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# Duluth Township Newsletter

November 2021

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

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## Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

November 3, 2021: Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., Town Hall, pot luck and turkey bingo.

December 1, 2021: Wednesday, 12 p.m. (noon) Town Hall. We meet 1/2 hour earlier. Bring something for the table for our Christmas celebration.

January 5, 2022: Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Town Hall, pot luck and bingo

**Everyone is welcome!**

## Employment Opportunity! Planning Assistant for Duluth Township

Duluth Township is seeking a Planning and Zoning Assistant for a minimum of 6 hours/week. Responsibilities include assisting in the gathering of information, review and the processing of applications which fall under the Township's Zoning Ordinance. An understanding of the township's long-term planning goals is essential.

Minimum of a high school diploma or GED with experience in planning and zoning. Preferred qualifications include: Bachelor's or Master's degree in natural sciences, social sciences, planning or equivalent experience; computer literacy; attention to detail; and knowledge of zoning and land use issues.

Training will be under the direction of the Planning Director. Individual must have personal communication skills that will allow them to work with Township staff as well as the general public. In time this person will take over the Planning Director's position.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. Starting date is January 1, 2022. Please email resume and a cover letter to [townclerk@duluthtownship.org](mailto:townclerk@duluthtownship.org) by November 25, 2021.

For complete job description, visit the Duluth Township website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

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

### Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Dorothy Aho, Val Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Gloria Erickson, Sue Lawson, Beth Luikart, Don McTavish, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Carol Surine, Carla Tamburro and the first and sixth grade students at NSCS, Danny Tanner, Jo Thompson, and Rose Vastila,



### Fire Department

Bob Engleson, Chief  
Sherry Rovig, Secretary



### Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief  
Paul Johnson, Officer

#### New Members

The Clifton Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce the addition of 4 new members: Kelsey Dooley, Austin Jeanette, John Doberstein, and Nellie Torgerson. Kelsey, Austin, and John will be attending the next firefighter certification training in January. Nellie is already certified for FFII and EMR.

Our emergency medical responders complete their biennial recertification training this fall. All members are expected to attend monthly department training also.

#### Fire Signs

There are still many residents who need to install their FREE 911 signs. If you don't have a sign or have an old-style one-sided sign, **please take this important step in protecting your family and property.** Signs and posts may be picked up at the Town Hall during office hours. There is still time to install your sign before the ground freezes.

#### Brush Chipping Update

Thank you to all who reduced our fire danger by clearing and hauling brush to our drop-off sites at Hall 1 on Ryan Road and Hall 3 on Laine Road. Piles of free wood chips are available for the taking at both places. There is still time to report the hours spent on Firewise activities leading up to the chipping event. Report hours to Gloria Erickson, St. Louis County Firewise Project Coordinator (218) 365-0878 or [gjerickson@frontiernet.net](mailto:gjerickson@frontiernet.net)

We are grateful to the MN DNR Firewise Program, Dovetail Partners, and the St. Louis County Firewise Program for sponsorship of 2021 Chipper Days.

FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!



FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

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



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



#### 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 August and September, there were 152 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 58 requests for checks on homes or businesses, 11 attempts to locate careless drivers, 8 animal complaints, 8 check hazards, 6 medical emergencies, and 6 suspicious activities. There were 4 burglar alarms, 4 disturbance complaints, 4 fire alarms, 4 extra patrol requests, 4 property damage accidents, 4 traffic related warnings/citations, 3 assists to other agencies, 3 child neglect complaints, and 3 civil processes. There were 2 each of the following: alcohol compliance checks, public assists, suspicious vehicle complaints, unknown trouble complaints, unwanted person complaints. There was also 1 each of the following complaints: burglary-residential, civil dispute, damage to property, fraud complaint, health and welfare check, neighbor trouble, recovered property, suicide attempt, suicide threat, trespassing complaint, vehicle prowl, and water emergency.

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).

#### LOOKING FOR A HOME TO RENT?

OR

#### LOOKING FOR A RENTER FOR YOUR HOME?

Call **Apartment & Home Advisors**— We can help!

We specialize in properties of distinction and we help "take the stress out of moving".

Call **Suzie Lannon**, Licensed Minnesota Broker, 218-720-3987



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



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)

**Please note that the Planning Commission meeting dates for November and December are November 16 and December 16.**

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

Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the Commission decided to require masks at all Commission meetings and events.

