

Duluth Township Newsletter

March 2025

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Election Edition



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Don't forget to come out and vote at the Township Elections on March 11, 2025. The polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm at Town Hall.

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



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!



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

Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

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

April 2, 2025: Wednesday 12:30 pm,
Town Hall. Sandwiches, salads, and bars.
Glen Laspi with his acoustic guitar.

May 7, 2025: Wednesday 12:30 pm,
Town Hall. Sandwiches, salads, and bars.
Colette Bitz will lead us with her wonderful
exercises for seniors.

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



Police Department

Mark Haselow, Chief
Paul Johnson, Officer

We ended 2024 with a full complement of trained members. Our call volume was the highest ever at 147 -- 96 medical calls, 34 fire calls, 13 combined fire and medical, and 4 rescue calls. In January of this year we were called out 18 times. Our members, our training, and our equipment are all geared to respond as efficiently, competently, and compassionately as possible. The support we've received from our community partners, MNPower and CLP, has provided us with a (new to us) brush truck, a stokes basket for backcountry rescue, new chainsaw with accessories, fire blanket for car fires, and an electric vehicle shut off tool. We also received a donation of a used military vehicle from Brad Jackson, a community member. It will be outfitted for fighting brushfires in more remote and rugged areas.

Our community and terrain are changing. We have increased fire risk from the spruce budworm outbreak; more people are taking advantage of the backcountry trails; electric vehicles are more common; more people are moving to the area; and land is being cleared with large burn piles more prevalent. Our situation of being both rural and wildland, as well as having a busy highway and significant tourist population is challenging.

Our training also reflects these changes. Wildland fire training is in progress, and a chainsaw safety course will happen later this spring, funded by our Firewise grant.

We are still pursuing a tender (truck with large water capacity and pumping capability) to replace our 5,000 gallon tanker that died. A FEMA grant application was submitted, and other options are being explored. Another grant application has been submitted for a skid unit to mount on the donated military brush truck.

We thank our community for your continued support. The annual harvest dinner was a great success, as well as the fire calendar. Firewise activities included a well attended chipping event, a Firewise demonstration event, and a biochar kiln demonstration. Thanks to those who have been helping with fuel reduction and wildfire mitigation efforts.

We received another Firewise grant that will allow us to continue fuel reduction efforts with chipping events in 2025 and 2026, as well as a large Firewise community event showcasing available resources.

We continue to offer free Firewise assessments, and the Red Cross keep us supplied for smoke alarm installations. Please use the attached application or email us if you are interested in either of these services.

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

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:

December 2024 and January 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.

Key Incident Categories:

Traffic Incidents: 2 careless driving reports, 3 property damage accidents, 3 traffic warnings/citations, and 2 motorist assistance. **Medical Emergencies:** 24 incidents, including accidents, health crises, and health/welfare checks.

Animal Complaints: 5 reports, including stray animals and the car vs. deer crash. **Emergency Responses:** 4 fire alarms, 3 burglar alarms, and 3 suspicious vehicle complaints. **Public Assistance:** 1 public assist, 4 health/welfare checks, and 8 suspicious activity reports. **Criminal Actions:** 4 civil processes, 1 fraud complaint, 6 disturbance complaints, 5 suspicious activity, and 3 juvenile troubles. **Special Requests:** 24 vacation home/business checks and 8 hazard checks. **Miscellaneous Calls:** 4 unknown trouble/911 disconnects and 3 assistance to other agencies.

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, 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

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

January 23, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting: Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Pam West, 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 large group of community members was present for a discussion of issues at the Les Grumdahl Window and Siding business at the corner of the Highway 61 and McQuade Road. Prior to the meeting, the Town had received over 100 signed form letters of complaint and dozens of written complaints. The business is operating under a conditional use permit. Late last year the property was clearcut including the vegetation buffers between the business and neighboring properties, which were required as a part of their permit. The property is in the Lake Superior Shoreland Overlay and clearcutting is not allowed in this overlay. Other violations were identified, including lighting after hours, a second sign and unpermitted accessory structures.

