

Duluth Township Newsletter

July 2025

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Come on Home!
PARTY

August 9, 2025

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

DULUTH TOWN HALL

**6092 Homestead Road
Duluth, MN 55804**

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

Celebrate community, connection, and good times with friends, family, and neighbors. Enjoy food, fun, and friendly faces!

Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

July 9, 2025: Wednesday 12:30 pm.

Our Annual Picnic & Bingo.

TAKE NOTE: WE ARE MEETING THE 2ND WEDNESDAY THIS MONTH.

August 6, 2025: Wednesday 12:30 pm,

Town Hall. Sandwiches, salads, and bars.

Talented Glen Laspi with his acoustic guitar.

September 3, 2025: Wednesday 12:30 pm,

Town Hall. Sandwiches, salads, and bars.

The great Two Harbors Ukulele Group.

October 1, 2025: Wednesday 12:30 pm,

Town Hall. Sandwiches, salads, and bars.

Royal Miller playing his accordion with old time and Finnish music.

Everyone is welcome!



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

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

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



Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Chief
Sherry Rovig, Secretary



Police Department

Mark Haselow, Chief
Paul Johnson, Officer

Our department has responded to 64 calls as of the end of May, including assisting with the larger wildfires in the Brimson area. The dry spring season and abundance of ready fuel from the spruce budworm outbreak makes for a tense wildfire season. The standing dead and fallen conifers continue to bring higher fire risk, even with green up.

Please refer to the local fire wardens, DNR office, or DNR website: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/index.html> for resources and information about burning permits.

We are grateful for all of the support that we receive. The French River Lutheran Church and other community members sent food and water to help with fighting the wildfires. Cooperative Light and Power has, once again, provided funding through their "round-up" grants. This time for a gas meter to help us identify and locate gas leaks. The Duluth Fire Department gifted us 2 saws they were no longer using.

We also receive grant funds from the state for training and Firewise activities. We hosted a chainsaw safety training in May; 19 department members participated in wildland online and field training; and we are sponsoring Chipper Days June 18-21.

There has been a delay in federal grant funding, but we recently learned that a grant from the Dept. of Interior was approved to convert the donated Stewart and Stevenson Military M1078 Chassis to a fast attack and wildland vehicle. The funds will go toward the purchase of the needed skid unit.

We continue to install smoke alarms donated by the Red Cross and also provide Firewise assessments upon request. Please use the application provided to request either.

Anyone who is interested in joining our department can contact our chief, Bob Engelson, at (218)341-0707 or email cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com.

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:

April and May 2025 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.

Traffic Incidents: 9 careless driving reports, 3 property damage accidents, 5 traffic warnings/citations, and 1 motorist assistance. **Medical Emergencies:** 16 medical emergencies.

Animal Complaints: 9 reports, including stray animals and a car vs. deer crash. **Emergency Responses:** 4 fire alarms, 2 extra patrol requests, and 1 burglar alarm. **Public Assistance:** 2 public assists, 6 health/welfare checks, 1 garbage dumping, 3 child neglect reports, and 2 assists to other agencies.

Criminal Actions: 5 civil processes, 1 fraud complaint, 2 disturbance complaints, 2 neighbor troubles and 1 juvenile troubles. **Special Requests:** 37 vacation home/business checks and 2 hazard checks. **Miscellaneous Calls:** 4 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:

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).

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.

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



Planning Commission members: Dave Meyer, Justin Osadjan, former Chairmember Angela Wilson, Tony Mancuso, and Nate Nesgoda. (not pictured, Ken Peterson, Andrew Aho, and Kit Grayson)



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 24, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting. Commission members present: Justin Osadjan, Tony Mancuso, Nate Nesgoda, Dave Meyer, Ken Peterson, and Andrew Aho. Also present: Liz Strohmayr, Planning Director; Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary and Laura Herzog, incoming Planning Secretary.

A public hearing was held on a request from Joe Perrault for an extension of his interim use permit for a high-frequency short-term rental (HFSTR) in his home on North Shore Dr. The Township had received no complaints about the rental. There was no one present at the meeting to comment. The interim use met the conditions for extension and the permit was renewed for a period of two years. No conditions were applied to the permit.

