

Duluth Township Newsletter

March 2023

Township website: www.duluthtownship.org

Election Edition

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Thank You, Rolf and Tim

Penny Morton

Township Day- Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Township Election, polls open 7 am-8 pm at the Town Hall, with the Annual Meeting to follow. **Don't forget to VOTE!**

Can't make it to the polls on Township election day? You can vote absentee on Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 10 am-noon, and Monday, March 13, 2023, from 3-5 pm.

Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

March 1, 2023: Wednesday, 12:30 pm.
Our annual anniversary celebration.
It will be a potluck.

April 5, 2023: Wednesday, 12:30 pm. The
awesome Two Harbors Ukelele Group.
Sandwiches and bars.

May 3, 2023: Wednesday, 12:30 pm.
To be announced.
Sandwiches and bars.

Everyone is welcome!

Special thanks to Rolf Carlson and Tim Strom for their service to the Town. Both are stepping down from the Town Board this year.

Rolf has been on the Board for 6 years, the last 4 of which he has served as Chair of the Board. Under his tenure, we have seen our long-time Town Clerk retire, and he has been instrumental in making the transition to our new team in the office effortless. He has also worked to keep us all in line and done an excellent job. He will be missed. Thank you, Rolf, for your service.

Tim was appointed to the Board in May of 2020 and has served three years since. His knowledge of law and his willingness to follow up on opportunities afforded us by COVID rules have put the Town in a very good position. Also for the past year he has been the Planning Commission liaison to the Board, which is a time-consuming task. Thanks, Tim, for all your work and your good humor.

We will miss the two of you!



*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

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Fire Department

Bob Engelson, Chief

Sherry Rovig, Secretary/Emergency Operation Dept. Director



Police Department

Mark Haselow, Chief

Paul Johnson, Officer

The department started off the year with 9 emergency calls in January. While call volumes vary from month to month, there has been an increase in calls, with 135 in 2022. We are fortunate to have a strong roster with most members certified in both firefighting and emergency medical response. If you are interested in joining our department (or just learning more about what's involved), you can contact our chief, Bob Engelson, at 218-341-0707. There is also information on the Township website.

The results of this year's fire officer elections are Bob Engelson, Chief; Mark Herman, Assistant Chief; Rob Peldo, 1st captain; Dan Rosenlund, 2nd captain; Ken Peterson, 3rd captain.

Congratulations to Adam Selhorst, who has completed FF1 and FF2 training.

Residents received the free fire department calendar in December. We combined delivery of the calendars with a survey of 911 signs at each address. There is still much improvement needed due to the number of outdated signs, missing signs, and poorly placed signs. There are more than 300 signs at the Town Hall that have yet to be picked up and installed. We have new posts and hardware available as well. Our department logs many volunteer hours for the community. Please help us with a few hours of your time.

Besides responding to emergency calls, our department is responsible for the upkeep of the equipment, vehicles, and keeping our halls in efficient working order. We are grateful for the knowledge and expertise of our members. While efforts are made to keep our fleet ready and able to respond, there are several vehicles that will require replacement in the near future. Forethought, budgeting, and grants are all key to keeping our department able to respond.

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS AND FIREWISE ASSESSMENTS

The Red Cross has provided us with more free smoke detectors for our community. If you lack working smoke alarms in your home or your existing smoke alarms are out of date, we can provide new ones. If you have difficulty installing them yourself, you can sign up to have our volunteers 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 December 2022 and January 2023, there were 143 recorded police events. The following is a complete list of Initial Complaint Reports and officer-related activity within the Township. Most were direct service to residents. There were 48 requests for checks on homes or businesses and 11 vehicles off the road in the ditch with no damages. There were 8 traffic related warnings/citations and mental health crises and 7 property damage accidents. There were 6 assists to other agencies and 5 of the following reported: attempt to locate careless drivers, medical emergencies, burglar alarms, and health/welfare checks. There were 4 child neglect complaints and civil process. There were 3 reports of each of the following: animal complaints, check hazards, fire alarms. There were 2 reports of assisting the public, extra patrol request, fraud complaint, unknown trouble complaint, suspicious activity, juvenile trouble, disturbance complaint, and motorist assistance. Finally, there were 1 report of a personal injury accident and 1 neighbor trouble.

