

Duluth Township Newsletter

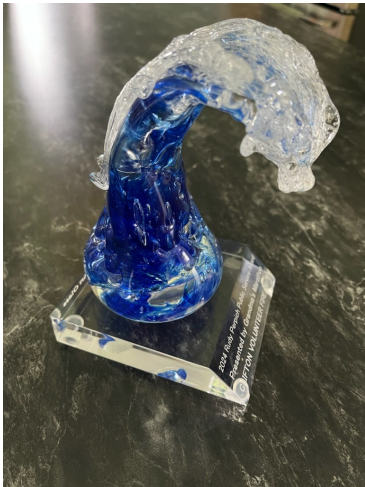
July 2024

Township website: www.duluthtownship.org



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The Clifton Volunteer Fire Department, along with Father John Petrich, were honored to receive the 2024 Rudy Perpich Public Service Award for their volunteer services over the years during Grandma's Marathon. Members of the Department have been volunteering at the race for over 20 years. Along with their other efforts, the Department has, over the past five years, taken on two medical tents along the racecourse. Their presence

and expertise has greatly enhanced the safety of thousands of runners each year.

Created in 2006 and named after the late Minnesota Governor Rudy Perpich, this award honors and celebrates current or former elected officials and public employees who have exhibited immense dedication and service to Grandma's Marathon.

Congratulations to our hard working Volunteer Fire Department and to Father John Petrich!

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

2024 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!



Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

July 10, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm. Annual Picnic of chicken dinner for us.

August 7, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm. To be announced.

Sandwiches, salads, and bars

September 4, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm. The famous Two Harbors Ukulele group. Sandwiches, salads, and bars

Everyone is welcome!

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

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



Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Chief
Sherry Rovig, Secretary



Police Department

Mark Haselow, Chief
Paul Johnson, Officer

We have had a busy year so far, with over 75 emergency calls as of mid-June. Along with answering calls, our responders have kept busy with continued training and taking care of our halls, vehicles, and equipment. One of our current challenges is aging vehicles and a concerted search is underway for replacement of a tender and the brush truck. We are hoping to receive a donated truck that we can convert to our use as a brush truck. We should be able to outfit the donated truck with much of our existing equipment.

Our neighbor, Normanna Fire Department, joined us for auto extrication training at our hall in June. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn from each other and become familiar with their personnel and their equipment. Our mutual aid partners make our communities safer.

By the time this newsletter is read, we will have hosted another Firewise Demonstration event at our Town Hall on June 29. St. Louis Firewise Coordinator, Gloria Erickson, will have explained what homeowners can do to help reduce their risk, and local contractor, Archie Abrahamson, with his mulcher, will have demonstrated one approach to clearing and reducing the fuel load in our woods. **Our next chipper days will be Sept. 18-21**, so take advantage of the opportunity and clear some of those dead balsams!

We will have a free demonstration about biochar and using a flame-top kiln on August 24 (see included flyer). This is another method of dealing with our accumulated woody debris that results in a beneficial product.

Part of our Firewise USA commitment is to log the hours that our community spends on risk reduction activities. You can help us out by recording and reporting the time you spend on these efforts. We will be collecting the information in the fall.

We continue to offer free Firewise assessments as well as free smoke alarms. Fill out the simple application or send us an email with your request.

Our department is strong but can always use good candidates for membership. We have several members who are likely to retire and we welcome newcomers who bring the same passion for community service. Contact us at (218)525-9240 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 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 cliftonfire-department@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

Police Events:

For the months of April 2024 and May 2024, there were 110 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 38 requests for checks on homes or businesses, 15 medical emergencies, and 7 civil processes. There were 6 reports of fire alarms, 6 attempts to locate careless drivers, and 5 disturbance complaints. There were 4 reports of animal complaints and 4 unknown trouble complaints. There were 3 reports of each of the following: burglar alarms, child neglect, traffic related warnings/citations, and car vs. deer crashes. There were 2 reports of fraud complaints and 2 reports of suspicious activity. And finally there was 1 report of each of the following: property damage accident, health/welfare check, suspicious vehicle complaint, arrest warrant, hazard check, personal injury accident, neighbor trouble, damage to property, and motorist assist.

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.

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: 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

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

April 25, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.

Commission members present: Blane Tetreault, Pam West, Tony Mancuso, Nathan Nesgoda, and Justin Osadjan. Also present: Liz Strohmayer, Planning Director; Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary; and ArMand Nelson, Town Board liaison to the Planning Commission.

