



Duluth Township Newsletter

September 2022

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The Come on Home! Party was held last month on August 13, 2022, at the Town Hall. Although the weather may look gloomy in this photo, it was nothing but cheerful conversation and good food inside. More photos from the event are on page 6.

Interested in attending? Mark your calendar for the second weekend in August of 2023.

Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

September 7, 2022: Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Town Hall. Sandwiches and bars. Entertainment has changed and now it will be Glen Laspi with his acoustic guitar.

October 5, 2022: Wednesday, 12:30 pm, Town Hall. Sandwiches and bars. Entertainment will be Ripple Effect, four-part barbershop harmony.

November 2, 2022: Wednesday, 12:30 pm, We will have our annual fall harvest potluck and play bingo afterwards.

Everyone is welcome!

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

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Dorothy Aho, JoVanna Balquier, Roger Beck, Valerie Brady, Nicole Chatterson, Bob Engelson, Shelly Pierson Evans, Mark Haselow, Beth Lukiart, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Sherry Rovig, Carol Surine



Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Chief

Sherry Rovig, Secretary/Emergency Operation Dept. Director



Police Department

Mark Haselow, Chief

Paul Johnson, Officer

Clifton Fire Department has two important events coming up. September 17th will be a special Firewise event at the North Shore Community School with great resources, refreshments, and fabulous door prizes. **This event is FREE and open to all residents in Duluth and Alden Township.** (See the flyer on page 10.)

Our annual Chipper Days will be Oct. 5 – 9th. This service is made possible by a grant from the MN DNR. Please keep track of the time you spend making your property Firewise. It will be counted as part of our in-kind contribution for the grant. (See flyer and form on pages 11 and 12.)

911 Signs

We still have signs that need to be picked up and installed. More posts have arrived. You can pick up posts and signs from the Town Hall during business hours.

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 If you lack working smoke alarms in your home or your existing smoke alarms are out of date, we can provide new ones. If you have difficulty installing them yourself, you can sign up for our volunteers to do the installation.

We are also offering Firewise assessments for Township residents. An assessment includes a site visit with specific recommendations for ways the property can be improved for fire safety and emergency access.

To sign up for any of the above services, mail the form below or email us at cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com or leave a message at (218) 525-9240 with your contact information, including a phone number. We will get back to you to arrange a convenient time. Please indicate 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

Police Events:

For the months of June 2022 and July 2022, there were 113 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 17 medical emergencies and 16 request for checks on homes or businesses. There were 7 reports of traffic related warnings/citations, attempt to located careless drivers, and animal complaints. There were 6 reports of both suspicious activities and disturbance complaints as well as 5 reports of burglar alarms being set off and civil process. There were 4 reports of mental health crisis, hazard checks, and damage to property accidents. And 3 reports of the following: complaint of suspicious vehicle, theft, and assisting other agencies. There were 2 of the following reports: vehicle theft, health/welfare check, unknown trouble complaint, personal injury accident, and damage to property. And finally there was 1 of each of the following reports: garbage dumping, fire alarm, assisting motorist, neighbor trouble, public assistance, and request for extra patrolling.

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.

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

Duluth Township has a Facebook Page. Be sure to go check it out. Search [Town of Duluth](#) on Facebook.



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



Town Board Supervisors: Penny Morton, Jim Ward, Rolf Carlson, Stacia Grayson. (Not pictured) Tim Strom.

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

Official minutes by Planning Secretary Beth Mullan are available on our Township website: www.duluthtownship.org

Summary of Town Board Minutes

Official Minutes by Town Clerk Nicole Chatterson are available at the Town Hall and on our Township website: www.duluthtownship.org

June 23, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting.

Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Pam West, Blane Tetreault, Dave Meyer, and Tony Mancuso.

A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance Number 6. A discrepancy had been found in the Ordinance involving Community and Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems. This use is shown as a conditional use in Article V, Table 5.3, but the requirements for it are identified under Performance Standards in Article VIII, Section 23. Conditional uses require a public hearing and an application can be denied if it does not meet the decision criteria. The process also provides for input from the community regarding the proposal. A use permitted under performance standards needs only to meet those standards to be permitted; there is no public process. It was felt that the use had been intended to be a conditional use and the discrepancy was probably the result of a clerical error.

There was no one from the public present at the meeting to comment on the proposed change, and no comments had been received prior to the meeting.

