

# ***Duluth Township Newsletter***

**November 2023**

*Township website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)*

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## ***Holiday Closures and Reduced Office Hours***

The holiday season is upon us. And with that, there will be some holiday closures at the Town Hall's Clerk's Office and Recycling Center. The Holiday closures go as followed: the Recycling Center will be closed Thursday November 23, 2023 (Thanksgiving Day).

The Clerk's office will be closed Thursday November 23, 2023 (Thanksgiving Day), Friday, November 24, 2023, Friday, December 22, 2023 and Tuesday December 26, 2023.

We are also happy to announce our Town Clerk Nicole Chatterson and her husband Phil will be expecting their second child come this November. As a result, the Clerk's Office will have reduced operating hours. The Clerk's Office will be open Wednesday 9 am-2 pm, Thursday noon-5 pm, and Friday 9 am-2 pm.

If you should need anything during the off hours please feel free to call and leave a message; 525-5705, or email the Deputy Clerk

[deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com](mailto:deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com) or Town Clerk [townclerk@lakenet.com](mailto:townclerk@lakenet.com).

## ***Homesteaders***

Dorothy Aho

November 1, 2023: Wednesday, 12:30 pm  
We have our Harvest potluck dinner.

December, 6, 2023: Wednesday, 12:30 pm  
To be announced. Potluck.

January, 3, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm  
New Year Potluck and bingo.

**Everyone is welcome!**

## ***Open Seat on the Town Board***

Penny Morton

I will be stepping down from the Town Board this coming March after 6 years serving this community. I would like to thank you all for the opportunity. I have met lots of people who live and work in the town. It has been a good experience for me. So now I am asking one of you (if you are reading this newsletter) to put your name forward to run for my place on the Board. The position is not onerous, the people are friendly and you will learn new skills.

Please consider running!!

If you are interested in running for Town Board this upcoming March, contact the Clerk's Office for more information.

\*To see color versions of the photos in this Newsletter, visit the Town's website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

***Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue***

Dorothy Aho, JoVanna Balquier, Nicole Chatterson, Bob Engelson, Mark Haselow, Helene Hedlund, Penny Morton, Beth Mullan, Emily Richey, Sherry Rovig, and Carol Surine



**Fire Department**

Bob Engelson, Chief

Sherry Rovig, Secretary/Emergency Operations Dept. Director



**Police Department**

Mark Haselow, Chief

Paul Johnson, Officer

As of early October, our fire department has responded to 78 emergency calls this year. This year saw an increase in the number of calls for hikers and back-country skiers needing aid. We are fortunate to work with the St. Louis County Rescue Squad on these. It has also been a busy year for advanced training. Our Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) recently completed 16 hours of refresher training for continued certification. We incorporate advances in emergency medical response to our training with Mayo Ambulance Services that allow us to provide better life-saving care as first on the scene.

Our firefighters are doing live burn training at Lake Superior College Emergency Response Training Center along with Normanna Fire Department. These advanced trainings are in addition to our regular monthly trainings.

Our roster has some changes this month, with long-time emergency medical responder Samantha Peterson stepping down due to work schedule conflicts. Sam has been a valuable member of our response team since joining in 2016. Her skill and experience as an emergency department nurse was very welcome and will be missed.

We are pleased to welcome back Nellie Torgerson as a certified firefighter and EMR. We now have a full roster. If anyone in our response area (Duluth and Alden townships) is interested in joining our department, there will always be changes in the future as members move or retire. Contact our chief, Bob Engelson, if you are interested in joining.

By the time this newsletter is published, our final Chipper Days will be done and our DNR Firewise grant finished. Our community response to these events was very strong. Many hundreds of cubic yards of brush were cleared and chipped and area homes made more wildfire resistant. The spruce budworm outbreak is still prevalent and ongoing clearing is needed. You can access information about financial assistance with clearing dead and dying balsam at: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/eqip-environmental-quality-incentives/minnesota/environmental-quality>

Please report the number of the hours spent clearing and transporting your brush to Chipper Days and send it to [cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com) or leave a note with your address and # of hours at the Town Hall. These hours count as our in-kind contribution to the grant.

