

Duluth Township Newsletter

January 2025

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2025 Clifton Fire Department Calendars!!!



Please take one!!!



One per resident.

Please bring one to your neighbor, if able to!

SPREAD THE WORD!!!

CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP
HERE AT THE TOWN HALL DURING OFFICE AND
RECYCLING HOURS!



NEW
YEAR!

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 Clerk's Office and Recycling Center.

The Clerk's Office will be closed Tuesday December 31 through Wednesday, January 1, for the New Year's.

The Clerk's Office will have reduced operating hours starting in November. Office hours during this time will be:

- Tuesday: 9 am to noon
- Wednesday: 10:30 am to 2 pm
- Thursday: 9 am to 1 pm (*afternoon will be by appointment only, please call 218-525-5705 to make arrangements*)
- Friday: 9 am to noon

If you should need anything during the off hours, please feel free to call and leave a message (525-5705), or email the Town Clerk townclerk@lakenet.com or Deputy Clerk deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com.

*To see color versions of the photos in this Newsletter, visit the Town's website: www.duluthtownship.org

Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

January 8, 2025 Wednesday, 12:30 pm,
Town Hall. New Year's Celebration, potluck
and bingo. We are meeting a week later
this time as New Year's falls the week before.

February 5, 2025: Wednesday 12:30 pm,
Town Hall. Sandwiches, salads and bars.
To be announced.

March 5, 2025: Wednesday 12:30 pm,
Town Hall. Potluck with cake and ice cream
to celebrate all our years together.

Everyone is welcome!

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Dorothy Aho, Nicole Chatterson, Bob Engelson, Mark Haselow, Beth Mullan, Sherry Rovig, and
Carol Surine



Fire Department
 Bob Engelson, Chief
 Sherry Rovig, Secretary

It was a very busy year for the fire department. There were 132 calls by the end of November. The first weekend in December already had 5 calls and we are hoping things will settle down for the holidays. We are grateful for our full roster of trained responders to meet the demand.

We are waiting to hear from the DNR about our Firewise grant that will enable us to have more chipping and educational events in 2025. Our track record is helpful with good past participation and the renewal of our Firewise USA Community status. Please continue to track the hours that you spend on Firewise activities. Your efforts help us to not only secure funding, but also provides increased wildfire protection and peace of mind.

We are applying for a federal grant to purchase a new truck. If successful, we will purchase a pumper tanker that can replace both the tanker that ruptured and an older non-compliant engine.

An M1078 LMTV military surplus truck was donated that will increase our ability to reach more remote areas. Another grant is in the works to add a skid unit and wildfire fighting equipment to the donated truck.

Our fleet will be replacing the existing brush truck for another donated by MN Power. We are very grateful for their continued support. The photo shows the truck before we add the skid, other equipment, and signage.

We continue to provide free smoke alarms and wildfire assessments to our community. Please fill out the application provided and we will contact you to schedule.

If you are interested in joining our department, please contact our chief, Bob Engelson at (218)341-0707 or email cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com.



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, you can sign up for our volunteers to do the installation.** (We do not provide them for the homeowner to install, per Red Cross direction and there is also an educational component in the visit)

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, 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.



Police Department
 Mark Haselow, Chief
 Paul Johnson, Officer

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

Police Events:

October and November 2024 Incident Summary Report: Overview
 This report highlights key incidents and activities handled by law enforcement and emergency services over the past months, categorized by type.

Key Incident Categories:
Traffic Incidents: 8 reckless driving reports, 4 property damage accidents, 1 car vs. deer crash, 6 traffic warnings/citations, and 3 personal injury accidents. **Medical Emergencies:** 9 incidents, including stray animals and the car vs. deer crash. **Animal Complaints:** 6 reports, including stray animals and the car vs. deer crash. **Emergency Responses:** 5 fire alarms, 1 false burglar alarm, and 1 suspicious vehicle complaint. **Public Assistance:** 1 public assist, 4 health/welfare checks, and 8 suspicious activity reports. **Criminal Actions:** 6 civil processes, 1 fraud complaint, 5 disturbance complaints, no warrant arrests or juvenile issues. **Environmental Concerns:** 1 garbage dumping complaint, no damage to property, and 1 neighbor dispute. **Special Requests:** 26 vacation home/business checks and 4 hazard checks. **Miscellaneous Calls:** 6 unknown trouble/911 disconnects.