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 a response from the Township Police Department 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, Planning Director 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

No Planning Commission meeting was held in December.

January 26, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

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

A public hearing was held for a request for an Interim Use Permit for a bed and breakfast at 6374 McQuade Road. The applicant recently moved to this property and is pursuing homestead status for it. After considering State regulations for a bed and breakfast, the applicant realized the use they wanted better fit under the definition of hosted high-frequency short-term rental and the application was amended as such. The rental is a one room cabin without running water. The applicant said that when the cabin is rented, they stay in a sleeper shed called the bunkhouse that is connected to the main cabin by a breezeway under a common roof. They have been renting the unit for over a year, not aware that a permit was required by the Town. The number of guests is restricted to two. They don't allow firearms, hunting or ATVs. There is no running water and the cabin and sleeper unit share a composting toilet. The cabin appears to be in a wetland area and is a nonconforming structure due to its proximity to the Sucker River.

Two neighbors were present to submit comments. One was concerned about the precedent of allowing a non-conforming use to be expanded. The other had a similar concern and also a number of questions that the applicant responded to. Among the concerns were that requiring guests to bring their own firewood could introduce invasive species and would potentially violate the State's policies against moving firewood; that gray-water was not being properly disposed of; and that they state on their application that there are no wetlands but their listing says that guests need to be prepared for "marshy land" below the deck.

The application was denied because the Commission found that it did not meet a number of the criteria that are required to grant an interim use.

St Louis County suggested that local units of governments might want to consider whether and how to oversee THC sales. The Commission will likely consider this at their February meeting.

Comments are being solicited by St Louis County on proposed amendments to their Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Ordinance.

There are enforcement actions underway regarding building without a land use permit and required stormwater plans not being submitted.

A decision was made to accept a variance application from a resident in the Township who has a grandfathered HFSTR in a separate structure and wants to have a second HFSTR in a separate structure on a property they recently purchased. Although the Ordinance makes it clear that this would not be allowed, there is nothing to prevent them from applying for the variance.

A group consisting of two Commission members and the director was formed to consider what educational information should be included when a no-cost farmstand permit is issued.

December 8, 2022, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Penelope Morton, Tim Strom, Stacia Grayson, and Jim Ward. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$787,519.50, deposits \$165,750.77, expenses \$36,468.95, ending balance of \$916,801.32. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Public Comment: Judith Torrence was there with discussion of the vault requirement at the cemetery. Penny moved to remove the vault requirement in the cemetery. Seconded by Tim. Motion passed. Police: All is quiet in the Township. Fire: Bob talked to Scott Witty regarding the purchase of a new fire truck. There is no efficient method to purchase the truck other than calling a meeting utilizing the 5 day meeting rule. Discussion will continue. Planning: Proposed Amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 6: Tim moved to amend the ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Penny. Motion passed. Tim moved that we direct the Planning Commission to attend to publication and further steps of the newly amended ordinance. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. Roads: Been pretty quiet. Mr. Nesgoda has been in contact with Jim regarding Torgeson Road potential turnaround. Jim noted Albion Twp. had cases like this, and suggested to bringing to the Annual Board Meeting. Town Hall: Facilities Maintenance Plan was presented by Stacia. It was suggested to form a sub-committee.