The 911 sign project has made great progress thanks to Supervisor ArMand Nelson and John Luikart, who have been installing signs this year. There are no signs remaining at the Town Hall. If you need a post pounder to install a sign you previously picked up, one is available for loan. Contact the Clerk's Office for more details, 525-5705.

Many inquired about resuming the annual Harvest Dinner, and a few volunteered to help bring the event back. While there wasn't enough time to make it happen this year, we welcome volunteers to make it a reality in 2024. Contact Jody Anderson at 525-4971 if you wish to join the effort.

**FREE SMOKE DETECTORS AND FIREWISE ASSESSMENTS**

The Red Cross has provided us with more free smoke detectors for our community. If you lack working smoke alarms in your home or existing ones are out of date and you have difficulty installing them yourselves, you can sign up for our volunteers to do the installation.

We are also offering Firewise assessments for Township residents. This will include a site visit with specific recommendations for ways the property can be improved for fire safety and emergency access.

You can send us this form to sign up, email us at [cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com), or leave a message at (218) 525-9240 with your contact information, including a phone number. We will get back to you to arrange a convenient time. Please check which service(s) you would like.

**For medical & police emergencies, call 911.**

Sign up for email police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications at the Township website:

[www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

**Police Events:**

For the months of August 2023 and September 2023, there were 100 recorded police events. The following is a complete list of Initial Complaint Reports and officer-related activity within the Township. Most were direct service to residents. There were 20 requests for checks on homes or businesses and 11 requests for attempting to locate a careless driver and medical emergencies. There were 6 reports of traffic related warnings/citations and hazard checks. There were 5 reports of the following: assisting the public, civil process, and disturbance complaints. There were 4 reports of fraud complaints and suspicious activity and 3 reports of property damage accidents, assisting other agencies, health/welfare checks, neighbor trouble, and car vs. deer crashes. There were 2 reports of suspicious vehicle complaints. And finally there was one report of each of the following: garbage dumping, unknown trouble, fire alarm, child neglect, and assisting motorist.

If you have any information about criminal activity in our community, please contact the Duluth Township Police Department at: 218-525-5705, on our mobile phone: 218-393-8407, or by email:

[duluthwppolice@duluthtownship.org](mailto:duluthwppolice@duluthtownship.org).

**Note:** If you need/want/expect a police squad to respond immediately, call 911. Other than 911, the quickest way to get a response from the Township Police Department is to leave a message on our squad phone (218-393-8407).

SMOKE DETECTOR REQUEST

FIREWISE ASSESSMENT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED TIME TO BE CONTACTED: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL FORM TO: CLIFTON FIRE DEPT.

6092 HOMESTEAD RD., DULUTH, MN 55804



Dave Meyer, Justin Osadjan, Chair Angela Wilson, Tony Mancuso, and Nate Nesgoda. (Not pictured, Pam West and Blane Tetreault)



Town Board Supervisors: Penny Morton, Jim Ward, Rolf Carlson, Stacia Grayson. (Not pictured, ArMand Nelson.)

### Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

### Summary of Town Board Minutes

Official minutes by Town Clerk Nicole Chatterson are available at the Town Hall and on our Township website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

#### August 24, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting

Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Justin Osadjan, Dave Meyer, Tony Mancuso, and Nathan Nesgoda. Also present: Liz Strohmayer, Planning Director, Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary, and ArMand Nelson, Town Board liaison to Planning.

The public hearing that was adjourned from July 27 for an extension of an Interim Use Permit for a high frequency short-term rental on McQuade Road was continued. The permit was originally granted 9.1.21 and extended for one year 9.1.22 for 200 nights per year. At the original hearing the applicants had indicated that they considered the HFSTR rental temporary while they lived and worked overseas. The Commission had questions about what the applicants' expectations were regarding moving back to the area. The applicant responded that they did plan to move into the home when they returned. They said the difference in timing of work schedules between the States and where they currently live make it complicated to predict when they would return. The Ordinance now requires that the owner of a HFSTR be the primary resident of the dwelling to be used for the rental. There was also a concern from a neighbor regarding privacy and safety, although no incidents had been reported.