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:

duluthtwppolice@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).

SCHOOL BUS LIGHTS

- YELLOW FLASHING LIGHTS**
THE BUS IS PREPARING TO STOP
- RED FLASHING LIGHTS AND EXTENDED STOP ARMS**
DRIVERS MUST STOP AND WAIT THE RED LIGHTS STOP

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| SMOKE DETECTOR REQUEST | FIREWISE ASSESSMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NAME _____ | |
| ADDRESS _____ | |
| PHONE NO. _____ | |
| PREFERRED TIME TO BE CONTACTED: _____ | |
| MAIL FORM TO: CLIFTON FIRE DEPT. | |
| 6092 HOMESTEAD RD., DULUTH, MN 55804 | |



Planning Commission members: Dave Meyer, Justin Osadjan, Chair Angela Wilson, Tony Mancuso, and Nate Nesgoda.
(not pictured, Pam West and Ken Peterson)



Town Board Supervisors: Saprina Matheny, Jim Ward, Rolf Carlson (Chair), Stacia Grayson, and ArMand Nelson (Vice-Chair).

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township website: www.duluthtownship.org

October 24, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting: Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Pam West, and Tony Mancuso. Also present: Liz Strohmayer, Planning Director; and Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary.

There was not a quorum so the meeting was limited to discussions with no official decisions.

There was a discussion of driveways. An access to farmland is not considered a driveway and does not need a site entry permit from the Town or County. Otherwise, a permit from the local road authority (Town or County depending on the road) plus a driveway permit from the Town are required. Existing driveways can be improved without a permit.

There was an audience concern about some open burning that was occurring in her neighborhood. The site was one that had a variance from the DNR to burn during the burning restrictions that were in place at the time.

December 4, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting: Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Justin Osadjan, Dave Meyer, Tony Mancuso, Nate Nesgoda, and Ken Peterson. Also present: Liz Strohmayer, Planning Director; Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary; Laura Herzog, incoming Planning Secretary; and ArMand Nelson, Town Board liaison to the Planning Commission.

A public hearing was held for an extension of an interim use permit for a high-frequency short-term rental (HFSTR) on Aho Road. The rental was originally permitted in 2021 with subsequent annual extensions of the use. The owners tried a longer-term rental over the past year but had more problems with that rental than they did with the short-term rentals, so don't plan to do that again. The Town has not had any complaints about the rental, nor were there any comments submitted regarding the rental in response to the neighbor notification letter that was sent out. The owner said they continue to have a positive relationship with the only neighbor near the rental, so she felt there were no issues there.

The current Ordinance requires that in order to have a HFSTR in the Township, the owner has to reside in the home to be used for the rental for at least nine months per year. In addition, the rental is limited to 60 rental days per year. There was discussion about whether it was reasonable to try to bring these older HFSTRs into closer compliance with the current Ordinance. The Ordinance also states that if the Town's zoning regulations change and render the use non-conforming, the Town has the option of not renewing the permit. The Commission agreed that it would not be reasonable to use this language to terminate a permit without giving the owner notice of that intention. They also felt that existing HFSTRs granted under a previous Ordinance, that have operated without problems, should not necessarily be penalized with new restrictions. The Commission voted unanimously to extend the interim use for a year at their current rental level of 120 days per year.

St Louis County has adopted an ordinance pertaining to cannabis in the County. The ordinance states specifically that it does not cover any city or town in which the city or town exercises planning and zoning authority. Consequently, the Town needs to decide whether to draft its own ordinance regarding cannabis or if its current Ordinance language concerning commercial uses in the Town is adequate, at least until State and County regulation becomes clearer. Angela had had had conversations with one of the St Louis County attorneys involved in drafting the County ordinance. It was agreed that the Commission would review the issue at the January meeting.

There was a brief discussion on HFSTRs. There was a question of allowing more of them in the Township.

