

Duluth Township Newsletter

May 2025

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Memorial Day Ceremony



The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at Lakeview Palmers, on Monday May 26, 2025 at 11:00 am.

The Memorial Day speaker is a friend to many in this Township, whose message will be well worth attending to on this Memorial Day.

Donuts and coffee will be provided by the Women of the French River Lutheran Church.

If weather is inclement, the ceremony will be moved to the Town Hall.

Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

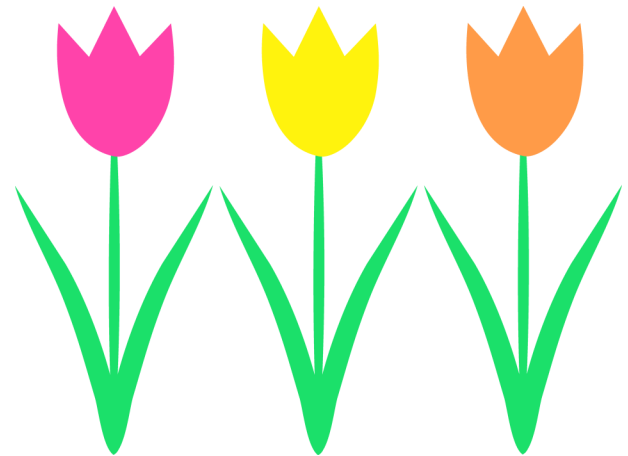
May 7, 2025: Wednesday 12:30 pm, Town Hall. Sandwiches, salads, and bars. Colette Bitz will lead us with her wonderful exercises for seniors.

June 4, 2025: Wednesday 12:30 pm, Town Hall. Sandwiches, salads, and bars. Suz & Bryce Thompson, folk singers from Siron, WI.

July 9, 2025: Wednesday 12:30 pm. Our Annual Picnic & Bingo.

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

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, Aly Marks, Beth Mullan, Sherry Rovig, and Carol Surine



Fire Department
 Bob Engelson, Chief
 Sherry Rovig, Secretary

Our department responded to 33 calls from January through March. We also had members participate in online wildland training, pipeline safety training, EMT refresher, mass casualty training, FFI&I and hazmat training. Our newest member, Seth O'Donovan, completed fire training and is now certified.

Smoke alarms were installed in 3 homes. Please contact the department or use the application provided to schedule a smoke alarm installation or Fire-wise assessment.

Spring wildfire season is here.

After a milder winter, drought conditions are still in place this spring. As a result of an inconsistent snowpack, fine fuel is present across the state, which is dry vegetation that can ignite and spread quickly. We are once again sponsoring Chipper Days (see page 7) to offer an alternative to pile burning and help remove the dry fuels from the spruce budworm outbreak.

If you do intend to burn piles, you need to check burn restrictions and get a permit. A written burning permit can be obtained through any DNR Forestry Office or an active fire warden at no cost. It is good for up to three continuous days, as listed on your permit. You can activate your written permit by phone (if conditions are safe to burn).

A burning permit grants the individual holder the right to burn small amounts of dry leaves, plant clippings, brush, and clean untreated-unpainted wood if weather conditions do not pose a fire hazard and there are no more than three piles and no piles larger than 20' x 20' in size.

An online burning permit is a convenient way to get your permit. It is good for 1 year and costs \$5. You can apply for a permit at <https://apps.dnr.state.mn.us/burning-permits>. You need to activate your permit each day that you intend to burn. Burning can happen between the hours of 6 pm to 8 am.

Karen Harrison is a Wildfire Prevention Specialist with the Minnesota DNR, and she said there are simple ways to stay safe during wildfire season. Check if burn restrictions are in place and check if a fire is properly put out. "It's really important to stay by your fire," she said. "You should be supervising it at all times and most importantly, make sure it is out cold. So, drown it with water, stir and repeat, and feel for any lingering heat and if it's still too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave." Wildfire embers can travel up to a mile which can ignite a new blaze, and that fine fuel can dry out within an hour after snow and rain. "Heat from a large fire can stay warm for days and even weeks sometimes," she said. "In the right conditions, like spring-weather conditions, it can reignite and cause a wildfire."