It was decided with a 3 to 2 vote to extend the interim use permit for one year and to make the applicants aware of the overall concerns. The reasons given by Commissioners voting against the extension were 1) they felt that this rental was not fundamentally compatible with the residential neighborhood in which it is located, particularly in light of the absentee owners and 2) because there is meant to be a social contract between neighbors and that is absent in this situation.

There were concerns from the Commission and residents that one of the two sheds that was ordered to be removed on North Shore Dr following the denial of the variances for them at the July meeting had not yet been removed. Liz will check into that. The property owner near Stoney Point who had been granted an interim use at the July meeting for a hosted short-term rental, contingent on receipt of a stormwater plan within 30 days submitted an insufficient plan. Stormwater management plans are required to be completed by a qualified professional and his was not. Hence, the permit for the rental will not be granted. The property owner still has requirements from the MPCA and DNR that he needs to meet as well.

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#### August 10, 2023, Town Board Meeting:

In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Penny Morton, Stacia Grayson, and ArMand Nelson. Supervisor Ward was absent. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$587,220.14, deposits \$214,147.99, expenses \$48,064.02, ending balance of \$753,304.11. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Police: There were complaints about speeding on Homestead Road. Mark clocked one at 63 mph, let off with a warning but if caught again, a ticket will be written. Fire: The truck was advertised at \$7,500. Floodwood Ambulance responded and offered \$5,000. Bob felt that was a good deal. Penny made the motion to authorized the Fire Department to accept the bid for \$5,000 for the old ambulance from Floodwood Ambulance. Seconded by ArMand. Motion passed. Planning: During the last meeting there were 5 public hearings. There is an upcoming MPCA grant opportunity. The Town received a letter from the county regarding a right of way construction. Legal: Sue Lawson attended the meeting to share her knowledge regarding the history of Stoney Point. Roads: Two culvert were replaced on West Clover Valley Road. Jim talked with Scott Witty in regards to Torgeson Road. He suggested to meet to discuss it. A meeting was set for August 24, 2023. The residents on Torgeson Road presented a Dedication of Land to the Board. Town Hall: The property valuation report from MATIT was received. It was noted that Fire Hall #1 building value decreased drastically and Station #2 appeared overvalued. Penny will reach out for clarification. There was an annual generator inspection; everything is operating normally. ARPA: Contracts were received from ASP for the HVAC work and will need signatures to start the project. Grumdahl submitted a contract to be signed for the window replacement. Perrault Construction provided a quote for the ramp project and J&RS will provide a quote for the bathrooms to make them ADA compliant. Personnel: There are new PERA guidelines, Nicole and Mel will work together to identify who will be new to PERA. Old Business: The pet signs purchased for Greenwood Road are up, and the fire signs are almost installed. New Business: The county sent a request for support for the CSAH 61 reinforced soil slope project. There was a movie film in the Township, with a request to have the Town's squad car in the film. The Board asked the Chief if that would be something he would be interested in. He said yes. Roger made the request that we get another chair rack for the chairs that are available to rent outside the Town Hall. Penny made the motion to spend up to \$400 on a new chair rack, seconded by ArMand. Motion passed.

#### September 14, 2023, Town Board Meeting:

In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Penny Morton, Stacia Grayson, Jim Ward, and ArMand Nelson. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$753,304.11, deposits \$47,203.44, expenses \$47,493.04, ending balance of \$753,014.51. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. The DNR was able to give the full amount for the Firewise grant. Mel suggested that the funds to cover that be moved back into the emergency management fund. ArMand made the motion to move the \$1,800 that was moved from the emergency management for the Firewise program into the fire department fund, back into the emergency management account. Seconded by Jim. Motion passed. Public Comment: Bathroom remodel information was presented by J&RS. The estimated cost of the project is around \$83,256.