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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

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

October 10, 2024, Town Board Meeting: The meeting began at 6:31 p.m. with Supervisors Rolf Carlson, ArMand Nelson, Stacia Grayson, and Jim Ward present. Saprina Matheny was absent. Various department heads were also in attendance. **Minutes Approval:** The September Town Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously. The minutes for the Sievert variance appeal hearing were also approved, with ArMand abstaining. The findings of fact for the Sievert appeal were approved unanimously. **Agenda Approval:** The agenda was approved with an addition to include the findings of fact under the approval of minutes. **Finances:** The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$739,996.17, deposits of \$3,936.93, and expenses of \$56,528.11, leaving an ending balance of \$687,404.99. The financial statement and payroll were approved. **Public Comment:** No public comment was made.

Department Reports:

Police: Quotes for cleanup at the England Road property were discussed, and concerns about the junk car ordinance and its applicability were raised. The MPCA may need to be involved if environmental harm is confirmed. **Fire:** The Fire Department is considering purchasing a used truck from the Two Harbors Fire Department. The Harvest Dinner event will be held on Saturday. A department member, Kelsey, has been successful in securing grants and purchasing rescue equipment. **Planning and Zoning:** The search for a new Planning Secretary is ongoing. ArMand reviewed MS4 consulting options and recommended SCH for their experience. No public hearings were held in October, and Liz sent out thirteen letters, with responses from all but one recipient. **Legal:** No updates were reported. **Roads:** Snow removal contracts were finalized with JBL for Mace and England Roads and the Town Hall parking lot. County concerns about snow plowing on certain roads will be addressed. The Torgeson Road turnaround project is halfway completed. **Town Hall:** The parking lot light needs adjustment, and Jim will contact BZ Electric. The water heater requires servicing, and a motion was passed to authorize up to \$500 for maintenance.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): The ramp project is expected to be completed by Friday, and a meeting will be held to discuss the kitchen project. Funds must be allocated by the end of the year. **Materials Management:** A resident expressed interest in being available on an "on-call" basis for the program. **Cemetery:** No updates were provided. **Communications:** Hannah is working on the newsletter, which will include additional pages. The website transition is nearly complete. ArMand will draft an article about Waste Management, pending feedback from other garbage service providers. **Personnel:** No updates were provided. **Supervisor Report:** ArMand reported no DAT or SCLAT meetings. Saprina, though absent, provided a report on a meeting with the City of Duluth. The City wants Duluth Township to take over maintenance of Stoney Point, as they do not have the capacity to manage it. Coastal program grants are available for signage. **Old Business:** No old business was discussed. **New Business:** No new business was presented.

November 14, 2024, Town Board Meeting: Meeting started at 6:33 p.m. with Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Stacia Grayson, Saprina Matheny, and Jim Ward present. ArMand Nelson was absent. Various department heads were also in attendance.

Minutes Approval: The minutes were approved with the removal of the potential cost of a fire truck under the Fire Department section.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved as written.

Finances: The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$687,404.99, deposits of \$3,915.91, and expenses of \$64,841.89, leaving an ending balance of \$626,479.01. The financial statement and payroll were approved.

Public Comment: No public comments were made.

Department Reports:

Police: Work on the union contract renewal is ongoing. **Fire:** Waste Management failed to pick up trash, leading to possible collection agency involvement. The department is working with a grant writer for a new engine grant that requires a 5% match. **Planning and Zoning:** A review of the "Welcome to Duluth Township" pamphlet was discussed, and the Planning Commission will update it. A letter was sent to the Sieverts for multiple violations, and the Town Board agreed to hire MS4 consulting firm SEH. *(continued on page 4)*

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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Some felt it was clear from community meetings that the community generally did not want HFSTRs in their neighborhoods. Also, the St Louis County regulation not allowing an accessory dwelling to be used as a rental was considered unnecessary and potentially hampered housing availability. In addition, using an accessory dwelling as a short-term rental would not pull housing from the overall stock and could be allowed as a hosted short-term rental.

Liz reported that a property on Lake Superior had started construction and clearing without permits. They need a land use permit, a land disturbance permit, and a vegetation management plan that includes replacing vegetation they have removed. She is working with them to sort everything out. In the meantime, they have put a silt fence up between the site and the lake.

The Town is hiring a consultant to help update the Stormwater Ordinance and bring the Town's MS4 reporting up to date.