A public hearing was held for a high-frequency short-term rental at 1690 Aho Road. The applicant hoped to use the home as a vacation rental for his own family and be able to rent it to others when his family was not using it. The conditional use application was denied due to insufficient evidence presented in support of the proposal. The applicant indicated that he would review his application and reapply.

A public hearing had been held at the July 22 Planning meeting for a conditional use for a high-frequency short-term rental at 5420 McQuade Road. The decision on that was tabled until the August meeting. After reviewing the application for Commission members who had not been present at the August meeting, a vote was taken and the use was approved as an interim use for a period of 12 months, with a limit of 200 rental days, by a vote of four to two. The Commission members voting against the use cited neighbors' concerns and the potential for the rental to affect the residential nature of the neighborhood.

The Commission set dates for upcoming meetings that conflict with holidays. The November Commission meeting will be held November 16 and the December meeting will be December 16. In addition, December 2 was set for the public hearing for the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Number 6 and Zoning Map.

**September 22 Planning Commission Meeting.** Commission members present: Liz Strohmayr, Angela Wilson, Blane Tetreault, Justin Osadjan, and Dave Meyer.

The Commission identified changes in the draft Zoning Ordinance for highlighting at the October 19 Open House. The Commission reviewed, and finalized plans for the Open House.

**October 19 Open House for the Draft Zoning Ordinance.** The open house was well-attended with great questions and participation. The Commission will review comments received at the Open House and submitted subsequently (comment deadline is November 5) at the November 16 Planning meeting.

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

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

**August 12 Regular Meeting:** In attendance: Supervisors Tim Strom, Rolf Carlson, Michael Kahl, Penelope Morton, and John Schifsky; Town Clerk Ann Cox, Deputy Clerk Nicole Chatterson, Treasurer Mel Peulen.

**Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$422,008.80, deposits of \$204,168.95, expenses of \$31,767.21, ending balance of \$594,410.54. All claims were approved for payment and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Fire: PERA 2022 contribution requirements: was reviewed and discussed. Planning and Zoning: Stormwater, it has been suggested that we hire Val Brady to manage our storm water. Roads: Chloride has been placed on the roads. We will be removing Mace, Englund, and Swanson Roads from the County plow list. The roads will be plowed with a contractual agreement this year. Town Hall: \$1500 was authorized to install a new faucet in the women's room at the Town Hall. Thank you, Roger; it was purchased and installed for approximately \$130.00. Public Posting Kiosk: Tim authorized the Clerk's office to work with Roger to spend up to \$500 to install a public posting place, Michael seconded. Penelope made a friendly amendment to increase the amount to \$550.00 Michael seconded the amendment. Both the amendment and the motion passed unanimously. American Rescue Act (ARA): Tim made a motion to authorize Strom, Carlson, and the clerks to apply for the ARA, Penelope seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Materials Management: Continual issues with garbage being left (non-recyclables). New Business: Homesteaders have applied and received a Co-op Light and Power Grant for new chairs and coffee servers.

**September 9, 2021 Regular Meeting:** In attendance: Supervisors Tim Strom, Rolf Carlson, Michael Kahl, Penelope Morton, and John Schifsky; Town Clerk Nicole Chatterson, Treasurer Mel Peulen.

Town Clerk: Michael Kahl made a motion to approve Nicole Chatterson as Town Clerk, Penelope Morton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Nicole took her Oath of Office.

**Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$549,410.54, deposits \$40,428.38, expenses \$28,309.66, ending balance of \$606,529.26. Check authorization sheet: Penelope made a motion to remove Ann K. Cox and Dave Mount from the check authorization signature sheets at Park State Bank and add Nicole and Rolf enabling Nicole, Rolf, and Melinda Peulen as signatures on the Town's check authorization sheet. Seconded by John Schifsky. Motion passed unanimously. Credit Card: Penelope made a motion to remove Ann K. Cox as a signer for the Visa Credit Card held at Park State Bank and to add Nicole as a signer, enabling Nicole to make purchases with the Town's Credit Card for Town's business. Seconded by Michael Kahl, motion passed unanimously. Fire: We have sent crews to assist with the Greenwood fire. Discussion about clearing property behind the Town Hall, Tim, Sue, Bob, and Nicole will work together on this. Planning and Zoning: Stormwater: Penelope will reach out to Val Brady to start a discussion about either hiring her to be our Storm Water Manager or to get suggestion on moving forward with hiring a consulting agency. Materials Management: Carolyn is celebrating her 30th year in October. Cemetery: Cutting Edge has issued a \$10 increase; \$4 at the fire hall and \$6 at the cemetery. American Rescue Plan: Ann and Nicole submitted the application and it went smoothly.