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Regular **Planning Commission meetings** are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at **6:30 pm** in the Town Hall

Regular **Town Board meetings** are held on the second Thursday of the month at **6:30 pm** in the Town Hall



## Summary of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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There was an inquiry from someone who wanted to live in a guest cottage on their property and rent out their main home as HFSTR. Because of the requirement that the owner has to live in the home intended to be the rental for 9 months out of the year, this did not seem feasible. In addition, at a recent meeting of the DNSSD, there was a determination that someone else in the Township who was going to use a second home on their property as a guest house would be required to get a separate sewer connection for it. This would be very expensive.

### September 28, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting

Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Blane Tetreault, Pam West, Justin Osadjan, Dave Meyer, and Nathan Nesgoda. Also present: Liz Strohmayr, Planning Director, Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary, and ArMand Nelson, Town Board liaison to Planning.

There was a discussion of language from the Ordinance that allowed for not extending an interim use permit if zoning regulations change such that the use is no longer conforming. This is in state statutes as well.

The property owner on North Shore Drive who was told to remove two illegal storage buildings in July has only removed one so far. He has not been in town. Liz will talk to him again.

Two hearings are scheduled for October.

## Summary of Town Board Meeting Minutes

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There was a request from a resident asking about renting the Town Hall for her Northern Lights Community Education Class, for which she would charge a fee. Since that goes against the Hall rental policy, the Board would have to okay it. ArMand made the motion to approve Elizabeth Miller the use of the Town Hall for her Northern Lights Community Education and allow for her to charge if she can meet the other requirements set forth by the hall rental agreement and pays the appropriate fees as stated in the hall rental agreement. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. Police: The squad was used as a prop in a movie. The Treasurer is looking into how the Town can receive the donation given to the Township for the use of the squad. Fire: ArMand and John finished installing the remaining fire numbers. It has been recommended that the Fire Department conduct a survey to determine if residents still need to install the signs they have picked up or if other signs need to be ordered. Planning: Liz received a complaint about the movie being filmed in the Township. There is noting in the ordinance that addresses film production. There was one public hearing last month. Roads: Snowplow application has been submitted to the county. Bob will meet with Jim to discuss W. Clover Valley Road. Final grading will be done before snowfall. Ron Kruger completed a survey with the new turnaround for Torgeson Road, for residents approval. Town Hall: St. Louis County elections department sent a letter regarding voter fund allocating account requesting that Townships approve an agreement between St. Louis County and the Town allocation the funds back to the county. ArMand made the motion to allow St. Louis County to retain the Voter Allocation Funds of \$112.56. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. The Cutting Edge sold their client list to Gruff's Lawn. We will be charged the same as the quote from the beginning of the year. The property value report from MATIT was reevaluated There was another Town Hall rental question: can a resident host a fundraiser for a political party? The Board felt that it would be okay as long as they can meet the Hall rental agreement and pay the appropriate fees. ARPA: Stacia recommended to the Board that they should acquire more quotes for the kitchen updates. There is more work there than was expected. The proper paperwork was signed in regards to the window updates. It was recommended that the thermostat get updated. The Clerk's Office found one online for half the price they were quoted and was instructed to order it. Materials Management: There have been a lot of inquires about the hours of recycling and so it was suggested we put signage up on the recycling building. ArMand moved to spend up to \$200 for the recycling center hours sign. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. Personnel: There is a MAT conference in December that Nicole won free entry for. She asked the Board to be approved up to \$600 for lodging for the conference. Stacia made the motion for Nicole to spend up to \$600 on MAT conference lodging. Seconded by ArMand. Motion passed. Old Business: ArMand had heard 2 responses in favor of changing the formal for the LBAE. ArMand moved to move the LBAE to the open book process and review it each year. There will be a letter sent to the county stating this. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. Rolf drafted a letter to send to the Mayor of Duluth regarding Stoney Point. The Supervisors will review and follow up at the next meeting.

## BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

JoVanna Balquier



Fall is here and you won't "be-leaf" the selection of books at the little free library located in the Community Room at the

Township Hall! Pop on in during Town Hall and recycling hours to find your next favorite read there! Books for all ages are located in the little library!

If you bring donations, we kindly ask that they are in good condition and that you refrain from leaving nonfiction books such as textbooks.

Thank you and happy reading!