A public hearing was held for a variance request from the minimum lot size for a commercial use in a non-commercial zone district for a café on a property located between 5923 and 5950 North Shore Drive. The minimum lot size for a commercial use in this land use district is 4 acres. The lot for the proposed use was 3.76 acres, requiring a variance of .24 acres. In addition, the lot is split in half by the railroad and Old North Shore Road and has North Shore Drive across it on the southern edge. The applicant planned to purchase the lot pending the outcome of the hearings.

Numerous members of the public were present to comment on the proposal and nearly all of the comments were in opposition to the project in the proposed location. Among the reasons were that it didn't fit the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, there are commercial properties available that are more appropriate, it doesn't fit the neighborhood, there have been a number of restaurants in the Township that closed recently, leaving vacant business buildings, and the property is not big enough for a business like that proposed. Most felt that the property should be treated as two separate parcels since it was divided by the railroad and Old North Shore Road and was thus very limited in the area that could accommodate the business.

A neighbor in the audience provided the Commission with a registered survey showing that the lot was over 4 acres. The Commission inspected the survey and moved to accept it. This negated the need for a variance for lot size and the hearing was terminated.

Given the neighborhood comments on the variance, the scheduled public hearing for a conditional use for the café on the property was postponed to May to give the applicant more time to talk to the neighbors.

A property on Paul Road was discussed. The current owners would like to put an addition on the home. The home was built closer to the river and much larger than was permitted by the previous owner. The Commission agreed that the current owners were not responsible for those infractions but expanding the home would not be appropriate given the circumstances.

It was reported that a gravel pit operating out of Alden Township appeared to be exceeding its allowed number of trucks per day, impacting residents of the Township, especially along App Rd and West Knife River Rd. It was agreed that it was a matter better addressed by the Town Board.

May 23, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.

Commission members present: Blane Tetreault, Pam West, Justin Osadjan, Tony Mancuso, Dave Meyer, and Nathan Nesgoda. Also present: Liz Strohmayer, Planning Director; Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary; and ArMand Nelson, Town Board liaison to the Planning Commission.

A public hearing was held for variances to build a home on a property at 5842 North Shore Dr. The variance requests were for a 14 ft variance from the required 110 ft setback from the road, a 5 ft variance from the required 20 ft setback from the side yard lot line and a 65 ft variance from the required 110 ft setback from Lake Superior. The property consists of two nonconforming parcels that when put together are conforming in lot size and width.

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March 14, 2024, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Jim Ward, Saprina Matheny, and ArMand Nelson. Stacia Grayson was absent. **Reports:** **Treasurer:** Beginning balance \$657,829.24, deposits \$10,920.52, expenses \$53,249.10, ending balance of \$649,107.14. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. **Public Comment:** Sue Lawson was in the audience and talked to the Board regarding light pollution, making reference to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Ordinance. **Police:** All is quiet. **Fire:** The gas boiler at the Fire Hall needs to be replaced. **Planning:** A position has opened up on the Planning Commission. May will be the last meeting for the resigning member. Scott Witty sent out two letters this month; the individuals have until the end of May to resolve the issues cited. **Roads:** Bob has been out grading between rain events. Greenwood Road still needs to be graded. The Torgeson Road residents have received the final paperwork for the turnaround. The Board will need to meet to accept the dedication within 10 days of their signing of the document. **Town Hall:** The Board will make sure that the exterior lighting is in compliance with the Ordinance. Nicole will talk to CLP regarding a shield for the parking lot lights. There were two bids presented for a lighting upgrade to the Town Hall. The existing lighting will be updated with retro-fitted LED lights. ArMand moved to approve Wolf Track for up to \$9,500.00 to replace interior lighting with LED lights and to make sure the outdoor lighting is dark sky compliant, to be paid out of the capital improvement fund. Seconded by Saprina. Motion passed. It was also mentioned that the floors in the Main Hall need to be refinished. Quotes will be presented at the next meeting. **Emergency Management:** The Town Board needs to approve a new director of the group. The Emergency Management group recommended that ArMand be director. Saprina moved to accept the Emergency Management group's recommendation that ArMand Nelson be appointed as the Township's Emergency Management Director. Seconded by Jim. Motion passed with ArMand abstaining. **Personnel:** Rolf, Saprina, and Nicole will meet to discuss Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST) for salaried employees. Saprina also wants to review personnel policies.