Liz said that the Town is aware of the issues and is working to resolve them. She has written two letters to the Grumdahls detailing the issues and stipulating corrective measures. The property will have to be revegetated. They will be required to replant the vegetation buffer with trees that are at least 4 ft tall. Land Use Permits will need to be obtained for the accessory structures. Lighting must be turned off after operating hours, except as required by code. The second sign has been removed.

The Grumdahls stated that they cut the property because it was primarily dead and dying trees and falling trees were damaging property and blocking roadways. Their logger told them that 75% of the trees were dead, (continued on page 4)

December 12, 2024, Town Board Meeting: Call to Order: The meeting began at 6:32 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Rolf Carlson, ArMand Nelson, Saprina Matheny, and Jim Ward were present, while Stacia Grayson was absent. Fire Chief Bob Engelson, Planning Director Liz Strohmayer, Police Chief Mark Haselow, and Clerk Nicole Chatterson were also present.

Approve Minutes: The minutes from the November meeting were approved, with ArMand abstaining due to his absence.

Approve Agenda: The agenda was approved as written.

Finances: The Treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$626,866.24, with deposits of \$2,151.58 and expenses of \$87,823, leaving an ending balance of \$541,194.82. The financial statement and payroll were approved.

Public Comment: Jon Luikart proposed adding a columbarium at Lakeview Cemetery and requested the Board consider it in the future.

Department Reports:

Police: Working with the broker on liability insurance. **Fire:** A military truck title was received, a Chevy 3500 lift gate is being donated, and a grant is being worked on. Two Harbors is inquiring about selling the Township a truck.

Planning and Zoning: Working on updating ordinances, including a cannabis ordinance. **Legal:** Scott Witty is working on the contract for the MS4 SEH. **Roads:** The County didn't plow the new section of Torgeson Road; a legal drawing has been filed for proper plowing. **Town Hall:** Floor project completed, and the projector is fixed. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):** No updates. **Materials Management:** No updates. **Cemetery:** A slower year, but still busy.

Communications: ArMand is writing an article for the newsletter about alternative service providers.

Supervisor Reports:

North Shore Community Rink (NSCR): Saprina is working on a legal issue with a recreational fund exceeding the statutory limit. Scott Witty is also working on an MOU for Congdon Trust with Duluth. **Personnel:** A 2.5% COLA increase for 2025 was proposed. **Old Business:** No old business to discuss. **New Business:** The next budget meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the community room.

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 member 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. 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 townclerk@lakenet.com.

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

January 9, 2025, Town Board Meeting: Call to Order: The meeting began at 6:32 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. All supervisors were present except for Police Chief Mark Haselow.

Approval of Minutes: The December Board Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: MS4 and emergency management were added under the supervisor report, and the agenda was approved.

Finances: The Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$688,809.14. Financial statements, payroll, and claims were approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Dave Neuenfeldt expressed concerns about the clear cutting on the Les Grumdahl property and upcoming meetings on the issue.

Shane Stolp discussed the NSCR and expressed concerns about the MOU with the Township, to which the Board responded by explaining the creation of a community recreational fund.

Department Reports:

Police: A few calls were made during the month. **Fire:** Transitioning the brush truck, working on a FEMA grant for a new truck, and considering purchasing a fire truck from Two Harbors.

Planning and Zoning: The Commission is updating the ordinance, with a discussion about the Les Grumdahl property, including noncompliance issues regarding lighting, vegetation, and shipping containers.

Roads: Quiet month; plans to inform the County Roads department about a new road addition. **Town Hall:** Water heater issues being addressed; considering a filtration system. **ARPA:** Appliance purchase is in progress.

Materials Management: Busy after the holidays; working on the 2025 grant application. (continued on page 4)

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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dying or rotten. They also stated that they had no plans to expand or do anything else on the parcel.

Nine community members stood to speak out against the clearcutting and other violations. Among the points made were that the Grumdahls have violated the trust placed in them by the Town and the community; lights are on 24 hours a day; the property is an eyesore; trailers are stored outside; there are 30 or more pallets, as well as other waste, in the road ditch; there is a target shooting area set up directed towards a neighboring property; and the watershed below the property will suffer consequences from the clearcutting. They asked how something like this could be averted in the future. Resolutions that people suggested included revoking the conditional use permit, requiring appropriate revegetation and appropriate stewardship of that vegetation, using a professional forester, constructing screening fences until the revegetation was effective, and removing the second driveway to the property.