A motion was made that the Commission recommend to the Town Board that the language for the use be moved from Article VIII Section 23 (Performance Standards) to Article IX Section 27 (Conditional Uses) with the reasoning that requiring the use as a conditional use is consistent with the Planning Commission's goals of allowing community input when the character of a neighborhood could be altered by a proposed project.

In other business it was noted that Val Brady had completed the Town's MS4 report which was due in July.

July 28, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting.

Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Dave Edblom, Justin Osadjan, and Dave Meyer.

The Planning Office has had a lot of Land Use Permit applications, site entry and driveway applications, and parcel split reviews. There have also been a lot of inquiries from folks, especially with more properties coming on the market. The Clerk's office handles initial responses and Sue and Liz follow up on more complicated questions. It has been a very busy summer.

All the permit application forms are being updated and will be on the web soon. The hope is to make the applications into fillable pdfs for the website at some point. Sue also discussed accepting credit card payment for applications, but it may not be practical for the Town. There are liability and security issues involved.

There will be a public hearing for extension of a short-term rental interim use permit in August.

Regular **Planning Commission Meetings** are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at **6:30 pm** in the Town Hall

June 9, 2022, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Penelope Morton, Stacia Grayson, and Jim Ward. Absent: Tim Strom. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$672,027.25, deposits \$1,965.39, expenses \$23,974.17, ending balance of \$650,018.47. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Public Comment: Gordon Ramsay, who is running for County Sheriff, was in attendance and discussed goals and plans for St. Louis County with the Board. Police: After 34 years Chief Shawn Padden announced his retirement. The Board agreed to have Shawn reach out to the candidate he had in mind for his replacement and start the vetting process. Fire: Bob spoke to Scott Witty about options for fire sign installation. The department will write a letter to notify residents who haven't picked up their fire signs and will work with the Clerk's office to get the mailing out. Planning: Issues have been brought up about Stoney Point. An increase in police presence was suggested. It was noted that the police do patrol the area most of their shift, but additional help from the Sheriff's office can be useful. Due to the increase of work in Planning and Zoning, there was a request to increase the hours of the Assistant Planning Director from 10 hours to 15 hours per week. Motioned by Penny to increase the hours, seconded by Jim, motion passed. Roads: Rodda is getting caught up with grading, and we are on the list for chloride. Town Hall: The phone lines have been down since May 31, 2022. Nicole has been working with Zito to resolve the issue. Waste Management: WLSSD elections are on June 29, 2022. Rolf will attend since it is required that a Board member attend.

July 14, 2022, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Tim Strom, Rolf Carlson, Penelope Morton, Jim Ward, and Stacia Grayson. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$650,018.47, deposits \$18,051.25, expenses \$30,161.67, ending balance of \$637,908.05. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Police: Shawn has been working throughout the past month vetting the future Police Chief. Tim motioned that Mark Haselow be made a conditional offer of employment and, upon successfully completing a psychological and physical exam, be appointed the new Chief of Police of the Duluth Township Police Department effective Aug. 1, 2022. Seconded by Penny. Motion passed. Fire: Postcards regarding remaining fire numbers have been mailed. Planning: Val finished the MS4 report and had Rolf sign it; it was submitted. Enforcement action, Zurcher - there has been an ongoing issue with Mr. Zurcher, and after many attempts to correct the issue it was suggested to take a legal route. Tim moved that the Town Board authorize Planning and Zoning in conjunction with Supervisor Strom and, if necessary, Supervisor Chair Carlson to consult with and pursue legal options with the Town Attorney to address the Zurcher situation. Penny seconded. Motion passed. There have been many Land Use Permits and Parcel Splits this year. Planning revenue is \$8,327 year-to-date, compared to last year, which was \$9,336 for the whole year. Tim moved to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation and amend Zoning Ordinance 6 by moving the language regard Community and Large-Scale Solar Energy Systems from Article VIII, Section 23, to Article IX, Section 27. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. Roads: It was believed the Board decided to not move forward with the turnaround on the Torgeson Road, however Jim will further investigate. Town Hall: There were two emails from MATIT regarding insurance changes. First was an informational email informing townships that they are changing insurance carriers. Second was an email about liability coverage. Tim and Penelope raised concerns about our community center at the school and if we would be covered for that location. Tim will reach out to MATIT. American Rescue Plan Act: The Township received the final payment. Tim is working on a flyer to mail to our residents informing them of ARPA and that we are seeking community input on how to spend the funds. Materials Management: There were some incidents over the last month of people dumping non-recycling items. It was decided to have Jaw's Computers come and move the camera after suggestions from Officer Johnson. We will also seek another camera.

Regular **Town Board meetings** are held on the second Thursday of the month at **6:30 pm** in the Town Hall

Congratulations Shawn



After 34 years of working with Duluth Township, Duluth Township Police Chief Shawn Padden is now enjoying retirement life.

After high school, while working as a cook at the Lakeview Castle and living at the "Farm" on Flynn Road, Shawn attended the law enforcement program at Hibbing Community College. When a position opened up in the Township, Jay Zink, Police Chief at the time, knew the right guy for the job, and after applying, Shawn started working for the Township in May of 1988.

When Jay retired, years later, Shawn was appointed Chief, and held that position for 34 years. During that time he also worked for Rice Lake and Hermantown Police Departments.

"It certainly was a busy time for me and I enjoyed working the Township and forging lasting friendships. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the Duluth Township residents for over three decades. The many good memories are the ones I focus on."

Retirement will keep him busy, with plans for elk hunting in Montana come October and visiting friends along his journey to winter in Nevada and work on his golf game. *"No snow for me this year... Thankfully!"*

When asked if Shawn had any parting words to the community he had lived in and served for most of his life, he wrote this. *"The Police Department has been left in good hands with Officer Johnson and newly appointed Chief Mark Haselow. I truly did appreciate all of the community and Town Board support over the years and wish you all the best of luck and good health. I will truly miss visiting with all the wonderful people in that warm hearted community nestled along the shore of Lake Superior... Take care and Godspeed - Shawn"*



Jay Zink and Shawn Padden

Thank you Shawn for your many years of service to our community!

Trout Just Want to Be Cool

Valerie Brady

Here in the northland we are proud of our cold clear streams. Unfortunately, our streams are getting warmer and less hospitable to our beloved trout, in part because of warm stormwater running into them. Water temperature is one of the most critical factors determining what can live in a stream.

You can learn more here: http://www.lakesuperiorstreams.org/understanding/impact_temp.html

What can we do to help? We can create more shade and more ways for stormwater to soak into the ground rather than running down our ditches. Some specific ways to help the fish include: planting trees and shrubs in our yards, along our driveways, and along stream banks; letting our lawns get a little longer; and trying to keep rainwater runoff in our yards instead of running down our driveways and into the ditches. We may like warm water, but the trout do not.

Hall Rental

The Town Hall is now available for rental. Contact the Clerk's office to make reservations.

The Community Room is also available for public use during office and recycling hours. The hours are posted on the Town's website: www.duluthtownship.org and on page 9 of this Newsletter.

French River Book Club

Carol Surine

For September we've chosen a book that is closely associated with Duluth: Ghost Burglar: The True Story of Bernard Welch: Master Thief, Ruthless Con Man, and Cold-Blooded Killer by Jack Burch and James D. King.

We will meet on Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church. Everybody bring a snack or dessert to share. We will discuss when we should return to daylight hours. If you have questions, please reach out to Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com.

Country Kids Day Care 218-343-6370

Infants to School Age
Licensed
Bus to NSCS & Lakewood
Schools
*Accepting Full and Part
Time*

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Boarding Kennels
Long & short term
boarding
Reservations
Required
218-525-4842
7002 App Rd.
Two Harbors

Paid Advertisement



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

The deadline for the next Newsletter is October 18, 2022. 525-5705 or deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com

BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

JoVanna Balquier

Come on down to the little free library located in the community room at the Town Hall to find a good book to escape in!

There are many varieties of books on our shelves waiting to be discovered.

If you are considering donating books, we kindly request no non-fiction books, old textbooks, manuals, etc.



Two Harbors Area Food 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 to 3:45 pm.
Call 218-391-8191 with any questions.



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

Paid Advertisement

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



American Red Cross Blood Drive at French River Lutheran Church

Date & Time: Monday, October 17, 2022, 1-7 pm

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. We know the need for blood donations is great throughout the U.S. and especially in the Northland. All members of the Duluth Township community are welcome and encouraged to donate blood.

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

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

COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed during the blood drive. 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.

Come on Home!



North Shore Community School

Shelly Pierson Evans, Executive Director

Fall School Planning

It is that time of year...the start of school! The first day of school is **Wednesday, September 7 for K-6, and Monday, September 12 for Preschool**. Teachers and staff have been preparing for the return of students, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in a few short weeks.

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

Start Time Change: School hours are from 7:50 am to 2:40 pm (bus dismissal) and 2:50 pm (parent/family pick-up). Please note there is a change for the start time: School begins at 7:50, and students will be marked tardy after 8:05 am.

Breakfast/Lunch: We are returning to a "For Fee" Breakfast and Lunch program. Breakfast is free for all Kindergarten students.

Fees: Breakfast: \$1.00 for 1st-6th grade students

Lunch: \$2.40 for all K-6th grade students

Students may also qualify for free and reduced breakfast and lunch. To see if you qualify, complete the free and reduced lunch application located on our website at <https://northshorecommunityschool.org/food-service/>. The free and reduced application is also used to determine Title I and other federal grant funds (such as the American Rescue Plan funds). Thank you for taking a minute to see if you may qualify and completing the form.

Upcoming Events:

The Ice Cream Social: Thursday, September 22, from 4-6 pm

Grandparent and Special Friends Day: Friday, October 7

The return of Fall Fest on Friday, October 28



Don't forget to come out and vote on November 8, 2022. The polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm at Town Hall. To see who's on the ballot, visit the Secretary of State's website at: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot/>

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. If you would like you can conduct your business via email, phone, U.S. mail, or the drop box under the public posting at the Town Hall entrance.

Town Board Meetings: Open to the public, 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). 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.



What's in the Kitchen

Nicole Chatterson, Town Clerk

It that time a year again! The time of year where our gardens are starting to produce the fruits and veggies of our labor. It seemed like a slow start to the produce season, but my zucchini and tomato plants are growing wild. The berry bushes are also full and it's time to start preserving, baking, and enjoying our beautiful bounties.

The recipe I'm sharing this month is one of my favorites for blueberry muffins. I'm a sucker for a streusel topping and this is an easy recipe that you can have prepared and baked in an hour. I like to add a little bit of lemon to bring a brightness to the muffins. You can use a few drops of a good food grade essential oil or use fresh lemon juice, whatever you have on hand. If you are not a fan of the added lemon, you can omit that from the recipe, and they will still be wonderful. These are a large muffin so make sure you fill your muffin tin to the top edge of your liner. I find that with this recipe I can fill 20-24 muffins. Since I will have some empty muffin spaces in my pan, I add about 1 tablespoon of water to the empty spaces when baking. By doing this, I will prevent my other muffins from burning during cooking. Since muffins/cupcakes tend to burn faster in a pan with empty cups.

These muffins freeze well and make a nice quick breakfast. I pull some muffins the night before I would like to eat them, or I pull directly from the freezer and defrost the muffin in my microwave for a couple of minutes. These muffins are delicious on their own or with a little butter.

I am always looking for new recipes to test in my kitchen. If you have a recipe you would like to share with the community, email the Town Clerk, townclerk@lakenet.com. Happy cooking!

Blueberry Streusel Muffins

3 cup Flour
 1 ½ cup white sugar
 4 teaspoons Baking Powder
 1 teaspoon Salt
 2/3 cup Vegetable oil
 2 egg
 2/3 cup milk, or more as needed
 3-4 drops lemon essential oil or 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice, (optional)
 2 cup fresh blueberries

Streusel topping

1 cup white sugar
 2/3 cup flour
 1/2 cup quick oats
 ½ cup butter, cubed
 3 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F and grease muffin cups or line with muffin liners
2. Wisk flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl
3. Pour oil into a small liquid measuring cup. Add egg and enough milk to reach the 1-cup mark. Stir until combined. Pour into flour mixture and mix just until batter is combined.
4. Fold in blueberries and set batter aside
5. Combine sugar, flour, oats, butter, and cinnamon for the streusel topping in a small bowl. Mix with a fork or a pastry cutter until crumbly.
6. Spoon batter into the prepared muffin cups, filling to the top edge.
7. Sprinkle with crumb topping
8. Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick comes out clean, 20-25 minutes.
9. 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

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

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

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

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

Emergency Operations Department: **Co-Directors Sherry Rovig and Ann Cox**

Burning Permits are available online at: mndnr.gov/permits or at the Town Hall (office hours), or from **Fire Wardens:** **Nicole Chatterson (525-5705), Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431), Hannah Jurek (525-5705)**, or **DNR Two Harbors, 568 Hwy 2 (834-1418)**

Website Manager: **Hannah Jurek 525-5705 (Town Hall)**

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

To Email Township Officials and Departments

See Township website, www.duluthtownship.org/contacts for a dropdown list of personnel and departments you can use to send emails. Note that copies of all emails go to the Town Hall for Township records. If the person does not have email access, your communication is sent to the Town Hall to be picked up. Department information is also on our website.