April 11, 2024, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Saprina Matheny, Jim Ward, ArMand Nelson, and Stacia Grayson. **Reports:** **Treasurer:** Beginning balance \$687,082.34, deposits \$29,797.50, expenses \$56,008.54, ending balance of \$674,824.20. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. **Public Comment:** George Sundstrom was in the audience. He wanted to thank the Town Board for purchasing the Ceremonial Bugle that he requested at the last meeting. Nathan Nesgoda was in the audience as well, asking for an update on the Torgeson Road turnaround. Jim responded by saying all the paperwork has been submitted and we are waiting on a response. He will reach out next week for an update. **Program of Work:** ArMand moved to approve the program of work. Saprina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (*The program of work can be found on our website.*) **Police:** Mark gave the Board an update on the mess at the house on E. Shilhon Road. He let them know that the County does have a program where they bring in a dumpster for the landowner to use to clean up, but it's only for people who want the help. **Fire:** Not much to report. The tender was picked up and hauled away. The department did receive money from the insurance company and are currently shopping for a replacement. Alden should be sending their share of the fire aid.

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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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The current owners purchased the property in 1999 with the intention of eventually building a home for themselves on it. There is an existing cabin on the property that is in disrepair and probably not able to be rehabilitated. It is very close to the lake. The DNR sent a letter to the Commission recommending that the variances be denied. They had recommendations regarding placement of the home if the Commission decided to consider alternate variances.

A letter was received from a neighbor in opposition to the variances. There were no additional comments on the proposed variances in writing or in person. Commission members expressed concerns over the proximity of the home to the lake and the size of the structure. Some felt that the home site could reasonably be situated further in on the lot where there was more room and the variances from the lake and road could be reduced.

A motion was made to approve the alternate variances for the home as proposed by the DNR: the road setback at 76 ft, and the lake setback at 55 ft, and the 5 ft setback for the side yard as applied for. The motion failed, not meeting two of the necessary criteria.

The conditional use application for the café on North Shore Drive had been withdrawn.

In other business, it was Blane's last meeting. The Commission and Planning staff thanked him for his years and service on the Commission.

Planning Commission Vacancy

The Planning Commission is a 7-member board that guides the implementation of the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan. No special qualifications are necessary to serve on the Commission other than an interest in the Township's future and a willingness to serve. Commission members terms are 3 years. The Commission holds regular monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month, with occasional special meetings as the need arises. Commission members receive a per-meeting stipend.

Interested residents should submit a letter of interest including relevant past experience by May 31, 2024. You may submit your letter by dropping it off during Town Hall office hours, dropping it in the white box outside the Town offices entrance, mailing it to 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or by emailing it to town-clerk@lakenet.com.

If you have questions, leave a message for the Planning Director at the Town Hall, 525-5705.



**BOOK EXCHANGE
UPDATE**

JoVanna Balquier

Summer is in full swing and there is no better time to get lost in a good book! Find your next read at the little free library located in the community room of the Town Hall. The library is open during Township and recycling hours. Donations are always welcome! We kindly ask that only books are donated and that they are in good condition. Thank you and happy reading!

*Summary of Town Board Meeting Minutes
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Planning: There were 3 public hearings in March, an interim use and two variance requests. The Commission granted all three requests. There will be two public hearings in April, one for a commercial CUP and one for a commercial variance. Busy season continues to be under way. Kathy resigned from her position as Planning Assistant/Secretary due to an unanticipated conflict in the amount of time she could dedicate to the position. At this time Beth has agreed to continue on. Because of the extra time needed to train a replacement, she would rather not post the position until the business of summer permit applications slows down and/or we have more time to do some critical thinking around this role and finding a replacement. That said, if the right person comes along over the summer, Beth is willing to train them. **Roads:** Jim looked into the buckthorn program, but it filled up very quickly. He's still looking to schedule something in early June. The roads are still in fairly good shape; winter was kind to them. **Town Hall:** Stacia received an email from Nicole at the end of March stating that Murph noticed a leak, rusting, and a slight propane smell from the furnace. Nicole sent Stacia two quotes, one from Murph and one from Belknap. It was decided that the furnace should be replaced and that it will come out the capital improvement fund. ArMand made the motion to accept Murph's bid using funds from the capital improvement fund. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed unanimously.



French River Book Club

Carol Surine

For July, the club has chosen I Found You by Lisa Jewel. This is a Book Club in a Bag offering, and the books should be available by Wednesday, June 26, on the ledge to the right of the upper doors at French River Lutheran Church. Please be aware that the nature preschool may be in session, so try not to disrupt. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 18 at 7 PM in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. The lower doors will be open at meeting time. Our host will be Carolyn Marino.

