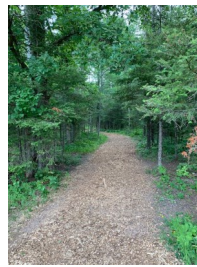




Come on Home Party 2021



Flowers at the Town Hall



NSCS Nature Trail



Lynne and Duane Come on Home Party



Flower Pot at Town Hall

# Duluth Township Newsletter

September 2021

Township website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

## What's coming up.....

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## Homesteaders

Rose Vastila & Dorothy Aho

**September 1:** Homesteaders will meet 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch:** Sandwiches and bars

**Guest speaker:** Mark Munger, an author and entertaining speaker. He writes Finish and North Country books.

**Everyone is welcome!**

**Come on Home, Community Get-Together**



On August 14, we had a very successful Come on Home gathering at the Town Hall, with many people who had a good time visiting, laughing, and enjoying our good food.

Thank you to everyone who made this year's get-together a success!

\*To see color versions of the photos in this Newsletter, visit the Township website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

## Planning Commission to Host Open House

Regarding **Draft Zoning Ordinance** and **Draft Zoning Map**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at the Duluth Town Hall**

As you may be aware, the Planning Commission has been working on updating the current Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map in light of the updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan adopted in 2020. The Planning Commission met from January through June 2021 to consider changes to the Ordinance and Map.

The purpose of the Open House is to share information regarding the **Draft Zoning Ordinance** and **Draft Zoning Map**, to answer questions regarding the **Drafts**, and take comments regarding the **Drafts**. The Planning Commission will take written comments on the **Draft** from October 19 through November 5, 2021. These written comments will be used to inform the **Proposed Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map** that will be used for the Public Hearing.

The **Draft Zoning Ordinance** and **Draft Zoning Map** will be available on the website ([www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)) on October 19 and a paper copy will be available for reading at the Town Hall.

There are a number of ways that you can comment on the **Draft Zoning Ordinance and Map**. Send your written comments via e-mail to [town-clerk@lakenet.com](mailto:town-clerk@lakenet.com) with "New Zoning Ordinance" in the subject line, via U.S. mail to the Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Rd, Duluth, MN 55804, or drop them off at the Town Hall. Please include your name and address on your written comments.

There are several opportunities for the community to comment on changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. They are as follows:

- **Community Open House October 19, 2021**, at the Town Hall. Comments will be accepted from October 19<sup>th</sup> through November 5, 2021.
- **Public Hearing in December 2021**— Check out the November Newsletter and Town website for specific date and time.
- **Adoption of Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map – First part of the Year in 2022** – Check out the Newsletter and Town website for specific date and time.

**The Planning Commission looks forward to seeing you at the Open House!**

*Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue*

Dorothy Aho, Lawrence Burkhard Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Sue Lawson,  
Cynthia Lovold, Beth Luikart, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Shelly Pierson, Sherry Rovig, Carol Surine,  
Blane Tetreault, Jo Thompson, and Rose Vastila,



**Fire Department**

Bob Engleson, Chief  
Sherry Rovig, Secretary



**Police Department**

Shawn Padden, Chief  
Paul Johnson, Officer

We are now in the fourth year of our driveway fire sign project supplying residents with new reflective double-sided signs. Our initial survey found 795 addresses that needed an updated sign or had no sign at all. To the 260 of you who have installed the new signs, we thank you. 535 signs remain unclaimed.

The new signs are far more visible and easier to read than the old obsolete signs. The new signs have the number on both sides and are mounted such that they can be seen when coming from either direction and from farther away.

***These signs are critical when emergency personnel are trying to find your home.***

All we ask is for you to pick up your new sign from the Town Hall during regular office hours and install it at the end of your driveway. The sign, post and hardware are all free. In anticipation of continued apathy towards completing the installation of the remaining signs, we have added a line item of \$12,000 to the Clifton Fire Department budget for 2022. That is the estimated cost of hiring a contractor to install the remaining signs.

This expense can be averted simply by you and your neighbors doing this for yourselves. So please, install your new sign!