Old Business – There was a complaint regarding a 2nd driveway access from County Rd 290 onto the Grumdahl window and siding business property. It was found that the driveway was a historical access and did not appear to be in current use. There was also a complaint regarding the vegetation plan for the property that had been previously approved. Liz reviewed the terms of the plan and stated that it met the requirements. The Grumdahls are now in compliance with the terms of their Conditional Use Permit and the additional requirements imposed following the clearcutting of the property.

New Business- There was a discussion on the Town's junk ordinance. The current junk ordinance is a Town Board ordinance and is enforced by the Board. Commissioners wanted to explore putting something in the Zoning Ordinance regarding blight. There was a question as to whether blight or neighborhood appearance were discussed in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

There was continued discussion on criteria for the Public / Semi-Public conditional use proposed to be added to the Ordinance.

May 22, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting. Commission members present: Justin Osadjan, Nate Nesgoda, Ken Peterson, Andrew Aho, and Kit Grayson. Also present: Liz Strohmayr, Planning Director; Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary and Laura Herzog, incoming Planning Secretary. Justin was elected Chair of the Commission and Ken was elected as Vice Chair.

Liz asked for Commission input on a property on the North Ryan Rd with a nonconforming garage. The owner wants to replace the roof trusses, altering the roofline of the garage to change the entrance to the structure. The footprint and height would remain the same but the direction of the peak of the building would change. The Ordinance allows for repair and maintenance of a nonconforming structure. Does this fall under that language or is it a more substantial change to the building that would require a variance? The Commission felt that the alteration was structural and would require a variance. Although the change may not seem that significant in this particular location, such a change could be impactful in a more populated area.

It was agreed that Justin would draft a letter to St Louis County on behalf (continued on page 4)

April 10, 2025, Town Board Meeting:

Planning Commission Interview & Appointment:

The Board interviewed Andrew Aho for a Planning Commission seat at 6:07 pm and, later in the meeting, voted unanimously to appoint him.

Meeting Overview:

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm All Supervisors were present, along with key staff and department heads.

Administrative Actions:

Minutes: Approved for March 13, 2025 (Board of Canvass & Regular Meeting).

Agenda: Approved with the addition of the Police Union Contract.

Finances: Treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$616,511.85. Payroll and claims were approved.

Program of Work & Committee Assignments:

The 2025 Program of Work was approved with one change: Saprina Matheny is now the primary liaison for the Community Center and NSCS Foundation Board. Full committee assignments were reaffirmed.

Department Highlights:

Police: The Board approved and signed the Police Union Contract with United Steelworkers. False burglar alarms were reported on the monthly update.

Fire: Spring Chipper Days funding was received. Finland was awarded the fire truck bid, but if they decline, the Township will receive it. ARPA fund usage within the department is under review.

Planning & Zoning: Work on ordinance updates continues, including cannabis business regulations. Upcoming hearings include an STR extension and a variance request for livestock in SC-1A. Les Grumdahl is now in compliance.

Roads: Road grading to start next month. New legislation means towns are no longer liable for failed pipes. Bridge inspection completed. The roads contract will be rebid; a meeting is scheduled for April 29 to review bids.

ARPA: The kitchen project is nearly finished; bids for wiring/plumbing will be reviewed soon. Required SLFRF reporting due by April 30.

Cemetery: Columbarium funding is planned for the next budget. Costs are being further researched.

Personnel: New quarterly employee reporting to the State of Minnesota is required via UIMN.org. Motion to appoint Andrew Aho to the Planning Commission was approved.

Supervisor Updates:

Congdon Trust: Saprina revised the MOU for future discussion in May.

Property Values: County Assessor reports a 5% increase in land and building values.

Old & New Business: Annual Meeting Recommendations: Supervisors accepted electors' recommendations for the official bank, newspaper, and posting sites. DNSSD support: The Board approved sending a letter of support to Congressman Stauber for funding assistance.

May 8, 2025, Town Board Meeting:

Meeting Called to Order: The regular meeting began at 6:33 pm with all supervisors (except one absence) and key staff present.

Administrative Actions:

Minutes: Both April 10 and April 29 meeting minutes were approved.

Agenda: Approved as written.

Finances: Beginning balance of \$616,511.85, ending at \$593,887.59. Payroll and claims were approved.