January 12, 2023, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Tim Strom, Rolf Carlson, Jim Ward, Stacia Grayson, and Penelope Morton. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$916,801.32, deposits \$8,538.27, expenses \$47,096.43, ending balance of \$878,243.16. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Police: Things are quiet in the Township. Fire: Sherry will continue working with Gloria regarding the 2023 Community Wildfire Strategic Planning. The department had 130 calls in 2022. More calls has become a growing trend, and there was discussion on a new truck for the department. Planning: Liz completed the MS4 training. Director has a call out to the Town Lawyer regarding a resident wanting more than one STR. The hybrid assistant/secretary position is posted but no applicants at this time. Roads: All quiet on the roads. There were some trees down from the latest storm, Jim was able to take care of them. Town Hall: Nicole and Roger worked with JAWs Computers to create a solution for the server in the janitor's closet. After discussion Stacia moved to spend up to \$500 and have Ward with JAWs install a wall-mounted server cabinet. Seconded by Penny. Motion passed. There was an issue with water pressure at the Town Hall. Rasmussen Well Drilling took a look. Was able to fix it, but suggested that the pressure tank be replaced. A quote will be ready by next Town Board meeting. Stacia is drafting an email to create an informal working group to discuss the needs of the Town Hall. Materials Management: Roger, Carolyn, and Tim met with Lori Blaise from WLSSD about the recycling center. It was suggested that the Town move to get bigger dumpsters similar to Lakewood. Roger will go check out Lakewood's setup and report back to the Board. Personnel: Jody Anderson, one of our current custodians, announced her retirement. Rolf and Penny will meet up with Nicole to write up a job advertisement. Penny moved to approved the Election Judge List of 2023 as printed. Seconded by Jim. Motion passed. Old Business: Tim questioned the chain of command when seeking advice from our attorney. It was recommended that the new Board should set a meeting time aside to determine the chain of command on who can call the Town's attorney.

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

Meet the Candidate!

There are two open seats for the 2023 election cycle. There was only one candidate who filed to run. The candidate was asked to provide a statement and picture for the Newsletter. This statement is presented as written to provide residents with background information.

ArMand Nelson

My name is ArMand Nelson, and I am running for one of the two 3-year terms open on the Duluth Township Board of Supervisors.

My wife, Pam, and I moved here in the past year, but we have been visiting this area multiple times per year for the last 32 years. We have two adult sons, and the youngest lives in Duluth.

I am running for one of the open seats because I am a strong believer that you need to be involved in the community where you live. It is healthy to find ways to meet and interact with people who live and work around you. It will give me the opportunity to learn more about the area, the people, and its history. I have no agenda other than to help continue the wonderful way of life people enjoy here and to help continue to make sound decisions for the Township.

Since moving here, I have joined French River Lutheran Church, where I sing with their choir and new contemporary singing group and was recently appointed to the Church Council. I have also joined the Duluth Orchestra Symphony Chorus.

I just retired the end of January after working 5 years for a consulting company as Director of Strategy, where I was responsible for the growth of the company.

My other previous jobs included 19 years with Gander Mountain Stores, mostly in technology as Director of Development and Service Delivery. I also worked 15 years for Holiday Companies in their retail stores and in the Corporate Office as a Special Projects Director.

I also have years of civil service experience while I lived in the City of Champlin, MN. I served as Mayor, Council member, Police Reservist, Facilitator for a Parks Master Plan committee, Commissioner, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Vice-Chair and Chair of the Public Safety Commission. I also served on the school district Community Education Advisory Board representing the city.

I served as President, Vice-President, member of the Audit Committee and the Long-Term Planning Committee at the church we attended.

My hobbies include volunteering, music, hunting, cabin time in the summer, and time with my wife and family. I am looking forward to serving the residents of the Township. Please support me by voting for me as one of your Duluth Township Town Board Supervisors on March 14, 2023.

Please contact me at armandduluthtownship@gmail.com or call me at 612-247-7197.



Opening on the Planning Commission Board

The Planning Commission is a 7-member board that guides the implementation of the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan. No special qualifications are necessary to serve on the Commission other than an interest in the Township's future and a willingness to serve. Commission members serve 3-year terms and cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. The Commission holds regular monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month, with occasional special meetings as the need arises. Commission members receive a per-meeting stipend.

Interviews to fill the vacancies will be held by the Town Board. Interested residents should submit a letter of interest including relevant past experience **by March 31, 2023**, to: Duluth Township, Attn: P&Z Commission Vacancy, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804. If you have questions, leave a message for the Planning Director at the Town Hall, 525-5705.

