

Duluth Township Newsletter

May 2024

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Memorial Day Ceremony

The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Palmers Lakeview Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 11:00 am.



*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

May 1, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm
The talented Glen Laspi on his acoustic guitar. Sandwiches, salads, and bars.

June 5, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm
Suz and Bryce Thompson, folk singers from Siren, WI. Sandwiches, salads, and bars.

July 3, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm
Our annual catered picnic & bingo.

Everyone is welcome!

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

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



Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Chief
Sherry Rovig, Secretary



Police Department

Mark Haselow, Chief
Paul Johnson, Officer

Our Fire Department has been called out to emergencies 41 times from the beginning of the year to April 15, 2024. We have two members who have finished EMR training and are now certified. One member is completing FF1 and FF2 training this spring. Two members are finishing fire instructor training. A number of our members attended a wildland fire training at Fredenberg Fire Department in anticipation of a challenging season.

We continue to provide free smoke alarms and wildfire assessments to residents. Please fill out the application included in this newsletter and we will contact you.

Spring fire season is upon us, and many in our community are making efforts to reduce their risk. To learn more about what you can do at your own home, we will be hosting a Firewise Demonstration Day on June 29, 2024. The enclosed flyer has more information.

A free chipping event will be scheduled in the fall. Please keep track of the hours you spend on Firewise activities, including clearing and hauling. They all help us apply for future grants.

We currently have a full roster of personnel, but interested parties should still contact us about future opportunities.

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 February 2024 and March 2024, there were 130 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 52 requests for checks on homes or businesses, 12 medical emergencies, and 8 civil processes. There were 6 reports of unknown trouble complaints and 5 reports of fire alarms and 5 reports of traffic related warnings/citations. There were 4 reports of disturbance complaints, and there were 3 reports of each of the following: property damage accidents, assisting other agencies, and personal injury accidents. There were 2 reports of each of the following: animal complaints, health/welfare checks, suspicious activity complaints, fraud complaints, juvenile trouble complaints, and vehicles off the road in ditch-no damage. And finally there was 1 report of each of the following: attempt to locate careless driver, burglar alarm, suspicious activity, hazard check, mental health crisis, neighbor trouble, 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

February 22, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.

Commission members present: Pam West, Tony Mancuso, Nathan Nesgoda, and Justin Osadjan. Also present: Liz Strohmayer, Planning Director; Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary; and Incoming Planning Secretary, Kathleen Zweber.

The Commission determined a notification area for an interim use hearing for a property on Hegberg Rd to be held in March. This property was recently found to be in violation of some aspects of the Ordinance, but the owners are working to come into compliance and this interim use request is part of that. Justin Osadjan agreed to serve another 3 year term on the Commission.

March 28, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.

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

A public hearing was held on a request for an interim use to use a guest cabin on a property on Hegberg Rd as an accessory subordinate residential dwelling. The guest cabin is at the rear of the lot. Both the main residence and the guest cabin were permitted at the time they were built. The owner of the property wishes to use the cabin as a subordinate dwelling for family members for as long as he owns the property. A number of issues had been identified on the property in December 2023. The owner has worked with Liz to correct these and has met all deadlines. He is also working with an engineer on a stormwater plan. This interim use request for a subordinate dwelling is the last thing he needs to address the issues Liz identified. One person spoke at the hearing and 5 letters were received; all were in support of the interim use. The Commission granted the interim use in a unanimous decision. The permit is to expire upon transfer of ownership of the property.

A public hearing was held for a request for an after-the-fact variance for the side yard setback for a garage that is already in place on a property on Hegberg Rd. (This property is not the same as the one in the previous interim use hearing.) The owners built the garage shortly after they purchased the property 3 years ago and were told at the time by their contractor that they did not need a permit. Once they realized the error, they met with the Planning Director to discuss what they needed to do to rectify the situation. At that time they learned that the garage did not meet the side yard setback. The site they chose for the garage was the most logical location for it, but they said they would not have put it there if they had realized it was not in compliance. The required side yard setback in that zone district is 75 ft. The garage is situated approximately 40 ft from the lot line. The neighbor whose property shares the lot line in question was present and said that the location of the garage was not a problem for him. One letter was received in support of the variance. The variance was approved by a unanimous vote.