Public Comment:

A resident raised concerns about potentially misleading property mailings from Reelvest Properties. The Board discussed the importance of public awareness around such solicitations.

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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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of the Commission regarding St Louis County's proposed changes to their zoning ordinance. The part that the Commission objected to concerned dust control for extractive uses. The current ordinance has the pit owner responsible for dust control on gravel roads and the proposed change would make the County responsible. The Commission did not think taxpayers should be made responsible for a cost that is currently shouldered by the pit owner.

A number of updates to the Zoning Ordinance were considered. Among the proposed changes agreed on: rewriting Article VI, Shoreland Overlays, and its associated definitions for clarity and to match requirements in the North Shore Management Plan and DNR regulations; consideration of NSMP lot width requirements for shoreland; an increase in Land Disturbance Fees; and various typographic errors.

April 16 Planning Commission Meeting to Consider Updates to the Zoning Ordinance. The Commission held an open meeting outside of the regular monthly meeting to consider updates to the Zoning Ordinance. The focus of this meeting was to agree on language for the Township's Zoning Ordinance in order to meet St Louis County's requirement that Townships create their own ordinance regulating cannabis businesses.

Summary of Town Board Meeting Minutes

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Department Reports:

Police: Updated union contract wages were signed. The Board approved spending up to \$61,700 from ARPA funds to purchase and equip a new police squad car.

Fire: Lawn mowing contracts approved for the Fire Hall and Cemetery. The sealed bid fire truck went to Finland; the Township's bid check will be returned. Fire and Police Chiefs discussed ARPA fund usage and equipment priorities.

Planning & Zoning:

A variance hearing is scheduled for June; all Board members encouraged to attend. An MS4 ordinance update is expected soon from SEH. A resident submitted a letter of concern about a revegetation plan, which will be reviewed.

Roads: Road contract sent to Rodda for signature.

Town Hall: Water heater issues will be diagnosed. MATIT insurance documents under review. Septic renewal will be handled before August. Electrical and plumbing work for the dishwasher is pending coordination.

ARPA: The annual ARPA report is completed.

Cemetery: Gruff's Lawn & Service will mow the cemetery this season.

Communications: Quotes are being gathered to transition to a .gov domain.

Other Updates: Personnel & Emergency Management: No updates.

Supervisor Report: Draft of the Congdon Trust MOU reviewed. Updates to be sent to the City of Duluth.

Next updates, including the commemorative plaque and MS4 ordinance recommendations, expected at the June meeting.

French River Book Club

Carol Surine

For July we have chosen One Good Dog by Susan Wilson. This is not a Book Club in a Bag title, so you are on your own to find a copy. There are several at AbeBooks, and you may be able to find a copy in a local library. The next meeting will be at 7 PM on July 17. Our host is Carolyn Marino. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 (landline) or carolsurine@gmail.com.

BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE



"Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home."

— Anna Quindlen

If you can't get away for a summer vacation in the near future, consider the adventures to be found in reading! Thanks to community donations, we have a wide range of fiction titles available in the Little Free Library located in the community room at our Township Hall. Feel free to explore and find your next read during Clerk's Office and recycling hours.

Thank you, and happy reading!

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 18, 2025. Call 525-5705 or email deputyclerkduluthtp@gmail.com.

Our Neighbors to the North Alden News

Aly Mark

Alden Township Board Meeting 4/08/25

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Supervisors Heidi Haglin, Helene Hedlund, and Evan Sandretsky were present, along with Treasurer Meghan Cavallin and Clerk Aly Mark. No residents were present.

Approve minutes: The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Finances: Treasurer Meghan Cavallin gave her report. The general fund had a total of \$52,654.18, the road fund had \$90,346.54, the town hall fund had \$7,121.63, the fire hall fund had \$13,302.63, for a grand total of \$163,427.46. The treasurer's report was approved. Bills were presented by Cavallin, Hedlund, and Mark for a total of \$1,021.54. A motion to pay all the bills including 2 blank checks to pay CLP was approved.

Correspondence: Alden Township requested an early distribution of taxes from St. Louis County.

Committee Reports Town Hall: Town Hall was reserved April 14th for a community meeting with St. Louis County representatives. LBAE meeting was scheduled for May 8th from 1-2 PM. **Road:** Bridge reports were received from St. Louis County Public Works; Mark requested a copy to have for records. **Fire Hall:** Haglin will contact COMO gas to inquire about bills.