The Commission agreed to consider the matter, tabling it until the February meeting, and for Liz to continue her efforts to remedy the situation.

Two special meetings were set to consider updates to the Ordinance, February 11 and March 20 at the Town Hall at 5:30.

Liz received a concern that another property, 50 acres between Highway 61 and the lake, was being cleared. She visited the property and found that the property owner had a grant for spruce budworm remediation. She determined that he was operating within that permit and was removing only trees that were dead or diseased.

Introducing Laura Herzog, New Planning & Zoning Secretary

Planning would like to welcome new Planning Secretary, Laura Herzog. Laura is a long-time member of the community and has been a part of the Planning team since December. We are excited to have her on board!

From Laura:

I grew up in Duluth Township, went to North Shore Elementary School and attended Two Harbors High School and Lake Superior College. I moved down to the Twin Cities for a few years, where I met my husband, Paul. We quickly moved back up north, as I always knew I wanted to return to the area long-term. I have one daughter, Isabelle, who also attends North Shore Community School. I enjoy spending time outdoors as much as possible. Hobbies include camping, fishing, traveling, gardening, and time spent with family and friends. I have long-time family roots in this community, as my Grandma Alvera Pierson was the first female Town Board Supervisor for Duluth Township back in the 1970's. She had a deep love for our community, its history, and its future. I am happy to follow in her footsteps, continuing to help make our community a great place to live!

Summary of Town Board Meeting Minutes

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Cemetery: A burial occurred. **Communications:** The newsletter was distributed; upcoming deadline for March to include candidate and budget info for the Annual Meeting.

Supervisor Reports:

NSCR: Discussion about a community recreational fund and the rink's operational details. Shane Stolp will create a Facebook group for better community engagement. **Congdon Trust:** Finalizing the memo to the City of Duluth.

MS4: Signed an agreement to move forward with MS4-related work. **Emergency Management Plan:** Updated and will be reviewed next month for approval. **Personnel:** IRS mileage rate increased to \$0.70 per mile. Laura is progressing well in her position. Election Judge List: The list for 2025 election judges was approved unanimously. **Old Business:** No items discussed. **New Business:** No items introduced.

French River Book Club

Carol Surine

For February, we have chosen *A Study in Scarlet Women* by Sherry Thomas. This is the first in the Lady Sherlock series, and many of you will recognize the title similarity to Sherlock Holmes' *A Study in Scarlet* by Arthur Conan Doyle. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20, at 1 pm in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. Enter through the lower doors, so as not to disturb the children at Kindred Paths upstairs. Since this is not a Book Club in a Bag offering, you will have to find a copy on your own, either at the library or AbeBooks. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com.

BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE



Winter is still 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 such as textbooks.

Thank you, and happy reading!



NSCS SCHOOL BOARD OPENING FOR ONE PARENT

The Election Committee of the NSCS Board is seeking NSCS parents (who currently have a child enrolled at NSCS) to be candidates for our upcoming school board election which will be held on April 28, 2025.

Duties consist of:

- Attending monthly meetings, currently held on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:00 pm
- Examining board policies and materials prior to the meeting
- Membership on a committee of the board
- Training on governance, employment law, and financial management is required for all elected board members

This position is for a 3-year term. If you have questions, please ask any current board member or the NSCS Executive Director. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for the upcoming parent opening on the NSCS Board of Directors, please contact Chloe Rollo at 218-525-0663 x 202 or crollo@nscsk6.org before March 12, 2025. Thank you!

More information is available on the school website under the More Info tab: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/14ikZxYion62olOzNPtBMREQrwWU20ZD->

Recommitment and New Enrollment: It is hard to believe we are already planning for the 2025-2026 school year! North School Community School is a free, chartered public school serving families in Duluth Township, as well as Two Harbors and Duluth. New enrollment forms are available on our website.

NSCS Preschool is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year. We offer Preschool for 4-5 year olds with full and half day options. We also have a half-day 3-year old program on Friday mornings. More information can be found on the school website: <https://northshorecommunityschool.org/play-and-learn/>



NSCS recently celebrated the 18th running of the Ikidarod! Students learn about teamwork through this innovative unit that culminates with the running of the dogs!