## French River Book Club

Carol Surine

For November, there is another Book Club in a Bag offering, The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. The book should be available by Wednesday, October 25, on the ledge to the right of the upper doors at French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. We will meet to discuss the book - which takes place during World War II - at 1 pm November 16 in the Fireside Room at church.

Please note the new meeting time for the winter months. Carolyn Marino will be the host.

November is the month we collect board books to encourage the youngest readers to develop a lifelong reading habit; they will be distributed to a local charity.

Carol Surine: 218-525-4426 or [carolsurine@gmail.com](mailto:carolsurine@gmail.com).

## Hall Rental

The Town Hall is now available for rental. Contact the Clerk's Office to make reservations.

The Community Room is also available for public use during office and recycling hours. The hours are posted on the Town's website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org) and on page 11 of this Newsletter.



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The deadline for the next Newsletter is December 13, 2023. Call 525-5705 or email [deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com](mailto:deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com).

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Call 218-391-8191 with any questions.



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# ***Alden Township News***

## ***Township Communications***

We are collecting email addresses of Alden residents! Please email [aldentwpclerk@gmail.com](mailto:aldentwpclerk@gmail.com) to share your email. We hope to start a simple e-newsletter to directly communicate with Alden residents every other month.

## ***December Community Potluck***

December 3, 2023, at 4 pm at the Alden Township Hall. Bring a labeled dish to share! All are welcome! Please bring dishes and silverware for yourself. Email Emily Richey, Township Clerk, with questions [aldentwpclerk@gmail.com](mailto:aldentwpclerk@gmail.com).

## ***Township Hall Rentals***

If you wish to rent out the Alden Township Hall, please email Helene Hedlund at [hhedlund.dl@gmail.com](mailto:hhedlund.dl@gmail.com) to request an application. The cost to rent the Hall is \$50.00 per day.

## ***Seeking Firewise Volunteers from Alden Township***

St. Louis County is and has been coordinating a Firewise awareness group to develop strategies related to Firewise Landscaping, Wildfire Safety and Preparation, Things You Can Do to Protect Your Home from Wildfire, Outdoor Fire Safety, Balsam Fir and Fire, Identify evacuation routes, A Communication Plan to Inform Township Residents, and Other to be determined

This is a greater community effort that Alden Township has been invited to participate in as a Firewise Community member. As such, we are seeking someone(s) from our township that would be willing to serve on the Firewise committee. The first meeting was held May 24, 2023, at the Duluth Town Hall. Alden Township Supervisor Helene Hedlund attended that meeting to gather preliminary information. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Helene Hedlund, [hhedlund.dl@gmail.com](mailto:hhedlund.dl@gmail.com) or call 218.834.4338 (landline).

Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate.

Helene Hedlund, Township Supervisor

## ***Township Meeting Minutes***

Township meeting minutes can be found in the Township Hall window.

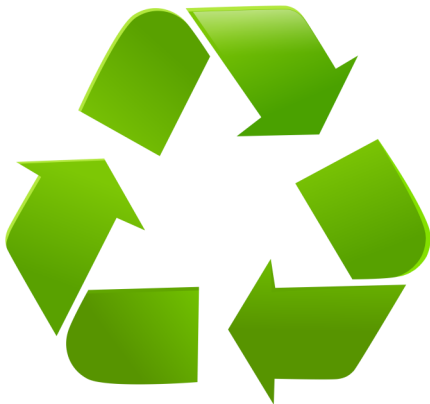
## ***Township Meetings***

Meetings take place at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Alden Township Hall. If the meeting is changed for the month for some reason, the new time will be posted in the North Shore Journal.





Fall Foliage photos from the Archives of the year 2015.



**Recycling Reminder:**

In November, the recycling center will be switching to winter hours. Winter hours run from November-March.

Tuesday morning: 7-11 am

Tuesday afternoon: 2-6 pm

Thursday afternoon: 2-6 pm

Saturday morning: 8 am-noon



## *What's in the Kitchen?*

Nicole Chatterson

### **Oven-Roasted Fresh Tomato Sauce**

This month's recipe was submitted by our Fire Department Secretary Sherri Rovig! Sherri and I were discussing my bumper crop of tomatoes this year and how I was going to process them all and she said, "I have a recipe for you!" Thank you, Sherri!