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

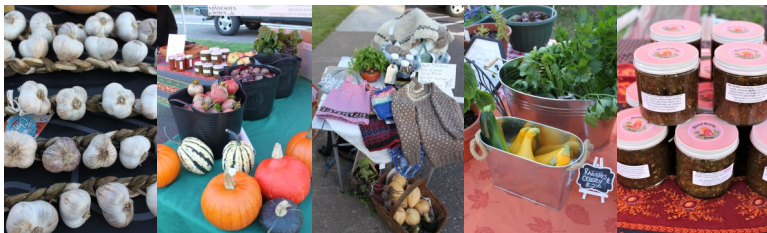
*Winter is on its way - Take steps to keep our streams clean*

Jo Thompson and Valerie Brady

Those of us who have lived out here for a while have noticed that our winters are not what they used to be. We now get melting snow and even rain during most months of winter, something that was almost unheard of even a decade ago. That means our ditches can stay “active” all winter long, and this running water can carry with it dirt and salt and whatever else is on the ground. Winter is starting, but it is not too late to tend to a few last-minute details to help keep our streams clean:

- ⇒ Cover any dirt piles you may have.
- ⇒ Clean ditches of debris and garbage.
- ⇒ Make sure your winter’s salt supply is in sealed containers and not in heaps on the ground.

And as the melting snow and rain turns to ice, remember the Safe Salting Rule that more salt is not better (and is hard on your pet’s paws, no matter what the container says) and sprinkle so that there is about 3” of space between granules. Our streams and Lake Superior are salt-free! Help us keep them that way.



Images from the last Clover Valley Farmers Market of 2021 season.

*Comments Sought on Proposed Zoning Ordinance Number Six and Zoning Map*

**Including a Public Hearing on December 2, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Duluth Town Hall**

In October 2021, the Planning Commission published a *draft* of Zoning Ordinance Number 6 and the Zoning Map and held an Open House to present the *draft* Ordinance.

In November, the Planning Commission will consider all comments received on the *draft* Zoning Ordinance to develop the **Proposed Zoning Ordinance Number Six and Zoning Map**. The **Proposed Zoning Ordinance and Map** will be available on the website and at the Town Hall beginning November 19, 2021. The Duluth Township Planning Commission encourages you to comment on the **Proposed Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map**.

There are two ways to comment on the **Proposed Zoning Ordinance and Map**:

1. You may send written comments to the Planning Commission and/or,
2. You may appear in person at the Public Hearing and provide your comments.

**Written comments may be provided:**

- Via email to [townclerk@lakenet.com](mailto:townclerk@lakenet.com) with “Proposed Zoning Ordinance” in the subject line;
- Via U.S. mail to the Duluth Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Rd, Duluth, MN 55804; or
- By dropping them off at the Town Hall. Please include your name and address on your written comments.

***Written comments will be accepted until December 2, 2021.***

You may appear in person and make your comments at the **Public Hearing that will be held on December 2, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Duluth Town Hall.

The Planning Commission will consider all written comments and comments from the Public Hearing. These comments will be used by the Planning Commission to inform the *Recommended Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map* that will be submitted to the Town Board and considered for adoption by the Town Board in January 2022.

The Planning Commission looks forward to hearing your comments.

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

Masks are **strongly encouraged** and welcomed!

## French River Book Club

*Carol Surine*

The French River Readers will meet next on Thursday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Rhonda O'Leary will be the host. The book we have chosen is Half a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; it is a Book-Club-in-a-Bag offering from the Duluth Public Library. The book bag will be available by Wednesday, October 27, on the shelf inside the upper door at French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Rd.

If you need a copy of the book outside of the normal hours of operation, please contact me at:

[carolsurine@gmail.com](mailto:carolsurine@gmail.com) or (218) 525-4426.