Duluth Township Annual Overview of Finances

	2024 Actual	2025 Approved	2026 Proposed
Township Departments	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
Police Department	\$63,131.55	\$67,600.00	\$71,000.00
Fire Department	\$67,516.69	\$83,000.00	\$99,000.00
General Fund	\$161,703.74	\$122,405.00	\$170,271.00
Planning and Zoning	\$68,599.11	\$37,000.00	\$76,675.00
Cemetery	\$8,115.73	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Emergency Operation	\$3.98	-	-
Road and Bridge	\$167,927.54	\$94,500.00	\$120,000.00
Total Expenses	\$536,998.34	\$412,005.00	\$544,446.00
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Town Election — Tuesday, March 11, 2025 — Be sure to VOTE!!

Polis open from 7 am to 8 pm at our Town Hall. Two Supervisor position's are on the ballot for regular 3-year terms. See page 7 for candidate information. See above information on past expenditures and the proposed 2026 budget. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Hall during office hours.

What Happens at Our Annual Town Meeting

Township Day, Tuesday, March 11, 2025

For those who may not have attended a Town meeting, here is a bit of background. We gather in our Town Hall on Homestead Road after the polls close (8:15 pm). Our Town Clerk, by law, calls the meeting to order, and we nominate and elect a resident to lead the meeting.

Our Town Clerk, Nicole Chatterson, provides a packet, including minutes from the previous year's annual meeting plus summary information provided by various Township departments, 2024 activities and expenses, the previously approved 2025 budget, and the proposed 2026 Township budget (see above).

Those attending the meeting vote on our budget for 2026 (a year away because our figures have to be included with County and School District figures for tax statements you receive in 2025). In 2025 we are operating on the budget adopted at our 2024 Town Meeting.

Last year's minutes, official bank, and posting places are voted on. The proposed 2026 budget, with any adopted amendments, is discussed and the overall budget is approved. Other Township business is raised and discussed, and results of the Supervisor Election are announced at the end of the meeting.

The Town Meeting is a good place to meet your neighbors and to discuss important Township issues. This meeting is grassroots democracy that depends upon the participation, respect, and good ideas of all of our citizens.

Meet the Candidates!

My name is Stacia Grayson, and I am hoping to continue to serve on the Board for the Township of Duluth. I have really enjoyed serving the Township and look forward to learning more about how I can better serve all residents within our community while continuing to keep the township's core community values; ruralness, natural environment and community life, first and foremost.

I work at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as an Environmental Specialist, where I monitor the quality of major rivers throughout Minnesota. I have been lucky to be able to explore the North Shore as part of my job, and I have a strong desire to protect our natural resources while allowing our community to grow and develop. I hope to be able to serve the Township and listen to what is important to those that live in the area.



Hello, my name is Geoff Nelson, and I am a long-time resident in Duluth Township. I grew up in the area as a child and recently purchased a home in 2022. My reason for running for Town Supervisor is to ensure the future of this community is in good hands for my children and other kids in the community. Kids are the future of this country and community and therefore should be the top priority in regards to decisions made for the community.

This area has a bright future and as more people move into this area we need to make sure to navigate the development in a way that satisfies the new while keeping the current resident's goals in mind. I look forward to being given the chance to serve my community and to meet others in the community.



Hello! My name is Jim Ward and I am looking to continue serving the community as Town Board Supervisor. I have been a lifelong resident of Duluth Township for over 50 years and have been employed at the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the last twenty-six years in highway maintenance. This will be my third term on the Town Board so I am familiar with local law and statutes, and I feel this is time well spent giving back to our great community.



Board of Appeal and Equalization

The Duluth Township Board has transferred the “Local Board of Appeal and Equalization” process to the County Assessors. The “Local Board of Appeal and Equalization” is the process for property owners in the Township to approach the Board with questions pertaining to their home value. The calculations used are based on the rules set forth by the state legislature.

Previous practice was for property owners to attend a meeting with the Board with the County Assessors in attendance. The property owners say why they disagree with the new proposed value. The Board and the assessors then review the property records and either recommend an adjustment or propose no change.

