

Duluth Township Newsletter

September 2024

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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/>

Harvest Dinner is Back!

The Harvest Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is back!

Come out and support our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department and all our hard working volunteer fire fighters and medical first responders.



Saturday, October 12, 2024,
5-7 pm

Duluth Town Hall
6092 Homestead Road

\$10 Adults
\$5 Children 12-under



All are welcome!

Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

September 4, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm.
The famous Two Harbors Ukulele group.
Sandwiches, salads, and bars.

October 2, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm.
From Normanna Township, Cathy Croke will come and share a long time hobby of Ancestry. Members have reported how talented and fun she is. Sandwiches, salads, and bars.

November 6, 2024: Wednesday, 12:30 pm.
Harvest Pot Luck and Bingo.

Everyone is welcome!



The beautiful floral arrangements outside our Town Hall, taken care of all summer by Stacy LeVres and Mary Tennis. Thank you, Mary and Stacy!

*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, JoVanna Balquier, Nicole Chatterson, Bob Engelson, Mark Haselow, 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

By the middle of August, our department has been called out 95 times. This is a significant increase over previous years, and we are grateful to have a well-staffed and trained group of responders. We are still working on a replacement for our large 5,000 gallon tender and our brush truck.

Trained personnel and good equipment = a safer community.

Another component of a safer community is responsible residents. We are grateful for all the efforts to reduce the fuel load in our forests by clearing the dead and dying balsam and spruce. Providing drive-ways that have enough clearance for our trucks is another way to increase safety. We can provide a free Firewise assessment of your property to point out more ways to reduce your risk. Please fill out the application with your request, and we will contact you to set up a time. You can also still request free smoke alarms if you are in need.

We welcome a new member to our ranks: Seth O'Donovan, who is already trained and working as a paramedic for Mayo Ambulance. She will be starting Firefighter I and II training this fall and will respond to both medical and fire calls when done with training.

Chipper days will be coming September 18-22. See flyer on page 8 for more information.

We are sad to report that we have lost one of our own. Mary Anne Daniel was a valuable member of our department since 2007. She was a firefighter and emergency medical responder, as well as our medical equipment manager.

Mary Anne was a vital part of our Duluth Township community, as well. She volunteered her time to the harvest dinner, was the Emergency Operations Director for several years, and served on the Town Board of Supervisors.

Mary Anne was a good friend and colleague and will be greatly missed.

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 June 2024 and July 2024, there were 107 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 19 requests for checks on homes or businesses, 10 disturbance complaints, and 9 medical emergencies. There were 8 reports of attempting to locate careless drivers, hazard checks, and traffic related warning/citations. There were 7 reports of unknown trouble complaints. There were 6 animal complaints and 5 reports of deer vs. car crashes. There were 3 reports of each of the following: public assist, health/welfare checks, juvenile trouble, and personal injury accident. There were 2 reports of the following: property damage accidents, civil process, suspicious activity, assist other agencies, and mental health crisis. And finally there was 1 report of each of the following: garbage dumping complaint, suspicious vehicle complaint, fraud complaint, unknown trouble complaint, and thief complaint.

If you have any information about criminal activity in our community, please contact the Duluth Township Police Department at: 218-525-5705, on our mobile phone: 218-393-8407, or by email:

duluthwppolice@duluthtownship.org.

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

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS AND FIREWISE ASSESSMENTS

The Red Cross has provided us with more free smoke detectors for our community. If you lack working smoke alarms in your home or existing ones are out of date 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.

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 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

June 27, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting. Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Justin Osadjan, Tony Mancuso, and Nathan Nesgoda. Also present: Liz Strohmayr, Planning Director; Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary; and ArMand Nelson, Town Board liaison to the Planning Commission.

A public hearing was held for a variance from the side yard setback from the required 25 ft setback to 3 ft in order to build a 24 by 32 ft garage on an existing concrete pad at a property on North Shore Dr in zone district SSUR-1. The concrete pad originally extended over the lot line onto the neighbor's property. A garage existed on the pad that was in disrepair and torn down before the current owners purchased the property. A contractor took 6 ft off the edge of the pad such that it no longer encroaches on the neighbor's property and is now 3 ft from the property line. One letter in support of the request from the closest neighbor potentially impacted by the variance was submitted by the applicant. The Commission approved the variance unanimously.

