

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 2015

What's Coming Up?

Duluth Township Harvest Dinner, a benefit for our Volunteer Fire/EMS Dept. A family/community event. Saturday, October 10th, 5-7pm, Town Hall.

Open House: Trail Planning, Oct 15th, 7pm, Town Hall

20/20 Studio Arts Tour (see article, page 8)

Youth seeking jobs (see list on page 2)

Early notes on a new PUD (see article page 6) at the former Nokomis site (named "Kivi Ranta").

How to send emails to Township personnel & Depts. (email using our Township web site, see page 7).

Town Hall update Open House celebration is planned

12th Annual Harvest Dinner Oct. 10th

Come to the benefit dinner for our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department. Saturday, Oct. 10th, 5-7pm, Town Hall.

With live music, lots of door prizes, fantastic homemade dinner.



A family/community event.

Support our fire fighter and first responder volunteers!

You could volunteer to help with this event! Call Jody Anderson (525-4971) or Pat Halverson (310-2975) Thanks!

THE HOMESTEADERS

Rose Vastila

September 2nd, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Sandwiches and coffee. Program: Music by THUG (Two Harbor Ukulele Group).

October 7th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Harvest potluck. Flu shots will be available starting at 11:30. Program: Music.

November 4th, Wednesday, 12:30pm Town Hall, Sandwiches and coffee. Program: To be announced.

Everyone is welcome.

For information call Rose Vastila at 834-5281.

From the Chair

Don Sitter

It has been a very productive summer in your Township and here are just a few of the highlights.

► The Town Hall expansion is quickly taking shape.

Completion is anticipated during October. An open house celebration is slated for the end of October.

► In June, the Planning & Zoning Commission fin-



ished work on the **Stormwater Management Ordinance**, a new State requirement to help protect our public waters, and the **revised Zoning Ordinance**. Special thanks go to Jo Thompson and Val Brady for their countless volunteer hours on this important project.

► An updated **Township brochure** has been completed and printed. It is a comprehensive guide to Township living and is a helpful tool for both current and new residents. Brigid Pajunen and John Schifsky from our Planning Commission deserve special thanks for their efforts in overseeing the project.

► A special committee has been created to explore the possibility of creating **trails along roads** in our Township, one of the goals set in the Comprehensive Plan. Planning costs for this project are from ARDC and MIC. To date, public input has been gathered through an open house and a resident survey (see article pg 4). The goal is to have plans complete by the end of the year.

► In July the **Town Board approved funding support requests for four improvement projects at North Shore Community School**. These projects, totaling up to \$62,000, include school trail improvements, hockey board upgrades, repurposing the concrete slab formerly under portable classrooms, and a potential potting area designation adjacent to the new greenhouse. The final development of these community-beneficial projects will be guided by the "potential use" survey which was recently sent to all households (see article, page 2).

► Preliminary plans for the **Township's first PUD (Planned Use Development)** were revealed at a well-attended open house in August. The "Kivi Ranta" would be an 8 unit, owner-occupied condominium built on the former Nokomis restaurant site (see article, page 6).

► The **Emergency Operations Plan**, approved by the Town Board, guides actions and responsibilities necessary in the event of a major emergency or natural disaster in our Township. Special thanks go to folks on the Volunteer Fire Dept for putting this plan together.

As always, your comments and suggestions about Township matters are welcome and important to us all.

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Kathy Johnson, Sue Lawson, Janet McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Jeff Roiland, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Don Sitter, Carol Surine, Rose Vastila, Barry Wolfe, and webmaster Janet Johansen.

