

Duluth Township Newsletter

November 2024

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Holiday Closures and Reduced Office Hours

The holiday season is upon us. And with that, there will be some holiday closures at the Town Hall Clerk's Office and Recycling Center.

The Recycling Center will be closed Thursday, November 28, 2024: Thanksgiving Day.

The Clerk's Office will be closed Thursday November 28-29, for the Thanksgiving holiday; Tuesday through Friday December 24-27, for the Christmas holiday; and Tuesday December 31 through Wednesday, January 1, for the New Year's.

The Clerk's Office will have reduced operating hours starting in November. Office hours during this time will be:

- Tuesday: 9 am to noon
- Wednesday: 10:30 am to 2 pm
- Thursday: 9 am to 1 pm (*afternoon will be by appointment only, please call 218-525-5705 to make arrangements*)
- Friday: 9 am to noon

If you should need anything during the off hours, please feel free to call and leave a message; (525-5705), or email the Town Clerk townclerk@lakenet.com or Deputy Clerk deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com.

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

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!



Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

November 6, 2024: Wednesday, 11 am. COVID and flu vaccines for free to folks, a \$25 gift card per vaccine to anyone 18+. The Harvest Pot Luck and Bingo will follow the clinic starting at 12:30 pm.

December 4, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm. To be announced.

January 8, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm. Usually we would have met on the first Wednesday, but that being New Year's Day, we will meet a week later with potluck and bingo.

Everyone is welcome!

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Dorothy Aho, JoVanna Balquier, Nicole Chatterson, Bob Engelson, Shelly Pierson Evans, Mark Haselow, Helene Hedlund, Abby Larson, Aly Marks, Beth Mullan, Sherry Rovig, and Carol Surine



Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Chief
Sherry Rovig, Secretary



Police Department

Mark Haselow, Chief
Paul Johnson, Officer

Our department had been paged out 113 times by the second week of October. There have also been more calls in wilderness areas than in previous years and Coop Light & Power has awarded us a roundup grant to purchase a Stokes basket to help us transport patients from remote areas. We are very grateful for their continued support.

We recently trained with Life Link on helicopter landing zones, and members of Normanna Fire were able to join us.

The biochar demonstration in August was well received. Attendees wondered if a biochar kiln could be purchased for community use in the future.

Many residents took advantage of the chipping event in September in both Duluth and Alden Townships. Thank you to those who remembered to report their hours spent clearing and hauling. The time spent in Firewise activities is our "in-kind" match for grants and part of our Firewise USA Community commitment. Please continue to send us your input.

FREE CHIPS ARE AVAILABLE at both brush drop-off sites -- Hall 3 on the Laine Road and Hall 1 on Old North Shore and Ryan Rd.

2025 Fire Department Calendars are available at the Town Hall. We can no longer deliver them.

Free smoke alarms and Firewise Assessments are still available. See application below.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our emergency services team, please contact our chief, Bob Engelson, cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com or (218) 341-0707

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 August 2024 and September 2024, there were 116 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 23 requests for checks on homes or businesses, 14 attempts to locate careless drivers and medical emergencies. There were 9 reports of traffic related warnings/citations, 8 reports of health/welfare checks, and 7 reports of disturbance and unknown trouble complaints. There were 5 reports of child neglect and 4 reports of civil process and suspicious activity. There were 3 reports of animal complaints and suspicious vehicles. There were 2 reports of the following: property damage accidents, public assist, fire alarms and car vs. deer crashes. And finally there was 1 report of each of the following: garbage dumping complaint, fraud complaint, assisting other agencies, hazard check, theft complaint, neighbor trouble, and damage to property.

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: duluthtwppolice@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 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 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 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

August 22, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting. Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Pam West, Justin Osadjan, Tony Mancuso, and Nathan Nesgoda. Also present: Liz Strohmayer, Planning Director; Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary; and ArMand Nelson, Town Board liaison to the Planning Commission.