A public hearing was held for a request for a variance from the requirement that an addition to a nonconforming structure be limited in size to 25% of the original footprint when the addition will not meet setbacks. The home to be added onto is on Old North Shore Rd and is nonconforming because it doesn't meet the required setback from a trout stream of 200 ft. The house is estimated to be between 100 and 110 ft from the river and is situated on the edge of a bluff overlooking the river.

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February 8, 2024, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Penny Morton, Jim Ward, and ArMand Nelson. Stacia Grayson was absent. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$769,944.32, deposits \$57,185.24, expenses \$57,612.38, ending balance of \$769,517.18. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Police: Nothing to report. Fire: There was equipment failure on Tender One. An insurance claim has been filed. The department received a new AED. Planning: Nothing to report. Roads: Quiet winter. Rodda finished ditching on West Wildwood. Legal papers were delivered to the folks on Torgeson Road. We are waiting for some trust paperwork to finish this project. The Clerk's Office did receive some information and forwarded that to Scott Witt's office. Town Hall: Parking lot lights: the south light in the parking lot burnt out. The Clerk's Office provided quotes to the Board. Penny made the motion to go with CLP for both security parking lot lights. Seconded by ArMand. Motion passed. Computer Chair: the Deputy Clerk requested that a new computer chair be purchased. Penny made the motion to purchase the chair for the Deputy Clerk. Seconded by ArMand. Motion passed. After last month's approval to have Plunkett's Pest Control address the pest issue, the Clerk's Office received a quote for yearly maintenance. ArMand made the motion to approve the Plunkett's Pest Control contract for service. Seconded by Penny. Motion passed. ARPA: Bathroom bid: We received all the bids for the bathroom bid. ArMand noticed some discrepancies in the quotes. Stacia will reach out and will have more information at the March meeting. Personnel: The Board received a letter from the Clerk and Deputy Clerk requesting an increase in wages. Jim made the motion to increase the stipend for the Clerk from the Planning and Zoning stipend from \$83.54 to \$100/month. Penny seconded that motion. Motion passed. ArMand made the motion to increase the Clerk and Deputy Clerk's wages by 30% to begin starting February 1. The Board will revisit during the July meeting. Seconded by Penny. Motion passed. ArMand moved to approve resolution 02082024 appointing the absentee ballot board from the March election. Seconded by Penny. Motion passed.

March 14, 2024, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Jim Ward, Stacia Grayson, and ArMand Nelson. Penny Morton was absent. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$715,300.88, deposits \$32,461.71, expenses \$83,060.03, ending balance of \$664,702.56. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Public Comment: George Sundstrom spoke to the Board regarding the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony. He requested that a ceremonial bugle kit be purchased for Memorial Day ceremonies as well as military funerals. The ceremonial bugle kit allows anyone to play the bugle without any experience. ArMand made the motion to approve the purchase of the ceremonial bugle kit up to \$650 for the cemetery. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. Police: There was no response from Bohlmann regarding the letter that was sent. Fire: St. Louis County Emergency Response reached out to Nicole and ArMand through an email regarding using the Town Hall as an evacuation location in case of a natural disaster like a fire. It was noted that North Shore Community School was to be an evacuation place as the Town had purchased a generator for this instance. ArMand would investigate and report back to the Board. Planning: There were three public hearings at the March meeting. Liz has had an abnormally high number of violations that she has been following up with. Liz also spoke to the Board and requested that the Board make a motion tonight regarding a resident that we have been working with to become compliant with a stormwater plan. The homeowner defaced the

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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 Meetings

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There is no possible addition to the home that would meet the setback. The size of the proposed addition is 1500 sq ft. Based on estimates by Planning staff, the addition would be 81% of the original footprint. The architect for the project believed the percent to be 75% or 61%, depending on what was included as original footprint. The Commission agreed that the calculations were estimates and agreed to hear it as 61%. Three neighbors spoke in favor of the variance. In discussion, 3 Commission members felt that the nonconformity should not be compounded by an addition of that size and felt that the owners had alternatives. They felt that allowing the addition would not be protective of the river. Three Commission members felt that the request was reasonable and that offered alternatives to the proposed addition would be more impactful to the area. The variance was granted with a vote of 4 in favor and 3 against.