New Business: Reorganization Meeting Meghan Cavallin appointed Karen Kiekow as Deputy Treasurer. The Board agreed to keep meetings at the same day and time each month and to maintain publishing in the Northshore Journal, as well as in the Lake County Press for up to \$500 in costs. Alden TWP will maintain using Two Harbors Federal Credit Union as the depository. The Board doesn't wish to increase officer wages at this time but will do research on hourly wages in addition to the monthly meeting stipend for trainings; discussion will resume at the May Board meeting. The Board voted to maintain duties as listed: Town Hall Helene Hedlund, Fire Hall Heidi Haglin, Roads Evan Sandretsky. The Chair of Supervisors is currently Helene Hedlund and she will maintain that position. Motion was passed for resolution that check signers be designated as: Aly Mark as Clerk, Pat Berger as Deputy Clerk, Meghan Cavallin as Treasurer, Karen Kiekow as Deputy Treasurer, and Helene Hedlund as chairman and will maintain 3 required signers. The Board clarified that the Board of Supervisors does *not* follow Robert's Rules of Order. **Old Business:** Alden TWP wants to publish a summary of minutes in Duluth Township's newsletter, Mark is in contact with Hannah Jurek to figure out details and previous agreements to accomplish this. Alden TWP will be discussing creating a website and the logistics that go along with that at future meetings. Deputy Clerk Pat Berger will be sitting in for Aly Mark for the months of May and June in her absence. A motion that all supervisors and treasurer have a separate, dedicated email for Township business was passed.

Alden Township Board Meeting 5/13/25

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Supervisors Heidi Haglin, Helene Hedlund, and Evan Sandretsky were present along with Treasurer Meghan Cavallin and Deputy Clerk Pat Berger. No residents were present.

Approve minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Finances: Treasurer Meghan Cavallin gave her report. The general fund had a total of \$50,602.98, the road fund had \$90,346.54, the Town Hall fund had \$6,926.63, the Fire Hall fund had \$13,248.63, for a grand total of \$161,127.26. The treasurer's report was approved. Bills were presented by Cavallin and Hedlund for a total of \$4,056.92, and \$249 for April's CLP bills. A motion to pay all the bills was approved.

Correspondence: Cavallin will figure out payments to Duluth Township.

Committee Reports Town Hall: LBAE Meeting was held on May 8, 2025, April 14th was a Concerned Citizens Meeting with St. Louis County Representatives regarding gravel truck traffic. **Fire Hall:** Heidi checked with COMO about LP tank fills and verified this was normal usage. **Roads:** Jack at JBL inquired about a grading schedule. Sandretsky will figure out scheduling township roads and contact the county about dust control. **New Business:** Alden TWP did not meet the supervisor quorum for LBAE meeting on May 8, 2025. Clerk Mark will need to go through a process to reinstate Alden Township in 2027. Next year appeals to the LBAE will need to be made with St. Louis County directly. **Old Business:** Motion was passed to have Marissa Sandretsky clean Town Hall once a month/\$50 fee for a trial period of 3 months. A motion was passed to pay \$25/hour to supervisors, treasurer and clerk for specific trainings for township positions. A motion was passed to increase stipend for supervisors meetings by \$10/month, increase treasurer salary by \$25/month, and clerk salary by \$25/month effective June 1, 2025. Concerns about the product used (sodium chloride) to control road dust were brought up due to the potential of lung damage.

Memorial Service for Wallace Mattson

at the Duluth Town Hall on

Friday, July 11, 2025, at 2:00 pm.

Son of Ernie and Lucille Mattson

Husband of Lucille Holzemer

B: 12 Nov 1940 D: 16 May 2025

Bars and cookies would be welcome to go with
coffee and beverages



Help Wanted: Seeking motivated youth for assistance with gardening and some general yard work this summer. Some tasks include transplanting and weeding. Will pay by the hour. Contact Clerk's office for more information.



CPR Training for Rural Communities

Cardiac emergency response training for Infant, Child, Adult and AED with certification option

Supported by The Victory Fund.

Classes are offered in each community at no cost.