On compliance issues, Liz reported that the issues involving building and clearing without permits on the property on Hegberg has been resolved and the fees have been paid. She is working on a number of other driveways and structures that have been put in without permits. She is also working with the Township police on a situation on Englund Road where one resident's junk has spilled over onto his neighbor's property. They've given the owner a deadline to clean it up. There has also been a complaint about junk cars on a property on Torgeson Road. This resident recently got a Land Use Permit and told Liz at the time that he would be cleaning it up. The Commission asked that Liz look into the Town's junk car ordinance to start cleanup measures on the property.

There was a question about shipping containers requiring Land Use Permits and Liz said that the Town considered any structure over 144 sq ft as needing a permit.

September 25, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting. Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Dave Meyer, Tony Mancuso, and Nate Nesgoda. Also present: Liz Strohmayer, Planning Director; Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary; and ArMand Nelson, Town Board liaison to the Planning Commission.

A public hearing was held on a request for three variances to put an addition on a non-conforming home on Greenwood Road in zone district SUR-1: 1) A 9.5 ft variance from the side yard setback from 20 ft to 10.5 ft; 2) A 12 ft variance from the requirement that the height of the addition (28 ft) not exceed the height of the original non-conforming structure (16 ft); and 3) A variance of 17.6% to the requirement that a nonconforming structure not meeting setbacks be limited to a 25% expansion of the original ground floor area of the structure for a total increase of 42%. The existing detached garage on the property is at 10.5 feet, which meets the side yard setback for accessory structures, but once it is incorporated into the addition and attached to the house it will be a part of the primary structure which requires a 20 ft setback, triggering the need for the side yard setback variance. The addition would not increase the distance that already exists from the building to the side yard lot line.

The owners said they were not aware that the home was non-conforming when they bought it. The home was built over 50 years ago and they want to improve it to make it more accessible and accommodate current living standards. They hope to age in place in the home.

Three Commission members visited the site and found that the increased height of the proposed addition would not impact neighbors' view of the lake. The Commission felt that the addition fit the character of the neighborhood and met all criteria for a variance. They approved the variances unanimously.

Ken Peterson was appointed by the Town Board to fill the vacant Commission seat. His first meeting will be in October.

Liz said that she had not moved forward yet on dealing with the junk cars on

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August 8, 2024, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Saprina Matheny, and ArMand Nelson. Absent: Jim Ward and Stacia Grayson. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$800,946.61, deposits \$265,753.63, expenses \$26,817.32, ending balance of \$791,037.81. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Police: Mark reported there were two suspicious males in the area. More garbage has been brought to a property on Englund Road. Liz will look into county ordinance to see if there is anything that speaks to this issue. Fire: A resident would like to donate a military truck to the department. ArMand will follow up with MAT to see what must be done to accept the truck. Planning: ArMand is familiarizing himself with MS4. Saprina spoke to the Duluth City Attorney to verify what parcels are considered Congdon Trust Land. Roads: Jim was not present to give a report; however, the Town roads have been mowed, and the Board will discuss snow plowing contract next month. Town Hall: There was a request to display art provided from the NSCS 6th grade art class. The Board agreed to display it. There has been little activity in traps provided by Plunkett. Hannah is looking into a grant for an outdoor fitness center, Saprina will pass that along to the school. It was asked to move forward with the CLP bid for the parking lot light; the matter was tabled until September when the Board hears back from Jim. The water heater is throwing a code and the sump pump isn't holding up during large rain events. It was suggested to purchase a dehumidifier. The Clerk's Office will purchase one. Cemetery: Roger spoke with Molly about the timber's leftover from last summer's project to utilize at the Town Hall to stop traffic in the rain garden. The Board told him to move forward. Supervisor Report: Saprina has continued conversations with the NSCR. The Town has received the tax filing information that the MOU requires. Saprina will speak to Mel about those documents. There was some confusion the Annual Meeting- the \$3,000 is precluded from the MOU as we are not to pay for capital improvements.