If you are unsure if your fire number is up to date, all it takes is a simple call to the Clerk's office to check: 218-525-5705



Old style! This needs to be **REPLACED!!!!**



**FREE AND NEW! JUST CALL!!**

**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](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

**Police Events:**

For the months of June and July, there were 174 recorded police events. The following is a complete list of Initial Complaint Reports and officer-related activity within Duluth Township. Most were direct service to residents. There were 52 requests for checks on homes or businesses, 12 attempts to locate careless drivers, 11 medical emergencies, 8 property damage accidents, 8 suspicious activity, 8 suspicious vehicle complaints, 7 disturbance complaints, 6 civil processes, and 6 extra patrol requests. There were 5 animal complaints, 5 fire alarms, 4 public assists, 4 health and welfare checks, 4 traffic related warnings/citations, 3 assist to other agencies, 3 check hazards, 3 fraud complaints, and 3 threat complaints. There was 2 each of the following: burglary alarms, burglary-residential, domestic assault arrests, neighborhood trouble, motorist assist, and domestic-disputes-nonarrest. There was also 1 of each of the following complaints: garbage dumping, child neglect, unknown trouble, theft, suicide threat, criminal sexual conduct, trespassing complaint, violation of an OFP and a harassment complaint.

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

[duluthwppolice@duluthtownship.org](mailto: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 our police response is to leave a message on our squad phone (218-393-8407).

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Dave Meyer, Dave Edblom, Blane Tetreault, and Justin Osadjan.  
(Not pictured: Liz Strohmayer, Pam West, Angela Wilson)



Penny Morton, Michael Kahl, Rolf Carlson, John Schifsky, Tim Strom

### Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

### Summary of Town Board Minutes

Official Minutes by Town Clerk Ann Cox are available at the Town Hall and on our Township website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

**June 24 Planning Commission Meeting.** Commission members present: Liz Strohmayer, Dave Edblom, Angela Wilson, Pam West, Blane Tetreault, and Justin Osadjan.

A public hearing for variances for an addition to a home on Greenwood Road was held. Variances were needed from the side yard setback, the lot width, and the lot size. The addition will add a bedroom and living space to the existing home. The total area of the home will be 1150 sq ft with the addition. The variances were approved as presented.

A public hearing for a high-frequency short-term rental at 5668 North Shore Drive was held. The applicant planned to use a portion of his home for the rental and anticipated being present for all rentals. The rental would be a separate living space with a separate entrance from the primary residence. The applicant presented detailed plans for the rental, including rules and plans for oversight. There was no public testimony, for or against. The Commission voted unanimously to grant an interim use for the rental for a period of 18 months, commencing on July 1.

The Commission continued the discussion of adding glamping as a use to the draft Ordinance. The Commission felt that glamping sites most closely resembled short-term rentals and should require an interim use permit. The name was changed to "isolated camping site." The minimum area for a site was set at 20 acres with multiple sites allowed on larger parcels, as long as there are 20 acres per site. The maximum stay was set to 4 days, and all setback distances except for the road setback were doubled. The definition agreed to was "A temporary, short-term rental use occurring in a temporary living space made of canvas or similar material which may or may not be on temporary platforms that offers outdoor camping experiences with amenities such as beds, cots, and heat. Plumbing is not permitted. No isolated camping site shall be located, placed, used, or occupied for residential purposes."

**July 22 Planning Commission Meeting.** Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Pam West, Blane Tetreault, and Justin Osadjan.

A public hearing for a conditional use for a short-term rental at 5420 McQuade Road was held. The owners of the home teach overseas and bought the property so that they would have a home during the school year breaks over the summer and at Christmas. They are currently living in the home and plan to return to live in it full-time when their children reach school age. One person spoke against the proposed rental, citing an increase of strangers in the neighborhood and possible trespass on others' property. The vote on a motion to deny the rental resulted in a tie. The vote on a second motion to approve the proposed rental for a period of six months also resulted in a tie. The discussion was tabled until the August 26 meeting.

See the Town's website under Planning & Zoning, Minutes, for further information.