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 Job

- Ryan, age 15, is looking for work. He is interested in yard work, lawn mowing and babysitting. Call 525-9065.
- Young man, age 11 looking for work, including lawn mowing and general yard work. Experienced. If interested, please call Konrad, at 830-9514.
- Mason Stolp, age 13 years, looking for work (mowing, shoveling, yard work, cleaning, general labor). Call Mason at 525-0576.
- Mature, hard working, experienced 14 year old looking for work (yard work, cleaning, mowing, pretty much any chores). Just call Bridger at 525-0090.
- Cameron Nelson, age 13, lawn mowing, snow shoveling, general yard work, general labor. Call Cameron at 525-0208

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 October. 23rd

Community Center Use Survey

A one-page questionnaire on the use of facilities at the NSCS/Community Center, was sent in a separate mailing to 788 Township households at the end of July. By the August 17th deadline 112 responses (14% of households) were received. Responses are not a random sample of the Township but should be considered as from those households who chose to respond to the Township about community use of the school site. Another 676 households who might have responded didn't.

Past usage of facilities is relatively low. Among the 112 households who responded, 78% had never used in-school facilities (gym, classrooms, or kitchen/cafeteria), and 82% had never used outside facilities (school trails, warming house/skating rinks, picnic pavilion, baseball field, etc.) in the past year.

Some 86% of respondents favored expanding the existing use of the school building and grounds as a community center during non-school hours. 48% indicated that the facilities at the school could be improved to better serve their household during non-school hours. Suggestions were made by 43 respondents and these are listed verbatim in an appendix to the final report.

Among those responding, 26 have used the gym, 13 have used the kitchen/cafeteria, 17 have used classrooms, 24 used school trails, 24 used the warming house and skating/hockey rinks, 11 used the picnic pavilion, 13 used the baseball fields, and 4 used the outside basketball court.

In general, households directly connected with the school (e.g. teacher, staff, student, board/committee member, volunteer, etc.) were more likely to have used the school building and grounds facilities, favor expanded use of the school as a community center, suggested improving facilities, and using the concrete slab that was under the, now removed, temporary classrooms, for basketball and/or volleyball courts. 24 of 104 respondents indicated they would use the indoor arboretum area; those with a direct connection to the school were twice as likely as those not directly connected to the school to indicate they would use this area.

A full report will be made public once it is completed.

"Early Learning Sticks Like Glue"

Kathy Johnson

Play and Learn Early Childhood Program of North Shore Community School has fall openings for pre-school children ages 3-5.

Classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:15 to 11:30 and 12:15 to 2:30. Children may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. A monthly tuition fee is charged along with a \$30 registration fee and a \$25 annual supply fee.

Orientation for new families will be held on Wednesday September 16th at 10am and 1pm in room 6. Classes begin Tuesday, September 22nd. A current immunization record is required.

To register or for more information, contact Kathy Johnson at 834-5429.

The Annual Duluth Township **COME ON HOME PARTY** was a great success — one of our largest gatherings! It included folks from the 50th Reunion of Clover Valley High.

Thanks to all who attended, helped out, provided food, donated an abundance of door prizes, and to musicians **Brian Bach** and **Arna Rennan**.



The "Crew":

Duane Madison,
Barb Williams,
Jody Anderson,
Caroline Marino,
Rolf Carlson



Supervisors Wendy Gustofson, Vice Chair Dave Edblom, Chair Don Sitter, Mary Anne Daniel, Travis Stolp

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 11th regular meeting. Attending: Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Dave Edblom, Wendy Gustofson, Don Sitter and Travis Stolp.

Main Actions: A motion passed unanimously to transfer \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. A motion was approved to authorize the Emergency Management Director to spend up to \$10,000 for essential expenses in a significant disaster when the Emergency Management Center is activated.

Discussion: Reports: Treasurer reported deposits of \$1,993.10, expenses of \$22,526.62 and the \$200,000 emergency fund, for a May spendable balance of \$888,076.20. **Fire:** A trial phone app allowing firefighters to receive pages will be tested. **Planning:** Trails committee has been formed. **Recreation:** A shared rental coordinator/custodian job description was written. It is an NSCS custodial assistant and the Township will be billed for Township NSCS rental coordinator time. **JUC:** Phil Strom requested funds for expanded use of NSCS by the community. The Chair noted that there is a JUC process for developing project proposals, determining project costs, and share of use by the community. Wendy Gustofson moved, Travis Stolp seconded to transfer \$300,000 to ABC by July 30th. Attorney Tim Strom urged caution and spending more time on the request to determine criteria for judging benefit to the community. An extensive discussion followed (see details in minutes on the web site). Don Sitter moved, Mary Anne Daniel seconded an amendment to transfer \$200,000 to the General Fund and \$200,000 to be reserved for community center facility improvement purposes. Daniel moved to table the motion and amendment, Dave Edblom seconded. Motion to table passed. The JUC will consider project proposals and forward their deliberations to the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