## Snowplowing

Call or Text Larry Nesgoda at 218-393-2863

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

The deadline is December 22, 2021.

525-5705 or [deputyclerkduluthtp@gmail.com](mailto:deputyclerkduluthtp@gmail.com)

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

## BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

Duluth Township would like to welcome

JoVanna Balquier

as our new **Volunteer Librarian!**

The Book Exchange is open! Come by and pick up a good fall read. Or two. Then cozy up to a fire with a nice cup of hot chocolate! **The shelves are overflowing.**

Book needs: Our children's book selection is getting low. Kids love books, too!

The Book Exchange is open during Township office and recycling hours.

The Book Exchange is located in our Community Room. Stop by today and pick up your great next read!



## North Shore Meanderer

Longarm machine quilting services, specializing in computerized edge to edge quilting.

Call Lori Sorvik at 218-349-1588

Email: [northshoremeanderer@gmail.com](mailto:northshoremeanderer@gmail.com)

Visit my website: [www.northshoremeanderer.com](http://www.northshoremeanderer.com)

## Regular Community Meetings

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



## Country Kids Day Care 218-343-6370

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Thank you to the NSCS students from the sixth and first grade classes! The still drawings and photos in this edition were provided by some of the students. To view these in their full brilliance, visit our Town's website: [www.duluthtowship.org](http://www.duluthtowship.org).

## Fall Tips for Wildfire Resiliency

Fall is definitely here in the North Country. It is harvest time, hunting time, and household chore time in preparation for winter. There are many projects you can do with little investment to lower your wildfire risk. Here are a few fall tips to help your property be more wildfire resilient.

- ◆ Make sure your address sign is visible in all directions and is out of the path of snow plows.
- ◆ Remove leaves and pine needles from roofs and gutters. Remove any branches that are within 10 feet of any roof.
- ◆ Remove lumber and all other flammable debris from under and around decks.
- ◆ Make sure your firewood is at least 30 feet away from all structures.
- ◆ Make sure your driveway is clear of trees and overhanging branches to provide access that is at least 14 feet wide and 14 feet high.
- ◆ Trim grass and clear all dead vegetation away from structures.
- ◆ Fill your propane tank and clear all vegetation from at least 10 feet around and above the tank.
- ◆ Inspect your furnace to make sure it is in proper working condition.
- ◆ Have fireplace/wood stove chimneys cleaned and inspected. Remove any branches that are within 10 feet of the chimney.
- ◆ Prune all lower branches from conifer trees that are within 30 feet of any structure up to at least 8 feet from the ground.
- ◆ Remove and dispose of all "ladder fuels" from beneath trees that are within 30 feet of all structures (ladder fuels are tall grass, small shrubs, trees, tree limbs, and other materials that allow fire to climb into the tree crown).

Visit our Minnesota Arrowhead Fire Adapted Communities website to learn more at <https://minnesotafac.org>. If you are interested in taking an active role in working with your neighbors to be more wildfire resilient, contact your County Firewise Coordinator to learn more about our Arrowhead Neighborhood Ambassador Program.

Be safe and enjoy this beautiful time of year!

Coordinator. Contact Gloria at: [gloria@dovetailinc.org](mailto:gloria@dovetailinc.org) or 218-365-0878.

Content provided by Gloria Erickson, contracted St. Louis County Firewise.

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## 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://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://RedCrossBlood.org).



## *What's in the Kitchen*

Nicole Chatterson, Town Clerk

Fall is in the air, and you know what that means! It's crock pot season! I think one of my favorite kitchen devices is my trusty old crock pot. Its heavy ceramic pot has seen many tasty meals lovingly prepared and appreciatively eaten through its years in my kitchen. Each time I wash it, I pray it doesn't slip from my soapy hands, shattering into a thousand pieces, and I breathe a sigh of relief every time I manage to place it safely back on the shelf, ready for my next "set it and forget it" meal. Even though the marks for the temperature settings have long worn off and I have had to memorize where Hi, Low, and Warm are, I refuse to retire my old faithful crock. I'm sure that there are others who can relate. I received my first hand-me-down crock from my mother, who was my inspiration in the kitchen. I learned so many of my wonderful recipes at her side and have continued to add to our ever-growing collection along the way. This is one of my additions to the collection.