In the Director's Report, Liz stated that no progress has been made with the stormwater violations on the property on Stoney Point Dr and the Board has approved sending a letter initiating litigation. The MPCA has also issued a second letter with additional fines.

In Concerns from the Audience a resident asked the Commission for help with issues he had with land use permits for his property. He said he submitted the applications in October of 2022 but Planning staff says they have no record of receiving them. Since then, he has gotten letters from the Planning Director with unreasonable late fees for building without a permit. The Commission said they would need much more information and documentation. It was suggested that he appeal the decision made by the Planning Director as detailed in the Ordinance.

Another resident was concerned by the number of homes being built on small lots. RR-1 zoning was explained as well as St Louis County's subdivision rules which allow a parcel to be divided into no more than 4 parcels. Some homes are grandfathered in on smaller lots, but those being built now meet current Ordinance requirements.

Summary of Town Board Meeting Minutes

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shoreline. The MPCA has also placed a violation on the homeowner. Soil stabilization needs to be done since it is on a slope. ArMand made the motion to give the Planning Director permission to work with the Town Attorney to draft a letter to be sent to the homeowner to start the process up to, and including, legal action. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. Storm Water: Liz is working with an individual who lives in the Township and is very familiar with MS4. Liz will work with them to see where they can help the Town. Roads: Roads have been quiet. All the paperwork is in for Torgeson Road. There is a buckthorn informational program that will be held at the Town Hall for area residents. Jim will work with the Clerk's Office to schedule this. Town Hall: The Township no longer has to sign off on liquor license renewals. The Township must sign off only if it's a new license request. ArMand moved to pay up to \$1,000 toward the light replacement cost and to have the Clerk issue a check before the next meeting if necessary. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. ARPA: Bathroom bid review: Murph's Plumbing and Heating \$44,500, Litman Construction \$56,759, J&RS \$83,256.81, Seth Lozano \$56,450. handicap ramp: We have received two bids for the ramp. We will reach out to the contractors and request clarification of what materials will be used for the project. ArMand made the motion to hire Murph's Plumbing and Heating for the bathroom remodel, along with the removal of the second sink for a total of \$45,500.00. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. Materials Management: The grant paperwork has been turned in, and we should see the grant funds by July. Old Business: NSCS Rink – MOU: the Board would like to set a meeting with North Shore Community Rink. New Business: ArMand has been attending the Duluth Area Township meetings along with the St. Louis County Area Townships. At the next Homesteader's meeting there will be a demonstration regarding Firewise. There will also be a demonstration at the Town Hall on June 29, 2024.

The Advocates for the Knife River Watershed (AKRW) are hosting a presentation:

An Overview of St. Louis County Forest Management within the Knife River Watershed

Presented by St. Louis County Land and Minerals Staff:

- Jason Meyer, Deputy Director
- Robert Benson, Forester
- Nate Anderson, South Area Land Manager
- Anna Earley, Forestry Technician

They will share a brief history of the department, give an overview of decision making for both the short term and long term across St. Louis County in terms of the forest landscape and watersheds, explaining certification and adhering to the Minnesota Forest Management Guidelines – all within the context of the Knife River Watershed.

Please join us on:

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Duluth Town Hall

6092 Homestead Road

Doors open at 6 pm

Presentation begins at 6:30

Refreshments will be served!

We look forward to seeing you!

Please contact us at AKRWaters@gmail.com with questions or check our website at AKRW.org.

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 townclerk@lakenet.com.

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

Scholarship Opportunity

Minnesota Association of Townships

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is proud to announce its 2024 Scholarship Program, which will award up to five \$2,000 scholarships to high school juniors. All students currently enrolled in 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial school, or a home-study program, are eligible to apply for this program. Since its inception in 2001, the MAT Scholarship Program has had over 2,500 submissions and 97 winners.

Applicants should submit a written essay using critical thinking on the topic of promoting awareness of township government by June 1, 2024. Winners will be chosen by an independent panel of judges and will be notified in September 2024. They will also be invited to attend MAT's annual conference in December 2024 in St. Cloud.