Hall Rental

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

The Community Room is also available for public use during office and recycling hours. The hours are posted on the Town's website: www.duluthtownship.org and on page 11 of this Newsletter.

French River Book Club

Carol Surine

The French River Readers will meet in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road, at 1 pm on Thursday, March 16. No book had been chosen by the newsletter deadline, but you may contact Carol Surine at 218-525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com for information.

BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

JoVanna Balquier



Spring break is around the corner, and there is no easier way to take a trip during that time than through a good book! Stop on down at the little free library located in the Community Room at the Town Hall to peruse the shelves and find your next great adventure.

If you bring donations, we kindly ask you refrain from leaving nonfiction books like teaching manuals, textbooks, etc. Thank you & happy reading!!

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.

Country Kids Day Care 218-343-6370

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

Paid Advertisement

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

A cartoon illustration of a white dog with floppy ears, sitting and looking towards the right. The dog is wearing a collar with a tag.

Paid Advertisement

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

The deadline for the next Newsletter is April 18, 2023. Call 525-5705 or email deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com



SolFed Farm

Support local food production and get to know where your food is grown! Offering full and half CSA Farm Shares and seasonal farm stand. Farm shares run June-October. For more information check out our website or follow us on Facebook.

www.solfedfarm.com

solfedfarm@gmail.com

Paid Advertisement

Attention Class of 2023 Graduates!

Whether it's graduation from High School, College, Preschool, Graduate School, your accomplishment should be celebrated. Would you like to be featured in the May Newsletter?

Please send a picture, name, parents' names (high school and younger), school you will be graduating from, special achievements (sports, clubs, honors, etc.) and any future plans to the Deputy Clerk: deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com or drop off at the Town Hall during office hours.

*Deadline for the May Newsletter will be April 18, 2023

Winter Pet Waste Can Cause Spring Pollution

Val Brady

Nothing ruins a stroll quite like stepping in pet waste. Every spring, receding snow reveals evidence of a squishy, stinky situation. Ignored and long forgotten, piles of pet waste reappear for "poopsicle season." Why should we out here in the north woods care when there are so many other critters leaving scat on the ground? Well, unlike bear and deer scat, dog poop contains much higher levels of nutrients because we feed our pets such high quality, nutrient-dense food. Our forests and streams just are not ready for that infusion of nutrients (and it's a mess in our yards anyway).

Ultimately, pet waste near ditches and streams that is not picked up and thrown away can send extra nutrients and, potentially, pathogens to the nearest stream. When summer and warmer temperatures finally come around, those nutrients fuel algae blooms that are hard on fish, and the pathogens can cause beach closures or sicken people. All because of winter pet waste. Please pick up after your pet this winter, and all year round. Remember, there is no Poop Fairy to do it for you!



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).

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.

March 2023

North Shore Community School News
Shelly Pierson Evans, Executive Director

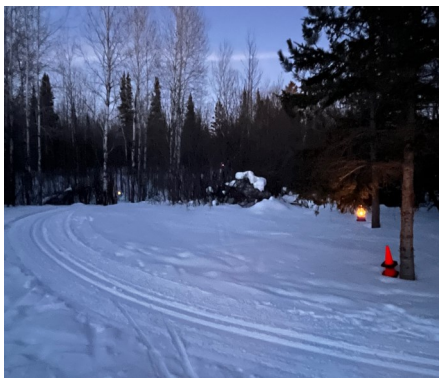
NSCS Endowment Fund Ski Fundraiser at Korkki Nordic: On February 10, the NSCS Endowment Committee held a ski fundraiser and raffle. The event raised \$2,165! It was a beautiful star-filled night on the trails topped off with delicious soup and cookies from The New Scenic Cafe. Raffle items included a night at Cove Point Lodge, donated artwork (pottery, wood turned bowls, paintings, jewelry). Thank you to those who donated items for the raffle, to Korkki Nordic Ski Center for hosting the ski, and to the New Scenic Cafe for the delicious food! Stay tuned for next year's fundraising ski.



The Endowment provides funds to teachers and staff for a variety of enrichment activities. This includes the Lyric Opera of the North, visiting us on March 10th.

