit** will be on October 11th 5-7pm at the Town Hall. **Anyone interested in helping with the event should contact Pat Halverson (310-2975) or Jody Anderson (525-4971). If you would like to contribute produce, door prizes, desserts or assistance, it would be much appreciated.**

The Department received a \$7,000 OSHA grant to help fund washers for fire-fighter turnout gear. Cleaning protects volunteer firefighters from toxic chemicals often encountered in contemporary firefighting. The aging septic holding tanks will also be replaced. We also received \$2,500 DNR grant to help fund emergency, portable generators used in fire fighting.

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)

June 26th regular meeting. Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson and Larry Zanko and Planning Director Sue Lawson attended. **Main Actions:** A motion was approved to grant the Furlong's variance request move their garage back from Greenwood Road to correct the steep entry resulting from road maintenance. A motion was passed to consider decks, attached or unattached, as accessory structures under our ordinance.

Discussion: The Commission discussed progress in developing a calculation to increase the allowable size of accessory structures on large lots south of the expressway. Jo Thompson is working on this. Sue Lawson reported on work on our stormwater report. The facilities committee is working on a proposal for updating the Town Hall. Space needs for Planning were discussed.

July 24th regular meeting Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Brigid Pajunen, Jo Thompson, Paul Voge, Larry Zanko and Planning Director Sue Lawson attended. **Discussion:** A letter to ARDC regarding our interest in seeking support to plan trails will be forwarded to the Town Board. Building size and lot size was extensively discussed for larger parcels in zone SMU6 south of the expressway. Jo Thompson drafted a calculation that allows larger structures in larger lots. Impervious surface limits and setbacks are addressed. This and the required MS4 stormwater ordinance changes will be addressed in a public hearing early next year. The Township brochure is progressing. Cloud storage (an off-site internet service) for documents will be explored.

August 22nd regular meeting Commissioners attending were John Shifsky, Jo Thompson, Paul Voge and Planning Director Sue Lawson. **Discussion:** In the absence of a quorum, there was an extended discussion of the calculation which would permit larger accessory structures on larger lots south of the expressway. The calculation for SMU6 is in line with limits in other zones. The Township brochure is being edited and members were asked to review sections for accuracy. Planning for trails is progressing as well. The meeting discussion will be forwarded to other members for their consideration.

The Next Planning Committee meetings

(4th Thurs at 7pm in the Town Hall)

September 25th and October 23rd.

Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.

Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

French River Readers Book Club

This month we have a *Book Club in a Bag* offering: The Buddha in the Attic by Julie Otsuka, and if you want a copy, please ask. 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 3rd Thur. in the *Fireside Room* of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. Call Carol Surine, 525-4426 or email carolsurine@gmail.com, or see www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub.

Town Hall Improvements Update
Supervisor Don Sitter

Come to the Open House on Oct. 20th 5-7pm!!



The last Newsletter reported on the upcoming expansion and improvements to our Town Hall. A great deal of work

by committee members and professionals has happened since then, and exciting progress has been made. The committee, charged with gathering input from residents and user groups and making recommendations that will serve the needs of our residents and Township staff and continue our Town's legacy from past generations. They will continue to update residents through the Newsletter and an open house.

A **Public Open House** is scheduled for **October 20th from 5-7pm** for interested Township residents to see the current plan and learn about needs and goals the project addresses.

Funding. The entire project is being planned with no additional tax levies being required for this project and no debt will be incurred. A number of years ago the Town Board recognized the need for putting aside and saving money for capital improvements. This and many years of sound financial management by the Town Board have led to the Township being in great financial shape, possibly the best it has ever been! There will likely never be a better time to make these needed improvements in our Town Hall.

A phased approach for improving Town facilities will be used whenever possible to manage the cash flow, keeping in mind the cost efficiencies of doing a majority of the work all at the same time. Improvements are needed now, and if properly planned and designed, they will provide the foundation for the next 30 years.

Planning for the future is based on the several main principles:

- Maintain the historic character of the Town Hall.
- Achieve cost effective energy efficiency.
- Use spaces for multiple activities when possible.
- Assuring that facilities are handicap accessible and comply with accessibility requirements.
- Provide community spaces accessible to residents throughout day and evening hours (e.g. a community room with books and internet access).
- Space that can be used in emergencies.
- Use best practices for storm water management.