White chicken chili is an easy meal that is full of flavor and great for families on the go. It takes just a few minutes of prep time, most of which is spent opening cans. Then you set it and forget it until dinner time. Once dinner time arrives, you remove and shred your chicken, add some shredded cheese, and voilà! – a tasty meal you didn't need to spend hours prepping. This meal goes great with a honey corn bread, but my husband likes it best with tortillas or tortilla 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 Town Clerk, [townclerk@lakenet.com](mailto:townclerk@lakenet.com). Happy cooking!

### **White Chicken Chili**

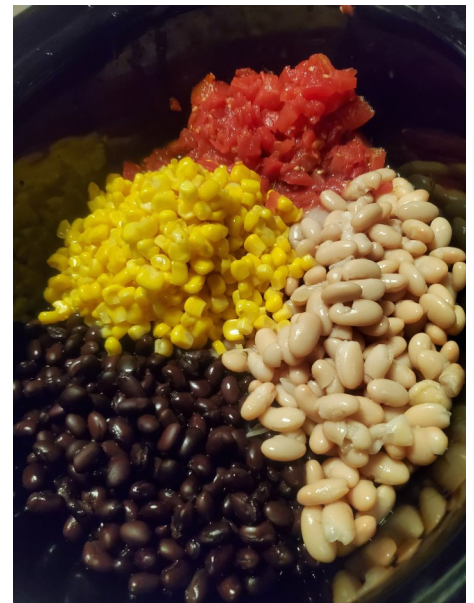
- ◆ 2 pounds of boneless skinless chicken breasts
- ◆ 1 15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
- ◆ 1 16 ounce can great northern beans, rinsed and drained (optional)
- ◆ 1 11 ounce can corn
- ◆ 1 10 ounce can tomato and green chiles (Ro-Tel is my preference)
- ◆ 2 cups chicken broth
- ◆ 1 packet of ranch dressing mix
- ◆ 1 tablespoon chili powder
- ◆ 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ◆ 1 teaspoon onion powder
- ◆ 8 ounces cream cheese
- ◆ 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

#### Optional toppings

- Shredded cheese
- Sour cream
- Avocados
- Bacon
- Onion

### **Instructions**

1. Place the chicken breasts in the bottom of the slow cooker. Add the corn, Ro-Tel tomatoes, black beans and great northern beans.
2. Top with the seasonings and packet of ranch dressing mix. Stir all the ingredients together.
3. Set the block of cream cheese on top.
4. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours.
5. After cooking time has finished, pull the chicken breasts and shred them with two forks. Return the chicken to the crock pot with the shredded cheese and mix everything together.
6. Serve and enjoy with any of the optional toppings listed above.



# Congratulations Ann!

Congratulations Ann,

First and foremost, while announcing your retirement, Duluth Township residents want to thank you for your 27 years of service to our community. *Ann, you have always tried to avoid the spotlight. While we honor your privacy, we want the Township to know how valuable you have been and that we love you.*

## Growing Community

Ann has witnessed significant events in the Township's history including the closing of Clover Valley High School. Twenty years ago, she wrote a check for \$1.00 to purchase North Shore Community School from the Lake Superior School District. She watched the Township grow in population (1,560 in 1990 and 2,039 in 2020), gotten to know most Township residents, and has a wealth of knowledge about the community's history. Equally important she led us into the digital age.

## Volunteer EMR

In addition to being Town Clerk Ann is a long term-member of our Clifton Volunteer Fire Department and is an Emergency Medical Responder. She also is the CVFD's treasurer. Township residents attest to her professionalism, compassion, and quick response to their needs. Don and Janet McTavish, in reflecting on a medical call to their home, said we "we have a lot to be grateful for."

## Community Connections

Ann made connections with individuals and agencies helpful to the Township. She was an active member of the St. Louis County Rescue Squad and had friends in county and state agencies such as 911 and law enforcement. She is the Co-Emergency Management Director of the Township's Emergency Plan.

Dan Tanner (a former Town Board member) and Valerie Brady recall that ten years ago the Township was between sextons. They agreed to take on the duties until a new sexton was hired. They had no idea of what they had agreed to do but Ann helped them gather materials including old records and talked them through their duties. She also provided ongoing support which was essential to their success.