After all properties are reviewed, the Board and assessors make their recommendations for a change or no change. The Board votes and in most cases votes using the recommendation of the assessors. If the vote is for no change, the resident then must appeal the no change to the County Assessor.

With the Board passing a motion made at the October 12, 2023, Town Board meeting, Duluth Township moved to the open book process, the Board is not eligible to hold the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting. **The open book meeting will be held on April 22, 2025 from 2-3 pm at the County Assessor’s Office at AP Cook Building 2503 Rice Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55811. You may also send written appeals to, County Assessor, 2503 Rice Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55811.**

If you have any further question you can contact the County Assessor at; 218-726-2304.

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 — 218-525-5705.



What's in the Kitchen?

Nicole Chatterson

This month's recipe was widely requested after some of our community members tasted it at a coffee fellowship in December. This is an easy recipe that can be prepared ahead of time and even frozen for future meals. To freeze, completely cool the quiche and cover tightly with a couple sheets of aluminum foil and freeze up to three months. Thaw in the refrigerator overnight and bake at 350°F for 20-25 minutes.

For the purpose of this article, I used a store-bought crust as it's a timesaver. When I do have the time to spare, I will make a homemade crust. I will prepare the pie dough the night before to allow plenty of time to chill in the refrigerator before rolling it out and blind baking it. If there is enough interest, I can share that recipe in a future edition of the Newsletter. The quiches I served in December were ham, cheese, and onion this is my go-to version as all the flavors meld so well together. I also like spinach, tomato, and feta, with or without breakfast meat. The combinations are endless. Some other add-ins to consider are sauteed mushrooms, caramelized onions, bacon, sauteed chopped asparagus, and breakfast sausage.

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!

Quiche

Ingredients

- 1 unbaked pie crust, store-bought or homemade
- 4 large eggs
- ½ cup whole milk
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper
- 1 cup shredded or crumbled cheese
- Up to 2 cups of add-ins like ham, diced onion, other breakfast meats, veggies and more.
- Optional toppings for serving include extra cheese, fresh chopped herbs like dill, freshly ground pepper, or hollandaise sauce.

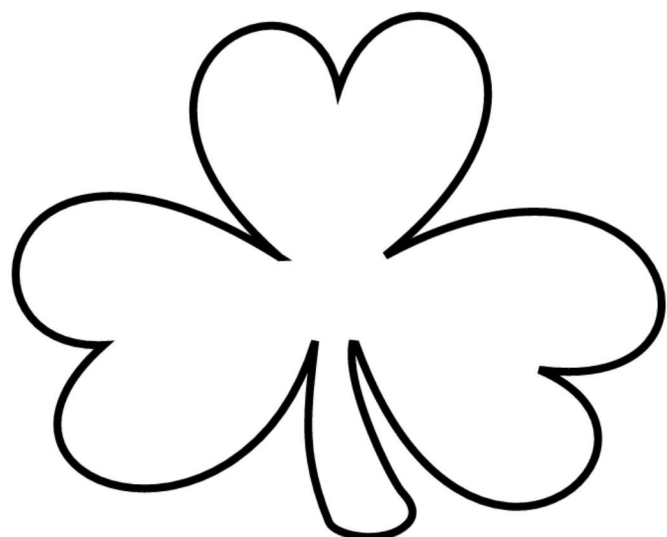
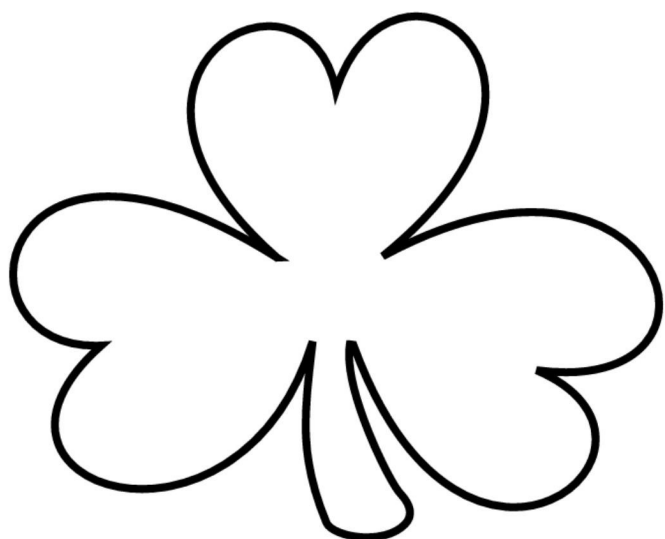
Instructions