The 2024 essay question on promoting township government is, *"Describe ways in which broadband internet access improves the lives of rural residents. What challenges exist in providing broadband internet in rural areas? And what policies should governments at all levels (federal, state, and local) adopt to ensure that regardless of geographic location all Americans have equal access to broadband internet?"*

For more information and application details, please call the MAT offices at 1-800-228-0296 or visit <https://www.mntownships.org/about/scholarship-program>. A letter announcing this program has been sent to high schools, as well as newspapers, statewide. We encourage township officers to also forward this information to high school juniors.

The MAT Scholarship Program has made a real difference for our recipients and has also been an opportunity to learn about township government, which embodies the values of 'grassroots government' where local citizens directly participate. We encourage as many high school juniors as possible to apply, whether they are from rural areas or urban cities.

2024 Annual Meeting and Election

Saprina Matheny was elected as a write-in candidate and accepted a 3-year term. Ken Peterson was the elected moderator for the Annual Meeting. Town Clerk Nicole Chatterson provided a handout summarizing the 2023 audit and expenditures, the 2024 budget that was approved for the following year, and the proposed 2025 budget. Proposed departmental budgets were presented as well as the general Township budget, which was presented by Board Chair Rolf Carlson. A motion was made to approve the total levy for 2025 of \$412,005.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

Sue Lawson took the time to thank Penelope Morton for her service on the Town Board. Sue also acknowledged the Police and Fire Departments, and wanted to thank all who worked for the Town. Nicole Chatterson also thanked Penelope for her years of service on the Town Board.

A motion was made to continue the Annual Meeting on August 15, 2024, at 6:30 pm, at the Town Hall upon the call of the Town Board.



BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

JoVanna Balquier

Summer is almost here, and there's no better companion to take to the lake or pool than a good book. Find your next read at the little free library located in the Community Room at the Town Hall! If you bring donations, we kindly ask you to refrain from leaving nonfiction books like teaching manuals, textbooks, etc. Thank you & happy reading!!

French River Book Club

Carol Surine

Next month we return to evening hours! We have chosen another Book Club in a Bag offering, *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, by Erik Larson. Our next meeting will be at 7 pm, Thursday, May 16, in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Rd. There is no host, so bring a snack to share. The books should be available after April 24, on the ledge to the right of the upper doors.

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

FREE event

Sat., June 29, 2024

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Hosted by:
Duluth Township**

**Duluth Township Town Hall
6092 Homestead Road
Duluth, MN**

Have the dying
balsam and spruce
in our forest made
you wonder about
your wildfire risk?

Firewise Demonstration

Attend this event to learn about
the things you can do right now to make
your home and property more wildfire
resilient, featuring local Firewise experts

Event held outdoors, so dress appropriately
for the weather. Refreshments will be
provided.

Questions?

Cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com

(218)525-5705





A new, multifunctional timber frame pavilion is available for the community to use year-round!

WELCOME

**French River
Lutheran Church
5310 Ryan Road**



For more information, contact the church:

- frlc5310@gmail.com
- 218.525.5659
- www.frenchriverlutheran.org



Visit the FRLC website or Facebook page for **upcoming events:**

- May 26—Sunday worship changes to 9:00 AM
- June 10-12—Vacation Bible School
- August 6—Neighborhood Night Out
- August 14 & 21—music in the timber frame
- August 28—bike parade

September 7 & 8—100th anniversary celebration weekend (Sunday worship at 10:00 AM)

Paid Advertisement



BABYSITTER CLASS

Saturday, May 11, 2024
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

French River Lutheran Church
5310 Ryan Road, Duluth

This course will provide you with the necessary leadership skills and equip you with the essential caregiving skills and safety prevention methods to be a top-notch babysitter, giving parents peace of mind when hiring a sitter.

Recommended for age 12 years or older; \$25/student, minimum of 10, maximum of 25 students. Open to anyone (you need not attend FRLC to participate). Participants need to follow the current Covid plan of the church at the time of the class; bring a mask in case it is needed. Please bring a bag lunch. Cash or check payment is due on the day of class.

Instructor: Michelle Libby.
Register: E-mail Drjockmock@msn.com with "Babysitter Class" in the subject line. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail, please call/text 218.341.4181.

Paid Advertisement

What's in the Kitchen?