September 12, 2024, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Stacia Grayson, and ArMand Nelson. Absent: Jim Ward and Saprina Matheny. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$750,000.09, deposits \$33,362.37, expenses \$43,366.29, ending balance of \$739,996.17. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Police: Since the last meeting, Mark and Liz have spoken with Mr. Bohlman. Mark met with Twin Ports Trailer Trash and will give an estimate of what it would cost to clean up this property. Fire: One new member joined the Department, a paramedic who works for the Mayo ambulance service. The Harvest Dinner on October 12. Resolution 09122024 Accepting Donation of Truck for Fire Department: ArMand moved to approve resolution 09122024. Stacia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Planning: St. Louis County sent a letter with information regarding the tax forfeit sales. ArMand spoke with six companies in the search for someone to assist with MS4. He noted that there are changes that need to be made in the ordinance. Planning Director Strohmayer was not in attendance; however she did pass along that she fully endorses Ken Peterson for the Planning Commission position and encourages the Board to appoint him. He has previously worked on our most current CLUP and can bring unique experience to the Commission that would benefit the Township. Open Planning Seat Interview of Ken Peterson. Motion: ArMand moved to appoint Ken Peterson to the Planning Commission. Stacia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Roads: St. Louis County snowplowing application for the 2024-25 season has been filed with the County. Jim is contacting contractors for plowing the Town Hall, Fire Halls, and the two Township Roads that are not plowed by the county. Bob has completed new pipes on North Ryan and Aho Roads. JBL is planning to start work on Torgeson Road in two weeks. *(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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the property on Torgeson Road in part because the junk car ordinance falls under the Town's purview, not Planning and Zoning's. She felt the existing ordinance should be updated in regard to enforcement and she planned to talk with the Town Board about it. Angela agreed that the due process part needed to be spelled out.

Join the Planning and Zoning Team

The Township is looking to hire a Planning and Zoning Secretary. The hours are flexible with a minimum of 5 hours a week and the opportunity for additional hours. The position can be expanded to include Planning Assistant responsibilities.

Primary responsibilities include preparing for and taking minutes at Planning meetings, reviewing and processing Planning applications, issuing permits, preparing for public hearings, maintaining records and files, helping with the Planning portion of the Town website, and maintaining the Zoning Ordinance. Additional hours and responsibilities can be added for the individual interested in further assisting the Planning Director.

The minimum qualifications for this position are a high school diploma or GED; computer literacy, including proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel, as well as the ability to learn additional programs; personal communication skills for working with Township staff and the general public; attention to detail; willingness to learn new skills; and experience or interest in planning and zoning.

A dedicated laptop computer will be provided. Except for Planning Commission meetings which are held at the Town Hall, work can be performed from home (an internet connection is necessary) or from the Planning Office at the Town Hall.

Please email resume and a cover letter to townclerk@lakenet.com.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

VOLUNTEER LIBRARIAN WANTED!

Contact the Clerk's office if interested
or would like more information about
the position.