1. Prepare crust. Unroll store-bought pie crust and lay it over a 9-inch pie plate. Gently press/smooth dough into the pie plate. Do not trim off excess dough. For the edge, fold excess dough back over the edge and use hands to mold the edge into a rim around the pie. Crimp with your hands or fork. Chill prepared crust for 30 minutes before blind baking.
2. Preheat oven to 375° F.
3. Blind baking: Line chilled pie crust with parchment paper. Fill pie with dried beans or pie weights. Make sure the beans are completely covering the bottom. Bake for 15-16 minutes until the edges of the crust are starting to brown. Remove pie from the oven and carefully lift the parchment paper and weights out of the pie crust. Prick holes with a fork all around the bottom of the crust. Return to the oven and bake until the bottom of the crust starts to brown, about 7-8 minutes. Remove from oven.
4. While the pie crust is baking, you can prepare the filling,
5. Reduce oven to 350°F. In a large bowl or stand mixer, beat eggs, whole milk, heavy cream, salt and pepper together on high until completely combined. Whisk in the add-ins, then pour into crust (crust does not need to be cooled before adding the filling).
6. Bake quiche until center is set, about 45-55 minutes. Don't over bake. Use tinfoil or a pie shield to help prevent your crust from overbrowning.
7. Allow quiche to cool for 15 minutes before cutting and serving. The quiche can be served cold. Store leftovers, covered tightly in the refrigerator, for up to 4 days.

St Patrick's Day Word Search

Q B G R E E N F S K G T U J Y
S E V L E D T E T L H B P A H
C N I H X Y A D C Y O R H S N
T Q T B C U E R Z L B T H H W
K L E P R E C H A U N A Z V H
R S K K O E H U U P M G O K W
T H Z L B W R U H R G T C O N
H H N X H J J O O O W I B V G
A C F T R B T C P A R N T M Y
T R R T Z D K A L T I M E Z K
G A T S B S Z I A A H P Z L L
P M S I S V K P R Z K O A W O
F P B R P O T O F G O L D A F
S D O I Z S O J F Q N Y B I D
K N O F A L P I B V B V G N Z

GREEN
SHAMROCKS
HAT
LEPRECHAUN
MARCH
RAINBOW
POTOFGOLD
ELVES
STPATRICK
PARADE



Recycling Reminder:

Don't forget, **starting in April** the Recycling Center moves to the summer hours:

Tuesday Morning: 7-11 am

Tuesday Afternoon: 3-7 pm

Thursday Afternoon: 3-7 pm

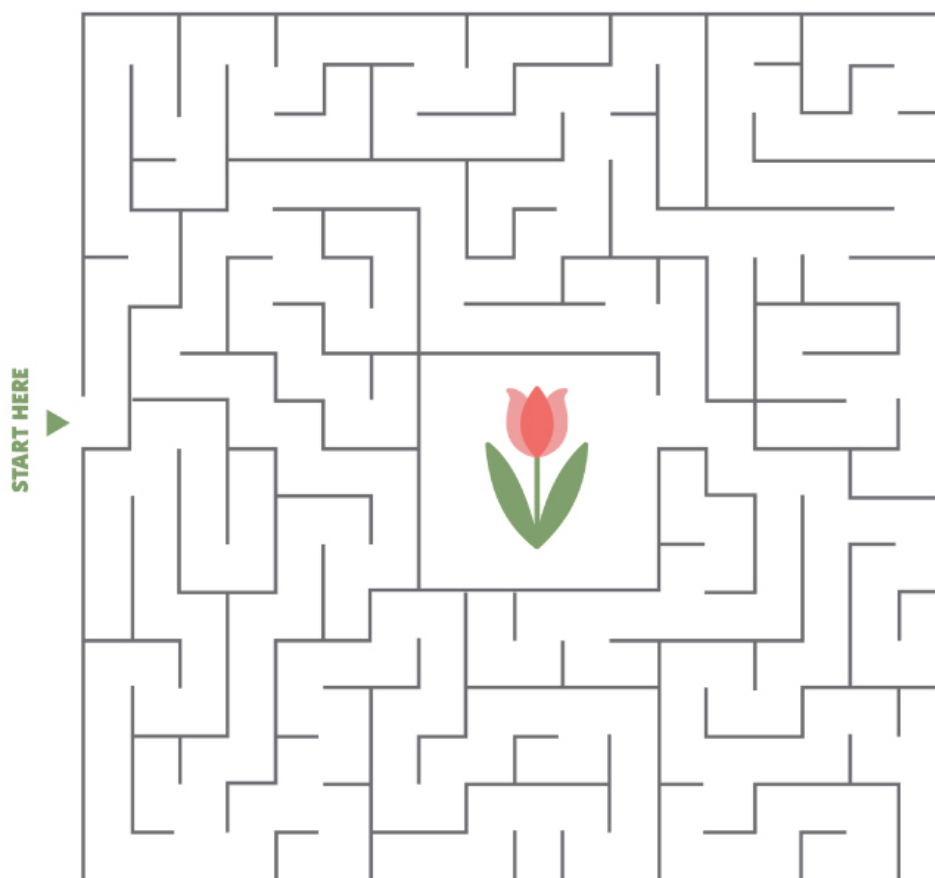
Saturday Morning: 8 am-noon



SPRING MAZE

Find your way through the maze to reach the flower in the center.

Happy Spring!



DOWNLOAD MORE FREE PRINTABLES AT WWW.PJSANDBOARD.COM

In the January/February 2025 issue of this newsletter, we invited people to join us or submit ideas for community engagement opportunities (see "Bringing People Together"). Here is one offering that evolved from the discussion:



JOIN CARLY FROM NORTHERN EXPOSURE ART
MARCH 28 AT 6:00 P.M.

TO CREATE YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE WITH STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTION!
 ALL MATERIALS TO PAINT A 16X20 CANVAS WILL BE PROVIDED.
 ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WHILE YOU PAINT!

- * **Host site: French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Rd, Duluth, MN 55804**
- * **Please arrive no later than 5 minutes before class.**
- * **Event must meet a minimum of 7 participants. The instructor will notify you should we not meet this requirement.**

SIGN UP:

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or on the French River Lutheran Church Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/people/French-River-Lutheran-Church/100064748558790/>

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American Red Cross Blood Drive at French River Lutheran Church

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Place: French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN, 55804

All members of the Duluth Township community are welcome and encouraged to donate blood at this blood drive hosted by the French River Lutheran Church Outreach Committee.

There's no substitute for blood! When a patient receives blood, we know it was given in advance by a generous donor. The need is great throughout the U.S. and especially in the Northland. Who knows? One of our Duluth Township community members may be the next person needing it. Please consider helping out by donating blood this spring.

Appointments are highly encouraged and may be made in one of these ways:

- Going to RedCrossBlood.org and searching in the 55804 zip code for the French River Lutheran Church blood drive. First-time donors will need to create a profile with a username and password (if you don't already have one from donating previously).
- Downloading the Blood Donor App by searching "Red Cross Blood" on the App StoreSM or Google PlayTM store.
- Contacting Beth Luikart (call 218-525-1596, or e-mail her at bluikart@outlook.com).

Red Cross employees have implemented precautions to ensure blood drives and donation centers are safe for donors and staff. Current COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed.

Further information about the blood donation process can be found online at RedCrossBlood.org.

Ladies, come join us for a free video exercise class led by Pam Nelson. Classes have already started so come by on Fridays at French River Lutheran Church Fireside Room at 9 am.

Please enter through downstairs door. Bring weights and mat if you have them.

All are welcome.



The North Shore Community Rink is open as long as the temps are under 30 degrees. We will close the rink once the weather takes more ice away than we can replace so come enjoy some outdoor skating while there is ice and follow us on Facebook for updates.