Chipper days will be June 18-21 at Hall 1 on Old North Shore Road and Hall 3 on the Laine Road in Alden Township. See page 7 for details.

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



Police Department
 Mark Haselow, Chief
 Paul Johnson, Officer

For medical & police emergencies, call 911.

Sign up for email police alerts and other urgent or informative notifications at the Township website:

www.duluthtownship.org

Police Events:

February 2025 and March 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: 5 careless driving reports, 3 property damage accidents, 3 traffic warnings/citations, and 2 motorist assistance. **Medical Emergencies:** None to report. **Animal Complaints:** 10 reports, including stray animals and a car vs. deer crash. **Emergency Responses:** 7 fire alarms, 5 burglar alarms, 5 motorist assists, and 3 suspicious vehicle complaints. **Public Assistance:** 1 public assist, 1 health/welfare check, and 3 property damage. **Criminal Actions:** 1 civil process, 1 fraud complaint, 6 disturbance complaints, 1 thief complaint, 4 damage to property, and 3 juvenile troubles. **Special Requests:** 63 vacation home/business checks and 3 hazard checks. **Miscellaneous Calls:** 7 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:

duluthtpwppolice@duluthtownship.org.

Note: If you need/want/expect a police squad to respond immediately, call **911**. Other than 911, the quickest way to get a response from the Township Police Department is to leave a message on our squad phone (218-393-8407).

SCHOOL BUS LIGHTS

YELLOW FLASHING LIGHTS
 THE BUS IS PREPARING TO STOP

RED FLASHING LIGHTS AND EXTENDED STOP ARMS
 DRIVERS MUST STOP AND WAIT THE RED LIGHTS STOP

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



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



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

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

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 27, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting: Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Justin Osadjan, Dave Meyer, Tony Mancuso, Nate Nesgoda, and Ken Peterson. Also present: Liz Strohmayer, Planning Director; ArMand Nelson, Town Board liaison to the Planning Commission; Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary and Laura Herzog, incoming Planning Secretary. Following up from the January meeting, applications were received from the Grumdahl's for land use permits for the existing shipping containers. They also submitted their vegetation management plan. Liz reported that there were still six lights on and that the Grumdahl's planned to replace those with motion activated lights by the end of March. The Grumdahl's then agreed to turn those lights off until the new lights are installed. They would like to put a fence in along the far side of the property along the property line. The fence would be just in from the property line, so buffer vegetation would not need to be established on that side of the property. The Grumdahl's plan to put the fence and buffer vegetation in first. They will then replant the interior of the lot. A neighbor of the Grumdahl's spoke. The clearcutting has caused his property to lose \$100,000 in value. The lights were supposed to have been off three months ago. Motion detector lights will come on every time a deer comes by. He said a fence is fine, but a vegetation barrier needs to be put in as well. An eight-foot fence will not block the lights from the business or the lights and noise from the highway for him. Four foot buffer trees should be put in as well. The trees will last longer than the fence. He did not think, given the situation, that the Commission should make accommodations for the Grumdahl's. He said he has initiated a class action lawsuit for damages. It was determined that the trees remaining between the expressway and the Grumdahl's land were on State property.

Liz noted that non-compliance work does not always move as fast as some folks would like. There is a process and there is a lot more flexibility when people are working together. St Louis County has updated its floodplain ordinance and the Town defers floodplain administration to the County. Ken found that if a structure is in a floodplain, no improvements are allowed which seemed excessive. The County also reset the 100-year floodplain which impacts quite a few properties in the Township.

March 27, 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 and Laura Herzog, incoming Planning Secretary.

A member of the community came to the Commission to propose that mini donkeys be considered as pets in the Ordinance so they would be allowed on smaller acreages and below the expressway. She was interested in donkeys as therapy animals, especially for veterans. She cited sources showing the benefits of donkeys as therapy animals. They are 36 inches or less tall as measured to the top of their ears. They can be house trained and can be kept in the house as pets. The Commission said they would consider it but were leaning towards using the variance process for considering mini donkeys in areas where they are not usually allowed.

The Commission discussed adding fees for enforcement expenses. There have been a number of property owners over the last couple of years who have refused to comply or pay fees that are owed and Liz has had to engage the Town attorneys to get compliance.