On February 13th, the 1st and K-1 classes presented the Operetta, *The Three Piggy Opera*. A big thank you to Mrs. Giddings for arranging these presentations!

Skating Rink/Warming House Hours: The Skating Rink is open after school hours and on the weekend, weather permitting. The Warming House is staffed Monday to Friday, 6-9 pm, Saturday 12-9, and closed Sunday. Thank you to the North Shore Community Rink Board for their work and dedication to our skating rink!



NSCS is accepting applications for preschool and K-6th grade for the 2023-2024 school year. Our preschool is filling fast, so you will want to apply as soon as possible. Applications for the upcoming school year can be found through visiting our website: <https://northshorecommunityschool.org/enrollment-forms/>.

Scholarship Opportunity
 Minnesota Association of Townships

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is proud to announce its 2023 Scholarship Program, which will award up to five \$2,000 scholarships to high school juniors. All students currently enrolled in 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial school, or a home-study program, are eligible to apply for this program. Since its inception in 2001, the MAT Scholarship Program has had over 2,500 submissions and 97 winners.

Applicants should submit a written essay using critical thinking on the topic of promoting awareness of township government by June 1, 2023. Winners will be chosen by an independent panel of judges and will be notified in September 2023. They will also be invited to attend MAT's annual conference in December 2023 in St. Cloud.

The 2023 essay question on promoting township government is, "*Representation of people and ideas is the hallmark of government in the United States. No level of government is as close to its constituents as the township. Today's townships face several challenges, including decreasing populations, annexation pressures from cities, declining interest in public service, growing demands from constituents, and a distrust of government. Considering these challenges, what do you see as the future role of townships in local government?*"

For more information and application details, please call the MAT offices at 1-800-228-0296 or visit <https://www.mntownships.org/about/scholarship-program>. A letter announcing this program has been sent to high schools, as well as newspapers, statewide. We encourage township officers to also forward this information to high school juniors.

The MAT Scholarship Program has made a real difference for our recipients and has also been an opportunity to learn about township government, which embodies the values of 'grassroots government' where local citizens directly participate. We encourage as many high school juniors as possible to apply, whether they are from rural areas or urban cities.

Duluth Township Annual Overview of Finances

	2022 Actual	2023 Approved	2024 Proposed
Township Departments	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
Police Department	\$62,542.36	\$65,420.00	\$68,462.99
Fire Department	\$83,220.39	\$46,100.00	\$70,670.00
General Fund	\$124,027.70	\$130,316.00	\$120,565.00
Planning and Zoning	\$62,876.40	\$32,547.00	\$44,746.01
Cemetery	\$12,202.50	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Emergency Operation	-	-	-
Road and Bridge	\$106,726.11	\$90,000.00	\$94,500.00
Total Expenses	\$451,595.46	\$371,883.00	\$406,444.00
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Board of Appeal and Equalization

This year's Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, from 4-5 pm in the community room. All submissions **must** be in written form and must be received by the Clerk's office **no later than: Tuesday, April 18, 2023.**

Email to: townclerk@lakenet.com

Mail: Duluth Township
 Attn: Town Clerk
 6092 Homestead Rd
 Duluth, MN 55804

Drop off: At Clerk's office during normal business hours or into the white box under the posting kiosk at the Town Hall

Duluth Township is seeking bids for a 2-year contract to maintain approximately 12 miles of gravel roads. Bids will consist of hourly or unit rates for a variety of related services, including grading, hauling, ditch maintenance, excavation, and provision/placement of road materials. Complete bid specifications and bid packages are available from the Duluth Town Hall during normal business hours (525-5705) or by email from townclerk@lakenet.com. Bids must be received by mail or hand delivery by noon, April 13, 2023, at the Duluth Town Hall 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth, MN 55804. Bids will be opened Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 7 pm or as soon thereafter as business allows.

By Nicole Chatterson
 Clerk, Town of Duluth



Don't forget to come out and vote March 14, 2023, for the Township Elections. The polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm at the Town Hall.

The Annual Meeting will follow shortly after the polls close.

What's in the Kitchen?

Nicole Chatterson

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." ~ Charles Dickens

Charles Dickens said it well, "it is summer in the light and winter in the shade." March is the month where spring is on our doorstep but our Minnesota goodbye to the winter season is taking longer than we hoped for. With the days are getting longer we start thinking about the upcoming seasons and what they will bring. Will you start planning your summer vacations? Will you be elbows deep in your garden? Or will you find adventure in your own backyard? Whatever it might be take some time to reflect on the amazing community we live in and see if there is a neighbor who might need a helping hand.



This month I'm sharing a recipe I baked for a friend's birthday. I've noticed that at this time of year, I tend to start baking cakes with fruit in them. Cakes like the Lemon Blueberry Cake with Lemon Cream Cheese Frosting that was featured in the [March 2021 Duluth Township Newsletter](#). It is the cycle of the season with the weather improving and melting away the snow that gives hope of better weather to come. This month I'm sharing a recipe to utilize your over-ripened bananas. I was going to make some banana bread one day when I remembered this recipe. It is similar to a banana bread but utilizes a Bundt cake pan. Then you add the chocolate glaze transforms this ordinary chocolate chip banana recipe into a special treat. This is a moist cake that will dazzle your senses and leave you wanting more.

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!



Banana Chocolate Chip Bunt cake

Ingredients

- 2 ¼ cups flour
- 1 ¼ cups white sugar
- 4 over ripened, mashed bananas
- ½ cup softened butter
- 2 eggs
- 2 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

Glaze

- 6 tablespoons coco powder
- 5 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons hot water divided.

Cake Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F
2. Mash bananas in large mixing bowl or stand mixer.
3. Add butter, sugar, and eggs; mix well.
4. Sift the dry ingredients together. Then add sifted dry ingredients to the stand mixer.
5. Stir in chocolate chips.
6. Pour batter into sprayed, (or greased/floured) Bundt pan and swirl batter with a knife to remove air pockets.
7. Bake for 40-50 minutes.
8. Let cake cool for a few minutes, and loosen edges with a knife before tipping cake out of the pan.

Glaze Instructions

1. Melt coco and butter together in a small saucepan over low heat, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat.
2. Stir in confectioners' sugar and vanilla extract.
3. Stir in hot water, 1 teaspoon at a time, until glaze is thick and smooth.
4. Pour over cooled Banana Chocolate Chip Bundt Cake.



American Red Cross Blood Drive at French River Lutheran Church

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – 12 pm to 6 pm

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

All members of the Duluth Township community are welcome and encouraged to donate blood at this blood drive hosted by the French River Lutheran Church Outreach Committee. We know the need for blood donations is great throughout the U.S. and especially in the Northland. Appointments are highly encouraged and may be made in one of these ways:

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

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


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



Duluth Township CLP Residents:



The Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) will be having a Nominating Meeting for a District 1 board position at the Duluth Town Hall on Monday, February 27,

Your Touchstone Energy[®] Partner  2023 at 6 pm. For more information about becoming a director and details about the meeting, look to your CLP Newsletter.

Following the Nominating Meeting, at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 27, 2023, there will be a CLP District Director's update. This is a chance to come and get to know the new CLP CEO.

All are welcome to attend.

Recycling Reminder:

Don't forget, **starting in April** the Recycling Center moves to the summer hours:

Tuesday Morning: 7-11 am

Tuesday Afternoon: 3-7 pm

Thursday Afternoon: 3-7 pm

Saturday Morning: 8 am-noon



Babysitter Class

Saturday, April 15, 2023; 9 AM - 3 PM
French River Lutheran Church
5310 Ryan Road, Duluth

Recommended for age 12 years or older; \$25/student, minimum of 10, maximum of 25 students. Open to anyone (you need not attend FRLC to participate). Participants need to follow the current Covid plan of the church at the time of the class; bring a mask in case it is needed.

This course will provide you with the necessary leadership skills and equip you with the essential caregiving skills and safety prevention methods to be a top-notch babysitter, giving parents peace of mind when hiring a sitter. Please bring a bag lunch. Cash or check payment is due on day of class.

Instructor: Michelle Libby.

Register: e-mail Drjockmock@msn.com no later than 4/3/23 ("Babysitter Class" in the subject line).



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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 Management,
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>	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 Clerk's office at Town Hall (office hours), or from **Fire Wardens:**
Jeff & Carolyn Marino (525-6431) or **DNR Two Harbors**, 568 Hwy 2
(834-1418)

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

Community Center Rental Coordinator: Jim Salls 600-9015

To Email Township Officials and Departments

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

Township Recycling Center

Carolyn Marino

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

Thurs. 2-6 pm

Sat. 8 am-noon

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

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

Located at the Town Hall, on Homestead Road

Household plastic bags accepted in ORANGE bin ONLY.

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

Aluminum cans should be recycled with plastics/metal cans. Curbside
recycling pickup service is available south of the freeway.

Surveillance cameras have been installed around the Town Hall because
of vandalism and dumping of household garbage.



Township Calendar

See calendar updates on www.duluthtownship.org

Our Official Calendar is posted at the Town Hall

March 2023

March 1: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

March 2: Recycling 2-6 pm

March 4: Recycling 8 am-noon

March 7: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

March 9: Recycling 2-6 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

March 11: Recycling 8 am-noon; **Office open for Absentee Voting
10 am-noon**

March 13: Office open for Absentee Voting 3-5 pm

March 14: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; **Township Elections polls open
7 am-8 pm; Annual Meeting 8:15 pm (Office Closed)**

March 15: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River
Lutheran Church 7 am

March 16: Recycling 2-6 pm; Board of Canvass 6:30 pm

March 18: Recycling 8 am-noon

March 21: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

March 23: Recycling 2-6 pm; Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm

March 25: Recycling 8 am-noon

March 28: Recycling 7-11 am, 2-6 pm

March 30: Recycling 2-6 pm

April 2023

April 1: Recycling 8 am-noon

April 4: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

April 5: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

April 6: Recycling 3-7 pm

April 8: Recycling 8 am-noon

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

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

April 15: Recycling 8 am-noon

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

April 19: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River Lutheran
Church 7 am

April 20: Recycling 3-7 pm

April 22: Recycling 8 am-noon

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

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

April 29: Recycling 8 am-noon

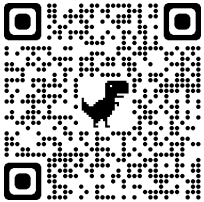
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Town Election — Tuesday March 14, 2023 — Be sure to VOTE!!

Polls open from 7 am to 8 pm at our Town Hall. Two Supervisor positions are on the ballot for regular 3-year terms. See page 4 for candidate statements and page 8 information on past expenditures and the proposed 2024 budget. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Hall during office hours.

What Happens at Our Annual Town Meeting

Township Day, Tuesday, March 14, 2023

For those who may not have attended a Town meeting, here is a bit of background. We gather in our Town Hall on Homestead Road after the polls close (8:15 pm). Our Town Clerk, by law, calls the meeting to order, and we nominate and elect a resident to lead the meeting.

Our Town Clerk, Nicole Chatterson, provides a packet, including minutes from the previous year's annual meeting plus summary information provided by various Township departments, 2022 activities and expenses, the previously approved 2023 budget, and the proposed 2024 Township budget (see page 8).

Those attending the meeting vote on our budget for 2024 (a year away because our figures have to be included with County and School District figures for tax statements you receive in 2021). In 2023 we are operating on the budget adopted at our 2022 Town Meeting.

Last year's minutes, official bank, and posting places are voted on. The proposed 2024 budget, with any adopted amendments, is discussed and the overall budget is approved. Other Township business is raised and discussed, and results of the Supervisor Election are announced at the end of the meeting.

The Town Meeting is a good place to meet your neighbors and to discuss important Township issues. This meeting is grass-roots democracy that depends upon the participation, respect, and good ideas of all of our citizens.