



Duluth Township Newsletter

September 2023

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Homesteaders

Dorothy Aho

September 6, 2023: Wednesday, 12:30 pm
Two Harbors Ukulele Group.
Sandwiches and bars.

October 4, 2023: Wednesday, 12:30 pm
Ripple Effect, 4-part Barbershop Harmony.
Sandwiches and Bars.

November 1, 2023: Wednesday, 12:30 pm
Harvest Pot Luck and Bingo.

Everyone is welcome!

A lot of community events took place in the month of August. On August 1, 2023, the French River Lutheran Church hosted a Community Night Out, filled with food and fun! And on August 12, 2023, at the Town Hall was the Come on Home Party! The event was overflowing with food and laughter and reminiscing. The pictures throughout this newsletter are from those events, as well as of the beautiful floral arrangements outside our Town Hall, taken care of all summer by Stacy LeVres and Mary Tennis. Thank you Mary and Stacy!

*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's Dept. Director



Police Department

Mark Haselow, Chief

Paul Johnson, Officer

The department is pleased to welcome Ashley Lenzi, who will bring us to a full roster of 25 members. She will be participating in both fire and emergency medical training. We appreciate the MN Board of Firefighter Training and Education for their support. The department will also be using training grant funds for live burn exercises through Lake Superior College and for Emergency Medical Responder refreshers training through Mayo Ambulance this fall.

Our Chipper Days in June were almost too successful! The amount of brush brought to the Halls required more time and expense to process than anticipated. We are still planning another chipping event this fall. Please see the enclosed flyer for information. Thank you to all the residents who cleared up fire hazards on their property and reported their hours for the grant. Please continue to track your hours clearing and hauling brush. They count towards our in-kind contribution for the grant.

We continue to offer free smoke alarm installations to those who need them. Please use the application in the newsletter or send an email request.

The DNR has changed the format for Firewise assessments. Our department will again be providing this service after we receive training on the new digital method.

911 Sign Update The push to get the new 911 signs up has gotten a big boost from Township Supervisor, ArMand Nelson and Township resident, John Luikart. They have been pounding both the pavement and the posts to bring our project along. We encourage any resident who still hasn't picked up their sign to join the effort and get their 911 address sign in place. Call the Town Hall to make sure your number is available. New construction owners can get their 911 signs through the County.

Annual Harvest Dinner??? We have received many requests to bring back the annual Harvest Spaghetti Dinner at the Town Hall. The crew that has done it for many years is ready to pass the baton and the only way we can make this happen is if there are residents who want to step up and make it happen. We can provide all the recipes and shopping and supply lists, as well as funding for necessary purchases. It's a great community event and fun to host. While it has not been very profitable financially, the joy and sense of community is priceless! You can send an email to cliftonfiredepartment@gmail.com or call Jody at 218-525-4971 if you are interested in making it happen.

Key Lock Boxes Key lock boxes can be purchased (\$40) and will be installed by the department to facilitate access for emergencies if a resident is unable to come to the entrance of their residence. They can be installed for gated driveways as well as at home or business doorways.

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 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, 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

Police Events:

For the months of June 2023 and July 2023, there were 102 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 12 requests for checks on homes or businesses and 12 requests for civil processes. There were 8 animal complaints, 8 health/welfare checks, 8 unknown trouble complaints, and 8 disturbance complaints. There were 7 calls for each of the following: attempts to locate careless drivers, medical emergencies, and traffic related warnings/citations. There were 4 calls for neighbor troubles and 3 calls each for property damage and burglar alarms. There were 2 reports of each of the following: fraud complaints, hazard checks, and mental health crises. And finally there was 1 report of each of the following: public assist, garbage dumping, suspicious vehicle complaint, suspicious activity, personal injury accident, and damage to property.

If you have any information about 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:

duluthtwpolice@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 (ex-Commission member), