

# Duluth Township Newsletter

May 2022

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



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Art work provided by the fourth and fifth graders of the North Shore Community School:

Still lifes by the fourth grade  
Collages by the fifth grade

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

## Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

May 4, 2022: Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Town Hall. Entertainment provided by Two Harbors Ukulele Group (THUG). Sandwiches and bars.

June 1, 2022: Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Town Hall. Entertainment provided by Glen Laspi acoustic guitar, and sing-along. Sandwiches and bars.

July 6, 2022: Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Town Hall. Annual Picnic.

**Everyone is welcome!**



## Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Dorothy Aho, Clover Valley Farmers Market, JoVanna Balquier, Val Brady, Nicole Chatterson, Bob Engelson, Shelly Pierson Evans, Sue Lawson, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Carol Surine, Carla Tamburro and the NSCS fourth and fifth grade students, Jo Thompson, and Jim Ward



### Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Chief  
Sherry Rovig, Secretary



### Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief  
Paul Johnson, Officer

Our department has responded to over 30 calls from the beginning of the year to mid-April. We've also been busy with extra training for potential pipeline emergencies (Northern Gas pipeline goes through our Township), wildfire risk training, skywarn spotter training, fire officer training, and later this spring, we will be attending an electric vehicle training workshop. Kelsey Dooley and Austin Jeanette, two of our newest members, are finishing fire school and emergency medical responder training. We are grateful for grant funding from the state and federal governments that allows us to take advantage of many training opportunities, above and beyond our monthly in-house training. We were awarded a CLP Round-Up Grant to help purchase wildland protective equipment. The \$1,750 grant will be used for coveralls, helmets, and gloves. Many thanks to Coop Light and Power and their members.

We are heading into the spring wildfire season and need to exercise caution when burning. You can access wildfire danger and burning restrictions on the DNR website, [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us)

#### FIRE SIGNS

We hope more residents will step up and install their **FREE** fire signs. If you still have an older one-sided sign or no sign, please help us to help you and go to the Town Hall during office hours to pick up your sign.

#### 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 your existing ones are out of date and you have difficulty installing them yourselves, you can sign up for our volunteers to do the installation.

We are also offering Firewise assessments for Township Residents. This will include a site visit with specific recommendations for ways the property can be improved for fire safety and emergency access.

You can send us this form to sign up, email us at [cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com](mailto:cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com), or leave a message at (218) 525-9240 with your contact information, including a phone number. We will get back to you to arrange a convenient time. Please check which service(s) you would like.

#### 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 February 2022 to March 2022, there were 166 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 63 requests for checks on homes or businesses, 15 medical emergencies, 13 animal complaints, 10 property damage accidents, 8 extra patrol requests, and 5 suspicious vehicle complaints. There were 4 of each of the following: attempts to locate careless driver, civil processes, health/welfare checks, traffic related warnings/citations, and motorist assists. We responded to 3 of each of the following: public assists, assisting other agencies, hazard checks, suicide threats, and psych problems. There were 2 of each of the following: burglar alarms, fraud complaints, suspicious activities, fire alarms, and personal injury accidents. And finally we responded to 1 of each of the following: child neglect complaint, disturbance complaint, vehicle theft, damage of property, cyber-crime, harassment complaint, and shoplifter complaint.

If you have any information about any 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](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).

SMOKE DETECTOR REQUEST

FIREWISE ASSESSMENT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED TIME TO BE CONTACTED: \_\_\_\_\_

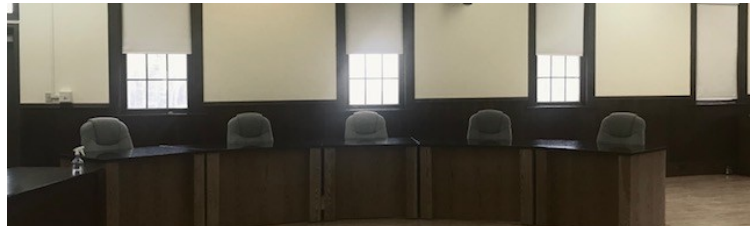
MAIL FORM TO: CLIFTON FIRE DEPT.

6092 HOMESTEAD RD., DULUTH, MN 55804





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



Not Pictured Town Board Supervisors: Penny Morton, Jim Ward, Rolf Carlson, Stacia Grayson, 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 Nicole Chatterson are available at the Town Hall and on our Township website: [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

#### February 24, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting.

Commission members present: Dave Edblom, Angela Wilson, Blane Tetreault, and Dave Meyer. Also present: Sue Lawson, Planning Director and Liz Strohmayer, Planning Assistant.

The meeting was held partially by teleconference due to last-minute COVID issues, with some members present at the Town Hall. A public hearing was held for a high-frequency short-term rental at 5395 North Shore Drive. The applicant proposed to rent the property to family groups, with a minimum renter age of 25 and an occupancy limit of 6 people. The rental would be managed through a property management company. The applicants hoped to move their family into the home in the future. For public testimony, there were two emails from close-by neighbors expressing concern. Another neighbor couple was present, and they were adamantly opposed to the proposed rental. It was agreed to hear the application as an interim use, and a motion was made to deny the permit. After a tie vote on the motion, the Commission agreed to table the decision to the March 24 meeting.

In other business, the Commission thanked Mike Kahl for his time as Town Board liaison to the Planning Commission.

#### March 24, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting.

Commission members present: Dave Edblom, Angela Wilson, Pam West, Justin Osadjan, Blane Tetreault, and Dave Meyer. Also present: Sue Lawson, Planning Director and Liz Strohmayer, Planning Assistant.

The first order of business was to make a decision on the tabled application from the February meeting for a high-frequency short-term rental at 5395 North Shore Drive. Since the last meeting, the applicants had had additional conversations with neighbors with concerns. They were willing to address some concerns by moving the fire pit and by putting up "no trespassing" signs at the edge of the property. A motion was made that the proposed rental was not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan or within the spirit and intent of the Ordinance. The motion passed five to one, and the application was denied.

The Commission reviewed St. Louis County's proposed amendment to their subdivision ordinance to allow equal subdivision of a quarter-quarter section or non-shoreland government lot into halves or quarters, provided that zoning requirements are met, and to allow the division of property abutting a road into parcels 4.5 acres or larger and 300 feet or more in width or to meet zoning minimums, whichever is more restrictive. The Commission tabled the discussion for future discussion.

In other business, Angela Wilson was elected as Chair of the Commission and Blane Tetreault as Vice-Chair.

**February 10 Special/Regular Meeting:** In attendance: Supervisors Tim Strom, Rolf Carlson, Michael Kahl, Penelope Morton, and John Schifsky; Town Clerk Nicole Chatterson, Treasurer Mel Peulen, Deputy Clerk Hannah Jurek.

**A special meeting was held prior to the regular meeting to conduct the Board of Audit. Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$757,219.15, deposits of \$7,911.69, expenses of \$36,290.16, ending balance of \$728,840.68. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. The road aid came in and will reflect next month.

Fire: There are 441 fire numbers remaining at the Town Hall for residents to pick up.

Planning: The Planning Commission completed Zoning Ordinance 6. The Board will meet on April 12, 2022, at 6:30 pm to discuss the ordinance.

Town Hall: Farmers market to be held again in the Town Hall parking lot providing proof of insurance with the Town named as an additional insured, like last year. Nate Perkio from Metro Sales met with the Board to discuss the purchase of a new printer for the office. Tim made a motion for Nicole and Rolf to make necessary steps to purchase the IMC 2500 Ricoh Printer, seconded by Penny. Motion passed. Tim moved to approve Absentee Ballot Board Resolution 02102022, seconded by Penny. Motion passed. Tim made a motion to move forward with the contract for the generator at the Town Hall, allowing Nicole and Rolf to continue completing the contract. Seconded by Penny. Motion passed. Motion was made to have an inclement weather date for the Annual Meeting be Mar. 22, 2022, at 6:30 pm. Motion made by Tim, seconded by Mike. Motion passed. A motion was made for the Board of Canvass to be set before the regular board meeting on Mar. 10, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Motion made by Penny, seconded by Mike. Motion passed. New Business: Victor Lund from St. Louis County was present regarding the road project on Lismore and Ryan Rd. Tim made a motion to have a separate meeting regarding the road project, seconded by Penny. Motion passed.

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**A special meeting was held prior to the regular meeting to run the Board of Canvass. Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$728,840.68, deposits \$52,172.65, expenses, \$53,792.58, ending balance of \$727,220.75. The Tacornite Prod. Tax was received along with Road Tax. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed.

Planning: St. Louis County Subdivision Ord. Amendments were minor wording changes. Flood Plain Ordinance Resolution 03102022B: By signing this, it will allow residents to apply for flood plain insurance if they reside within a flood plain. Motion made by Penny, seconded by Tim. Motion passed.

Roads: Pretty good month. A contact list will be drawn up for the next Road Supervisor.

Town Hall: New printer is up and running. A job well done to Nicole and Hannah for a well run Election and Annual Meeting. We received a quote from Jaws Computer for a security camera upgrade/replacement. Tim made the motion that Nicole and Rolf move forward and authorized expenditures up to \$1,500 on installation of cameras, seconded by Penny. Motion passed.

After decennial redistricting MN Statue 204B.14 is required. Penny made a motion to accept Resolution 03102022, seconded by John. Motion passed.

American Rescue Plan Act: Additional paperwork is required to be signed to remain compliant. Tim moved that Nicole and Rolf handle all necessary paperwork for ARPA, John seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: Nicole will reach out to School and Vic Lund to determine a meeting date for St. Louis County Road project.

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

### *There Is NO Poop Fairy!*

Jo Thompson and Valerie Brady

Winter snows seem to magically make pet waste disappear, only to reappear as a gooey mess when the snow melts. This reminds us that, indeed,

**there is no Poop Fairy.**

With snowmelt and rain events (which happen now even in spring), that goo can appear in our ditches, streams, and the lake as bac-

teria and nutrients, which can wreak havoc with our clean water.

So, do your part, pick up your pet waste.



### *EMERGENCY OPERATIONS GROUP!*

Sherry Rovig and Ann Cox, Co-Directors

We are focused on a few key areas this year: Continued Firewise efforts -- including chipping events, wildfire risk assessments, fuel reduction training, and possibly a biochar workshop. A grant application has been submitted to the Ready, Set, Go Program for a chipping event.

We are planning an emergency preparedness day event – we hope to schedule the event this year with information on the many aspects of emergency preparedness, including community resources and guest presenters.



### *Purchasing Seeds? Read the Label*

All seed sold in Minnesota must be labeled with some key pieces of information, whether it comes in a bag, a tote, or a packet. The process of labeling not only establishes what is in the container but also what is not, such as prohibited noxious weed seeds like Palmer amaranth.

Seed labelers are responsible for having seed lots tested to ensure that noxious weed seeds are not present above acceptable levels and for determining the germination rate that can be expected of the seed. Seed labelers must maintain records and samples of tested seed lots to document that this process has occurred and that the information on the label is accurate.

While seed sold for agricultural use has more labeling requirements than seed sold for hobby use, both should have a test date or "sell by" date that is not expired.

Visit the [MDA website](#) to learn more about seed labeling requirements and how these are enforced by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

## 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 Book Club will meet May 19, 2022, at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room at the French Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carol Surine at [carolsurine@gmail.com](mailto:carolsurine@gmail.com) or 525-4426

## Country Kids Day Care 218-343-6370

Infants to School Age  
Licensed  
Bus to NSCS & Lakewood  
Schools  
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**For our Township youth:** Advertise for **FREE!** Any **youth** seeking work or **Township residents** needing help with various jobs suitable for youth (babysitting, lawn and garden maintenance, house cleaning, etc.) can submit an ad by email, by phone, or by dropping it off at the Town Hall to be published in the July edition of the Newsletter. I have had calls looking for workers!

The deadline is June 19, 2022.

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

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

## BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

JoVanna Balquier

The little free library located in the Township Hall is packed with books and waiting for you to come find your next favorite read.

We are still accepting donations, but kindly request no more books by James Patterson or John Sanford as we have plenty in the library to choose from.

Happy reading!



## Two Harbors Area Food Shelf



**food**  
TWO HARBORS AREA  
**shelf**

*Our Mission: To reduce hunger and improve the health of those in need.*

Serving Lake & St. Louis County residents.

Food Distribution on Tuesdays from 10:00 am-3:45 pm

Call 218-391-8191 with any questions.



**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](http://www.solfedfarm.com)

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## *Planning and Zoning*

Sue Lawson, Planning Director

### **Updated Zoning Ordinance Now Available**

Thanks to all of the work of the Planning Commission, the Town Board, and the Townspeople who commented on various drafts of the Zoning Ordinance, we now have an updated ordinance – Zoning Ordinance and Map Number Six. This updated ordinance was adopted by the Town Board and became effective on April 20, 2022. These are some of the notable changes in the new Ordinance:

- The names of the zoning districts have been changed to better reflect the purposes of the districts.
- Two new zoning districts were created on the shore: the Greenwood Beach and Greenwood Cliffs platted subdivisions are now reflected as separate zone districts on the Zoning Map. Dimensional requirements for these new zone districts are reflected in the Ordinance.
- One zone district (SMU-6A) was removed and incorporated into the surrounding zone district.
- Driveways: New driveways now require a Land Use Permit and must meet setbacks from property lines and rivers.
- Types of short-term rentals (sometimes referred to as Airbnb and VRBO rentals) have been further delineated and requirements for them have been refined and added to.
- New Land Uses and requirements for them were identified: Wind energy conversion system, market farm, farm stand, isolated camping site, and day care facility.
- Livestock Requirements: Some animal unit equivalents were changed, and requirements were added for regulated animals.
- Land Use Permits and administrative fees: Fees were increased to reflect inflation / cost of living increases.

In addition, some minor typographical and formatting corrections were made, as well as some minor reorganization.

A printed copy of the entire Ordinance is available to read at the Duluth Town Hall (6092 Homestead Road) during the Town Clerk's normal business hours. The document is also available on the Township website, [www.duluthtownship.org](http://www.duluthtownship.org)

## *Good News for Motorists*

Jim Ward



According to the St. Louis County road construction map, it is going to be a busy summer in our Township. On the schedule for reclaim and overlay are the Lismore Road from Ryan Road to Bergquist Road, Bergquist Road south to HWY. 61, Ryan Road from Lismore Road to HWY. 61, and McQuade Road from Lismore Road to HWY. 61. Another project for overlay will be the Knife River Road from Homestead Road to the Culbertson Road, Culbertson Road north to the Two Harbors Road, and Two Harbors Road east to the county line.

Please remember to slow down and give workers and equipment plenty of room in work zones. For more information on projects and updates, see the [St. Louis County web page](#).

## North Shore Community School

Shelly Pierson Evans



### May 2022 Enjoying the Great Outdoors!

North Shore students had a wonderful (although cold and snowy) winter out on our trails learning about our woodlands. Students collected sap, boiled it down, and had a pancake day to enjoy this sweet treat directly from our woods! It was a resounding success based on the sticky faces and smiles after Pancake Day.



Students also finished off their “The S’more you Read, the S’more You Know I Love to Read” month with a S’more Day. Students roasted marshmallows, listened to campfire stories, and enjoyed their treat out in the woods. Thank you to our volunteers that made S’more Day a success!



Thank you to Duluth Firewood and Stoked Firewood for their donation of firewood. Because of their generosity, we enjoyed two full days of campfires at our s'mores event and we had enough firewood to power the maple syrup demonstration.



**Enrollment News:** For enrollment information or to complete an application, visit our website: <https://northshorecommunityschool.org/enrollment-forms/> or call the office at 218-525-0663 x100 for more information.

If you have any questions regarding NSCS Preschool, please reach out to the office or email Linda Johnson, our Preschool Teacher, at [ljohnson@nscsk6.org](mailto:ljohnson@nscsk6.org).

## Alden Township Part Three

John Schifsky

“Alden Township” appeared in *Duluth Township’s January 2022 Newsletter*. “Alden Township Part Two” was in the *March 2022 Newsletter*. Both articles focused on Alden’s history in the period 1920 to 1940. Part Three appears below. Many of the details are taken from Alden Township Board of Supervisors meeting minutes.

The early settlers (1910–1930) who chose to live in Alden did so because large tracts of mostly forested land, similar to the landscape they left in Finland, were available for homesteading. The land was also inexpensive. Decades later, during the “Back to the Land” years (roughly mid 1960s through the 1980s), newcomers, many of them for lifestyle choices, bought land and built homes in Alden. One of the reasons early settlers and many of those moving in more recently chose Alden was because they were attracted by the rural feeling. Then as today, lot sizes come in acres and neighboring houses are not as close as they are in more densely populated areas.



Early settlers who chose to live in Alden valued privacy and did not want to be told what to do; these are attitudes shared by some current residents. Those homesteaders worked together to build homes and create community spaces. One person interviewed observed that Finlanders are very proud people, and they are not afraid of hard work. They believe there are certain ways to do things, and they avoid conflict unless it is unavoidable. The older generation of farmers were excellent mentors, when asked, to “Back to the Land” newcomers. And they expected those newcomers to work hard also.

The Township population has remained stable: 213 in 1910, 196 in 2020. When asked about those relatively low numbers, one source observed that people often express an interest in living in Alden, but in the end choose not to. The area is remote, and there are no job opportunities; the roads are challenging; reliable high-speed internet service is not available, and the prospect of living on a road that disappears into a wooded, forty-acre parcel does not appeal to many. More often than not, the children of residents choose not to continue living there. Another person noted that there is not much land for sale in the Township, and when parcels are available, they are not divided up. Residents appear to like their land; they don’t sell much. They don’t appear to favor development.

In the late 70s and the 80s minimum lot size and privacy were the subjects of the heated Annual Meeting discussions mentioned in the last article. Some residents wanted the minimum lot size to be 20 acres, ideally more; others insisted on a much smaller minimum lot size. Since the Township lacked a Planning and Zoning Commission, residents adopted the St. Louis County minimum of nine acres. This decision did not satisfy either side. The county does have influence in Alden Township affairs (as it does in surrounding townships).

Having spent hours reading meeting minutes, I thought it important to attend an Alden Board of Supervisors meeting. I went to the December 2021 meeting at the Town Hall and met the Township officials. The supervisors were Helene Hedlund (chair), Heidi Haglin, and Peg Wagner. Karen Kiekow is Township Treasurer and Alex Deters, Clerk. At that meeting the treasurer reported a total fund balance of \$111,917. Of that total the General Fund Balance was \$45,233; Roads \$44,205; Town Hall \$3,474; Fire \$17,858. Ten thousand dollars of

the Roads budget and some additional money not spent on earlier projects is being held in reserve in case major road repair is necessary.

The meeting lasted about a half hour. Supervisors approved payment of bills, considered correspondence, listened to committee reports, made and voted on motions, agreed there was no new business, talked about an item of old business, and adjourned. Since some supervisors’ terms would end in March, there was informal discussion about finding replacements. And there was good-natured banter about who would be the next road supervisor.

*I am indebted to these persons with whom I spoke by phone, from whom I received email responses to questions, or who reviewed these articles: Leo Babeau, Gary Cavalin, Alex Deters, Kathy Johnson, Rose Vastila, Peg Wagner, and Shary Zoff.*





Bruce Hollinday (72) passed away with family by his side on February 27, 2022 after a short battle with colon cancer.

Bruce was a longtime Duluth Township resident. He attended Bloomingdale School, North Shore Elementary, and Clover Valley High School.



There will be a Celebration of Life Event for Bruce on Saturday, June 18, noon-3 pm, at the Duluth Township Town Hall.

The Hollinday family is inviting all to join them on that day to share memories, stories, photos, and Celebrate Bruce's Life. The event will be a casual gathering with a potluck meal. Family, friends, schoolmates, and co-workers are all welcomed.

### Clover Valley Farmers Market Returns For 2022

After a successful inaugural season, the Clover Valley Farmers Market returns to Duluth Township for 2022. The market once again will be held in the Town Hall parking lot. This year, the event will be held on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

Vendors typically offer a variety of products, ranging from fresh vegetables and baked goods to handmade art. All products are required to be locally produced. Visiting the market is a great way to support our local small businesses and an opportunity to buy quality goods.

The first market will be held on Wednesday, June 22, then every Wednesday thereafter. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or if you would like more information, please visit the market website at [www.clovervalleymarket.com](http://www.clovervalleymarket.com). We will see you in June!

### Multi-Family Rummage Sale at French River Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 14th from 8am-1pm. Kids toys, kids clothes, brand new kids boutique clothing, household goods, books, misc.

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### Personalize canoe experiences with a paddle crafted by you!

Make an individually customized straight or bent-shaft laminated or solid paddle with instructions provided by outdoor educator Ron Weber.



When: May 16 & 23, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Where: French River Lutheran Church,

5310 Ryan Road, Duluth (inside the blue building, north end of parking lot)

Cost: \$20, instruction only. Materials and gluing, an additional \$30.

Note: Maximum 10 participants; must be at least 18 years old. During the first class, instructor will inform students of hand tools needed for the second class.