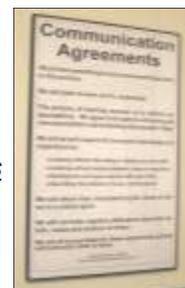
Architecture Advantage has been chosen as the professional architectural and engineering firm. Wayne Dahlberg, a long time Township resident who has previously worked over the years on improvements at the Town and Fire Halls, is working as a design consultant with *Architecture Advantage*. A land survey and soil boring test have been completed. These were necessary initial steps for informed planning. The goal

is to have realistic and well developed plans ready for residents to see at the Open House.

You are invited and encouraged to attend the Open House on October 20th from 5-7pm at the Town Hall and be part of this exciting project!

Notes from the Chair
Mary Ann Sironen

Many initiatives are going on in the Township...school starting, town hall improvements, construction at NSCS, ongoing D/NSSD legal issues, and November elections among them. It will be important for townfolk to be involved and informed as these all progress. The school will be focusing on behaviors and bullying issues. So this seems a good time to review the way we work with each other on the Township level as well. There is a [Communications Agreement](#) posted on the wall at the Town Hall and acknowledged at the start of meetings. It contains the following:



- *We all have something to teach and something to learn in this process.*
- *We will listen to learn and to understand.*
- *The process of learning requires us to rethink our assumptions. We agree to be open to rethink our own assumptions and to hearing other people's ideas.*
- *We will act with respect for everyone's knowledge and experience by:*
 - *Listening without interrupting or talking over each other.*
 - *Listening without judging someone's ideas or experience.*
 - *Sharing time and space equally with each other.*
 - *Describing the problem or issue, not the person.*
- *We will refrain from characterizing the views of others in a critical spirit.*
- *We will not make negative attributions about beliefs, values and motives of others.*
- *We are all accountable for these agreements and we will hold each other to them.*

(Adopted February 28, 2008, Duluth Township, Planning Commission)

Community Youth
Groups

Clifton 4-H Club: call Kate Edblom, 525-1276
Cub Scouts: call David Hooley, 525-6617
Boy Scouts: call Chris Roningen 525-5308
Girl Scouts: call Tracy Mandelin, 525-4148

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

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 218-525-4842
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The 1932 Clover Valley PTA

John Schifsky

The cover (12" x 14") of the faded blue album is titled in gold lettered script: *Clover Valley P.T.A. School 92 French River Minn. District 13*. There is an envelope attached to the inside cover with a name and address in elegant, flowing, Spencerian script: "Return to Miss Maxine Esterly, Two Harbors, Minn." The first page (heavy, black construction paper is used throughout) follows, and the phrase "MAY 1931 TO MAY 1932" appears in letters carefully cut from gold paper.

On the reverse of the first page is a Certificate of Merit from the National Congress of Parents and Teachers which recognizes the "Publicity Recordbook" of "Clover Valley French River Parent Teacher Association was selected as one of eight books to represent Minnesota at the Convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers held in Minneapolis in May 1932." The reviewing committee commented: "A good book, attractive, good write-ups."

Clover Valley Elementary/High School #92 was built in 1929 and its first graduation was in 1933. The Clover Valley P.T.A. held its first meeting in May 1932; Anton Martinson was the president of the association. Thirty-one individuals initially signed up, as documented on the album page headed "May". Short newspaper columns with headlines documenting that meeting have been carefully cut out and placed on the page. The columns appeared in both the *Duluth Herald* and the *Duluth Tribune* on May 18, 1932. The reporter notes the meeting featured, among other things, "children of the junior and senior high school (who) exhibited sewing accomplished during the year. Dresses and pajamas were modeled by the girls."

The pages which follow are each headed with the name of the month in gold capitals. An example of the handwritten notes inviting parents to attend P.T.A. meetings, small "Board Meeting" announcements, and the notices which appeared in the Duluth newspapers have all been glued to blue construction paper rectangles, creating a matted effect highlighting each text. Each item is carefully labeled and dated in gold handwriting.

February's page includes an example of the handbill announcing P.T.A. Carnival Night which was scheduled for Saturday evening February 27 and featured Amos and Andy's lunch room, Uncle Abe and David's general store, a fish pond, vaudeville, and dancing. Admission was 5 cents which entitled the attendee to a chance on a door prize. All are encouraged to come and admonished: "REMEMBER THE KIDDIES WE ARE RAISING FUNDS TO EQUIP THEIR PLAYGROUNDS." Prior to that evening the ladies of the Clover P.T.A. gathered and sewed aprons and made caps for the carnival.

P.T.A. meetings generally included talks or performances. In March, Dr. R. L. Burns told those who attended "What Modern Parents Owe Their Children." In April, Duluth East Junior High Principal Mr. Meldahl spoke on "The

Wise Use of Leisure." His talk was accompanied by, among others, Miss Rose Skogstrom doing a reading, Mr. James Springer a saxophone solo.