Liz and Saprina Matheny from the Town Board met with City of Duluth regarding the Congdon Trust land in the Township. They had a productive meeting and the City is open to a MOU with the Township regarding stewardship of the land

Summary of Town Board Meeting Minutes

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Legal: No updates. **Roads:** The Torgeson Road project is nearing completion, and snow plowing contracts were updated for the 2024-2025 season. **Town Hall:** CPR and AED training for residents will be sponsored by the Victory Fund. Election turnout was high, with 1,146 ballots cast. A resolution in support of a DNSSD candidate was passed.

ARPA Fund: Two bids for a kitchen project were reviewed, and ASU was selected for \$19,000. Additionally, appliances were approved for purchase for up to \$7,500. The Clerk and Treasurer were authorized to purchase the appliances. **Materials Management:** A backup recycling attendant will be advertised in the next newsletter. **Cemetery:** Buckthorn issues will be addressed in the spring. **Communications:** A new law requires municipalities managing absentee voting to have a .gov website. The Clerk will work on this project.

Supervisor Reports:

Congdon Trust Land: A motion passed to spend up to \$2,000 in legal fees for an MOU with the City of Duluth for the Township to steward the Congdon Trust Land. **NSCR Funding:** The Township will provide \$5,000 for 2025 upon receiving a budget from NSCR and will then dissolve the MOU, creating a new recreation funding process. **Personnel:** ArMand requested approval to attend the MAT Annual Conference with a budget of up to \$1,500, which was approved. The Board also hired Laura Herzog as Planning Secretary on a 90-day probationary period for up to 15 hours/week at \$16 an hour. **Old/New Business:** No old or new business was presented.

Thank You!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the Fire Department and Township volunteers who helped make the October Harvest Dinner a great success! The hall was filled with lively conversations as everyone enjoyed the delicious spaghetti with all the trimmings, along with a wide array of homemade baked goods for dessert.

We hope to see you again next October for the 2nd Annual Post-COVID Harvest Dinner!

With gratitude, Clifton Fire Department

French River Book Club

Carol Surine

For January we have chosen another Book Club in a Bag offering, The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert. Copies of the book will be available on the ledge on the right, just inside the upper door of the French River Lutheran Church. Our discussion will be on Thursday, January 16th in the Fireside Room on the lower level of the church, which is at 5310 Ryan Road. Our host is Mary Ann Sironen. If you have issues getting a copy of the book, or questions, feel free to contact Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com.



BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

Winter is here, and there's no better time to cozy up with a good book! Discover your next read at the Little Free Library located in the Community Room at

the Township Hall. Feel free to explore the selection during Town Hall and recycling hours.

We also welcome book donations! Please ensure they are in good condition, and kindly refrain from donating nonfiction books like textbooks.

Thank you, and happy reading!

What's in the Kitchen?

Nicole Chatterson

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and healthy Holiday Season with plenty of food and time with family.

The recipe I'm sharing this month comes from one of my closest friends, Lori. She first shared this with me Thanksgiving 2023 and I have been enjoying it ever since. It is delicious served with chips, crackers, veggies, or just eaten by the spoonful, there is no judgment. With this recipe you can make it as hot or as mild as you would like to. I normally will use 1-2 fresh jalapenos with the ribs and seeds removed. If you want a hotter version, you can add more jalapenos and keep more of the ribs and seeds, as that is where the heat comes from. I make this salsa in my food processor, but this can be made by hand, finely chopping all ingredients. I would also like to note that the original recipe calls for 1-2 tablespoons of freshly squeezed orange juice I typically use a couple of cutie oranges, which I normally have on hand with my littles, I peel and run both the lime and cuties through my food processor until they are completely pulverized. Usually I peel the limes with a knife as I find I lose less juice.

Of course, I have found ways to add to the recipe and now serve it with a cream cheese spread that elevates this dish. With the cream cheese spread, I measure the ingredients with my heart. For the purpose of sharing this recipe, I will give the approximate amounts, but remember, it is mostly to taste. This can be served with or without the cream cheese spread or you can use plain cream cheese as well. It is quite versatile.

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. Happy cooking!