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February 13, 2025, 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, Stacia Grayson, and Jim Ward were present. Fire Chief Bob Engelson, Treasurer Melinda Peulen, Police Chief Mark Haselow, and Clerk Nicole Chatterson were also present.

Minutes from previous meetings (Jan. Board & Feb. 12 Budget) approved.

Agenda approved with the addition of ASP under Town Hall.

Financials

Beginning Balance: \$690,751.78. Deposits: \$5,728.21. Expenses: \$54,873.15. Ending Balance: \$641,606.84. Financial statements, payroll, and claims list were unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Dave Neuenfeldt requested all correspondence regarding Les Grumdahl since December. Clerk said it will be gathered in a reasonable timeframe.

Ben Hatfield expressed concern over the Les Grumdahl property and effects on property values. Asked about parking lot lights – confirmed they remain on.

Department Updates

Police: New contract in progress, to be signed next meeting. **Fire:** Truck bidding process opening soon. Department will also sell unneeded equipment from a MN Power truck. **Planning/Zoning:** Ordinance updates under way; more meetings scheduled. ArMand advised against joining the Stormwater Coalition while a consultant is in place for MS4. **Legal:** Town attorney followed up on letter from Christensen, Killen, & Seiler regarding Les Grumdahl. **Roads:** No issues reported. **Town Hall:** New office hours posted online. Furnace and boiler repairs completed. Water filter mistakenly installed by ASP instead of just quoting; ASP acknowledged error and will adjust billing accordingly.

ARPA – Kitchen Project: Contractor dissolved, but the same individual formed JNR Enterprises and retained the contract. Board approved continuing the project with JNR.

Other Reports

Materials Management: Grant paperwork for recycling nearly complete. **Cemetery:** No report. **Communications:** Newsletter deadline approaching. **Emergency Management:** Updated plan approved unanimously.

Supervisor Report

Congdon Trust: No updates. **NSCR:** Submitted receipts totaling \$1,815 for nonprofit status/accounting. Reimbursement approved.

Personnel

Resolution 02132025: Appointed members to Absentee Ballot Board – unanimously approved.

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Minutes approved: February 12 Budget Meeting, February 13 Board of Audit, February 13 Board Meeting, and draft Annual Meeting minutes.

Agenda approved with additions: "Sealed Bid" under Fire Department and "Declared Disasters" under Supervisor Report.

Financials

Beginning Balance: \$641,606.84. Deposits: \$33,310.56. Expenses: \$36,741.86. Ending Balance: \$638,175.54. Financial report, payroll, and claims list approved unanimously.. Motion passed: Renamed "North Shore Skating Rink" fund to "Recreation".

Department Reports

Police: All is quiet. **Fire:** Two Harbors listed their fire truck for silent bid.

Motion Passed: Approved up to \$5,000 for a bid bond on Engine 25. MN Power truck is ready for service; just awaiting decals. Federal grants for the skid unit and training reimbursements are currently paused. OSHA changes will require future physicals for all members.

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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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There is nothing in the Ordinance that allows for recovering these expenses so they fall to the taxpayers of the Township. One option to explore is having the County add these unpaid fees and fines directly to the property owner's property tax bills. Commission members felt that there should be a flat fine as well when enforcement action has to be initiated. Liz said that most folks respond pretty quickly to correct the situation when she lets them know they are in violation. But those who don't can require a lot of time on her part, even before it goes to the attorneys.

There was a discussion about whether 5% impervious surface area limits in SENSO areas were too stringent. There was also a discussion about not requiring a permit for driveways but continuing current standards for driveways.

February 11 and March 20 Planning Commission Meetings to Consider Updates to the Zoning Ordinance: The Commission held open meetings on these dates to consider updates to the Zoning Ordinance. Among the items covered to-date are clarification of some definitions; clarification of non-conformity language; reorganization and clarification of Article VI, Shoreland Overlays; new use called Public / Semi-Public; new use called Outdoor Events; additional standards for farmstands and market farms; allowing accessory structures on lots used for camping; addition of high tunnels as a part of the use Greenhouses; simplification of the application process for conditional uses; clarification of interim use terms; and terms for resubmission of applications following denial.