A public hearing was held for a variance from the requirement that the height of an addition not exceed the height of the original non-conforming structure for an addition to a home on Paul Road. The existing structure is 16 ft and the addition will make it 28 ft. The applicants bought the home two years ago and put in a new septic system in anticipation of adding onto the home. They did not realize the home was non-conforming when they bought it. A previous owner had been granted a variance in 2004 to build a 700 sq ft home sited 150 ft from the river. He built a much larger structure and placed it approximately 60 ft from the river. Since then, the property has changed hands multiple times. There is no way to add onto the home without increasing that nonconformity. In addition, the applicants did not want to increase impervious surface area by increasing the footprint of the home. The home is not visible from neighboring homes so the increased height will not impact neighbors. The Commission considered other options and found that adding a second story to part of the home, as requested, and staying within the existing footprint was the least impactful way to add living space. The only comment from the public was an email from a neighbor wondering if the addition would affect her ability to sell her home.

The DNR submitted a letter recommending against granting the variance. They felt the addition was inappropriate because the entire structure was within the sensitive shore impact zone, directly affecting the trout stream, and because it would increase runoff. The applicant said they planned to put a french drain around the house to direct rainwater towards a small pond, allowing it to seep down the slope instead of running directly to the river. The Commission felt that there would not be increased runoff from the addition. Nate said he found it difficult to grant a variance for a structure that was so close to the river. They did have the option of selling the property and purchasing something more suitable. The Commission compared aerial photography from 1937 to the present and found that the bank in front of the property had not changed significantly in that time.

The Commission approved the variance unanimously with the conditions recommended by the DNR: the property owner will remove the existing deck and install a robust planting of native species there to mitigate soil disturbance and erosion.

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June 13, 2024, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Jim Ward, Saprina Matheny, ArMand Nelson, and Stacia Grayson. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$612,424.81, deposits \$11,077.03, expenses \$24,844.62, ending balance of \$600,903.17. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Police: A new bulletproof vest will be ordered with half being reimbursed with a grant. Fire: There will be a Firewise event on June 29, 2024. There will also be a Bio-Char demo on July 24, 2024, at Station 1. There was a question regarding garbage pickup with WM, Nicole will further investigate. The Clerk's Office received notice from the County informing them the septic permit needs to be renewed. That will get done with North Shore Sanitary. Bob also raised the question regarding a community member wanting to volunteer time and labor to assist in Bio-Char event. The Town will reach out to MAT to see if there is an issue. Planning: There are two variance hearing's this month. Liz looked to the Board for guidance regarding an issue with a resident who built without proper permits. Liz will work with an attorney on the matter. The Planning Commission denied the Sievert variance request, the Sievert's submitted paperwork for an appeal to the Town Board, and the hearing is set for Wednesday, July, 10, 2024. Roads: The roads have been graded. Torgeson Road project we are working on getting all the documentation correct for residents to sign. Dominck Zweber was in the audience and walked through the future plans with Jim. Town Hall: There were 2 bids for cleaning the hardwood floors in the main hall. Saprina made the motion to move forward with Lakeview Flooring with two coat to recoat the Town Hall floors. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. The Town received the 2023 Census; Pop: 2,061, Households: 806. Supervisor Report: ArMand reported from the DAT that there was some discussion regarding HIP camps. Liz reassured that there is already something in the ordinance regarding that. ArMand also reached out to St. Louis County to find out how many people attended the open book meeting. There were 2 people in person and 42 people wrote letters. There were 30 adjustments made, most of which went down. ArMand also started looking into consulting firms to assist with MS4.

July 11, 2024, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Saprina Matheny, Jim Ward, and ArMand Nelson. Absent: Stacia Grayson. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$585,213.98, deposits \$26,362.52, expenses \$46,945.87, ending balance of \$573,815.78. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Police: Everything is good. Fire: Bob noted that the bio-char event is August 24, 2024, instead of July 24, 2024. The Clerk will make that update. Waste Management was not picking up the trash. Nicole will reach out to her contact with WM and get them in contact with Bob. Planning: Liz met with the attorney we hired, Gunner Johnson, for about an hour regarding the issue last month with a resident building without permits. Gunner said that it is up to us if we want to move forward, that the judge would likely charge him the 4x fee or meet in the middle. It is up to the Township what they want to do. Question: Can we just assess the fees to his county taxes? Answer: Our ordinance doesn't state that, but we should look at adding that to our ordinance. Saprina moved to direct the Planning Director to move forward and to pursue legal action against Hilgers, with the request to include the attorney fees. ArMand seconded. Motion passed. The next issue was regarding a different resident who has a high frequency short term rental, HFSTR, without permits. He had bulldozed clay slope to Lake Superior. MPCA became involved and the resident didn't follow their recommendation, which resulted in a fine imposed by the MPCA. *(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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In Old Business, Liz reported that the Sieverts decided to appeal the Commission's decision denying their variance request. The appeal will be held on July 10.