Duluth Township
Email: townclerk@laketnet.com
Phone: 218-525-5705

Summary of Town Board Meeting Minutes

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Town Hall: Life House Center reached out to the Clerk's Office inquiring if they could host a vaccine clinic. The Board approved this event. There will be updated Office Hours from November 1, 2024-February 1, 2025. These updates will be posted on the doors and on the website. The Clerk's Office attended an online meeting with Metro Sales to gather information on digital file service. It was determined that at this time we will not move forward with a digital file service. The LED lighting project is nearing completion, they had to wait for a part to come in to complete the hallway by the Clerk's Office. Roger had requested that the Board consider adding a dimmable switch in the Community Room. They reviewed the quote provided and determined that they did not want to move forward at this time, as this would require all the new installed bulbs to be replaced with a dimmable bulb. They noted that, when we start having to replace the bulbs in that room, they would revisit it then as it makes the most sense. The Township is seeking a new librarian. If there is anyone interested in volunteering for this, they are encouraged to reach out to the Clerk's Office. The cost for our annual generator service increased 67%. The Clerks Office researched new generator service providers and provided the Board with other options for annual service. Motion: ArMand moved to accept the Allied Generators for service of our generators. Stacia seconded. The motion passed. The Clerk's Office received quotes for fixing the parking lot light. Motion: ArMand moved to approve the quote from BZ Electric for \$4,350.00, Stacia seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The OnDemand water heater has an error code and is not providing hot water. Roger also discussed the need to update or replace the existing sump pump as it is not handling rain events as well as it should, and the basement is flooding. Nicole will reach out to a few plumbers to have the water heater serviced and a quote for the sump pump. Motion: Stacia moved to approve up to \$500.00 for repair or replacement of the water heater. Amend Motion: Stacia moved to approve up to \$4,000.00 to repair or replace the OnDemand water heater. ArMand seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Motion: ArMand moved to spend up to \$1,200.00 for replacement of the sump pump. Stacia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): The Board discussed the kitchen project and what the goals are for that project. They identified plumbing for the dishwasher, a new over-the-range oven hood with appropriate venting, replace the current refrigerator and freezer combo with a standalone fridge and freezer units, and any needed electrical. Stacia will start seeking contactors for quotes for this project. The Supervisors reviewed three bids for the accessibility ramp replacement project. Accessibility Ramp Project Motion: Stacia moved to approve the accessibility ramp quote provided by AUS for \$7,643.42. ArMand seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

JoVanna Balquier



Fall is here, and you won't "be-leaf" the selection of books at the little free library located in the Community Room at the Township Hall! Pop on in during Town

Hall and recycling hours to find your next favorite read there! Books for all ages are located in the little library!

If you bring donations, we kindly ask that they are in good condition and that you refrain from leaving nonfiction books such as textbooks.

Thank you and happy reading!



Did you know?

Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles.

The three leading causes of Minnesota fires are all holiday staples: Cooking, heating and open flames.

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

WINTER HOLIDAY SAFETY

- Use flameless candles when decorating for the holidays.
- Make sure exit paths and exits are clear of holiday decorations and clutter.
- Cooking for a holiday gathering? Never leave food cooking on the stove unattended.
- Keep a timer with you when baking in the oven so you don't lose track of time; check on items in the oven frequently.



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What's in the Kitchen?

Nicole Chatterson

Now that we are officially in the “BER” months, it’s time to break out the crockpots, casseroles, and soups. Some of the best soups I have made have been without a recipe and just an idea of what my end results should be. For this edition’s recipe, I will share a soup inspired by one my cousin made for our annual family campout this year. It is a Creamy Italian Sausage Tortellini Soup with my take on it. This is a hearty soup that will warm your soul on a cool fall evening. This recipe is easily adaptable for a smaller batch if you are not serving many. This also can be frozen, but I recommend that you hold the cream, spinach, and tortellinis until you serve.

I’m also including two bonus recipes this month for a quick hors d’oeuvre or snack. This hors d’oeuvre uses a balsamic glaze. I have included a recipe to make it homemade, or there are a few options to purchase from the grocery store if you prefer. Keep in mind that while reducing the vinegar the smell can become quite strong, so I recommend opening a window for others in your home, as they will most likely take note of the strong aroma. Trust me, it’s worth the smell. Balsamic glaze is versatile. It is commonly used to top roasted vegetables, salads, meats, or even ice cream. 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!

Caprese Hors d’oeuvre

Ingredients:

Stacy’s Pita Thin Chips®
Cherry tomatoes halved
BelGioioso® Fresh Mozzarella Ciliegine “cherry size” halved or pearls whole, depending on what is available
Fresh basil
Balsamic glaze* recipe below

Instructions:

Assemble the hors oeuvre as follows:
Pita chip, tomato, mozzarella, basil, balsamic glaze drizzled on top.