The recipe Sherry gave me included notes that the recipe is very flexible. Except for the tomatoes and garlic, other vegetables can be omitted or added, depending on what you have on hand. You can use the sauce as an appetizer over a cream cheese block with crackers, a pasta sauce, on bruschetta, or in chicken cacciatore.

Another friend who makes a similar recipe said she likes to put fewer tomatoes in the roasting pan and roast them longer so more liquid cooks off and they become caramelized. She then uses an immersion blender to blend it lightly to a catsup consistency. When she serves it, she calls it rustic catsup or gourmet catsup depending on who she's serving it to!

I am always looking for new recipes to test in my kitchen. If you have a recipe you would like to share with the community, email the Town Clerk, [townclerk@lakenet.com](mailto:townclerk@lakenet.com). Happy cooking!

### **Oven-Roasted Fresh Tomato Sauce**

#### **Ingredients**

6 lbs. +/- tomatoes (plum is good) quartered  
1 ½ cups coarsely chopped carrots (about 2—optional)  
1 ½ cups coarsely chopped celery (about 3 stalks)  
1 ½ cups coarsely chopped onions (about 2 yellow)  
1 ½ cups coarsely chopped bell pepper (about 1 large)  
9 cloves of garlic, coarsely chopped  
Balsamic vinegar— to taste  
1 ½ tablespoons each fresh thyme, oregano, dill, parsley (or 1 teaspoon dried)  
Salt— to taste  
1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper  
Olive Oil—spray or drizzle lightly over the pan's contents

#### **Instructions**

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. Put all ingredients into a large roasting pan (I used 11x 13x 2)
3. Roast for 45 minutes or until vegetables are soft
4. Process briefly to leave slightly chunky
5. Freeze in 2-cup portions. This recipe make 2 quarts.



# \*Holiday Happenings\*

## Scandinavian Christmas on the Shore

Olde World Baked Goods

**FRENCH RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 5310 RYAN RD  
 SATURDAY  
 DECEMBER 9TH  
 9 AM – 2 PM

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Soup choices: Chicken Wild Rice or Beef Barley – \$5.00  
 Sandwich choices: Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese on a Croissant – \$5.00  
 Dessert choices: White Christmas Pie, Fruit Soup, or Brownie with Lingonberries – \$5.00  
 Beverage included with each food purchase

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QUESTIONS? CALL 218.525.5659



Prizes!



**FRENCH RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 5310 RYAN ROAD  
 Sunday, November 12  
 Doors open at 5  
 Games 5:30 — 7:30 PM



Get one 50¢ game free if you bring a non-perishable food item! (one per player for the evening)

Grand Prize:  
 Gourmet  
 Turkey Dinner!

Good Eats  
 Hot Dogs  
 Sloppy Joes  
 Nachos/  
 Cheese  
 Bars  
 Pop & Coffee

GAMES 50¢ - \$1.00  
 Family Fun

Proceeds directed to  
 Two Harbors Area  
 Food Shelf  
 Event sponsored by  
 Thrivent Team in Action  
 FRLC Hospitality Committee

Greetings Duluth Township and surrounding area residents!!

The Holiday Season is fast approaching and it's time to make plans to enjoy local festival celebrations.

Julebyen 2023, Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, is the perfect way to kick off the season. This year is the 10th anniversary of the Knife River Recreation Council's Scandinavian Christmas Festival.

What will you find?

- **Indoor and Outdoor Entertainment** – Music, dances, snow sculpting, stories and more!
- **Outdoor Market** – Featuring local artisans displaying their wares from charming market huts. Jewelry, wall art, pottery... the list goes on.
- **Indoor Market** – Full of upscale and unique crafts from local artisans and crafters.
- **Homemade Scandinavian Treats** – Breads, cookies and more from JB Bakeri as well as kramkake and lefse making demonstrations. Yum!
- **Food Trucks and Booths** – Featuring unique Scandinavian fare.
- **Kids Activities** – Crafting, sledding, skating and more!
- **Two Harbor's Winter Farmer's Market.**
- **Train to Troll Canyon** – Runs Saturday and Sunday. Watch out for trolls along the way!