Low-frequency short-term rentals have been a problem. Liz has found that people are not always respecting the terms and they are hard to monitor. In addition, she received feedback from neighbors regarding two of these rentals who thought the use should not be allowed without a public process. She would like to propose that LFSTRs be taken out of the Ordinance or that they entail a public hearing and have parameters that make it simpler to enforce the terms.

There was a discussion about junk cars on a property at Torgeson and Homestead. The owner had indicated to Liz that he was cleaning up and had recently been given a permit for a pole building. The ordinance for junk cars is a Town ordinance and not a part of the Zoning Ordinance.

July 25, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting. Commission members present: Justin Osadjan, Tony Mancuso, and Dave Meyer. Also present: Liz Strohmayer, Planning Director; and Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary.

Liz asked the Commission for input on a proposed large pole building that would be the only structure on a parcel. In that zone district, any accessory structure that is over 2000 sq ft is required to meet larger setbacks – in this case 180 ft. The owner wants to place the structure in the far corner of the lot, 60 ft from both side lot lines, so it will be close to his home, which is on the adjoining parcel. He feels that he does not need a variance because the pole building will be the only structure on the property and would therefore be considered the principal structure and principal structures are not subject to increased setbacks. If the pole building were considered the principal structure, it would only have to be set back 50 ft from the side and rear yards. If it were considered an accessory structure, it would need to be set back 180 ft. A structure this size could not meet the 180 ft setbacks on this lot. If a house were built on the property later, it would be considered the primary structure and the oversized pole building would become a nonconforming structure.

The Commission agreed that there was nothing in the Ordinance to support it being considered anything but a primary structure.

The Town is moving forward with remaining compliance issues, including initiating a lawsuit against a resident on the shore who has not submitted a stormwater management plan and who has a short-term rental that is not permitted.

The Sieverts appealed the Planning Commission's decision on their variance to the Town Board and the Board overturned the Commission's decision.

Planning Commission Vacancy

The Planning Commission is a 7-member board that guides the implementation of the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan. No special qualifications are necessary to serve on the Commission other than an interest in the Township's future and a willingness to serve. Commission member terms are 3 years. The Commission holds regular monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month, with occasional special meetings as the need arises. Commission members receive a per-meeting stipend.

Interested residents should submit a letter of interest including relevant past experience. You may submit your letter by dropping it off during Town Hall office hours, dropping it in the white box outside the Town offices entrance, mailing it to 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804 or by emailing it to townclerk@lakenet.com.

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

Summary of Town Board Meeting Minutes

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Planning: He applied for a permit with the DNR. Liz stated that the Town should focus on having the resident complete the storm water plan as a part of the development's guidelines and stopping the HFSTR. The last time we discussed this topic, the Board moved forward with our attorney to send the resident a letter. Mr. Witty is going to move forward with litigation. Once he reaches 50% of the prep work for litigation, he will reach out one final time to this resident. Roads: The Torgeson Road residents submitted the final document that was provided by the Town's attorney for the dedication of land for a Township Road. Resolution 07112024 Accepting Dedication of Land for a Town Road: ArMand moved to accept resolution 07112024. Jim seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Town Hall: MATIT contribution notice was received in the Clerk's Office. Plunkett's provided their service report. The generator had its annual service, and it was operating as expected. A bid was received for the parking lot light. This bid came in over ten thousand. Jim will reach out to other contractors for additional bids for the Board to review. Old Business: There is an open Planning Commission seat.

French River Book Club

Carol Surine

For September we have another Book Club in a Bag offering, *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce. As usual, the books will be available on the ledge to the right of the upper entrance of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. The next meeting will be at 7 PM on Thursday, September 19, 2024 in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church. Madelyn Tarter will be our host.

In a burst of enthusiasm, we chose a book for October as well. This is a Book Club in a Bag offering as well, and it is currently out, so its availability will depend on the other book club returning it in a timely manner.