Balsamic Glaze

Ingredients

1 cup balsamic vinegar
¼ cup brown sugar (or substitute your preferred sweetener such as honey, maple syrup, or stevia)
1 tablespoon butter

Instructions:

1. In a saucepan, combine balsamic vinegar and brown sugar over medium heat, stirring constantly until sugar has dissolved. Bring to a boil.
2. Reduce heat to low and simmer until glaze is reduced by half and coats the back of a spoon, approximately 15-20 minutes*.
3. Remove glaze from heat and stir in butter until melted.
4. Let glaze cool and pour into a mason jar or airtight container. Store in refrigerator for 3-4 weeks.

*Reduction time may vary depending on the surface area of your pan. A larger saucepan will reduce the glaze faster.



*Duluth Township Townhall
Homesteaders*

**Get your FREE COVID-19 and Flu
vaccinations**

and

Receive a \$25 Visa gift card!

November 6, 2024

10:30 AM-12:30 PM

(Prior to potluck)

6092 Homestead Road Duluth, MN 55804

Walk-Ins are welcome, or to pre-register

scan the QR code

or

use internet address below:



[https://my.primary.health/r/ccc-two-harbors-moose-lodge?
registration_type=default](https://my.primary.health/r/ccc-two-harbors-moose-lodge?registration_type=default)

Need help registering or have questions? Contact: Felicia
at the Lighthouse Center for Vital Living 218-624-4828 or
via email felicia@LCFVL.org

*While supplies last. Must be 18+ years of age to receive \$25
gift card incentive. *

Creamy Italian Sausage Tortellini Soup

Ingredients

5 cups chicken broth or veggie broth
1 can of diced tomatoes or 1 pint of cherry tomatoes roasted in oven with garlic
1 small onion, diced
2-3 celery, diced
2-3 carrots, diced
1 tablespoon of either butter, olive oil, or coconut oil, use more if needed, depending on amount of veggies
1 pound ground Italian sausage (hot, mild, or sweet—your choice)
3-4 cloves garlic, diced (or more depending on how much you appreciate garlic)
3-4 tablespoons flour, depending how thick you may want it
1 teaspoon basil
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon Italian herb blend
1-2 bay leaves, depending on size
1 pinch of red pepper flakes, optional
Dash of hot sauce, optional
1 cup heavy cream
2 cups spinach (kale can be substituted)
2 cups tortellinis (can be fresh or frozen)
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste



Instructions:

1. Pour chicken stock into soup pan, reserve 1 cup to deglaze fry pan
2. Add tomatoes to stock.
3. Place diced onions, carrots, celery, with a shake of salt and pepper, in fry pan with butter. Sauté until veggies start to soften. Once they are softened, add to soup pan.
4. In the same fry pan, cook and crumble Italian sausage over medium-high heat until sausage is cooked through. Drain grease. Add garlic and cook for about a minute.
5. Add the flour and cook for 1-2 minutes.
6. Add basil, oregano, Italian herbs, pepper flakes.
7. Add the reserved cup of stock to deglaze the pan with a rubber spatula.
8. Pour sausage mix into the soup pan and combine well. Add bay leaves.
9. Slowly stir in the heavy cream. Bring to a boil on a medium high heat.
10. Add tortellini and spinach, cook 3-5 minutes.
11. Add optional hot sauce and any additional salt and pepper to taste.
12. Once tortellinis are cooked, enjoy!

Recycling Reminder:

Remember, starting in November the Recycling Center will be switching to winter hours.

Tuesday morning: 7-11 am

Tuesday afternoon: 2-6 pm

Thursday afternoon: 2-6 pm

Saturday morning: 8 am-noon

Friendly Reminder: We do not accept plastic flower pot, containers!



INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The NSCS Endowment Fund is a special fund that provides money for projects or programs at our school. The fund is managed by the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation, which manages and invests all donations. Each year, the NSCS Endowment Advisory Board awards money from the interest earned on the principal investment to selected school programs or projects. Only the interest earned on the principal is used each year. The donations remain invested for the future. Awards are granted to projects that focus on strengthening our children's education and furthering our mission:

North Shore Community School excels in connecting our student's learning to their natural and social environments in a nurturing community setting.