**Planning Commission meetings are open to the public.**

**June 10 Regular Meeting.** In attendance: Supervisors Michael Kahl, Tim Strom, Rolf Carlson (Chair), John Schifsky, and Penelope Morton; Town Clerk Ann Cox; Deputy Clerk Nicole Chatterson; and Treasurer Mel Peulen. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$474,213.15, deposits of \$830.12, expenses of \$33,426.92, ending balance of \$441,616.35. Penny made a motion to remove all 2019 outstanding checks from the books, Michael seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Penny made a motion to close the petty cash account at Wells Fargo, John seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Public Comment: Co-op Light and Power Right of Way (ROW) Clearing: Pat Schneider was invited to the Town Board meeting for a discussion on ROW clearing and herbicide spraying done in 2020 to be continued into 2021. Pat would like to know what the Board members are hearing about the ROW clearing. Handouts will be available at the Town Hall and on our website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org). A petition is being generated by Mary Hennessy, you may contact her at [mushmoe@gmail.com](mailto:mushmoe@gmail.com). It was most concerning to find out that CLP does not have a contract with the ROW contactors and no inspectors to follow up on work being done. Police: Property complaint: Ryan Road and Stoney Point. Blue Bird Landing: Someone backed a trailer to the lake and dumped a trailer full of brush slashing. Roads: Order for Chloride is at Edwards, just waiting for the chloride to come in. Emergency Operations: Tim made a motion to go back to our pre-covid conditions, Penny seconded. Discussion: People who have not been vaccinated should consider wearing a mask as recommended by both the State and CDC. Motion passed unanimously. Old Business: Blue Bird Landing Rocks: DNR does not have rocks but suggested we could get rocks though Joe Mecklin. We will purchase 6. Penny made the motion to purchase rocks not to exceed \$700, John seconded. Discussion: Tim will put flags in place. The motion passed 4 ayes with Tim abstaining.

**July 8 Regular Meeting:** In attendance: Supervisors Penelope Morton, Rolf Carlson (Chair), Tim Strom, and John Schifsky; Town Clerk Ann Cox; Deputy Clerk Nicole Chatterson; and Treasurer Mel Peulen. Supervisor Michael Kahl was absent. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$441,616.35, deposits of \$16,605.86, expenses of \$36,213.41, ending balance of \$422,008.80. Police: **New Vehicle resolution 070821** Rolf read the resolution in its entirety; following a discussion about the lease-to-own purchase Penny made a motion to approve the resolution, Tim seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the resolution was signed. FYI the County has changed the stop sign on the lower Mcquade. Town Hall: Tim would like to make a motion that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk are authorized to spend up to \$1500 to replace the faucet in the women's bathroom, Penny seconded. Motion Passed. Old Business: Annual Meeting is coming up August 10, the proposed budget is fine no changes.

Regular **Planning Commission Meetings** are held on the fourth Thursday at **6:30 p.m.** in the Town Hall

Regular **Town Board meetings** are held on the second Thursday at **6:30 p.m.** in the Town Hall



**News from North Shore Community School**

Shelly Pierson, Executive Director

**Fall School Planning**

North Shore is in the planning phase for the start of our 20th year! The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 8**. School hours are from 8 a.m.-2:40 p.m. (bus dismissal) and 2:50 p.m. (parent/family pick-up). We will be in-person learning for five days a week and putting into place a number of prevention strategies to help us remain in-person as much as possible. Stay tuned for more information.

**Exciting News!**

Breakfast and lunch will be free to all students this year. As a reminder, please complete the free and reduced lunch application! This is used to determine the amount of federal funding we receive to support our students.

**School Updates**

Thank you to those volunteers who helped spread wood chips on the nature trail! It is nice to have a good section of our trail covered for adventurers.



The baseball diamond is also receiving a facelift with all the grasses removed and new clay being spread.

The playgrounds have also received new rock and all areas are ready for students to explore and play!

**North Shore Community School  
Preschool News**

Shelly Pierson, Executive Director

**Preschool News**

The preschool has a waiting list for this fall. If you have a preschool student, please submit your application to join the waiting list. Over the last few years, we have had students move out or change days and this has created openings in our program. If you have any questions regarding NSCS preschool, please reach out to the office at 218-525-0663 x100 or email Linda Johnson, our preschool teacher, at [ljohnson@nscsk6.org](mailto:ljohnson@nscsk6.org).

**Preschool begins September 13**

**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 November edition of the Newsletter. I have had calls looking for workers!

The deadline is October 20, 2021.  
525-5705 or [deputyclerkduluthtp@gmail.com](mailto:deputyclerkduluthtp@gmail.com)

**Wildfires: Six P's**

Clover Valley Fire Department

When wildfires break out, residents sometimes have just minutes to escape.