If you want a book and are unable to get one from the church, contact Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com, and arrangements will be made.



BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

JoVanna Balquier

Summer is coming to a close, but that doesn't mean the fun has to end! The book exchange is open and the shelves are overflowing. Please drop in during recycling hours to peruse and find your next read. Our children's section has grown and so has our young adult section, but donations are still welcome!

What's in the Kitchen?

Nicole Chatterson



One of my favorite flavor combinations is lemon with blueberries. It's such a light refreshing combination that works well anytime of the year. The recipe I'm sharing this month is a bundt cake with lemon and blueberries. The Greek yogurt helps create a delicious moist crumb. While the fresh lemon provides the perfect tart to offset the sweet summertime blueberries. If you are not in the mood for lemon and blueberries a mix of your favorite berries will also work. This recipe can also use frozen blueberries, but keep the berries completely frozen until you are ready to mix it. Otherwise you will have a very blue cake. When baking with blueberries, I find it useful to reserve some of the flour mixture to coat the blueberries to prevent them from sinking in your cake. Another tip is to make sure you let your ingredients come to room temperature before starting this cake. This cake will store in the refrigerator for up to five days if covered tightly.

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!

Ingredients

- 3 cups flour (spooned and leveled)
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt (I have used strawberry Greek yogurt, and it was wonderful)
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest
- 1 cup butter, softened to room temperature
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 3 large eggs, room temperature
- 2 cups fresh or frozen berries (DO NOT THAW IF FROZEN)
(Coat berries with flour to prevent sinking)

Cake Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease a 10-12 cup bundt cake pan with butter or nonstick spray.
2. Whisk flour, baking powder, and salt together in a bowl and set aside.
3. Whisk yogurt, lemon juice, and lemon zest together in another bowl and set aside.
4. Using a handheld or stand mixer on a high speed, beat butter and sugar together until smooth and creamy for approximately 2-3 minutes. Scrape down the sides of the bowl.
5. On medium speed, beat in the vanilla extract.
6. On low speed, beat in one egg at a time, allowing each egg to fully incorporate. After the third egg is added, be careful not to over mix. Stop mixer once all eggs are incorporated.
7. Pour in the dry ingredients onto the butter mixture. No mixing. Then pour the yogurt mixture on top of the dry ingredients. Turn mixer on medium speed and beat everything until "just" combined. DO NOT OVER MIX!
8. Using a silicone spatula, fold in the berries. The batter will be very thick and creamy.
9. Pour or spoon into greased pan.
10. Bake for 35 minutes, then remove and place a tin foil tent loosely over the cake. This will help ensure the top doesn't over brown
11. Return to oven and cook for an additional 20 minutes. Once this time has passed, test cake doneness with a toothpick. Do not be alarmed if your cake needs more time, this can take up to 75 minutes or more depending on your oven and for the size of the cake.
12. Once cake is done, remove from oven and allow to cool in the pan for one hour.
13. After an hour, invert the slightly cooled cake onto a wire cooling rack or serving dish. Allow cake to cool completely before glazing, slicing, and serving.

Lemon Glaze

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon of pure vanilla extract

Glaze Instructions

1. Whisk glaze ingredients together. If the glaze is too thick, add more lemon juice. If the glaze is too thin, add more powdered sugar.
2. Drizzle on top of cooled cake. Let set and serve.





Welcome Back, North Shore Students and Families!

It is that time of year...the start of school! The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 4 for K-6, and Monday, September 9 for Preschool.** Teachers and staff have been preparing for the return of students and we are looking forward to seeing everyone this fall!

As a reminder, drive safely, watch for students at bus stops, stop and wait when a bus arm stop sign is extended.

School hours are from 8:00 am -2:40 pm. Students may begin arriving at 7:40 am, and dismissal begins at 2:35 pm for buses and 2:45 pm for parent/family pick-up.

Breakfast/Lunch: Breakfast and Lunch are free for all students.

Educational Benefits (formerly Free and Reduced Lunch): The state has moved to direct certification for a majority of our families who qualify for Educational Benefits. Families who do not qualify for direct certification will be receiving an email outlining how to apply for Educational Benefits.

Join us! Have some time in your day? You could join us as a substitute paraprofessional, food service assistant, playground aid, or teacher! Contact the office for more information.