Summary of Town Board Meeting Minutes

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Planning/Zoning: Two Commission vacancies; Pam West and Angela Wilson reached term limits. Motion passed: Appoint Pam and Angela as ex officio (non-voting) members for 3 months to assist with ordinance updates. Grumdahl Property: Some compliance steps completed (motion lights, sign removed, veg plan/fence in place), but not all deadlines met. Stoney Point Property: Awaiting update from Scott. MS4: Consulting firm has received all necessary files. **Legal:** Nothing to report. **Roads:** Quiet, with some frozen pipe issues handled by the County. Road contract up for rebid; Nicole and Jim to handle ad placement. **Town Hall:** Water test from MDH passed. Parking lot lighting will be adjusted; possible lumen and angle adjustments under review.

ARPA Kitchen Project: Plumbing bid needed for water features on new appliances. Motion passed: Approved purchase of dishwasher up to \$8,400.

Materials Management: Recycling grant submitted.

Supervisor Report

NSCR: Reimbursement check sent. **Congdon Trust:** MOU draft submitted for review. **Disaster Training:** ArMand attended; reviewed new FEMA QR reporting method. Nicole and Jim will attend upcoming session.

Personnel

Laura doing well.

Spring Short Course Training – several board/staff members will attend.

Old Business

Discussed next steps for Columbarium project.

New Business

Chipper Days to be added to April agenda.

French River Book Club

Carol Surine

The month of May finds us changing to our evening hours, since we have daylight during the evenings these days. Our May meeting will be May 15 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Rd, Duluth, MN 55804.

For May we have chosen a Book Club in a Bag offering, Letters from Skye by Jessica Brockmole. The books should be available by Tuesday, April 22nd. They will be on the ledge to the right of the upper doors.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com. Our host will be Carol Surine.

BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE



Did you know that reading can be an effective way to reduce stress? Sitting quietly with a good book has been shown to ease muscle tension and slow the heart rate, much like other traditional relaxation methods.

Thanks to community donations, we have a wide range of fictional 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 Town Hall office and recycling hours. We'd love to expand the children's collection if you have books in good condition available to donate.

Thank you, and happy reading!

What's in the Kitchen?

Nicole Chatterson

As summer approaches, families prepare for vacations and camping trips while getting ready for the school year to end. My oldest daughter is looking forward to biking on the road with her neighborhood friends. She is becoming very independent, including learning the ways of the kitchen. She is developing skills that will carry her throughout her life. One thing that she likes to make independently for breakfast is an omelet in a mug or egg in a cup. An omelet in a mug is a convenient breakfast option that allows creativity with flavor combinations. Ingredients such as ham, tomato, peppers, or onions can be added for a quick and delicious meal.

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!

Omelet in a mug

Ingredients:

Cooking spray or olive oil
2 eggs
1 tablespoon of milk
Pinch of salt and pepper

Optional ingredients (up to 1 tablespoon per ingredient):

Shredded cheese
Bell peppers
Onion
Meat like ham or prepared sausage
Diced tomatoes

Instructions:

- Spray a microwave-safe mug, bowl, or paper bowl with cooking spray.
- Crack eggs into a cup with milk and beat thoroughly using a fork.
- Add salt and pepper, along with any additional ingredients, and mix well.
- Microwave for 60 seconds to a minute and a half or until there is no loose egg left.
- Let cool and enjoy!

Our Neighbors to the North *Alden News*

Aly Marks

Alden Township Board Meeting 3/12/25

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Supervisors Dale Olson, Helene Hedlund, and Heidi Haglin were present along with Treasurer Karen Keikow and Clerk Aly Mark. Residents present included Evan Sandretsky.

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

Finances: Treasurer Karen Keikow gave her report. The general fund had a total of \$54,104.85, the road fund had \$66,528.02, the Town Hall fund had \$7,352.63, the Fire Hall fund had \$24,551.14, for a grand total of \$152,536.64. The treasurer's report was approved. Bills were presented by Kiekow, Hedlund, and Mark for a total of \$12,373.67, this included paying election judges and \$10,790 in dues owed to Clifton Fire Department. A motion to pay all the bills including costs of supervisors training was approved.

Correspondence

CLP election ballots mailed out, the Board will not vote due to conflict of interest, but can vote as individual residents.