## Elections

Ann conducted all the elections that took place in the Town hall. She was welcoming, efficient, accurate, and followed all the rules and regulations. She was careful in her defense of Township governance processes. She made sure Township residents had the information they should have in preparing for the Annual Meeting, information that included detailed budget and expense numbers. County and State officials both recognized and appreciated her prompt and accurate accounting as well as transparent administrative procedures.

## Business as usual

Ann helped to improve our governing structure and encouraged adoption of currently available computer technology. She was organized, efficient, and friendly. She restarted the Township Newsletter and was supportive of efforts to bring Township residents news of the Township. We greatly appreciated her helpfulness and wisdom.

Now she will have more time to spend with her grandchildren, take trips she has dreamt of, work on craft projects, and enjoy quiet moments reading an enjoyable book with her husband whom Sammy the goose likes to nibble.

**Thank you, Ann.**



## Did you know?

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, and invisible gas.

Signs of CO poisoning include headache, nausea, fatigue, vomiting, and disorientation.

Cooking and heating units that burn fuel and are not properly ventilated or that malfunction can be a source of CO in the home.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

## CO ALARMS

- **Install carbon monoxide alarms within 10 feet of each sleeping room or inside each sleeping room.**
- **Test CO alarms monthly. Replace alarms every five to seven years.**
- **If a CO alarm sounds, evacuate immediately and call 911 from outside your home.**
- **Clear snow and debris from furnace, dryer, fireplace or oven vents around your home to prevent a CO buildup.**



[SFM.DPS.MN.GOV](http://SFM.DPS.MN.GOV)

445 Minnesota St., Suite 145, St. Paul, MN 55101 Telephone: 651-201-7200 Fax: 651-215-0525



## 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 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Wed 9 a.m.-2 p.m.,  
Thurs 1 p.m.-5 p.m., 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

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

**Planning Commission:** Liz Strohmayr (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 Town-  
ship records. If the person does not have email access, your commu-  
nication is sent to the Town Hall to be picked up. Department infor-  
mation is also on our website.

## Township Recycling Center

Carolyn Marino

**November-March:** Tues. 7-11 a.m. & 2-6 p.m.

Thurs 2-6 p.m.

Sat. 8 a.m.-noon

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

Thurs 3-7 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m.-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. 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

### November 2021

**November 2:** ISD 381 Special Election 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Clerk's Office  
closed; Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 2-6 p.m.; Fire Business  
Meeting Hall #1 7 p.m.

**November 3:** Homesteaders 12:30 p.m.

**November 4:** Recycling 2-6 p.m.

**November 6:** Recycling 8 a.m.- noon

**November 9:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 2-6 p.m.

**November 18:** Recycling 2-6 p.m.; Special Town Board Meeting 5:30  
p.m.; Town Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**November 13:** Recycling 8 a.m.- noon

**November 16:** Recycling 7- 11 a.m.; 2-6 p.m.; Planning Commission  
Meeting 6:30 p.m.; Fire Training Mtg. Hall #1 7 p.m.

**November 18:** Recycling 2-6 p.m.

**November 20:** Recycling 8 a.m.- noon

**November 23:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 2-6 p.m.

**November 25: Holiday:** Thanksgiving Office closed, No recycling

**November 26:** Office closed

**November 30:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 2-6 p.m.

### December 2021

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

**December 2:** Planning and Zoning: Ordinance Public  
Hearing 6:30 p.m.

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

**December 7:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 2-6 p.m.; Fire Business Mtg.  
Hall #1 7 p.m.

**December 9:** Recycling 2-6 p.m.; Town Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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

**December 14:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 2-6 p.m.

**December 16:** Recycling 2-6 p.m.; Planning Commission  
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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

**December 21:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 2-6 p.m.; Fire Business  
Meeting Hall #1 7 p.m.

**December 23:** Recycling 2-6 p.m.

**December 24:** Office closed

**December 25: Holiday:** Christmas Day Office closed, No recycling

**December 28:** Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 2-6 p.m.

**December 30:** Recycling 2-6 p.m.

**January 1:** New Year's Day: Office closed, No recycling

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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 will be followed. **We strongly urge** you to 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, adhering to 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 pandemic precautions.

**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](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 Town Hall facilities.