If you find yourself needing to evacuate at a moment's notice, safety officials advise remembering the six P's.

- People and pets.
- Papers, phone numbers, and important documents.
- Prescriptions, vitamins, and eyeglasses.
- Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia.
- Personal computer hard drive and disks.
- "Plastic" (credit cards, ATM cards) and cash.

Officials said another important P to remember — Protect your property.

- Visit [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov) for air current air quality.
- Visit [www.fire.airnow.gov](http://www.fire.airnow.gov) for current wildfire map.



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**BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE**

**The Duluth Township Book Exchange is looking for a Volunteer Librarian!**

If you or someone you know is interested, contact the Clerk's office for more information.

The Book Exchange is open! Come by and pick up a good summer read. Or two. Or three. The shelves are overflowing.

Our children's book selection is getting low.

The Book Exchange is open during Township office and recycling hours. You will find it in our Community Room.

**Help Needed**

- General house tasks
  - Paid by the hour
  - Flexible hours to your schedule
  - 10-14 hours per week
  - In Duluth Township
- Contact: 218-525-7503; 218-343-5005  
Need to fill position as soon as possible

## French River Book Club

Carol Surine

For September we have chosen another Book Club in a Bag offering, Where'd You Go, Bernadette? by Maria Semple. Gail Johnson will be picking up the bag, and it will be on the ledge by the front door of French River Lutheran Church. Please sign your name next to the correct book number.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 16 at 7:30 PM. Skipper Sironen will be the host.

If you have any questions, or if there is no one at church to let you in, please feel free to contact Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 or email [carolsurine@gmail.com](mailto:carolsurine@gmail.com).

## Clover Valley Farmers Market Midsummer Report

Blane Tetreault

The warm, dry summer has been both kind and cruel to our local farmers. The plentiful sunshine sparked the growth of plants, but the lack of rain failed to provide a key ingredient for fruit growth. Nevertheless, with the addition of some manual irrigation, the growing season has been a fairly generous one. And now, the fruit has become a plentiful and welcoming sight at the Clover Valley Farmers Market.

### From Ours to Yours.

Beans and lettuce were amongst the first vegetables to make an appearance. A steady flow of market customers happily made off with generous helpings from vendors. Not to be outdone, tomatoes, carrots, zucchini, and other vegetables soon followed. Tuesday evening shoppers were delighted. Their purchases often were headed home to a dinner plate that very evening.

In addition to vegetable farmers, a variety of other vendors have rotated through the Town Hall parking lot market location. Potters, candle makers, and bakers alike have offered the labors of their passions. All are eager to supply their fellow community members with quality products. A hand-crafted coffee mug, balsam-scented candle, or a blueberry scone can brighten your day and support the local economy.

### Come One, Come All.

There never can be too many visitors to the market, so if you haven't been, your presence certainly would be welcome. If you don't visit to purchase items, come to enjoy the free sights and sounds of your community. Come to engage with that neighbor you have always wanted to meet. Or, visit to get out of the house on a warm summer's eve. We all know evenings such as those are sacred in our neck of the woods.

The Clover Valley Farmers Market is held each Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. through September 28. Please join us next Tuesday to shop local, buy fresh, build community, and eat healthy. We will see you at the market!

## 20/20 Art Tour

Cynthia Lovold

### **Art abounds in the Township and surrounding community during the Lake Superior 20/20 Studio & Art Tour, September 24, 25 and 26.**

This year will mark the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Lake Superior 20/20 Studio & Art Tour. The tour was started in 2012 to showcase local art to neighbors who would otherwise not be aware these artists existed. The tour had to be cancelled last year due to...well, you know, making this tour the 8<sup>th</sup> rather than 9<sup>th</sup> event.

### **Meet Sarah Brokke with Chrissy Gildersleeve**

This year's tour, taking place on the last weekend in September, will showcase new studios and the addition of local farmers hosting artists. One of the more recent studio additions is artist/painter Sarah Brokke's studio at 5731 Ryan Road. Sarah's primary medium is oil paint on stretched canvas. She and her partner moved to the community in 2016 with the intent of finding a property with a studio. It was beyond her dream to buy a home from another painter, already equipped with a generous, well thought out studio space! She is ever inspired by the nature surrounding her home as her works evolve. She is also an illustrator and is an Associate Professor at the College of St. Scholastica where she serves as director of the art program. Sarah will be hosting Chrissy Gildersleeve, a potter from Alden Township.