Examples Below:

MAPLE SAP EVAPORATOR

Mr. Dover purchased a maple sap evaporator with funds from the endowment. Collecting maple sap continues to be a long-running tradition at NSCS. The students now get to experience the whole process from collecting the sap, boiling it & enjoying it on their pancakes in the lunchroom.

APPLE PIE TOOLS

Mrs. Markon, Mrs. Cassidy & Mrs. Helgesen purchased kid safe tools for Apple Pie Day in Kindergarten classes. This project is part of their Apple Unit and covers important standards in both Science & Social Studies.



BIONOCULARS

Ms. Urban purchased a set of life-time warranty binoculars for her 2th-6th grade environmental education classes.

LOON OPERA

Ms. Giddings uses funds from the endowment to invite the Lyric Opera of the North to come visit NSCS in the Spring. They spend the day at the school putting on performances for NSCS students. They even have select students from all grades participate in the Opera! This is a great way to bring Fine Arts right to our school for the students to enjoy!

DONATIONS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

-----Detach Here and Return-----

Name: _____

Donation Amount

Address: _____

- \$500
 \$100
 \$50
 Other \$ _____

Check here if you'd like to remain anonymous.

Please send your tax deductible gift to:

NSCS Endowment Fund

5926 Ryan Rd.

Duluth MN 55804

(checks payable to NSCS Endowment Fund-leave memo blank)

November 2024

We are off and running with the new year! A few items to note as we move into Fall and Winter...

Board Election Update: During the 2024 Minnesota Legislative process, a law passed to specify the seating of board members as beginning on July 1. Given our elections have been held in the fall, and seating new members would not take place until July, the board will be moving the election date to the spring. More information will be shared once the new election date is selected.

Recommitment and New Enrollment: Recommitment forms will be sent to families in January. Please return them as soon as possible. We will begin accepting new enrollments for the 2025-2026 school year in January, New enrollment forms will be available on our website beginning January 10.

NSCS Preschool has been close to full the last three years. We will be sending recommitment forms for current families in January, and new enrollment forms will be available on our website beginning January 10. We offer Pre-school 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/>

Annual Report Presentation: NSCS will present its Annual report during the board meeting on October 28, 2024, at 5 pm in the Library.

Conferences will be held November 25 in the afternoon, November 26 in the morning, and December 5 in the evening.

A new, multifunctional timber frame pavilion is available to our North Shore community for individual, family and group use year-round! Stop by and check it out.



WELCOME
French River
Lutheran Church
5310 Ryan Road



For more information, contact the church:

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



French River Book Club

Carol Surine

For November we have chosen the book Horse by Geraldine Brooks. This is not a Book Club in a Bag offering, so you will have to procure a copy on your own. There may be a copy available at the library or you can buy an inexpensive book at AbeBooks.

The next meeting will be held at 1pm November 21 at French River Lutheran Church 5310 Ryan Road in the Fireside Room. Our hosts are Elda Hein and Gail Johnson.

November is the month we collect board books to give the youngest readers in our community a head start on a lifetime adventure. Buy a new (or gently used) board book and bring it with you to Book Club in November. We'll pass it along to a group who will make sure there's a book under the tree!

If you have questions, feel free to contact Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com, or text 218-310-8112.

Election Day 2024



Don't forget to come out and vote on November 5, 2024. The polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm at Town Hall. To see who's on the ballot, visit the Secretary of State's website at:

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot/>

In 2024, Duluth Township purchased three new Poll Pads for upcoming elections. They were first used during the August Primary elections with great success. The Poll Pad is to replace the outdated paper roster that often caused long lines at the polls, slowing down the voters voting experience. Now when you come to vote, you can go to any one of our Roster Judges with the Poll Pad to check-in and vote.

The Poll Pad solution provides a seamless electronic voter check-in and verification process for election authorities all across North America.

Please see the graphic below for more fun fact's about the Poll Pads.