Come skate, play hockey, and be with other community members from 6 – 9 pm Monday through Friday, and on Saturday from noon - 9 pm. There is always adult supervision and plenty of other children and adults to connect and interact with.



For those interested in helping run the concession stand, clear rinks, flood or otherwise, please get in touch with Dan Rosenlund at (218) 349-3318, and he will add you to one of the groups.

Thank you to the Duluth Township and Saprina Matheny for their support of our important community asset.

For important changes to schedule or other updates, connect with us on Facebook [@north.shore.community.rink.nscr](https://www.facebook.com/north.shore.community.rink.nscr)

Let's Get Crakin'* and Learn to Play Mah Jongg!

Looking for something to do these days? Come join us as we learn to play American Mah Jongg, with Elda Hein and a few others from French River Lutheran Church as instructors. We would love to have you at our table!



Dates: Every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Where: French River Lutheran Church
Fireside Room off the Fellowship Hall
(Please enter through the Lower Lakeside door.)

Cost: Free

You've probably heard about this four-person game of skill and chance that originated in China from reading *The Joy Luck Club* or watching *Crazy Rich Asians*. More recently, Julia Roberts shared that playing Mah Jongg with her friends is how she relaxes.

No previous experience is necessary—we are all beginners! If you have a Mah Jongg set sitting around your house, please bring it. We have a few sets but can use more if we get more players. This class is open to all members of our North Shore Community. If you have questions, please contact Elda Hein (eldarex@charter.net) or Beth Luikart (bluikart@outlook.com). We hope you can join us!

*You will learn what this means if you come to class!

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T-Shirt Quilt Making Class

Saturday, March 22, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

French River Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
5310 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN

Ruby Longtine, Instructor
\$20 per participant

Fee includes 3-hour class and
15-page instruction booklet.
Minimum class size 10 participants.

Learn How to Design & Create Your Own Heirloom T-Shirt Quilt!

Get step-by-step instructions on getting started, supplies needed, expenses, finishing touches, and tips to make your "one of a kind" T-shirt quilt project a success. Completed quilts will be on display. Refreshments will be served.

Please pre-register by Monday, March 17 by contacting Beth Luikart at bluikart@outlook.com or call/text at 218-464-8605 so that we can prepare enough materials for all who attend.

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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 15 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 April 15, 2025. 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-2 pm, Wed. 9 am-2 pm,
Thurs. 9 am-1 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

<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

March 2025

- March 1: Recycling 8 am-noon
- March 4: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm
- March 5: Homesteaders 12:30 pm
- March 6: Recycling 2-6 pm
- March 8: Recycling 8 am-noon
- March 11: **Office Closed; Township Elections 7 am—8 pm, Town Meeting to Follow.**
Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm
- March 13: Recycling 2-6 pm; Board of Canvass 6 pm
Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- March 15: Recycling 8 am-noon
- March 18: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm
- March 19: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River Lutheran Church 7 am
- March 20: Recycling 2-6 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 pm
- March 22: Recycling 8 am-noon
- March 25: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm
- March 27: Recycling 2-6 pm; Planning Commission meeting 6:30 pm
- March 29: Recycling 8 am-noon

April 2025

- April 1: Recycling 7-11 am, Recycling 3-7 pm;
Fire Business Meeting 7 pm
- April 2: Homesteaders 12:30 pm
- April 3: Recycling 3-7 pm
- April 5: Recycling 8 am-noon
- April 8: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm
- April 10: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- April 12: Recycling 8 am-noon
- April 15: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm
- April 16: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River
Lutheran Church 7 am
- April 17: Recycling 3-7 pm
- April 19: Recycling 8 am-noon
- April 22: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm
- April 24: Recycling 3-7 pm, Planning Commission meeting 6:30 pm
- April 26: Recycling 8 am-noon
- April 29: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

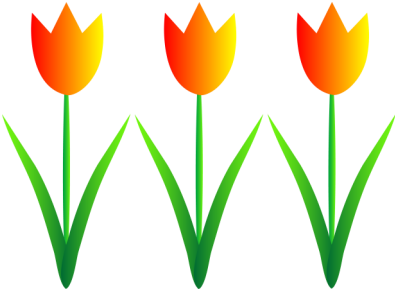
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Town Services

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.