Township Recycling Center

Carolyn Marino

November-March: Tues. 7-11 am & 2-6 pm

Thurs. 2-6 pm

Sat. 8 am-noon

April-October: Tues. 7-11 am & 3-7 pm

Thurs. 3-7 pm, Sat. 8 am-noon

Located at the Town Hall, on Homestead Road

Household plastic bags accepted in ORANGE bin ONLY.

Please do not put black plastic bags, tarps, or plastic feed bags in the plastic bag recycle bin.

Aluminum cans should be recycled with plastics/metal cans. 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

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall

September 2022

September 1: Recycling 3-7 pm

September 3: Recycling 8 am-noon

September 6: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting Hall #1 7 pm

September 7: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

September 8: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

September 10: Recycling 8 am-noon

September 13: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

September 15: Recycling 3-7 pm

September 17: Recycling 8 am-noon; Firewise Event 1-3 pm at North Shore Community School

September 20: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

September 21: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting 7 am

September 22: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm

September 24: Recycling 8 am-noon

September 27: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

September 29: Recycling 3-7 pm

October 2022

October 1: Recycling 8 am-noon

October 4: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting Hall #1 at 7 pm

October 5: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

October 6: Recycling 3-7 pm

October 8: Recycling 8 am-noon

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

October 13: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

October 15: Recycling 8 am-noon

October 18: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

October 19: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting 7 am

October 20: Recycling 3-7 pm

October 22: Recycling 8 am-noon

October 25: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

October 27: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm

October 29: Recycling 8 am-noon

Firewise Event

Hosted by Duluth Township

September 17, 2022

1 - 3 PM

Outdoor event, rain or shine. Dress appropriately for weather.

Refreshments and Drawings for Prizes

Location:

North Shore Community School
5926 Ryan Road
Duluth, MN

Learn how to be more wildfire resilient

Interactive stations will address

- Preparing your home and property before a wildfire event
- Evacuation planning
- Learn about potential Grant funding opportunities
- Demonstration/ Information about clearing and disposing of hazardous woody debris

If you have questions?

Contact:

Clifton Volunteer Fire Department
218-525-5705
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2022 Chipper Day: Sharing the Responsibility

You Cut and Stack - We'll Chip

This is an opportunity for your neighborhood to reduce risk to your homes by implementing wildfire prevention strategies.

Event Details

Woody Debris Drop-Off Option for All Residents:

When: Drop-off can happen from Wednesday, October 5 through Sunday, October 9 up to 4 pm

Where: Fire Hall 1 on Ryan Road & Fire Hall 3 on Laine Road

Pile Guidelines

- Cut and pile your woody debris along the driveway
- Piles must be stacked neatly with ends facing the road
- No limit to the number of piles, please make sure they are not obstructing traffic or under power lines.



What's Acceptable?

- Woody limbs and branches and trees
- Small trees, branches, and limbs (balsam fir, spruce, and brush will be accepted)
- No construction or building materials
- Piles only, no bags allowed
- No trash, weeds, root wads, dirt, rocks, or buckthorn
- No grass clippings or bags of leaves
- No household garbage

Questions? Contact: Clifton Volunteer Fire Department 218-525-5705
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Firewise Recording of Volunteer Hours (This counts toward the grant)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BOTH DULUTH AND ALDEN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS INSIDE!!

Information regarding Firewise Event and the annual Chipper Days event see pages 2, 10, & 11.

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Name:

Property Address:

Preferred Contact information:

Number of hours spent on Firewise Project:

Please return this information to:

Sherry Rovig, Emergency Operations Director for Duluth Township
6092 Homestead Rd., Duluth, MN 55804

Or Email : cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com

Subject: Firewise Project Volunteer Hours

Or call 218-525-9240 and leave message

THANK YOU for your participation!

**Volunteer hours can be filled out by Duluth and Alden residents. Recorded hours can include: any hours spent on fuel mitigation activities, i.e. clearing their property of balsam and other woody debris that can easily ignite, particularly near structures. Hauling the brush or other ways of dealing with it (chipping, burning, burying) counts as well.