Cranberry Salsa

Ingredients

12 ounces fresh cranberries, rinsed and drained
1/3 cup sugar
1-2 jalapenos, ribs and seeds removed, finely chopped or added to food processor
1/4 cup cilantro, finely chopped or added to food processor (optional, if you don't like cilantro don't let this discourage you from trying this)
1/4 cup green onions, finely chopped or added to food processor
1 orange for a zest of orange
1 lime for a zest of Lime
1-2 Tablespoons fresh orange juice
1-2 Tablespoons fresh lime juice

Instructions

1. Add cranberries to food processor and pulse until finely chopped. Do not puree, you want to have small pieces of cranberries. This can be done in a couple of batches to ensure they are not overly chopped.
2. Place chopped cranberries in a bowl and add sugar, stirring until combined.
3. Add jalapenos, cilantro, green onions to food processor and pulse until finely chopped. Remove any oversized pieces and chop them to size. Once completely chopped, add this to the cranberry mixture.
4. Zest orange and lime, add to cranberry mixture.
5. Peel orange and lime, remove any pith from segments and place in food processor and pulverize until there is just juice, add to cranberry mixture.
6. Stir all ingredients together, cover bowl with plastic wrap and store in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes so flavors can combine. The longer the better.
7. Serve with chips.

Cream Cheese Spread for Cranberry Salsa

Ingredients

1 8-ounce package of cream cheese, softened
2-4 Tablespoons of sugar, to taste
Orange and lime zest
1-2 drops of orange essential oil or 1 Tablespoon of fresh orange juice

Instructions

1. With a stand mixer or handheld mixer, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy.
2. Add sugar, zest, and orange essential oil, or juice. Mix until well incorporated.
3. Spread cream cheese mixture evenly on a serving platter. Top with cranberry salsa.
4. Serve and enjoy.



Bringing People Together

Chances are a hobby, interest, skill, or recreational activity that you possess is also shared by others in our North Shore neighborhood. We are seeking input in understanding the level of interest for residents to gather in social groups. Some ideas for community engagement could include games (e.g., American Mah Jongg, cribbage, other card or board games), fitness related groups, dinner clubs, day trip events, or _____ (fill in the blank with what you would like to see offered or what you would like to teach).



Come and share your thoughts during an information collection on **Tuesday, January 21, 6:00 p.m. at French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road, Duluth.** This informal meeting will help us determine if there is a need for social gatherings, what type to offer, where to offer them, and who would be likely to participate or teach/organize.

Those who cannot attend in person but are interested in sharing ideas, please contact either Jon at jluikart@outlook.com, 218.464.2625 or Sue at drjockmock@msn.com, 218.341.4181. For email correspondence, please put “Bringing People Together” in the subject line.

The North Shore community has much to offer—let’s get together!

Reminder: Township Elections – March 11, 2025

Don’t forget to come out and vote in the Township Elections on March 11, 2025!

Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Town Hall.

The Annual Meeting will immediately follow the closing of the polls.

Make your voice heard – vote!

Absentee voting is February 7, 2025– March 10, 2025



Are you interested in local government? Would you like to be a voice for our residents of the Township? This March, elections will be held for 2 Town Board Supervisor positions on the 5-member Town Board of Duluth Township. If you are interested, please look below for more information:

Notice of Filing for Township Election

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Duluth Township, that filing for town office will be held for a two-week period beginning Tuesday, December 31, 2024, to 5:00 pm to January 14, 2025.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk at the Duluth Township Hall, 6092 Homestead Road Duluth, MN 55804, during regular business hours from December 31, 2024, to January 14, 2025. A filing fee of \$2.00 will be accepted at this time.

Filing will close on January 14, 2025, at 5:00 pm. The Town Clerk’s office will be open Tuesday, January 14, 2025, as per MN Statute §205.13, subd 1a, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Offices to be filled at the March Annual election are:

2 Supervisor Positions for 3-year terms.



Did you know?

Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles.

The three leading causes of Minnesota fires are all holiday staples: Cooking, heating and open flames.

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

WINTER HOLIDAY SAFETY

- Use flameless candles when decorating for the holidays.
- Make sure exit paths and exits are clear of holiday decorations and clutter.
- Cooking for a holiday gathering? Never leave food cooking on the stove unattended.
- Keep a timer with you when baking in the oven so you don't lose track of time; check on items in the oven frequently.



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445 Minnesota St., Suite 145, St. Paul, MN 55101

Telephone: 651-201-7200

Fax: 651-215-0525

Candlelight Ski

2/7/25

Korkki Nordic Ski

Located just three miles off Highway 61 between Duluth and Two Harbors, Korkki Nordic is a classic ski center with 11k of beautiful trails.