Upcoming Events:

The Ice Cream Social: Thursday, September 19th, from 4:00-6:00

Grandparent and Special Friends Day: Friday, October 4th

Fall Fest on Friday, October 25th

Our Neighbors to the North; Alden Happenings

Aly Marks, Alden Town Clerk

Communication: We are seeking residents' opinions about having a community garage sale this fall hosted at the Alden Town Hall. Please contact Clerk Aly Mark at aldentwpclerk@gmail.com, (763) 742-4449, or Township Supervisor Helene Hedlund at hhedlund.dl@gmail.com, (218) 834-4338 (landline), about your interests in making this happen.

Township Hall Rental: If you wish to rent out the Town Hall, please email Helene Hedlund at hhedlund.dl@gmail.com for reservations and to request an application.

Township Meeting Minutes: Township meeting minutes can be found posted on the Town Hall window.

Update on Township Hall Kitchen Remodel: The kitchen remodel has been completed and is in compliance with Minnesota cottage kitchen statutes. We are currently waiting to have the water tested to verify it is up to MN State drinking water standards and hope to have an open house after we receive these results.

Township Meetings: Meetings take place at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Alden Town Hall. If the meeting is changed for the month, the new time will be posted in the *North Shore Journal*.

Seeking Town Hall Cleaner for Alden Township

We are looking for a licensed and bonded cleaner to clean the Town Hall once a month for an hour or two. If you are interested and qualified, please contact Helene Hedlund, Township Supervisor, at hhedlund.dl@gmail.com or call (218) 834-4338 (landline) for quotes.

Seeking Election Judges for November Election, Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Alden Township is in need of election judges for the November election. All judges will need to complete a 2-hour training online. Judges will be compensated \$18/hr. for their time. Please contact Aly Mark, Clerk, at aldentwpclerk@gmail.com or (763) 742-4449 for more information or if you'd like to participate.



Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often!
American Red Cross Blood Drive at French River Lutheran Church

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 – 12:00 pm to 6 pm
Place: French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road, Duluth, MN, 55804

All members of the Duluth Township community are welcome and encouraged to donate blood at this blood drive hosted by the French River Lutheran Church Outreach Committee. Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages here in the Northland: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. The need is great!

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

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

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

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



BABYSITTER CLASS

Saturday, October 26, 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 within two days, please call/text 218.341.4181.

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Attention, Duluth and Alden Residents!

2024 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: September 18-22

Woody Debris Drop Off Option for All Residents:

When: Drop off can happen: from Wed.

Sept. 18 through

Sept. 22 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

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!

Want to Know your Land?

The North Shore Forest Collaborative is offering a FREE Woods Walk of your property in an effort to reforest the North Shore! Trained advisors will spend about an hour walking with landowners on their property and answering questions. Landowner's will learn about invasive species, native plant communities, receive recommendations and resources for tree planting, tree protection, and invasive species control.

To register for FREE for The Woods Walk Advisory Program visit: www.northshoreforest.org

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 pots, containers!

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.

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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Long & short term boarding

Reservations Required
218-525-4842
7002 App Rd.
Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement



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

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 October 16, 2024. Call 525-5705 or email deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com.



Duluth Township Information 2024

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

Email: See note below on using our
Township website.

www.duluthtownship.org

Town Office Hours: Tues. 9 am-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

September 2024

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

September 4: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

September 5: Recycling 3-7 pm

September 7: Recycling 8 am-noon

September 10: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

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

September 14: Recycling 8 am-noon

September 17: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

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

September 19: Recycling 3-7 pm

September 21: Recycling 8 am-noon

September 24: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

September 26: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30
pm

September 28: Recycling 8 am-noon

October 2024

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

October 2: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

October 3: Recycling 3-7 pm

October 5: Recycling 8 am-noon

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

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

October 12: Recycling 8 am-noon; **Harvest Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm**

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

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

October 17: Recycling 3-7 pm

October 19: Recycling 8 am-noon

October 22: Recycling 7-11 am 3-7 pm

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

October 26: Recycling 8 am-noon

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

October 31: Recycling 3-7 pm

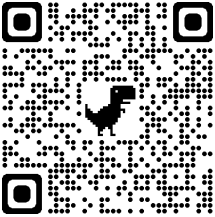
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Town Services

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

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

Town Board Meetings: Open to the public.

Planning and Zoning Department

Land Use 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.