- THE POLL PAD IS AN ELECTRONIC VOTER CHECK-IN AND VERIFICATION DEVICE, PAIRED WITH A SECURE APPLE I-PAD APPLICATION.

- ESSENTIALLY AS EASY AS USING ANY ELECTRONIC TABLET.

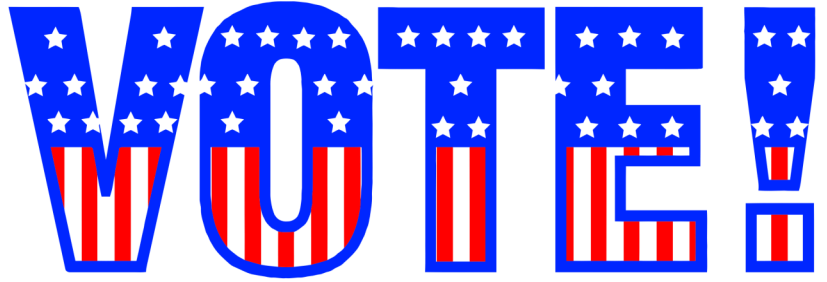
- EASY TO USE, SECURE, AND FUN

- REQUIRES NO PERIPHERALS OR CONNECTIONS DURING ELECTION DAY

- GREATLY HELPS YOUR FRIENDS AT THE COUNTY OFFICE

- USED BY MANY MINNESOTA COUNTIES ALREADY

NEW VOTERS



VOTE

You will vote in a private area, and your vote is secret. Vote with a pen or pencil, and completely fill in the oval next to your choice.

The ballot instructions will say how many candidates you can choose for each office. Usually it will say to 'choose one.' Some local offices may have more than one seat to fill.

Your ballot will count even if you do not vote on every race or ballot question.

TAKE YOUR BALLOT TO THE BALLOT BOX

After you have voted, put your ballot in the ballot-counter machine. Be sure to get your "I Voted" sticker before you leave!

VOTE EARLY WITH AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

You can vote early at your local elections office. You can also apply to have an absentee ballot sent to you in the mail. To find your local elections office or to request an absentee ballot, visit mnvotes.gov.

TIME OFF WORK TO VOTE

You have a right to time off work to vote, without losing your pay, personal leave, or vacation time.



Scan this code to visit mnvotes.gov and register to vote!



NEW VOTERS



New to voting? Don't worry—these steps explain the process.

GO TO YOUR POLLING PLACE

You must vote at your assigned polling place. It is usually located near where you live. Find your polling place at mnvotes.gov/pollfinder.

Most polling places open at 7 a.m. All polling places will remain open until 8 p.m. Anyone in line to vote by 8 p.m. must be allowed to vote.

SIGN IN OR REGISTER

If you are registered to vote, your name will be on a list of voters. You just need to write your signature next to your name. If you are registered, you do **not** need to show ID when you sign in.

If you did not register before Election Day, you must show proof of your current address. For example, you can show a current Minnesota driver's license or state ID. Or you can show a photo ID that has your old address, along with a bill that shows your current address.

For a list of all the types of ID and documents you can bring, visit mnvotes.gov.

2024 DATES

VOTE EARLY
Jan. 19 - March 4

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
Tuesday, March 5

VOTE EARLY
June 28 - Aug. 12

PRIMARY ELECTION
Tuesday, August 13

VOTE EARLY
Sept. 20 - Nov. 4

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, November 5

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Turkey



Bingo

Prizes!



 **FRENCH RIVER**
LUTHERAN CHURCH

5310 RYAN ROAD

Sunday, November 17

Doors open at 5

Games 5:30 — 7:30 PM



Get one 50¢ game free if you bring a non-perishable food item! (one per player for the evening)

*Grand Prize:
Gourmet
Turkey Dinner!*



GAMES 50¢ - \$1.00
Family Fun

Proceeds directed to
Two Harbors Area
Food Shelf
Event sponsored by
Thrivent Team in Action
FRLC Hospitality Committee

Julebyen Christmas Village

Helene Hedlund

Greetings Duluth and Alden Township Residents:

First, thank you to all local and surrounding area volunteers . . . from planning, to grounds preparation and tear down, bakers, crafters, and weekend warriors. Thank you also to the many sponsors . . . both monetary and in-kind.