Committee Reports

The Town Hall was reserved by Clerk Aly Mark for mandatory early absentee voting hours on 2 separate occasions. Nothing to report on for the Fire Hall. Supervisor Olson stated that some flooding was taking place over Maki Road; he will inquire with the county about this and check the culvert for ice buildup.

New Business

Alden residents at the annual meeting requested to publish public notices in the *Lake County Press* in addition to *North Shore Journal*. The board passed a motion to approve this and to publish in Lake County Press for up to \$500.

Clerk Aly Mark will start submitting Alden Township's monthly meeting minutes to Duluth Township's Deputy Clerk on a bi-monthly basis.

Discussion took place regarding getting a township website. Mark will look into what it would take to accomplish that and what other small townships have, as well as investigating the cost of having a URL. No motion was made at this meeting. Short courses for Treasurer, Clerk, and new Supervisors will take place on April 4 at Duluth Entertainment Convention Center.

Old Business

Pat Berger Deputy Clerk will be covering monthly Board of Supervisors Meetings in May and June, possibly July in Clerk Aly Mark's absence. LBAE meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 1-2 pm. Mark will publish in papers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm, the next monthly board meeting is at 7:00 pm April 8, 2025. **A special thanks to Karen Kiekow and Dale Olson for their services to the Township!**

Annual Meeting and Election 2025

Township Election Summary – March 11, 2025

The Township held its annual election on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Voter participation was notably high, with a total of **230 ballots cast**, including early and absentee voting. Two Township Board seats were on the ballot, alongside a vote on the proposed 2026 levy.

Board Seat 2 – Unopposed

Jim Ward ran unopposed for Seat 2. The vote tally was as follows:

- **Jim Ward** – 199 votes
- **Write-in Candidates:**
 - Marlin Nelson – 6
 - Tom Homola – 1
 - Dennis Stolp – 1
 - Robert Peldo – 1
 - Keith Darsow – 1
 - Geoff Nelson – 1
 - No Name – 2
- **Undervotes** (no selection marked) – 18
- **Uncounted Write-ins** (name written, bubble not filled): Andrew Aho, Sean Brown, JD Vance

Board Seat 4 – Contested

The election for Seat 4 was contested between incumbent **Stacia Grayson** and challenger **Geoff Nelson**. Results were as follows:

- **Stacia Grayson** – 127 votes
- **Geoff Nelson** – 102 votes
- **No Name** – 1 vote

2026 Levy Decision

The proposed **2026 Township Levy** in the amount of **\$544,446.00** was **approved and seconded**, with **three votes recorded in opposition**.

For further information regarding these results or the Township's Annual Meeting, please contact the Clerk's Office.

Change in publication.

At the Annual Meeting, held on March 11, 2025, there was a motion and seconded with all voting in favor to change the paper of publication from the *Duluth New Tribune* to the *North Shore Journal*.

If you are some who doesn't already get the *North Shore Journal*, don't fret, its easy to get your copy sent to you house. Just contact Christine at 218-226-3335 or by email; northshorejournal@gmail.com and she will help you out!

You can also visit their website where you can find all the Township legal postings at www.northshorejournal.co

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



2025 Chipper Day: Sharing the Responsibility

You Cut and Stack - We'll Chip

This is an opportunity for your neighborhood to reduce risk to your homes by implementing wildfire prevention strategies.

Event Details

When: June 18 – 21, 2025

Woody Debris Drop Off Option for All Residents:

When: Drop off can happen: from Wed. June 18 through June 21 up to 4pm

Where: Fire Hall 1 on Ryan Road & Fire Hall 3 on Laine Rd

Pile Guidelines

- Cut and pile your woody debris along the driveway
- Piles must be stacked neatly with ends facing the road
- No limit to the number of piles, please make sure they are not obstructing traffic or under power lines.

What's Acceptable?