### **Artist Joan Bellin Hosts Robert DeArmand and Karen Keenan**

Also new to the studio lineup is host artist Joan Bellin at 5119 McQuade Road. Her studio is located near the McQuade Safe Harbor and boasts views of the Lake. Joan is a mixed media artist who is hosting potters Robert DeArmond and Karen Keenan, who also creates jewelry.

### **Farms Come Alive with Art.**

Three local farms will sprinkle the tour as host sites for artists this year as well. Lucky Dog Farm on the App Road will host ceramic artist Ashley Hise and local wood artist Jeff Hall. Jeff lives on Homestead Road as co-owner of Clover Valley Farms and creates beautiful turned wood vessels that bring out the natural grain and form of the wood. Jeff was mentored by previous 20/20 tour artist Jay Conradi.

For more information on the tour and our local artists, please visit [www.lakesuperior2020.com](http://www.lakesuperior2020.com)

## Regular Community Meetings

**AA** meets 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at French River Lutheran Church on Ryan Road.

To place an ad or list community meetings in the Newsletter, contact the Newsletter editor at: [deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com](mailto:deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com)

## What's in the Kitchen

Nicole Chatterson, Deputy Clerk

Buffalo chicken dip is a go to dip at my family gathering's. If I don't make it, one of my cousins will. It is a quick and easy dip, and most of the time, I have all of the ingredients on hand. This is a nice recipe to pull out of your arsenal for a potluck or to have around for game day. It stays nice in a slow cooker for hours once you mix it all together.

### Buffalo Chicken Dip

- 2 (10 ounce) cans chunk chicken drained
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, cubed
- 1 cup ranch or blue cheese dressing
- ¾ cup Franks Red Hot
- 1 ½ cup shredded cheese (cheddar or Colby jack)
- 1 ½ cup blue cheese crumbles, optional (but highly recommended!)

Heat chicken and hot sauce in skillet over medium heat, until heated through. Stir in cream cheese and ranch dressing. Cook, stirring until well blended and warm. Mix in half of the shredded and blue cheese, and transfer to a slow cooker. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top, cover, and cook on the "Low" setting until hot and bubbly. Serve with celery, crackers, and chips.

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 Deputy Clerk, [deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com](mailto:deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com). Happy cooking!

## American Red Cross Blood Drive at French River Lutheran Church

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 – 1 to 7 p.m.

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

This community-wide blood drive is hosted by the French River Lutheran Church Outreach Committee. Thanks to your support, our previous blood drives have been very successful. All members of the Duluth Township community are welcome and encouraged to donate blood, as the need for blood continues to be great. Appointments are highly encouraged and may be made in one of these ways:

- Going to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and searching for the French River Lutheran Church blood drive using sponsor code **French River**. First time donors will need to create a profile with a username and password (if you don't already have one from donating previously).
- Downloading the Blood Donor App by searching "Red Cross Blood" on the App Store<sup>SM</sup> or Google Play<sup>TM</sup> store.
- Contacting Beth Luikart (call 218-525-1596, or e-mail her at [bluikart@outlook.com](mailto:bluikart@outlook.com)).

COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed during the blood drive. Donors and staff will have their temperatures checked before entering the Fellowship Hall; social distancing guidelines will be followed in all areas; and all donors, volunteers, and staff members will be required to wear a mask or face covering. You are encouraged to bring your own mask. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided. Further information about the blood donation process can be found online at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org).

## Microplastics: An Arising Contaminant of Concern

Jo Thompson

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's August 4 issue of "Stormwater News" spoke to an arising contaminant of concern — microplastics! Microplastics in the environment (small plastic particles less than 5 mm in size) originate from



microbeads used in personal products, fibers from clothing made with synthetic fabrics, and degradation of plastic waste such as food packaging, bags, bottles, etc. Microplastics circulate through the environment in both air and water. When ingested, they are known to have potentially harmful effects on aquatic organisms and other wildlife. Fish can accumulate microplastics, and humans who eat these fish are also subject to potentially harmful effects.

We can all help by keeping plastics out of our ditches and streams. We can reduce our use of plastics and recycle the plastic we do use. The Town's Recycling Center accepts most plastic bottles, containers, and bags! And, we can take a little time to pick up litter from our roadsides and ditches.

Together we can all make a difference.



**Tuesdays, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
June 8 thru September 28  
at Town Hall on Homestead Rd.**

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### Stoney Point Beach

Lawrence Burkhard

Stoney Point Beach is one of the gems of our Township. Many people visit the beach to relax, picnic, kayak, surf, fish, and have their children play on the rocks. Over the past few weeks, individuals have been bringing pallets and forms from concrete pours and creating large fires at night. These fires are left to smolder into the next day, leaving nails, screws, staples, and partially burned and unburned wood. The debris creates a hazard for beach visitors and the ash ends up in the lake. Individuals responsible for these fires and resulting debris should be told this behavior is unacceptable and is creating a public health hazard.



### Thank you, Jana!



The Township would like to thank Jana Pastika for her many years of volunteer work as Township Librarian. Jana started the free library in a corner of the main Town Hall and moved it into its new home in the Community Room once the Town Hall

addition was completed. Over the years she has tended to many hundreds of books for our residents. She made sure that our little free library was never overrun with too many of the same books, kept the shelves neat and organized, and took time to rotate the books and donate overflow books. Her favorite thing about being the volunteer was getting first peek at the newly donated books and having the pick of the litter! Jana loves to read and she will now have a little more time to do just that. She has really enjoyed her time as Town Librarian and thanks Township residents for the many books they have donated over the years. Jana, we appreciate your efforts and all your hard work contributing to the community of our Township. Thank you!

If you would like to check out the Little Free Library, you can do so by visiting the Community Room during Office hours: Tuesday through Friday, or Recycling hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.



### Babysitting Class at French River Lutheran Church

**When:** Saturday, October 23, 2021; 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road, Duluth.

**Cost:** \$20/student; class size is minimum of 10, maximum of 25 students.

Recommended for age 12 years or older.

**Register:** e-mail [Drjockmock@msn.com](mailto:Drjockmock@msn.com)

Cash or check payment to "FRLC" is due on day of class.

**Instructor:** Michelle Libby.

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

**Day of Class Information:** Please bring a bag lunch and payment to class.

\*Participants need to follow the current Covid plan of the church at the time of the class\*



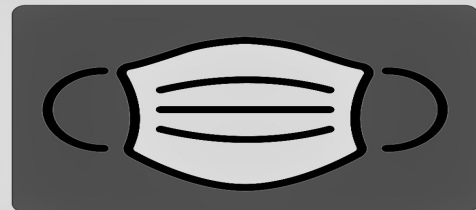
### Town Hall News

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](http://www.duluthtownship.org) and on page 11 of this Newsletter.

Masks are **strongly encouraged** and welcomed!

**MASKS ARE WELCOME  
& ENCOURAGED**



**THANK-YOU FOR PRACTICING  
SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILE ON THE PREMISES**



August 13, 2021

Dear Town Hall Clerk,

Enclosed is public information regarding herbicide application in your township. The spraying is part of CLP's ongoing integrated vegetation management program for delivering safe and reliable electrical service. The herbicide will be used along CLP's utility easement to control unwanted trees and brush. The herbicide is safe, it is biodegradable, and is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

We will be notifying property owners by phone of the herbicide application. We also ask that you please post the enclosed notice in your community messaging area.

If you have any questions regarding the posting, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Larry Sandretsky  
Operations Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Sandretsky".



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Fax 320-968-8077

## Working Together for a Cleaner Right of Way

8/12/2021

Dear Coop Light & Power Members/Landowners:

This letter is to inform you that Coop Light & Power (CLP) has contracted Central Applicators, Inc. to perform selective herbicide applications to control the trees and brush along CLP's utility easement. **Maintaining proper clearances in the utility easement is a requirement by both Federal and State agencies.**

Central Applicators, Inc. licensed applicators will be selectively applying biodegradable ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY approved herbicides along CLP's utility easement where there is unwanted trees and brush.

This service is essential for maintaining a safe and unobstructed utility right-of-way. This is part of CLP's ongoing integrated vegetation management program for delivering safe and reliable electrical service. Most importantly, this will provide unobstructed direct access for CLP line technicians to restore your power safely and timely, in the event you experience a power outage.