Call for Volunteers

We are in the final stages of planning Julebyen 2024. It will be held **December 7 and 8 in Knife River**. We would love to have a few more general volunteers and chair positions covered as part of that planning. Let me know if you are interested. We are specifically looking for

- Co-chair for security
- Security weekend workers
- Chair for Info Booth
- Chair for Troll Village
- Weekend event workers

I am sure you noticed there were several changes in 2023. These activities will continue in 2024!

- Redesign of the website www.julebyen.org
- Return of the Gnome Dome
- Return of the Live Nativity – What a sweet event it was!
- Transition from JB volunteer prepared food options to food vendors
- New Trail between Troll Village and the primary festival grounds
- The addition of the Two Harbors Farmers Market

JB is the primary fundraiser for Knife River Recreation Council. Proceeds are used to maintain and support many community activities, such as the beach, tennis/pickle ball courts, the July 4th parade, community picnics, the Huldefolk Trail, and the brand new . . . much larger . . . ice skating rink.

A special shout-out to Lovin' Lakes County for its sponsorship and to the KRRC Board for their continued support of this event.

Helene Hedlund, Event Chair
hhedlund.dl@gmail.com

Our Neighbors to the North; Alden Happenings

Aly Marks, Alden Town Clerk & Helene Hedlund, Alden Supervisor

Alden Kitchen Update

The kitchen is ready to use! During this initial exploratory time period, there will be no charge for residents and no use agreement. Also, no alcohol allowed. However, you must make a reservation with Helene Hedlund, Township Supervisor. Contact her at hhedlund.dl@gmail.com or text to 218.841.8608.

The Supervisors are working on a use agreement, but in the meantime, we would love for you to try it out and let us know what you think. The water has been tested and passed inspection.

We will have a process for nonresidents as well, but it is still being developed. In the meantime, contact Helene, and she will make arrangements for you to use the hall.

Alden Township Holiday Potluck

Come celebrate our Town Hall's newly remodeled kitchen while also spending time with your neighbors. Alden Township is having a Township Potluck on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at 5 pm. Please bring a dish to share. To support the Township's ongoing efforts to beautify our Town Hall, we will be offering some items currently in the Town Hall to potluck attendees to re-home. See you there!

Helene Hedlund
Township Supervisor Chair

Informal Alden Township Neighbor Facebook page

Jim Rogers has recently set up an Alden Township Neighbor Facebook page. It is not for official business but rather to share Alden news with friends and neighbors. The Supervisors will periodically post Township information, but those notices are not official in nature. Check it out. Search "Alden Township Neighbor" on Facebook.

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.

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.

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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.

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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 December 11, 2024. Call 525-5705 or email deputyclerkduluthtp@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-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

November 2024

November 2: Recycling 8 am-noon

November 5: Election Day! Polls open 7 am—8 pm;

Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

November 6: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

November 7: Recycling 2-6 pm

November 9: Recycling 8 am-noon

November 12: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm

November 14: Recycling 2-6 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

November 16: Recycling 8 am-noon

November 19: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

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

November 21: Recycling 2-6 pm

November 23: Recycling 8 am-noon

November 26: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm

November 28: Thanksgiving Day! Recycling Closed

November 30: Recycling 8 am-noon

December 2024

December 3: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Business
Meeting 7 pm

December 4: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

December 5: Recycling 2-6 pm

December 7: Recycling 8 am-noon

December 10: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm

December 12: Recycling 2-6 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

December 14: Recycling 8 am-noon

December 17: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

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

December 19: Recycling 2-6 pm

December 21: Recycling 8 am-noon

December 24: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm

December 26: Recycling 2-6 pm

December 28: Recycling 8 am-noon

December 31: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 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 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.