- Woody limbs and branches and trees
- Small trees, branches and limbs (balsam fir, spruce, and brush will be accepted)
- No construction or building materials
- Piles only, no bags allowed
- No trash, weeds, root wads, dirt, or rocks, or buckthorn
- No grass clippings or bags of leaves
- No household garbage

Questions? Contact: Clifton Volunteer Fire Department 218-525-5705
cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com



Sponsored by St. Louis County Firewise Program and Duluth Township



Please fill out and return the form on the top of page 8

Firewise Recording of Volunteer Hours (This counts toward the grant)

Name :

Property Address:

Preferred Contact information:

Number of hours spent on Firewise Project:

Please return this information to:

Sherry Rovig, Firewise USA coordinator for Duluth and Alden Townships

6092 Homestead Rd., Duluth, MN 55804

Or Email : cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com

Subject: Firewise Project Volunteer Hours

Or call 218-525-9240 and leave message

THANK YOU for your participation!

Following camp, come for Family Fun Night where we will be doing a Bike Rodeo at the French River Lutheran Church on Wednesday, June, 19. Contact the Church for more information.



A poster for 'COMMUNITY DAY CAMP' by Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry. The top half has a yellow background with the title in large, stylized letters. Below the title, it says 'VOYAGEURS LUTHERAN MINISTRY'. The middle section has a dark blue background with a night sky, stars, and evergreen trees. On the left, it says 'GOD'S WORD COMES NEAR' in large, white and yellow letters. On the right, there is an illustration of an open book. The bottom section has a yellow background with registration information: 'REGISTRATION CLOSES MAY 15TH OR WHEN FULL!!', 'JUNE 16-19, 2025', '9AM-3PM', and 'FRENCH RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH 5310 RYAN RD'. There is a QR code on the left and the Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry logo on the right. The logo includes the text 'VOYAGEURS LUTHERAN MINISTRY' and 'Camp Hiwatha • Camp Vermillion'.



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WORD SEARCH

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BEE	BUTTERFLY	GRASS	LILY	SEEDS
BLOSSOM	CHICK	KITE	NEST	SPROUT
BUD	EGGS	LADYBUG	PUDDLE	TULIP
BUNNY	FLOWER	LAMB	RAIN	WORM

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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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.

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WAGGIN' Tails

Boarding Kennels

Long & short term boarding



Reservations Required

218-525-4842
7002 App Rd.
Two Harbors

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 16, 2025. Call 525-5705 or email deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com.



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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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 Clerks office for more information.



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-2 pm, Wed. 9 am-2 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** 525-5705 (Message)

Planning Commission: **Angela Wilson (Chair), Dave Meyer, Justin Osadjan,
Pam West, Tony Mancuso, Nathan Nescoda, 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 depart-
ments you can use to send emails. Note that copies of all emails go to the Town Hall for Township rec-
ords. 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 2025

May 1: Recycling 3-7 pm

May 3: Recycling 8 am-noon

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

May 7: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

May 8: Recycling 3-7 pm, Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

May 10: Recycling 8 am-noon

May 13: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

May 14: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River Lutheran Church 7 am

May 15: Recycling 3-7 pm

May 17: Recycling 8 am-noon

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

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

May 24: Recycling 8 am-noon

May 26: Memorial Day, Ceremony at Lakeview Palmers Cemetery 11 am

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

May 29: Recycling 3-7 pm

May 31: Recycling 8 am-noon

June 2025

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

June 4: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

June 5: Recycling 3-7 pm

June 7: Recycling 8 am-noon

June 10: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

June 12: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

June 14: Recycling 8 am-noon

June 17: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

June 18: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River
Lutheran Church 7 am

June 19: Recycling 3-7 pm

June 21: Recycling 8 am-noon

June 24: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

June 26: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission meeting 6:30 pm

June 28: Recycling 8 am-noon

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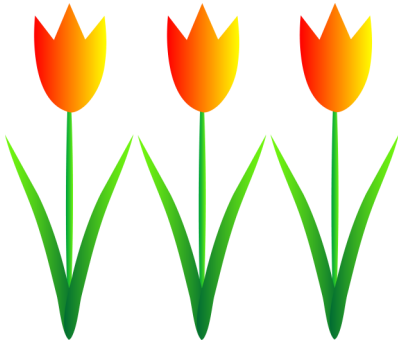
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Town Services

Please check the website for any developments, updates, or changes to Town services.

Town Clerk's Office: Open to the public during regular office hours. If you would like, you can conduct your business via email, phone, U.S. mail, or the drop box under the public posting at the Town Hall entrance.

Town Board Meetings: Open to the public.

Planning and Zoning Department;

Land Use 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.