Nicole Chatterson

When preparing for this edition's recipe I went through a lot of options of what to share. Should it be sweet? Or savory? Or ready for a backyard BBQ picnic? There are so many great choices and we want to make the most of our short-lived summer season! So, I decided to share a few recipes this edition. First is Cowboy Caviar, being a champion of summer dips, and one that you don't have to worry about the mayonnaise spoiling under the summer sun. Cowboy Caviar works great as a chip and dip combo or it can be served as a side salad. You can choose to use frozen corn or grill up some fresh cobs to add a whole new flavor to this classic. Next, is an easy healthy BBQ Meatloaf that you grill in a foil pack. This can be made with or without the ground turkey and the spinach. Finally, is a from-scratch Strawberry/Triple Berry Shortcake. You can choose to have a variety of berries or keep to the original recipe.

I hope you enjoy these recipes!

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!

Cowboy Caviar

Ingredients

3 roma tomatoes, seeds removed, chopped
2 ripe avocados, cut into bite sized pieces
1/3 c red onion, diced
15 oz black beans, rinsed and drained
15 oz black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
1 1/2 c frozen sweet corn, thawed - or, for extra flavor, try
1 1/2 c kernels cut from grilled corn on the cob
1 bell pepper, diced (I like to use different color peppers)
1 jalapeno pepper, seeds and ribs removed, diced into
very small pieces
1/3 c cilantro, finely chopped
Dressing (recipe below)
Tortilla chips for serving

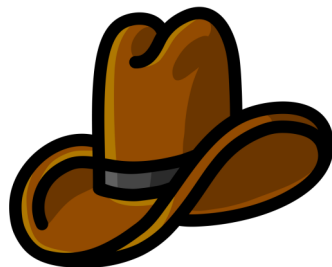
Instructions

1. Combine tomatoes, avocado, onion, black beans, black eyed peas, corn, pepper, jalapeno pepper, and cilantro in a large bowl. Toss/stir well so that ingredients are well combined.
2. Pour dressing over and stir/toss very well.
3. Keep refrigerated. If not serving immediately, be sure to toss/stir well before serving.
4. Serve with tortilla chips or as a side salad.

Dressing

1/3 c olive oil
2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
2 Tbsp red wine vinegar
1 tsp sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
1/4 tsp garlic powder

Whisk all ingredients together in a separate bowl.



BBQ Meatloaf on the Grill

Ingredients

1/4 c milk
1 large egg
3 Tbsp whole-wheat breadcrumbs
1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
4 Tbsp barbecue sauce
2 c baby spinach, chopped
2 scallions, trimmed and chopped
1 large clove garlic, minced
12 oz lean ground beef
8 oz fat-free ground turkey
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Nonstick cooking spray

Instructions

1. Set grill to preheat to medium-high heat.
2. In a medium bowl, mix together the milk, egg, breadcrumbs, Worcestershire sauce, and 1 Tbsp of the barbecue sauce.
3. Add the spinach, scallion, garlic, ground beef and turkey, 1 tsp salt and several grinds of black pepper. Use your hands to gently combine the ingredients.
4. Coat a generous piece of heavy duty aluminum foil with cooking spray. Pile the meatloaf mixture onto the foil just off center and form it into a 9-by-5-inch loaf that's about 1-inch thick. Fold the long half of the foil over the meatloaf, lining up the edges, and crimp and fold tightly to make a sealed packet.
5. Cook the packet on the grill with the grill lid closed for 10 minutes. Flip the packet using tongs or two spatulas and grill for 10 more minutes with the lid closed.
6. Remove and let rest for 5 minutes. Carefully open the packet, avoiding the escaping hot steam. The internal temperature should be 165 degrees F (the meatloaf will have continued to cook after being removed from the grill).
7. Brush the top and sides of the loaf with the remaining 3 Tbsp barbecue sauce. Cut into slices and serve.

