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# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2015

## What's Coming Up?

**Urgent Traffic Change Notice** — Stop signs on Lismore at Ryan Road will change Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. Then, Ryan Road traffic is supposed to stop and Lismore Road traffic will not stop!! Be Alert! (see article on the back page)

**Township Day** — Election and Town Meeting Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall. Election 7am-8pm, Annual Town Meeting 8:15pm. Details will be in the March Newsletter.

**Filing Deadline** — Two Town Supervisor positions will be on the March 10<sup>th</sup> ballot. The filing deadline is January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall during office hours.

**Office Hours Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1-5pm** — MN Statute 205.3 subd2 requires Town Clerk, Ann Cox, to open the Town Hall from 1-5pm for last minute candidate filing. To balance things out, on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> the office will be open from 9am to noon.

**Town Hall Improvement Update** (see article on page 3)

**Emergency Kit Recommendations** (see article on page 2)

**Youth seeking jobs** (see article on page 2)

## Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting.** Commissioners Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge, Brigid Pajunen, John Schifsky, Jo Thompson, Chair Paul Voge, Larry Zanko, and Planning Director Sue Lawson and Secretary Beth Mullan attended. **Main Actions:** Since there are no pending hearings and regular meetings fall on holidays, it was decided to meet November 20<sup>th</sup> but not in December unless there is urgent business.

**Discussion:** A presentation on interactive maps, data and stormwater by John Geissler, Boulder Lake Environmental Center, will be held at the Nov 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Director Lawson reported more permits than usual (25 thus far compared to 14 last year). Many are for garages and decks rather than new homes. Currently progressing work projects were discussed including the Town brochure, required new stormwater language for our ordinance, trails information, and building size adjustments for large lots south of highway 61.

## The Next Planning Commission meetings

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

The next meetings are Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall.

Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

## THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

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

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Sandwiches and coffee. Gerry Henkel will talk on the tradition, construction and music of the *Kantele*.

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**, Wednesday, 12:30pm, Town Hall. Potluck, Homesteader's anniversary cake, bingo.

**Everyone is welcome.**

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

## Thank You!

Resident **Joanne Hendrickson** asked that a special public note of appreciation be given for **Officer Steve Peterson's** assistance and compassionate support during a terrible family crisis when her husband, Les, passed away in early November. Thank you, Steve.

## 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 March Newsletter (deadline Feb 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

Ann Cox, Mary Anne Daniel, Bob Engelson, Jan and John Green, Barb Jackson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Duane Madison, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Jim Munger, Judy Olausen, Shawn Padden, Kevin Pettis, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, Carol Surine, Rose Vastila and Linda Holliday who continues to help us out with our website.

## Township Emergency Planning

Supervisor Mary Anne Daniel

Items to Include in your Basic Emergency Supply Kit, as recommended by FEMA, are listed below:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days for drinking and sanitation.
- Food, at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA weather radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help.
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air, and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities.
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps.

FEMA pamphlets listing ideas for emergency planning for your family and pets are available at the Town Hall.

The Township Emergency Plan is being reviewed by the Town Board and our Police and Fire Departments. Once adopted, it will be posted on the Township web site.

For medical, fire and police emergencies, call 9-1-1.

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

### NSCS Preschool News

*"Give the Gift of Early Learning"*  
Kathy Johnson

NSCS Pre-school has 2<sup>nd</sup> semester openings. Children ages 3-5 may attend 1, 2 or 3 days a week on Tues. Wed. or Thurs. Both 9:15am to 11:30am and 12:15pm to 2:30pm sessions are offered. A monthly tuition fee is charged. Please contact Kathy Johnson: 834-5429 or 525-0663 ext 106. "Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"

### Duluth Township Recreation Corner

Kevin Pettis, Township Recreation Coordinator

Winter has set in again which means skating season is here. We are currently working on flooding the rinks once cold weather settles in. Thanks to the volunteers working on this. Notices will be up once the rinks are in good condition for skating. Watch for the announcement of **family night** in the next Newsletter and NSCS news. For those playing hockey this year, please follow the Community Center rules and regulations. Let's enjoy our winter season.

We will also be starting a volleyball clinic for K-6 boys and girls. This program starts in January and the sign-up deadline is December 17<sup>th</sup>. NSCS has handed out announcements. For further information call me.