If you have questions or difficulty getting a book, contact Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com.



FREE BIOCHAR DEMONSTRATION

Clifton Fire Department
2146 Old North Shore Rd. Duluth, MN 55804

1:00PM - 3:00PM | AUGUST 24th

Join us for a hands-on Biochar Demonstration, rain or shine! Discover the benefits of biochar for soil health and sustainability. Compare different equipment and learn how to create biochar using a flame-capped kiln. Find out how biochar production can help with fuel reduction, controlling invasive species like buckthorn, and cleaning up storm damage. Don't forget to bring a bucket to take home some free biochar!

Sponsors:



CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF BIOCHAR?

Join the Carlton SWCD for the Biochar as a Soil Health Amendment Field Day on August 29th. Learn more at <https://carltonswcd.org/>

Thank you to the Carlton SWCD for sponsoring this event and donating the equipment.

The work upon which this project is based was funded in whole or in part through a grant awarded by USDA Forest Service Wood Innovations (23-DG-11094200-453). This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

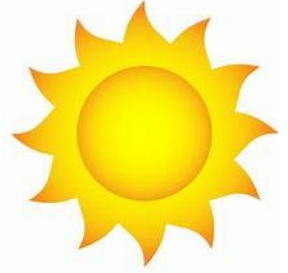
What's in the Kitchen?

Nicole Chatterson

"If summer had one defining scent, it'd definitely be the smell of barbecue." – Katie Lee, Judge on Iron Chef

Summer has arrived! Now that our long-anticipated shortest but favorite season is finally here, we can tend to our gardens, make batches of strawberry rhubarb crisp (or strawberry rhubarb anything, as the options are unending), and gather with friends and family for summer barbecues. Among all the amazing scents of summer like fresh cut grass and blooming lilacs, is the distinct smell of barbecue. That simple smell of the briquettes firing up on a warm summer evening will make any stomach grumble in anticipation of a delicious meal to come. As I have mentioned in previous summer editions, my family will cook most of our meals at the barbeque as we spend most days outside and have no desire to be cooped up in the kitchen on a beautiful summer evening. I will prepare parts of the dinner early in the morning, before the sun has an opportunity to heat up the house. For this recipe, I will make the salsa and have the pork chops dry rubbed at this time. One thing to note is that I will make sure to pull the chops from the refrigerator at least twenty minutes before I grill to allow the meat to come to temperature.

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!



Peach Salsa and Dry Rub Pork Chops

Salsa

Ingredients

- ¼ cup fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon pure honey
- ½ small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 bell pepper, finely diced
- Salt
- 1-2 tomatoes, diced
- 2-3 ripe peaches, chopped
- ½ bunch cilantro, chopped
- 1-2 jalapeno, seeds and ribs removed, optional

Instructions

1. Wisk together lime juice and honey in a bowl.
2. Add onion and peppers, and season with salt.
3. Let stand for at least 5 minutes.
4. Add peaches, tomatoes, and cilantro. Add jalapeno if desired. Stir to combine. Let salsa rest for an hour or more.
5. Serve over dry rub pork chops or with chips as a side.



Dry Rub Pork Chops

Ingredients

- 4 pork chops
- ¼ cup dark brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon coarse kosher salt or sub for seasoning salt
- 2 teaspoons cracked black pepper
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard
- ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Instructions

1. Make the rub by combining all of the dry ingredients.
2. Prepare the pork chops by rubbing the seasoning mixture into the meat on all sides.
3. Let meat rest for an hour.
4. Prepare grill. If using a gas grill, preheat to a medium-high heat, around 400 degrees F. If preparing a briquette style grill, keep briquettes to one side to allow for indirect grilling.
5. Sear meat over the hottest part of grill for 2-3 minutes on each side.
6. Move chops to the indirect heat side of the grill and continue to cook for 5-6 minutes per side or until the internal temperature of the pork chops reaches 145 degrees F.
7. Once the chops reach the appropriate temperature, remove from the grill and let rest for 5-6 minutes before slicing.
8. Serve with the peach salsa.

The Primary Election is coming up on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. The polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm at the Town Hall. Come on down to vote. Remember, for the Primary Election you must vote for one party only on the ballot or your ballot will be spoiled. See a sample ballot here: <https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/>



There will be a Public Accuracy Test for our voting machines on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 10:00 am at the Town Hall.