Strawberry / Triple Berry Shortcakes



Ingredients

Biscuits

2 c all-purpose flour
2 Tbsp sugar, plus more for sprinkling
1 Tbsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
4 Tbsp cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
1/3 c heavy cream, plus more for brushing
1 large egg
1/3 c water

Berries

1/4 c honey or sugar
1/3 c water
Pinch of salt
16 ounces of strawberries, trimmed and sliced,
OR 3 cups mixed blueberries, sliced strawberries, and
blackberries
Squeeze of fresh lemon juice
Optional: 1/3 c torn mint leaves, plus more for garnish

Whipped Cream Topping

1 c heavy cream
1 Tbsp sugar
Splash of vanilla

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in a medium bowl. Add the butter and work it into the flour, using your fingers, forks, or a pastry cutter, until the butter pieces are the size of small peas.
3. Whisk together 1/3 cup of the cream with the egg and 1/3 cup water in a small bowl. Add to the dry mixture and stir with a wooden spoon until a stiff batter forms. Drop 6 mounds onto the prepared baking sheet, leaving about 2 inches between each biscuit. Brush with a bit of cream and sprinkle with sugar. Bake until golden brown, about 25 minutes. Cool on the baking sheet.
4. While the biscuits bake and cool, combine the honey (or sugar) with 1/3 cup water and a pinch of salt in a small saucepan. Gently simmer, stirring, over medium heat until the honey or sugar is dissolved and the mixture is slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Then toss in a medium bowl with the strawberries, or triple-berry combination, lemon juice, and optional mint. If time allows, set aside for 30 minutes or more to allow the berries to release their juices.
5. Combine the 1 cup cream with the 1 tablespoon sugar and splash of vanilla in a medium bowl. Whip to soft peaks.
6. To assemble, split each biscuit and place the bottom half on a plate. Divide the berries and accumulated juices over the biscuits and top with the whipped cream. Place the top of the biscuit on the shortcake and garnish with fresh mint.

Attention Local Businesses!

Duluth Township is looking to update our list of local businesses. Small businesses are important to our Township and region. If you have a business in Duluth Township or know of a business that is not currently listed on our [web-site](https://www.duluthtownship.org/township/local-businesses/) (<https://www.duluthtownship.org/township/local-businesses/>) please contact the Clerk's office, 218-525-5705 or by email town-clerk@lakenet.com Please include business name, what your business offers, contact information including phone, email address, and web address. This is a great way to advertise your business for free.

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 name, picture, and a brief description of the occasion to the Deputy Clerk at deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com or drop your notice off at the Town Hall during office hours.

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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Are you looking for a home to rent?
Do you have a home to rent?
We can help! 30 years of excellent service.

SUSIE LANNON
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OFFICE: 218-720-3987
CELL: 218-340-1284
condoandhomeadvisors@gmail.com
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Country Kids Day Care 218-343-6370

Infants to School Age
Licensed
Bus to NSCS & Lakewood
Schools
*Accepting Full and Part
Time*

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WAGGIN' Tails
Boarding Kennels
Long & short term
boarding
Reservations
Required
218-525-4842
7002 App Rd.
Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement

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

The deadline for the next Newsletter is June 11, 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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www.overomlaw.com

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Two Harbors Area Food Shelf



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

Serving Lake & St. Louis
County residents.

Food Distribution on Tuesdays
from 10:00 am to 3:45 pm.

Call 218-391-8191 with any
questions.



SolFed Farm

Support local food production and get to know where your food is grown! Offering full and half CSA Farm Shares and seasonal farm stand. Farm shares run June-October. For more information check out our website or follow us on Facebook.

www.solfedfarm.com

solfedfarm@gmail.com

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Duluth Township Information 2024

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

Email: See note below on using our Township website.

www.duluthtownship.org

Town Office Hours: Tues. 9 am-12 pm, Wed. 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**
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), 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

May 2024

May 1: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

May 2: Recycling 3-7 pm

May 4: Recycling 8 am-noon

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

May 9: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

May 11: Recycling 8 am-noon

May 14: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

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

May 16: Recycling 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

May 18: Recycling 8 am-noon

May 21: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

May 23: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm

May 25: Recycling 8 am-noon

May 28: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

May 30: Recycling 3-7 pm

June 2024

June 1: Recycling 8 am-noon

June 4: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

June 5: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

June 6: Recycling 3-7 pm

June 8: Recycling 8 am-noon

June 11: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

June 13: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

June 15: Recycling 8 am-noon

June 18: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

June 19: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River
Lutheran Church 7 am

June 20: Recycling 3-7 pm

June 22: Recycling 8 am-noon

June 25: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

June 27: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm

June 29: Recycling 8 am-noon; Firewise Event 10 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 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.