July 9th regular meeting. All Supervisors attended plus the Town Clerk, Treasurer and Town Attorney.

Main Actions: Tabled motions from the June meeting were withdrawn. Nine proposals for Community Center projects were reviewed by the JUC and 3 were approved by consensus (6 did not meet consensus). These were forwarded to the Town Board and were discussed at length. Motion to approve, in concept, the proposal to repurpose the NSCS concrete slab up to \$20,000 subject to Board approval of a plan. Similar motions were made to approve, in concept, the NSCS trails improvement proposal up to \$15,000, the hockey board replacement proposal up to \$4,000 if for repair or up to \$9,000 if replacement is needed, and the hallway arboretum proposal up to \$18,000 (motions passed, \$62,000 in concept proposals were

approved at this meeting and developed proposals will be brought back to the Board for consideration). Stolp moved, Gustofson seconded a motion to freeze the money in the Community Center fund (\$300,000), motion passed. **Discussions:** Treasurer reported deposits of \$21,659.60, expenses of \$215,533.04 with an ending balance of \$894,202.85. Claims were reviewed and paid. There were no public comments at this meeting. **JUC:** (see actions, above). A survey of households will be conducted to assess resident use of the Community Center/NSCS and solicit suggestions. After a long discussion on the proposals, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm. Other Township business will be given priority at the August meeting. (See minutes posted on the web site for further details).

August 12th Special working meeting. Supervisors Mary Anne Daniel, Don Sitter, Travis Stolp and Wendy Gustofson attended plus Town Attorney Tim Strom and Town Clerk Ann Cox. The topic of discussion was developing criteria for reviewing projects at the Community Center/NSCS which benefit the broader community, as legally required.

The Next regular Town Board meetings:

(2nd Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) are Sept. 10th & Oct. 8th. Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.



Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

July 9th special meeting. Commissioners Paul Voge, Jo Thompson, John Schifsky, Wayne Dahlberg, Jerry Hauge and Larry Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Don Sitter.

Main Action: The meeting considered a variance on Zach Sundberg's parcel. A variance was requested for a front-yard set-back reduction from 75 to 25 feet for one corner of a proposed garage. Topography and other options were discussed. A motion to approve passed.

July 23rd regular meeting. Commissioners Voge, Thompson, Schifsky, Hauge, Brigid Pajunen and Zanko attended plus Planning Director Sue Lawson, Secretary Beth Mullan and Board Liaison Don Sitter.

Main Action: Lynn Quenemoen and Wendy Schwartz sought a variance to reduce the property line set-back from 50 to 20 feet to accommodate a garage. Options and topography were discussed. A motion to grant the variance was approved.

Discussion: The Director reported on trails planning and ordinance updates; discussion followed.

The Next Planning Commission meetings:

(4th Thurs, 7pm in the Town Hall) are Sept. 24th & Oct. 22nd. Special hearings are posted at the Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings.

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Fire Chief



Burning permits are required for outside fires. See page 7 for places you can get permits.

To Volunteer, call Chief Bob Engelson, 525-6819

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

Thank you to all the 4H members who planted beautiful flowers by the sign at our Fire Hall #1 on Ryan Road!

It's time to do your annual safety check-up. Renew batteries on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Be sure that your fire number sign is visible from the road. Clean wood-burning chimneys. Service the heating system. Check fire extinguishers to be sure they are up to date.