Thursday, July 10	5:00 – 7:30 pm	NorthStar Township Town Hall
Thursday, July 17	5:00 – 7:30 pm	Normanna Township Town Hall
Thursday, July 31	5:00 – 7:30 pm	Fredenberg Township Town Hall
Thursday, August 7	5:00 – 7:30 pm	Canosia Township Town Hall
Thursday, August 14	5:00 – 7:30 pm	Midway Township Town Hall
Thursday, August 21	5:00 – 7:30 pm	Solway Township Town Hall
Thursday, August 28	5:00 – 7:30 pm	Lakewood Township Town Hall
Thursday, September 4	5:00 – 7:30 pm	Duluth Township Town Hall

American Heart Association Certified Instructors

Questions, for more details, and to register for each class location please email or call Natalie at nmccorison@thevictoryfund.org or call 218.727.9872.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS!

If you can't make it on September 4, you can attend any of the other classes at our neighboring townships.

Recycling Reminder:

The Recycling Center summer hours (April-October):

Tuesday Morning: 7-11 am

Tuesday Afternoon: 3-7 pm

Thursday Afternoon: 3-7 pm

Saturday Morning: 8 am-noon



NO flower pots or flower containers in the recycling bins!

A Gentle Soul, A Lasting Impact: A Tribute to Helen

Rich Sill

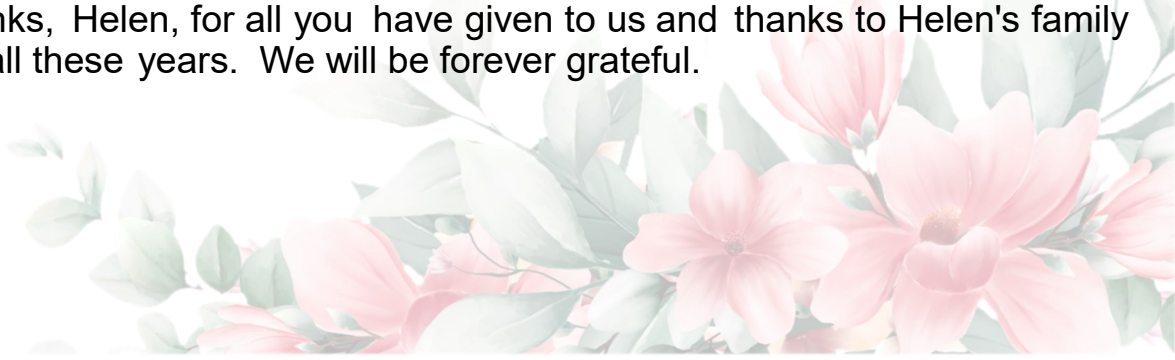
Helen Hendrickson 1926-2025

I was new to the area when, nearly fifty years ago now, I went out in search of acquiring a few bales of hay to cover a couple of small garden plots that Terry and I had spent the summer creating. At that point I was something of a novice when it came to rural living and was advised it would probably be wise to provide the first-year plants with a blanket of insulation to protect them from the harshness and cold of a soon-to-be approaching winter. After some initial inquiring about where I could purchase hay, someone said, "Why don't you go see the Hendrickson's? Their place is just up the road a couple miles from you. I'm sure you could get some there."

A few days later I found myself turning at the Hendrickson mailbox, heading down the long driveway towards the farmhouse and eventually knocking on the back door. I quickly explained who I was and why I was there, and the woman who answered ("Mrs. Hendrickson" I presumed) told me "Kenny" was out in the barn and I could get the hay I needed there. Then, without hesitation, she invited me in and offered me a cookie fresh from the oven. It was my first introduction to "Helen," the name I, as I believe everyone in the community, came to simply know her as. Years later, when the fledgling *Clover Valley/French River Community History Committee* started meeting (yes, often in Helen's very kitchen and yes, there were usually treats offered then as well) and we began gathering materials for what would eventually become the "Roots" book, my appreciation for Helen and my closeness to her grew even more.

The "Roots" book (first published twenty-five years ago now) was clearly a labor of love for our community. Technically, there were only seven or eight people who formed the official committee, though those who worked on the book or contributed stories and/or photographs to it was a much greater number. It didn't matter, however, how many of us would occasionally gather, it soon became clear who our de facto leader was. The person we often looked to when any historical question came up, a time frame for a specific event, the name of the family who first operated the co-op store on the corner of such-and-such a road, or what year it was that the big flood took out the Bergquist bridge. Helen was a walking encyclopedia of historical facts, community stories and local trivia. The lynchpin that connected our past to our future.