The May meeting was devoted to music: the Glee Club, directed by Murlen Tomling sang; the Bethesda Sunday School Orchestra played and a vocal solo, saxophone solo, and drum selections were featured. Officers were elected for the coming year; Anton Martinson returned as president and Catherine McCurdy as vice-president.

The Clover Valley P.T.A. School 92 album includes pages devoted not only to the school years 1931 - 1932 but also the next four years, through 1935 - 1936. For the most part each year is documented in the same way as 1931 - 1932; the year begins in May and a single, black construction paper page is devoted to notices about activities of each month's meeting, as well as newspaper articles, and notices sent to parents and P.T.A. members; all of these items carefully glued in place with brief explanations below in gold writing. There are four more P.T.A. albums similar in format to this one; they are at the Town Hall. They are from 1937 - 1938; 1945 - 1946; 1947 - 1948; 1949 - 1950; 1972 - 1973. These albums not only offer an interesting window into past values and interests, but also document an ongoing commitment to community education, a foundational value.

IMPORTANT ISD381 REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED!

Leo Babeu

I have represented Duluth and Alden Townships on the Lake Superior District School Board since 2007, and I am stepping down in January.

The filing period closed on August 12th and no candidates filed for the seat. On the November 4th ballot, the Board position will list no named candidates, but a line will appear for write-ins. A process will be followed to offer the position to the eligible person receiving the most write-in votes first, to see if they will accept the position, and if necessary, the post will be offered to the individual receiving the next highest number of write-ins. This will proceed until an individual accepts the position.

I urge you to notify me if you are a resident of Duluth or Alden Townships who is willing to serve as a School Board member for the four year term. I will publicize the name(s) of people willing to serve in a letter to the editor of the North Shore Journal before the election.

Obviously, you may have questions. Please contact me at 834-2247 or at leobabeu@lakenet.com. I will not serve on the Board for at least this next term, as I informed readers of this Newsletter at the beginning of 2014.

Thanks for allowing me to represent you. It has been a deep honor.

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:

Mary Anne Daniel, (2013-2016) 260-9122 or Email:
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.
 (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
 (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
 (Primary contact for Planning and Zoning; Co-contact for Town Hall, Recreation, Personnel).

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

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** (Mar2016), **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 Rob Peldo, 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** 218-830-0052
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.

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**, noon to 3pm at our Cemetery on Old North Shore Rd.
 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

OCTOBER 2014

- 1, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's** meet, Town Hall
 7, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 9, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
 11, Sat, **Harvest Dinner** benefit for Fire Dept. At our Town Hall, 1-4pm, it's a community and family event! Music, prizes, good food!
 20, Mon, 5-7pm, **Public Information Open House** on the proposed Town Hall update project.
 21, Tue, **7am Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 21, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
 23, Thu, **Deadline for the November Newsletter**
 23, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

NOVEMBER 2014

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

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DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2014

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NSCS Preschool News

"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"

Kathy Johnson

Orientation for new pre-school families will be held Wed. Sept. 10th at 10am and 1pm in room 6 at North Shore Community School, 5926 Ryan Road. Pre-school begins Tues. Sept. 16th. Classes are held from 9:15am to 11:30am and 12:15pm to 2:30pm on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. Openings are still available. A monthly tuition fee is charged. Class needs (*with names*): 8-pack of crayons, 4oz squeeze glue, glue stick. A current immunization record is also required. *For further information, call me at: 834-5429 or 525-0663 ext 106.*

Duluth Township Recreation Corner

Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator

Summer has come and gone and the feel of fall is upon us. The Community Center will again be busy with the start of school happening after Labor Day. AYSA will be wrapping up their season this month with games every Tuesday, Thursday and some make up games on Sunday.

The maintenance of the fields this summer has been taken care of by volunteer Todd Sironen. Thanks to Todd for making sure our fields look great.

Rentals at the Community Center will start once again. Please let me know at the Town Hall 1-2 weeks in advance that you are planning to rent the facility. North Shore Community School's new addition phase has started and I will be working with the facilities manager to help ensure rentals will not be affected by the construction.

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

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The **Homestead Road Clean-up Crew is looking for volunteers** to help with the semiannual trash pick-up (usually May and Oct.) between Hwy. 61 and Shilhon Rd. Anyone willing to spend an hour or so on Saturday morning, **Oct 4**, please email: torrencejudith@gmail.com.