Check out the Julebyen webpage for more details for this incredible festival: [julebyen.org](http://julebyen.org)

The primary sponsors of the Festival are Knife River Recreation Council and Lovin' Lakes County.

SEE YOU THERE!



## Did you know?

In Minnesota in 2013, 10 percent of home fires were caused by heating devices.

Most home fires occur in the winter and peak in January.

Most Minnesota heating fires occur in fireplaces and chimneys.

## HEATING SAFETY

- **Keep portable heaters three feet from anything flammable.**
- **Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to sleep.**
- **Never use your oven to heat your home.**
- **Have your home heating system and chimney cleaned and inspected annually.**
- **Make sure your wood stove is properly installed and ventilated.**



[WWW.DULUTHTOWNSHIP.ORG](http://WWW.DULUTHTOWNSHIP.ORG)

Telephone: 218-525-5705 Email: [cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com)





### Duluth Township Information 2023

Duluth Town Hall  
6092 Homestead Road  
Duluth, MN 55804  
Phone (218) 525-5705  
(Voice message)

Email: See note below on using our  
Township website.

[www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

**Town Office Hours:** Tues. 9 am-12 pm, Wed. 9 am-2 pm,  
Thurs. 9 am-5 pm, Fri. 9 am-2 pm

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

**Supervisors:** (See website for email contacts).

**Rolf Carlson (2023-2026) 525-0375 Board Chair**  
Primary contact: Personnel, Cemetery  
Alternate: Intergovernmental Relations, Town Hall, CC Liaison/  
NSCS Foundation Board

**Penny Morton (2021-2024) 525-5443 Vice-Chair**  
Primary contact: Business Mgt, Communications, North Shore Mgt  
Board, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board  
Alternate: Personnel, Intergovernmental Relations

**Jim Ward (2022-2025) (218) 260-5689**  
Primary contact: Roads/Invasive Weeds, Public Safety  
Alternate: Arts & Heritage, North Shore Mgt Board,  
Intergovernmental Relations, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

**Stacia Grayson (2022-2025) (612) 239-2292 or 525-5705**  
Primary contact: Arts & Heritage, Materials Mgt, Town Hall  
Alternate: Cemetery, Intergovernmental Relations,  
Communications, Planning, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

**ArMand Nelson (2023-2026) (612) 247-7197**  
Primary contact: Planning  
Alternate: Intergovernmental Relations, Business Mgt, Roads/  
Invasive Weeds, Materials Mgt, Public Safety, CC  
Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

<b>Town Clerk:</b>	<b>Nicole Chatterson</b>	525-5705 (Town Hall)
<b>Deputy Clerk:</b>	<b>Hannah Jurek</b>	525-5705 (Town Hall)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Mel Peulen</b>	525-5705 (Town Hall)
<b>Attorney:</b>	<b>Scott Witty</b>	722-4766 (Office)
<b>Cemetery Sexton:</b>	<b>Molly Tillotson</b>	218-626-7005
<b>Planning Director:</b>	<b>Liz Strohmayer</b>	525-5705 (Message)
<b>Planning Secretary:</b>	<b>Beth Mullan</b>	525-5705 (Message)

**Planning Commission:** Angela Wilson (Chair), Blane Tetreault  
(Vice-Chair), Dave Meyer, Justin Osadjan, Pam West, Tony Mancuso, and  
Nathan Nesgoda

**Peace Officers:** Chief Mark Haselow, Officer Paul Johnson  
**Emergencies 911**, Messages 525-5705 or (218) 393-8407

**Clifton Volunteer Fire/EMS Department:** Chief Bob Engelson,  
Assistant Chief Mark Herman, President Jason Bruckelmyer,  
Secretary Sherry Rovig  
Email: [cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com)