**IMPORTANT:** If you have any special instructions, concerns or would prefer to opt out of the upcoming applications, please call the number listed below by **August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**For additional questions, concerns or information pertaining to improving pollinator and wildlife habitat with the aid of herbicides along utility easements please call:** Central Applicators, Inc. @ 1-800-642-6559 we will be happy to assist you.

**Business Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Or you can e-mail your response to: [trudia@centralapplicators.com](mailto:trudia@centralapplicators.com) please include your name, address, contact number and parcel ID number(s) in your response.

Thank You.  
Central Applicators, Inc.

Pat Schmieder is Co-op Light and Power's District One representative. If there are more questions or concerns regarding the Right of Way (ROW) clearing provided by Central Applicators, please direct your concerns to Pat at the email or phone number provided below.

Pat Schmieder: [patschmieder@clpower.com](mailto:patschmieder@clpower.com), 218-834-2247

# 2021 Chipper Day: Sharing the Responsibility

## You Cut and Haul - We'll Chip

This is an opportunity for your neighborhood to reduce risk to your homes by implementing wildfire prevention strategies. Find out how and why by viewing the recording of “Tips for Backyard Wildfire Resiliency” at : [https://youtu.be/u3kuhZ\\_0tkc](https://youtu.be/u3kuhZ_0tkc)

**Cut and haul your hazardous woody debris to:**

### Event Details:

**Where:** Fire Hall 1 on Ryan Road and  
Fire Hall 3 on Laine Rd

**When:** Drop off can happen from  
Wednesday September 22 through Sunday  
September 26 up to 4pm.

No limit to amount of woody debris hauled to the Fire stations during this designated time. Make sure cut ends are in line with driveway.

### What's Acceptable?

- Woody limbs and branches and trees
- Small trees, branches and limbs
- Place cut ends pointed towards driveway
- **No** invasive species, like buckthorn
- **No** construction or building materials
- Piles only, **no** bags allowed
- **No** trash, weeds, root wads, dirt, or rocks
- **No** grass clippings or bags of leaves
- **No** household garbage



**Record the number of hours worked, including watching the video, on the back of this form and return to Gloria Erickson, St. Louis County Firewise Project Coordinator or contact Clifton Fire Department.**

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



*Sponsored by MN DNR Firewise Program, Dovetail Partners, and St. Louis County Firewise Program*



## Duluth Township Information 2021

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](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

**Town Office Hours:** Tues 9am-12pm, Wed 9am-3pm,  
Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-12pm

**Planning Office Hours:** No posted hours  
Call the Town Hall for an appointment: 525-5705

**Supervisors:** (See website for email contacts)

**Rolf Carlson (2020-2023) 525-0375 Board Chair**  
Primary contact: Personnel, Cemetery  
Alternate: North Shore Mgt Board, Intergovernmental Relations

**Penny Morton (2021-2024) 525-5443 Vice Chair**  
Primary contact: Business Mgt, North Shore Mgt Board, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board  
Alternate: Personnel, Intergovernmental Relations, Communications

**Michael Kahl (2019-2022) 525-1594**  
Primary contact: Roads/Invasive Weeds, Planning  
Alternate: Business Mgt, Intergovernmental Relations, Town Hall, North Shore Mgt Board

**John Schifsky (2019-2022) 525-9363**  
Primary contact: Arts and Heritage, Communications, Public Safety  
Alternate: Cemetery, Intergovernmental Relations, North Shore Mgt Board

**Tim Strom (2021-2023) 525-5705**  
Primary contact: Materials Mgt, Town Hall  
Alternate: Intergovernmental Relations, Planning, Roads/Invasive Weeds, North Shore Mgt Board

<b>Town Clerk:</b>	<b>Ann K. Cox</b>	525-5705 (Town Hall)
<b>Deputy Clerk:</b>	<b>Nicole Chatterson</b>	525-5705 (Town Hall)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Mel Peulen</b>	525-5705 (Town Hall)
<b>Attorney:</b>	<b>Scott Witty</b>	722-4766 (Office)
<b>Cemetery Sexton:</b>	<b>Molly Tillotson</b>	218-626-7005
<b>Planning Director:</b>	<b>Sue Lawson</b>	525-5705 (Message)
<b>Planning Secretary:</b>	<b>Beth Mullan</b>	525-5705 (Message)