Help us with Fire/EMS response to your home or business

Our Clifton Volunteer Fire/EMS Dept is compiling a database to help in case of a Fire/EMS response to your property. We would appreciate sketches and information about issues we might encounter when we respond to your home or business. Some examples of helpful information are: location of hazardous fuel or chemicals, structures that may contain people or animals that might not be obvious otherwise, close sources of water, utility shut off controls, etc. Leave your sketch or information for the Fire Dept at our Town Hall or contact Sherry Rovig (343-4909) or by Email: smrovig@gmail.com.

Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief



Police Events. There were 190 police events in June and July. Of these, 13 were attempts to locate careless/DWI drivers, 9 medical emergencies (1 natural death), 8 public assists and 8 checking on suspicious activity, 6 animal complaints, plus 17 traffic violation warnings or citations. 70 were resident requested vacation home/business checks.

School is starting... watch for bus stops and kids on the roads. Remember the new intersection at Lismore and Ryan roads near the school.

Stay alert, **STAY OFF THE PHONE WHEN YOU DRIVE!**

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.

French River Readers Book Club

Carol Surine

The book for next month is *Dance Boots* by Linda La-Grange Grover. The next meeting is Sept. 17th at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road. Jennifer Anderson is host.

For information call Carol Surine, 525-4426 or email: carolsurine@gmail.com, or www.duluthtownship.org/bookclub.

TOWNSHIP TRAILS SURVEY

A planning survey about possible trails along main roads in the Township was sent with the July Newsletter. 91 residents responded (about 12% of 788 households). Respondents were probably those who were more interested in Township topics and in trails in particular. Highpoints of the survey are listed below and a full report will be available at the October 15th Open House.

James Gittemeier (Senior Planner for the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council) has been meeting with our Township trails group and he and Thomas Holmes analyzed survey results for us.

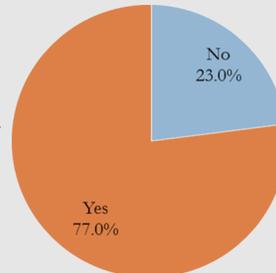
77% would like to see some public trails/pathways along Township roads.

A majority of those who want trails/pathways, want:

- walking/hiking and other non-motorized uses (bikers, skiers, etc.) as opposed to motorized uses (4-wheelers, snowmobilers, etc.)
- trails that are physically separated from existing roads,
- trail connections between the main roads,
- trail connections between inland and the lake shore.

Respondents who do not want trails have reservations about where funding will come from, and are critical of how high trails should be on the list of spending priorities for the Township.

Plan to attend an Open House on Trails, October 15th, 7pm in the Town Hall.



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Teaching Local History at North Shore Community School

John Schifsky

This is the third part of a three-part series featuring the way teachers at North Shore Community School integrate community history into their curricula. Parts one and two focused on kindergarten through fourth grade and appeared in the April and July editions of the *Duluth Township Newsletter*.

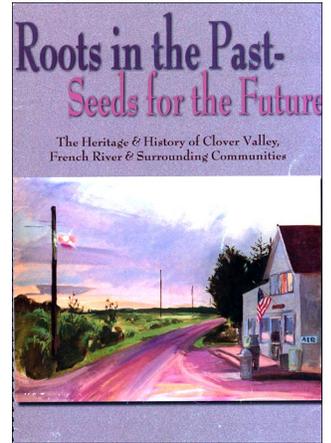
Louise Erdrich's *The Birchbark House*, a work of historical fiction, is an important resource for fifth graders in their study of our Ojibwe heritage. Angela Wood and John Dover integrate consideration of that heritage throughout the curriculum, focusing on Ojibwe arts, music, and food. Students read about the voyageur rendezvous and what trading took place at that venue. They learn how birch bark houses were made as well as how beading and basket making is done. They join their fellow North Shore Community School students in tapping trees, boiling sap, and tasting the final product. During ricing season, stations are set up on the school ground and harvested rice brought in. Students have the opportunity to dance on the rice, breaking away the hulls, and then they finish the rice by parching it.