Register: Email [drjock-mock@msn.com](mailto:drjock-mock@msn.com)

("Canoe Paddles" in subject line). Include your name & phone number

and the name & phone number of an emergency contact for you during class.

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Happy Spring! Eventually we will be out of this perpetual cycle of spring-winter-spring. At least one would hope! Spring will finally leave winter behind, allowing our flowers an opportunity to bloom, the grass to green, and the leaves to bud. The cold gloomy grasp of winter will fade to a distant memory.

When baking in the spring, I love making recipes that incorporate fruit like strawberries, lemon, blueberries, and raspberries. It gives the treat a nice fresh flavor and allows one to dream about the nice warm sunny weather in our future. Besides the Lemon Blueberry Cake I featured in the [March 2021 edition](#) of this Newsletter, this is probably one of my favorites to bake in the spring. This cookie recipe is a perfect upgrade from a traditional chocolate chip cookie. It combines two of my favorite flavors: chocolate and raspberries! Plus, it helps me use up some of my frozen raspberries from last year's harvest to make room for the upcoming season. When preparing to bake the cookies, I prep my cookie sheets with parchment paper to allow easy cleanup since the sugar/juice from the raspberries and the melting chocolate chips can create a large mess on your cookie sheet. These cookies are not only tasty, but they are also beautiful with the pops of color from the raspberries. Most of the time I need to make a double batch since everyone gobbles them up so fast!

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!

## Raspberry Chocolate Chip Cookies

### Ingredients

3 cups flour  
 1 tsp. baking soda  
 1 tsp. salt  
 1 cup butter, room temperature  
 1 cup brown sugar  
 ½ cup granulated sugar  
 2 large eggs  
 2 tsp. vanilla  
 1 ½ cups chocolate chips  
 1 cup frozen raspberries

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. Combine flour, baking soda, and salt in a small mixing bowl. Set aside.
3. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and both sugars until fully combined.
4. Mix in eggs and vanilla.
5. Slowly add in flour mixture just until incorporated.
6. Stir in chocolate chips.
7. Gently fold in raspberries. The batter will become stiff as the softened butter in the recipe will start to harden.
8. Drop by rounded tablespoon, or use a small cookie scoop (my preferred method), 2 inches apart on an ungreased baking sheet.
9. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown.
10. Cool on wire rack.
11. Enjoy!





## Duluth Township Information 2022

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 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 (2020-2023) 525-0375 Board Chair**  
Primary contact: Personnel, Cemetery  
Alternate: Intergovernmental Relations, Planning, CC Liaison/  
NSCS Foundation Board

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

**Tim Strom (2021-2023) 525-5705**  
Primary contact: Arts & Heritage, Planning  
Alternate: Intergovernmental Relations, Business Manage-  
ment, Roads/Invasive Weeds, Materials Management, Town  
Hall, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

**Jim Ward (2022-2025) (218) 260-5689**  
Primary contact: Roads/Invasive Weeds, Public Safety  
Alternate: Arts & Heritage, Intergovernmental Relations, CC  
Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

**Stacia Grayson (2022-2025) (612) 239-2292 or 525-5705**  
Primary contact: Materials Management, Town Hall  
Alternate: Cemetery, Intergovernmental Relations,  
Communications, North Shore Management Board, Public  
Safety, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

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

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

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: **Hannah Jurek 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

**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. 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

### May 2022

**May 3:** Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting Hall #1 7 pm

**May 4:** Homesteaders 12:30 pm

**May 5:** Recycling 3-7 pm

**May 7:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**May 10:** Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

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

**May 14:** Recycling 8 am-noon

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

**May 18:** D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting 7 am

**May 19:** Recycling 3-7 pm

**May 21:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**May 24:** Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

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

**May 28:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**May 31:** Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

### June 2022

**June 1:** Homesteaders 12:30 pm

**June 2:** Recycling 3-7 pm

**June 4:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**June 7:** Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting Hall #1 7 pm

**June 9:** Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

**June 11:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**June 14:** Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

**June 15:** D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting 7 am

**June 16:** Recycling 3-7 pm

**June 18:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**June 21:** Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

**June 23:** Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm

**June 25:** Recycling 8 am-noon

**June 28:** Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

**June 30:** Recycling 3-7 pm

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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:** Contact Clerk's office to reserve Town Hall facilities.