For nearly a century our community was enriched for having Helen in our presence. In truth, she was so many things to so many of us. A mentor, a leader, a devoted member of French River Lutheran Church, a person equally dedicated to North Shore Elementary (she worked in the library there for many years), a mother and grandmother figure to countless area children, and possibly most important, simply a trusted friend and a neighbor who was deeply loved. Thanks, Helen, for all you have given to us and thanks to Helen's family for sharing her with us all these years. We will be forever grateful.



What's in the Kitchen?

Nicole Chatterson

Greetings! Summer is here and in full swing — gardens are blooming, pools are filled, and the unmistakable aroma of backyard BBQs fills the air. It's the perfect time to fire up the grill and enjoy some flavorful outdoor cooking.

I thought I'd share two of my favorite go-to seasonings that I use all summer long:

Coffee Rub for Beef: This bold blend uses freshly ground coffee which helps create a rich, caramelized crust on the meat while locking in moisture. It adds depth and a subtle smokiness — perfect for steaks, burgers, or even brisket. Apply liberally and you won't regret it.

Italian Herb Blend: This mix pulls double duty: whisk it with oil and vinegar or oil and lemon juice for a bright and zesty Italian dressing, or use it dry as a seasoning on fish, chicken, or roasted potatoes. It's light, herbaceous, and super versatile — a great all-purpose blend for summer cooking.

Whether you're hosting a cookout or enjoying a quiet dinner on the deck, these seasonings will take your summer meals to the next level.

Wishing you a season full of sunshine, good food, and great company.

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!

BBQ Beef Rub

4 tablespoons dark roast coffee, freshly ground

2 tablespoons brown sugar

2 tablespoons garlic powder

2 tablespoons onion powder

1 tablespoon smoked paprika

1 tablespoon salt

1 tablespoon fresh cracked black pepper

2 teaspoons ground chili powder

1-2 teaspoons ground cayenne — for less of a zip use less cayenne

Mix all ingredients together and store in tightly sealed jar.

Italian Dressing Mix/BBQ Rub

2 tablespoons oregano

2 tablespoons salt

1 tablespoon garlic salt

1 tablespoon onion powder

1 tablespoon sugar

1 tablespoon dried parsley

1 teaspoon pepper

¼ teaspoon dried basil

¼ teaspoon celery salt

Mix all ingredients together and store in tightly sealed jar.

To make a dressing

1/4 cup cider vinegar

2/3 cup oil

2 tablespoons water

2 tablespoons of Italian Dressing dry mix

Combine all ingredients in a jar and shake well.



SUMMER



WORD SEARCH

Search for the twelve Summer themed words below.

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FLIP FLOPS

SUMMER

VACATION

ICE CREAM

SUNGLASSES

WATERMELON

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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.



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Duluth Township Information 2025

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. 9 am-4 pm,
Thurs. 9 am-5 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

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

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

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

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

Planning Commission: Dave Meyer, Justin Osadjan, Tony Mancuso,
Nathan Nesgoda, Ken Peterson, Andrew Aho, and Kit Grayson

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: Duane Madison 525-5645

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 2025

July 1: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

July 3: Recycling 3-7 pm

July 4: Independence Day

July 5: Recycling 8 am-noon

July 8: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

July 9: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

July 10: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

July 12: Recycling 8 am-noon

July 15: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

July 16: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River Lutheran Church 7 am

July 17: Recycling 3-7 pm

July 19: Recycling 8 am-noon

July 22: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

July 24: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm

July 26: Recycling 8 am-noon

July 29: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

July 31: Recycling 3-7 pm

August 2025

August 2: Recycling 8 am-noon

August 5: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

August 6: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

August 7: Recycling 3-7 pm

August 9: Recycling 8 am-noon, **Come on Home! Party 1:00—4:30 pm**

August 12: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

August 14: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

August 16: Recycling 8 am-noon

August 19: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

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

August 21: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission meeting 6:30 pm

August 23: Recycling 8 am-noon

August 26: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

August 28: Recycling 3-7 pm

August 30: Recycling 8 am-noon

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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.

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.