Continuing the emphasis on food production and how the native people supported themselves from season to season, fifth grade students create fishing camp shelters where native methods in catching, cleaning, and drying fish are the focus. Township hunters provide deer hides, talk about skinning deer and methods of tanning the hides, so they can be used for clothing. As part of an environmental education focus, students create tree enclosures on the school grounds to study the effect of deer browsing on tree growth. They consider what is required to have a sustainable deer population, and they have the opportunity to study, close up, the anatomy of a deer heart.

The sixth grade *Roots* bin contains, among other things, plush woolly mammoths, hand-made, fired pots, arrowheads, and wood spinners for starting fires. Each spring, Leigh Jackson and Robbie Tietge introduce their students to the prehistoric people of Minnesota. They read *Broken Blade*, a work of historical fiction that tells the story of a 13-year-old who becomes a voyageur, making the trip from Montreal to Grand Portage. Another print resource is the book *Fire and Ice in Minnesota*. Dressed in mountain man's gear, Mr. Flint (Mike McCall) arrives and spends several days at the school. He meets with each sixth grade class, beginning by talking with the students in the classroom before taking them outside where he shows them how spear points are made from flint, how natives would have used an atlatl (spear thrower), how to start a fire with flint and steel, how to use a sling, and which grasses are best for making rope. The students get to practice each of these activities.

Many of the North Shore Community School teachers introduce the *Roots* or "Community History" units in the spring, so Steve Dahl, Mr. Flint, and other community-resource persons visit the classrooms then. Every year each grade adopts one of the maple trees on the school grounds, and the students in that class tap their tree, collect the sap, help make the syrup, and get a taste of the final product. They plant seeds in plots on the school grounds and watch anxiously for the first shoots. Some classes comb the school grounds with metal detectors, or set up stations out of doors to dance on the rice, or experiment with wooden spinners in an effort to start fires. Individual classes make field trips to the Soudan Mine, the fish hatchery, local farms, the aquarium, Larsmont School. There has been and will continue to be a great deal of activity and effort, both in and out of the classroom, focused on learning about and developing a greater appreciation of the community, its resources, its people, and its history. The focus is not only on the past, however, but also on the fact that our community story is being written, day by day, by adults and children alike.

I want to thank the North Shore Community School teachers for their time in helping me gather the information necessary to write these Teaching Local History at North Shore Community School descriptions. The teachers are committed to helping their students develop an understanding of the history of the community, its people, and the ways in which, through hard work, the use of local resources, and helping one another, earlier Township residents established roots, raised and supported families, and created this vibrant community which they passed on to their children and their children's children.



Community Youth Groups

Clifton 4-H Club: call Kate Edblom, 525-1276
Cub Scouts: call David Hooley, 525-6617
Boy Scouts: call Chris Roningon 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.)

Fiber Optic Network Update

Jeff Roiland,

Lake Connections will be coordinating installation of fiber optic connections starting later in August and early September.

Those who have signed up will get a phone call to set up a time to install the free inside equipment. Installation takes 1-2 hours depending upon services selected (*internet, phone, TV*).

If you want fiber optic service but have not signed up, you need to contact Lake Connections and fill out an application.

Lake Connections'

web site is

www.lakeconnections.com
 218-834-8500.

218-834-3310



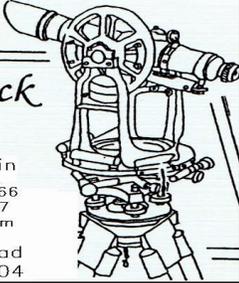
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The “Kivi Ranta” PUD

Owners of the former *Nokomis* restaurant on North Shore Drive held an information meeting for nearby residents on Aug. 10th at the Town Hall, to discuss their proposed planned use development of a 8 owner-occupied condominium residential housing units on the 29 acre site.

Duluth Township’s Zoning Ordinance provides for planned use developments where housing units are clustered and dedicated open space is provided. A PUD is often a more compatible and environmentally helpful use of a site.