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

## 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 (March) Newsletter is Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Notes from the Chair

Supervisor Mary Ann Sironen

Elsewhere in the Newsletter is a heartfelt thank you to Officer Steve Peterson from a Township resident who was so grateful for his help during a family crisis that she wanted to make a public thank you. It's extremely rewarding to hear Good Things from townfolk that help the people who work at our town business know that their efforts are worthwhile and appreciated.

It's always risky business to single out one particular person, however well deserved, for fear of diminishing the contributions of others, so I'd like to direct your attention to the rest of the Township staff and volunteers who continue to bring their services forward on a regular basis. Our Township couldn't function as efficiently as it does without the ongoing efforts of all those people. State and federal regulations are met, records are kept, budgets get balanced, roads are maintained, recycling continues, the Newsletter is published, planning/zoning goes on, the Town Hall is maintained, fires/emergencies are managed and people's needs are met...and we see that things get done! They're listed and occasionally featured in the Newsletter.

I, personally, have enjoyed working with all these people who make the Town of Duluth a great place to live and work. I encourage others to offer your time and talents to the efforts underway to keep it that way. Thank you all for your help and support.

## Town Hall Improvements Update

Supervisor Don Sitter

The Facilities Improvement Committee met with the architectural firm, *Architecture Advantage*, on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> to review the latest plans for the Town Hall addition. Several design improvement suggestions from input received at the October 20<sup>th</sup> open house, from resident interviews and from contractor comments were incorporated. The Committee finalized plan modifications in preparation for beginning the bid process. A preliminary list of potential contractors was discussed so that *Architecture Advantage* could begin contacting them to determine if they are interested in bidding on the project.

Bid packages are scheduled to be sent out the week of December 8<sup>th</sup> (revised to December 16<sup>th</sup>). Bids should be ready for review in early January 2015. It appears we are still on schedule for actual construction to begin as soon as the road restrictions are lifted in the spring of 2015.

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



## Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief

**Police Events.** There were 185 recorded police events in October and November. Vacation home/business checks topped the list with 63 (*forms requesting vacation checks are available at the Town Hall and on our web site*), 21 traffic violation warnings or citations, 9 medical emergencies (*1 natural death*), 9 permits to acquire or carry handguns, 8 response to burglar or fire alarms, 8 requests for extra patrol, and 6 animal complaints.

**Urgent Warning:** Starting Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, Ryan Road stops but Lismore does not stop at their intersection south of NSCS (see article, page 8).



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.

## Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Fire Department calendar has been delivered to each Township household, thanks to the Fire/First Responder Auxiliary: **Jody Anderson, Barb Crow, Mary Anne Daniel, Trisha O'Keefe, Pat Halvorson, Sherry Rovig, and Judith Torrence.** The Auxiliary created the calendar and contacted businesses. Support the local businesses who have ads on the calendar. Our Auxiliary arranged and cooked the great Harvest Dinner, an annual benefit for our Fire/EMS Department. Thanks for all your work!

Emergency fire/EMS entry key boxes are available by calling the Town Hall.

**Devon Cahoon** is our newest firefighter-in-training. He is attending fire fighter classes. Thanks for volunteering!

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

Check your furnace chimney. When did you last clean your wood fire chimney? Avoid chimney fires.

**Carbon Monoxide kills.** CO is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas produced by incomplete burning of wood, coal, propane, natural gas, etc. Symptoms of CO poisoning are flu-like, without fever — headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness leading to more severe symptoms such as mental confusion, vomiting, loss of coordination and unconsciousness.

**What to do?** Get to fresh air, do not go back in. Call for help such as **9-1-1** and a qualified service person and check with your doctor.

CO detectors near bedrooms in your home can give warnings — **don't ignore their alarm, get out!** Check to see that your CO detector works (*Is the sensor out of date? Does the alarm work? Is the back-up battery fresh?*)

Check your furnace and wood stove for proper venting and safe operation. (*by our Fire Dept and First Responders.*)

## French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

The French River Readers have chosen *The Afterlife Of Bully Fingers: How My Bad-Boy Brother Proved To Me There's Life After Death* by Annie Kagan. The next meeting will be held on Thurs. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs) at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. Kay Libby will be the host.