Proceeds from this event benefit the North Shore Community School Endowment Fund.



6:00 - 8:00 pm

Tickets are \$25 per person, \$10 for children *cash or check only*

- Ski the 1.5 candlelit kilometer Dorothy loop.
- Gather around the campfire.
- Eat soup and bread from The New Scenic Cafe.

Dozens of raffle items including beautiful local art, themed gift baskets, and a one-night stay at Cove Point in Beaver Bay.

New Year's Word Search

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F R I E N D S Y A S R I L A H
N E Y S E R T I E M O W B L C
B S I L Y F A E N E I Y A E O
N O C R N V N V E Y D L B N U
A L D C L O C K L T I E Y D N
R U V E W M I D N I G H T A T
V T O A S T W S N O L Y I R D
G I A N I N G S E V E U A R O
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BABY

BALL

CALENDAR

CELEBRATION

CLOCK

CONFETTI

COUNTDOWN

EVE

FAMILY

FRIENDS

HAPPY

JANUARY

MIDNIGHT

NEW YEAR

NOISEMAKER

PARTY

RESOLUTION

TOAST



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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 and on page 11 of this Newsletter.

Estate planning should not be stressful!

Gunnar Johnson at Overom Law is here to help you

create an estate plan that is right for you.

Call Gunnar today at 218-625-8461 to schedule your free consultation.

Overom Law

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7002 App Rd.
Two Harbors

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www.solfedfarm.com

solfedfarm@gmail.com

Paid Advertisement

For our Township youth: Advertise for **FREE!** Any youth seeking work or **Township residents** needing help with various jobs suitable for youth (babysitting, lawn and garden maintenance, house cleaning, etc.) can submit an ad by email, by phone, or by dropping it off at the Town Hall to be published in the next edition of the Newsletter. We've had calls looking for workers!

The deadline for the next Newsletter is February 19, 2024. Call 525-5705 or email deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com.



Duluth Township Information 2024

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

Town Office Hours: Tues. 9 am-12 pm, Wed. 10 am-2 pm,
Thurs. 9 am-2 pm, Fri. 9 am-12 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, NSCS
Foundation Board

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

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

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

Saprina Matheny (2024-2027) (715) 296-9429
Primary contact: Business Mgt, CC Liaison
Alternate: Personnel, Intergovernmental Relations, North Shore Mgt
Board, NSCS Foundation Board, Communications

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

Planning Commission: **Angela Wilson** (Chair), **Dave Meyer**, **Justin Osadjan**,
Pam West, **Tony Mancuso**, **Nathan Nesgoda**, and **Ken Peterson**

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 Ken Peterson**,
Secretary Sherry Rovig
Email: cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com

Emergency Operations Department: **ArMand Nelson**

Burning Permits are available online at: 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

Township Historian: **Dwyane Madison**

To Email Township Officials and Departments

See Township website, 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

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall

January 2025

January 2: Recycling 2-6 pm
January 4: Recycling 8 am-noon
January 7: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm
January 8: Homesteaders 12:30 pm
January 9: Recycling 2-6 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm
January 11: Recycling 8 am-noon
January 14: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm
January 15: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River Lutheran Church 7 am
January 16: Recycling 2-6 pm Recycling
January 18: Recycling 8 am-noon
January 21: 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm
January 23: Recycling 2-6 pm, Planning Commission meeting 6:30 pm
January 25: Recycling 8 am-noon
January 28: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm
January 30: Recycling 2-6 pm

February 2025

February 1: Recycling 8 am-noon
February 4: Recycling 7-11 am, Recycling 2-6 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm
February 5: Homesteaders 12:30 pm
February 6: Recycling 2-6 pm
February 8: Recycling 8 am-noon
February 11: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm
February 13: Recycling 2-6 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm
February 15: Recycling 8 am-noon pm
February 18: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7
February 19: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River Lutheran Church 7 am
February 20: Recycling 2-6 pm, Planning Commission meeting 6:30 pm
February 22: Recycling 8 am-noon
February 25: Recycling 7-11 am 2-6 pm
February 27: Recycling 2-6 pm

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

January 2025

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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 and other 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.

Variances 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).

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.

Palmers Lakeview Cemetery: Contact Molly Tillotson, Cemetery Sexton, at 218-626-7005 or the Town Clerk for more information.