This was an initial meeting, seeking input from surrounding neighbors and used to complete a *Community Participation Report* that is submitted to the Planning Commission.



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NSCS Director’s Notes
Barry Wolfe, NSCS Director

The start of the 2015-2016 school year is upon us, and there are some very exciting things happening at North Shore Community School. As many of you already know, our new addition was completed last spring which includes a state of the art greenhouse, four new classrooms, two new conference rooms and also a new art lab. The former art lab was remodeled to now provide space for a new staff lounge, two new Title 1 rooms, an environmental education area, and a secure business office storage room. The former staff lounge will now be an office conference room/professional development area. Along with these exciting structural changes, we have recently learned that NSCS has received a grant for over \$100,000 from Minnesota Power that will provide us with new solar panels that will more than likely generate enough electricity to power the entire new addition. Also included in these grant dollars, is an interactive kiosk that will allow students and staff to visualize energy savings provided by the solar panels along with the steps taken to conserve energy during the construction of the new addition. This information is also streamed directly to the classroom Promethean Boards, which enables teachers the opportunity to provide further instruction, and to utilize the information provided.

North Shore Community School has earned a reputation as being a school of excellence in the surrounding area. During several tours with potential families’ over the course of the summer, I heard numerous times how our veteran and dedicated staff has made a tremendous impact on our students, and parents have shared this praise with friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Due to this positive reputation, NSCS has increased the student enrollment by 25 students since the end of last school year. The surrounding community is recognizing our tremendous staff, state of the art facilities, and an experiential, hands on approach to learning. Our funding and budget looks very healthy for the coming years, we have retained and hired very high quality staff, and I am extremely excited for the coming school year. I would like to thank the Duluth Township community for their continued support of North Shore Community School, and invite you to please stop by and enjoy the wonderful facility and educational atmosphere which has been established for our area youth!



Duluth Township Information 2015

Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804
Phone (218) 525-5705 (voice message),
Email: See note below on using our Township web site.

www.duluthtownship.org

Town Office Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9am-noon
Thurs 2-6pm, Fri 9-11am

Planning Office Hours: No posted hours
Call the Town Hall for an appointment: 525-5705

Supervisors:

- Mary Anne Daniel**, (2013-2016) 260-9123
(Primary contact for Fire, Cemetery, Emergency Planning, Police, 50% Joint Use Committee).
- Dave Edblom** (2014-2017) **Vice Chair** 525-1276 or email
(Primary contact for Town Hall, 50% Joint Use Committee; Assisting: Roads, Personnel, Business Mgmt)
- Wendy Gustofson** (2016-2018) 573-821-0785
Primary contact for Communications, D/NSSD and Materials Mgmt, Intergovernmental Relations.
- Don Sitter** (2013-2016) **Chair** 525-4138
(Primary contact for Business Mgmt, Personnel, Planning and Zoning; Assisting: Town Hall for Town Hall, Recreation, Personnel).
- Travis Stolp** (2016-2018) 525-0576
Primary contact for Roads, Recreation/Rental

Town Clerk: **Ann K. Cox** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
Treasurer: **Janet Johansen** 525-5705 (Town Hall)
Attorney: **Tim Strom** 722-4766 (office)
Cemetery Sexton: **Molly Tillotson** 218-525-6933

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

Peace Officers: **Chief Shawn Padden** and **Officer Steve Peterson.**

Emergencies 9-1-1, Messages 525-5705 or 393-8407

Clifton Volunteer Fire/EMS Department:
Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief **Rob Peldo**, President **Jason Bruckelmyer**

Burning Permits are available online at mndnr.gov/permits or the **Town Hall** (office hours), or from **Fire Wardens:** Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), Jay Zink 525-5589 or **DNR** in Two Harbors, 1568 Hwy 2, 834-1418.

Rental Coordinator: messages: 525-5705

NEW: To Email Township Officials and Departments
Our Township web site, www.duluthtownship.org/**contacts**, has a dropdown list of personnel and departments you can use to send emails. Note that a copy of all emails automatically goes to the Town Hall for Township records.