For information, 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).



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)).

**October 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, and Jim Ward, Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Janet Johansen attended.

**Main Actions:** Bills were approved and paid. A request for \$39,100 toward an \$80,000 storage closet off the NSCS gym was turned down. Concerns were discussed and future requests may be considered.

**Discussion:** The Treasurer reported \$3,171.85 deposits, \$68,369.83 expenses, the \$200,000 reserve, for an available balance of \$863,011.54. **Reports:** *Emergency Planning* document will go to the Board in December. FEMA handouts are available at the Town Hall. **Planning:** Required stormwater procedures are being developed. The former "Lighthouse" building was approved as a small motel in the commercial district along Homestead Road. The Township's informative brochure is being finalized. There was a discussion about views of land ethics. Progress on *Odyssey Development's* shore revetment at Stoney Point was discussed. There was a meeting with ARDC about trails in the area. **Joint Use Committee:** The ABC Inc. request for \$39,100 toward a storage closet by the NSCS gym was discussed. Several concerns were expressed about bidding, high costs, potential community uses, and the need for a quick decision. The long range building and site plans for the Community Center that had been developed by a joint NSCS/Township (BAT) committee, will be forwarded to the JUC. It included ideas addressing broader community and school ideas shown at an Open House and in the Newsletter (Jan 2009). **Cemetery:** Six headstones were reset this summer and plans are to have six more reset next summer. The open house Sexton Molly Tillotson held at our Palmer cemetery was informative and well attended. **Town Hall:** Our insurance will be updated. Facilities Committee plans for an open house on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> were discussed. The Town Hall oil furnace had emergency repairs. CapTrico no longer provides service so we need to find someone new to provide the oil. **Communications:** Jim Ward will coordinate the fiber optic arrangements for the Township and Fire Halls. For many years, CLP's "Lakenet" provided Town Hall internet service for free. "Lake Connections" plans to charge the Township regular residential rates for fiber optic services at the Town and Fire Halls. The Township's website changeover to "anySiteHosting" is progressing.

**November 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Mary Ann Sironen, Don Sitter, and Jim Ward, Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Janet Johansen attended. **Discussion:** The Treasurer reported \$8,643.32 deposits, \$43,770.51 expenses, the \$200,000 reserve, for an available balance of \$827,884.35. **Reports:** *Emergency Operations:* Arrowhead EMS and the State are working to get PPE kits for this area (used for Ebola and other serious infectious diseases). The Emergency Plan will go to the Board in December. **Fire:** Pager problems continue. Supervisors Daniel and Sironen will discuss the issue with County officials. **Planning:** The Lewis Group which owns *Nokomis*, is working on a planned unit development for the property. This involves a conditional use permit, including a community participation report and public meetings. A mapping workshop is planned for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. **Recreation:** Plans were discussed. There has been little public interest expressed for classes. If someone wants to offer a class and has students signed up, they can contact the Township to arrangement for space. **Roads:** Shilhon Road culverts are scheduled to be replaced in 2015. The Road budget is being reviewed. **Joint Use Committee:** NSCS manages daytime rentals and takes precedence for space in the evening. Other evening rentals are handled by the Township. JUC meets next on Nov 19<sup>th</sup> to review the use matrix. **DNSS/D:** A resolution reappointing Scott Smith to serve on the sewer board was approved. **Town Hall:** Furnace maintenance is being reviewed. The Facilities Committee will meet to review finalized plans which will then be prepared to go out for bids in early December. Northland Contractors contributed \$500 for the use of the parking lot while the Shilhon Road bridge was under construction. The December meeting will begin at 6pm. **December 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.** Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Don Sitter, and Jim Ward, Town Clerk Ann Cox and Treasurer Janet Johansen attended. **Discussion:** The Treasurer reported \$162,521.74 deposits (including 2<sup>nd</sup> half of levy to last until June 2015), \$36,769.99 expenses, the \$200,000 reserve, for an available balance of \$953,636.10. The Federal COLA is 1.7% and Township wages will be adjusted (not including the Town Board). **Police:** Concerns about the stop sign changes at the Lismore/Ryan Road intersection were raised. Neither Township nor Police had been notified. There is concern about increased accident potential with the changes (see article, p8). **Roads:** The County will be crushing rock in the pit on Normanna Road. We can pay for crushing a pile for our use. **Town Hall:** It was recommended we shift to COMO Oil. There was a request to appoint a representative to the NSCS Endowment Board. Mary Anne Daniel volunteered to serve. The meeting adjourned for the traditional, annual Board/Staff potluck.