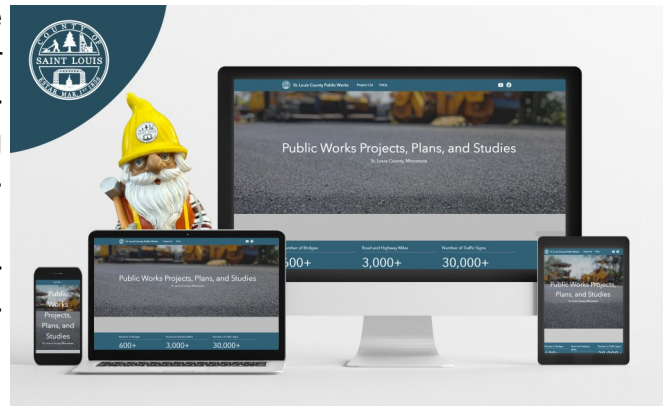
Did you know you can preregister to vote? If you are not registered to vote in Duluth Township, you can visit the Secretary of State website for more information:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/>

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Town Clerk's Office at 218-525-5705.

Want to be up-to-date on St. Louis County road work?

St. Louis County is always working to maintain the roads, bridges, and infrastructure that is used by our citizens every day. At times, new construction is necessary or is found to be a better option than maintaining roads that have lived their life. This is an ongoing process and there is funding for projects every year. St. Louis County does its best to provide the most accurate information regarding current and upcoming projects so citizens can plan appropriately.



Check out the Public Works website:

<https://engage.stlouiscountymn.gov/>

Attention residents!

Are you and/or a loved one celebrating a milestone birthday or an anniversary? Are you welcoming a new baby to your family, or wanting to remember the amazing life of a passed loved one? Celebrating retirement or a big promotion? The *Duluth Township Newsletter* is a great place to share and recognize your loved ones.

Please send their picture, name, and a brief description of the celebration to the Deputy Clerk: deputyclerkduluthtpw@gmail.com or drop them off at the Town Hall during office hours.

FRENCH RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH
5310 RYAN RD

* Celebrating 100 years! *

AUG	TUE 6	Neighborhood Night Out @5:00pm
AUG	WED 14	Campfire Worship @6:00pm
AUG	WED 21	Music under the Timberkyrka @6:00pm
AUG	WED 28	Family Fun Night @6:00pm (Bike parade & rodeo)
SEP	SAT 7	Celebration Dinner & Program - RSVP required -
SEP	SUN 8	Celebration Worship @10:00am
SEP	SUN 22	Rally Sunday! @10:00am

WWW.FRENCHRIVERLUTHERAN.ORG



Please join French River Lutheran Church as we celebrate 100 years in ministry in 2024! More details can be found on our website and Facebook page. Hope to see you there! All are welcome!



WWW.FRENCHRIVERLUTHERAN.ORG

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 9 of this Newsletter.



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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 August 14, 2024. Call 525-5705 or email deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com.

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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Two Harbors Area Food Shelf



Our Mission: To reduce hunger and improve the health of those in need.

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County residents.

Food Distribution on Tuesdays
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Call 218-391-8191 with any
questions.



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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. 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, NSCS
Foundation Board

ArMand Nelson (2023-2026) (612) 247-7197 **Vice-Chair**
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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

<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), 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 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

July 2024

July 2: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

July 3: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

July 4: Recycling 3-7 pm

July 6: Recycling 8 am-noon

July 9: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

July 11: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

July 13: Recycling 8 am-noon

July 16: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

July 17: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River
Lutheran Church 7 am

July 18: Recycling 3-7 pm

July 20: Recycling 8 am-noon

July 23: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

July 25: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm

July 27: Recycling 8 am-noon

July 30: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

August 2024

August 1: Recycling 3-7 pm

August 3: Recycling 8 am-noon

August 6: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

August 7: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

August 8: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

August 10: Recycling 8 am-noon

August 13: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; **Primary Election Polls open**
7am- 8pm

August 15: Recycling 3-7 pm

August 17: Recycling 8 am-noon

August 20: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

August 21: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River
Lutheran Church 7 am

August 22: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm

August 24: Recycling 8 am-noon

August 27: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

August 29: Recycling 3-7 pm

August 31: Recycling 8 am-noon

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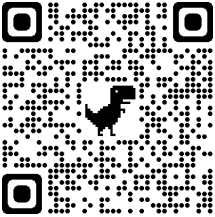
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Town Services

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 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).

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.