**Planning Commission:** Liz Strohmayer (Chair), Dave Edblom (Vice Chair), Dave Meyer, Justin Osadjan, Blane Tetreault, Pam West, and Angela Wilson

**Peace Officers:** Chief Shawn Padden, Officer Paul Johnson  
**Emergencies 911**, Messages 525-5705 or (218) 393-8407

**Clifton Volunteer Fire/EMS Department:** Chief Bob Engelson, Assistant Chief Rob Peldo, President Jason Bruckelmyer, Secretary Sherry Rovig  
Email: [cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com)

**Burning Permits** are available online at: [mndnr.gov/permits](http://mndnr.gov/permits) or at the Town Hall (office hours), or from **Fire Wardens:** Nicole Chatterson (525-5705), Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431) or DNR Two Harbors, 1568 Hwy 2 (834-1418)

**Website Manager:** Nicole Chatterson 525-5705 (Town Hall)

**Community Center Rental Coordinator:** Jim Salls 600-9015

### To Email Township Officials and Departments

See Township website, [www.duluthtownship.org/contacts](http://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

**April-October:** Tues 7-11 a.m. & 3-7 p.m.  
Thurs 3-7 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. - noon  
**November-March:** Tues. 7-11 a.m. & 2-6 p.m.  
Thurs 2-6 p.m. & Saturday 8 a.m.-noon



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. Curb 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](http://www.duluthtownship.org)  
Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall

### September 2021

**September 1:** Homesteaders 12:30 p.m.

**September 2:** Recycling 3-7 p.m.

**September 4:** Recycling 8 a.m.-noon

**September 7:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m.; Clover Valley Farmers Market 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Fire Business Mtg. Hall #1 7 p.m.

**September 9:** Recycling 3-7 p.m.; Town Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**September 11:** Recycling 8 a.m.- noon

**September 14:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m.; Clover Valley Farmers Market 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**September 16:** Recycling 3-7 p.m.

**September 18:** Recycling 8 a.m.-noon

**September 21:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m.; Clover Valley Farmers Market 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Fire Training Mtg. Hall #1 7 p.m.

**September 22:** 2021 Chipper Days: Sharing the Responsibility Fire Hall # 1 & 3. This event will continue through September 26 at 4 p.m.

**September 23:** 2021 Chipper Days; Recycling 3-7 p.m.; Planning and Zoning 6:30 p.m.

**September 24:** 2021 Chipper Days Fire Hall # 1 & 3

**September 25:** 2021 Chipper Days Fire Hall # 1 & 3; Recycling 8 a.m.-noon

**September 26:** 2021 Chipper Days-Final Day! Fire Hall # 1 & 3: Drop off ends at 4 p.m.

**September 28:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m.; Clover Valley Farmers Market 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**September 30:** Recycling 3-7 p.m.

### Looking Ahead

**October 5:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m.; Clover Valley Farmers Market 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Fire Business Mtg. Hall #1 7 p.m.

**October 6:** Homesteaders 12:30 p.m.

**October 14:** Recycling 3-7 p.m.; Town Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**October 19:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m.; Clover Valley Farmers Market 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Fire Training Mtg. Hall #1 7 p.m.

**October 28:** Recycling 3-7 p.m.; Planning & Zoning Mtg 6:30 p.m.

# DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

September 2021

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## Town Services During the Covid-19 Pandemic

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

**Town Clerk's Office:** Open to the public during regular office hours. All COVID precautions issued by the Governor will be followed. **We strongly urge** you to conduct your business via email, phone, US mail, or the drop box under the public posting at the Town Hall entrance.

**Town Board Meetings:** Open to the public, adhering to the Governor's pandemic directives.

### 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 at the Town Hall entrance. On-site review for Land Use Permits will be conducted by the Planning Director following the Governor's directives.

**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, strictly adhering to the Governor's pandemic directives. 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](http://www.duluthtownship.org)). Follow the Governor's pandemic directives.

**Town Hall Community Room:** Open to the public during office and recycling hours.

**Town Hall Rentals:** Must contact Clerk's office to make reservations of the Town Hall facilities.