**The Next regular Town Board meetings:**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) are Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

## School Consolidation History

John Schifsky

School consolidation issues and their implications for **Clover Valley High School** and **North Shore Elementary** were the subject of a report made by Alvin Ness, St. Louis County Superintendent, to the *Clover Valley Community Council* in November 1968.

In 1967 the Minnesota Legislature passed a law requiring school consolidation with the chief objective of the 1967 law "to equalize the education opportunities of all children" (*The Landmarks* I, 4, p1). Ness reported on Proposal No. 4 which had the most support by county school boards and advisory committees. The proposal would make a new independent district out of what had been Unorganized Territory. (The term "*Unorganized Territory*" indicates an area in which local government either does not exist or exists in a rudimentary form.) Clover Valley High School and North Shore Elementary would be included in a new independent district.

*The Landmarks* article reported some problems with this proposal. North Shore Elementary did not have a kindergarten program; Clover Valley High School did not offer foreign languages. Adding both would cost an estimated \$189,000.

Two further problems were identified: 1) the new independent district encompassed a great amount of low value property and practically no industrial or commercial property. There was also much tax exempt property in the district. 2) 95% of the students living in the new district rode to school and transportation costs were much higher than other districts in the county. Given these problems, Ness proposed the state should furnish 75% of the funds necessary so the people living in this new independent district would not be taxed beyond their means in order to be assured of an acceptable educational program for their children.

In 1967, informative meetings had been held for those residents interested in the consequences of this redistricting plan. Parents of North Shore Elementary children favored, by a significant margin, joining Lake County School District. On the other hand, 59% of Clover Valley High School parents favored joining Lake County School District, and 41% the Duluth school system.

In September 1970 members of the Clover Valley community who represented both North Shore Elementary and Clover Valley High School sent a letter to the Board of (St. Louis) County Commissioners notifying the Board the community favored consolidation with Lake County. Clover Valley Community members had canvassed local as well as regional educators who said a larger facility (Two Harbors schools) would be "more economical and advantageous to the children." Anticipating objections on the part of Lake County residents to consolidation, Clover Valley parents also pointed out that the Lake County School System would benefit from increased enrollments with the addition of students from Clover Valley and North Shore Elementary. Also, Clover Valley was located in the Two Harbors area; "the southernmost boundary of the McQuade Road is about the same distance from Two Harbors as that of Gooseberry Falls, a distance of 14 miles."

*The Landmarks*, January 1970, published the Lake County Superintendent of Schools denial of the proposed consolidation. Among the reasons given were: 1) the inability to handle 200 additional pupils in the Two Harbors High School in September 1971, and 2) public opposition to consolidation. The superintendent did state "my personal feeling is that consolidation would be a mutually beneficial thing in the long haul."

A public hearing was held in September 1970 by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners to discuss the resolution to attach a portion of St. Louis County Unorganized School District to Independent School District No. 381, Lake County. The Minnesota Board of Education approved this resolution. Subsequently, a Two Harbors resident filed suit on the behalf of Lake County taxpayers to block the merger. The resident acknowledged the group he spoke for stood in opposition to their own school board and school officials.

In December 1973 the Minnesota Supreme Court upheld the merger of Clover Valley High School and North Shore Elementary with the Lake County School District. Clover Valley High School graduated its last class in May 1974. North Shore Elementary came under the jurisdiction of Lake Superior School District in 1974. In the fall of 2002, under the authorization of the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center, North Shore Elementary became North Shore Community School, a member of the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools. North Shore Community School serves students pre-K to grade 6.

[Township Web Site](http://www.duluthtownship.org)  
[www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

Following resident webmaster Linda Holliday's retirement, the Township engaged **Joseph Nelson** of **anySiteHosting** to manage our web site. He has been working on the transfer. The new arrangement requires the Township to update the site with new information. Janet Johansen has volunteered to take on this task. The site address hasn't changed but you will notice some new formatting once the transfer has occurred. In the meantime, Linda Holliday has graciously agreed to help us out. Thank you, Linda!