Note: If the person does not have email access, your communication is sent to the Town Hall where it is picked up. Many Departments have a web page. See our web site).



Township Recycling Center

At the *Town Hall*, on *Homestead Road*
Staffed by Carolyn Marino and Roger Beck
(openings available).

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 vandalism and dumping household garbage.

Township Calendar

See calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org.
Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall.

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 1, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept**: business meeting, Fire Hall #1, Ryan Rd
- 2, Wed, 12:30 **Homesteader's**, Town Hall
- 10, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall
- 15, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
- 15, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training, Hall #1
- 24, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

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- 6, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept**: business meeting Fire Hall #1, Ryan Road
 - 7, Wed, 12:30pm **Homesteader's**, Town Hall .
 - 8, Thu, 7pm **TOWN BOARD**, Town Hall.
 - 10, Sat, 5-7pm, **HARVEST DINNER**, a benefit for our Fire Department, Town Hall (see article).
 - 15, Thu, 7pm **Open House on Trail Plans**, Town Hall
 - 20, Tue, 7am **Duluth/North Shore Sanitary District** meeting, French River Lutheran Church
 - 20, Tue, 7pm **Volunteer Fire Dept** training Hall #1
 - 23, Tue, **Deadline for the November Newsletter**
 - 22, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall
- Watch for an announcement of the Town Hall upgrade open house celebration toward the end of October.**

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- 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
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- 26, Thu, 7pm **Planning Commission**, Town Hall

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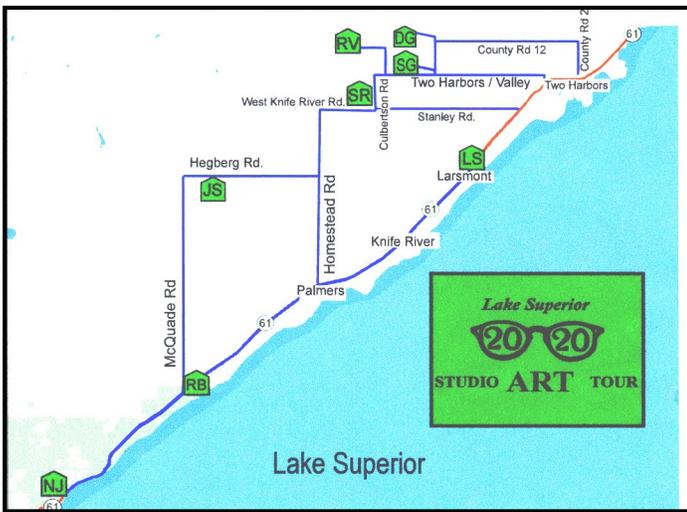
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20-20 Studio Art Tour

Resident and Artist, Rose Vastila

As crisp fall temperatures and colors fill the air in Northern Minnesota, the Lake Superior 20/20 Studio Art Tour embarks on its 4th year with a new route and new artists. We have a PDF printable map on our web site: www.lakesuperior20/20.com. We have many returning artists and exciting new artists: Phil Hartley (*photography*), Nikki Johnson (*watercolor*), Kris Trembley (*watercolor*), and April Hall (*jewelry*).

Our tour encompasses the last two weekends in September: **18, 19, 20, and 25, 26, 27. Tour hours: 10-6, Friday-Sunday.** Come and enjoy fine arts and crafts, music, refreshments and demonstrations in a country atmosphere as you explore the talent in the North Woods!

"Overall, how satisfied are you with Duluth Township as a place to live?"

2002 survey 56% were "very satisfied" and 41% "satisfied"
2003 survey 64% "very satisfied" and 31% "satisfied"
2006 survey, 64% "very satisfied" and 34% "satisfied"
2010 survey, 66% "very satisfied" and 30% "satisfied"
2012 survey, 62% "very satisfied" and 33% "satisfied"
2015 survey, 64% "very satisfied" and 30% "satisfied"

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