**Emergency Operations Department:** Co-Directors Sherry Rovig  
and Ann Cox

**Burning Permits** are available online at: [mndnr.gov/permits](http://mndnr.gov/permits) or at  
the Clerk's Office at Town Hall (office hours), or from **Fire Wardens:**  
**Jeff & Carolyn Marino** (525-6431) or **DNR Two Harbors**, 568 Hwy 2  
(834-1418)

**Website Manager:** Hannah Jurek 525-5705 (Town Hall)

**Community Center Rental Coordinator:** Jim Salls 600-9015

#### **To Email Township Officials and Departments**

See Township website, [www.duluthtownship.org/contacts](http://www.duluthtownship.org/contacts) for a dropdown list of personnel and  
departments you can use to send emails. Note that copies of all emails go to the Town Hall for  
Township records. If the person does not have email access, your communication is sent to  
the Town Hall to be picked up. Department information is also on our website.

### Township Recycling Center

Carolyn Marino

**November-March:** Tues. 7-11 am & 2-6 pm

Thurs. 2-6 pm

Sat. 8 am-noon

**April-October:** Tues. 7-11 am & 3-7 pm

Thurs. 3-7 pm, Sat. 8 am-noon

**Located at the Town Hall, on Homestead Road**

**Household plastic bags accepted in ORANGE bin ONLY.**

**Please do not put black plastic bags, tarps, or plastic feed bags  
in the plastic bag recycle bin.**

Aluminum cans should be recycled with plastics/metal cans. Curbside  
recycling pickup service is available south of the freeway.

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



### Township Calendar

See calendar updates on [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall

#### November 2023

**November 1:** Homesteaders 12:30 pm

**November 2:** Recycling 2-6 pm

**November 4:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**November 7:** Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

**November 9:** Recycling 2-6 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

**November 11:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**November 14:** Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm

**November 15:** D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River  
Lutheran Church 7 am

**November 16:** Recycling 2-6 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

**November 18:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**November 21:** Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

**November 23:** Recycling Closed, **Happy Thanksgiving**

**November 25:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**November 28:** Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm

**November 30:** Recycling 2-6 pm

#### December 2023

**December 2:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**December 5:** Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

**December 6:** Homesteaders 12:30 pm

**December 7:** Recycling 2-6 pm

**December 9:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**December 12:** Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm

**December 14:** Recycling 2-6 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

**December 16:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**December 19:** Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

**December 20:** D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River  
Lutheran Church 7 am

**December 21:** Recycling 2-6 pm

**December 23:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**December 26:** Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm

**December 28:** Recycling 2-6 pm

**December 30:** Recycling 8 am-noon



# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

September 2023

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALDEN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS INSIDE!!

Information regarding the future of the Township's e-newsletter. Please see page 6 for more information.

If your name or address is in error or you know of someone who is not receiving a Newsletter, please send a note to the Newsletter editor by using the contact list on our website ([www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)). Extra copies are also available in the Town Hall.

## Town Services

Please check the website for any developments, updates, or changes to Town services.

**Town Clerk's Office:** Open to the public during regular office hours. If you would like, you can conduct your business via email, phone, U.S. mail, or the drop box under the public posting at the Town Hall entrance.

**Town Board Meetings:** Open to the public.

### Planning and Zoning Department

**Land Use Permits:** Submit applications and fees for Land Use Permits to the Town via email, U.S. mail, at the Clerk's Office during office hours, or in the drop box under the public posting board at the Town Hall entrance. On-site review for Land Use Permits will be conducted by the Planning Director.

**Variations and Conditional Use Permits:** Submit applications and fees for permits to the Town via email, U.S. mail, at the Clerk's Office during office hours, or put them in the drop box under the public posting at the Town Hall entrance. Hearings for the permits are open to the public, following state guidelines. Submit comments regarding applications to the Town via email or U.S. mail.

**Questions for the Planning Director:** Contact the Town Clerk.

**Police Department:** For emergencies call 911.

**Fire Department or Emergency Medical Responders:** Call 911.

**Town Roads:** See contact on Town website.

**Recycling:** Open during regular hours (posted on the Township website [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)).

**Town Hall Community Room:** Open to the public during office and recycling hours.

**Town Hall Rentals:** Contact Clerk's Office to reserve Town Hall facilities.