Photo by Judy Clausen



### Congratulations to Jan and John Green!

If you have the *Minnesota Conservation Volunteer* magazine for November/December 2014, check out the great article "A Green Legacy" which details the many insights and contributions of our

Jan and John Green and their "shared love of the outdoors" and "lifetime of conservation accomplishments". Their work toward making Northern Minnesota better is impressive. Jan and John have been active contributors to our Township over the years, serving on boards and committees and providing valuable assistance and good friendship.

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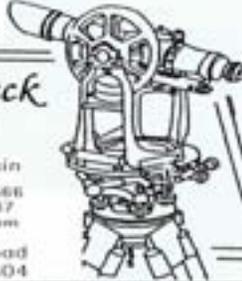
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**Barnes & Noble Benefit for NSCS Library**

*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



Pictures by  
Duane Madison

Music Teacher **Amy Giddings** and North Shore Community School 5<sup>th</sup> grade students provided special holiday music for the Homesteaders on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. From singing to instrumentals, they gave a top performance. Thank you all!

**Sandy's Play Care Center (New! Now Open)**

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**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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**For Internet Updates**

**Lake Connections'** (fiber optic service) web site is [www.lakeconnections.com](http://www.lakeconnections.com). 218-834-8500. See the article in the November Newsletter. An application must be completed to get connected. Call to check.

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

## Duluth Township Information — 2015

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)  
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**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 south of the freeway.

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

## Township Calendar

See calendar updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org).  
 Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

### JANUARY 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 (The Town Hall will be open from 1-5pm.)
- 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, page 1).

### FEBRUARY 2015

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

### MARCH 2015

- 3, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept:** business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 4, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 10, Tue, **Township Day**—Supervisor Election 7am-8pm  
 Annual Town Meeting 8:15pm, Town Hall  
*Information will be in the March Newsletter*
- 12, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 17, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 17, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
- 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

## Election Day Turnout

Our Township started the November 4<sup>th</sup> election day with 1303 registered voters and added 44 new voters during the day. Of these 857 people voted for a 63.6% turnout.

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2015

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## Traffic Control Advisory

Chief Shawn Padden

**Effective date:** January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Location:** Lismore/Ryan Road intersection just south of NSCS.

**Please use extra caution when traveling through this intersection.**

St Louis county Traffic Engineer, **Victor Lund**, has announced that beginning on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the stop signs at the Lismore Road intersection with Ryan Road will be removed and replaced directing traffic traveling on the Ryan Road to stop at this intersection.

Currently, the signs direct the traffic traveling along Lismore Road to stop at this intersection. The new design will allow those people traveling on Lismore Road to continue through the intersection without having to stop, as is the design of the Lismore Road from the Jean Duluth Road/Zimmerman Road intersection.

Details of the signage changes that will be placed along the Ryan Road were listed by County Traffic Engineer Victor Lund.

### 30 days before conversion:

Install a notice plaque below the existing STOP sign that "This STOP sign will be removed on date X".

### Day of conversion—January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015:

Remove STOP signs and "Stop Ahead" signs from both approaches of Lismore Road.

Install a Traffic "Control Change Ahead" sign, "Stop Ahead" sign and STOP sign on both approaches to Ryan Road.

A "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" plaque will be mounted below the new Stop signs on Ryan Road.

Flags will be placed on new STOP signs on Ryan Road.

### 30 days after conversion:

Remove the "Traffic Control Change Ahead" signs from both approaches of Ryan Road.

Remove the flags from new STOP signs on Ryan Road.

(The "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" plaques below the new STOP signs will remain in place.)

The Town Board and Police Department just recently became aware of this action. We are doing everything we can to spread the word in the most effective manner available. Please help by notifying members of your family and friends that travel this area so that they can be made aware of this traffic control change.

If you have any questions, concerns or other comments, please direct them to **Victor Lund at 218-625-3873**, or email [lundv@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:lundv@stlouiscountymn.gov). You may also contact any of the Town Board members or myself at the Police Department. (218-393-8407).

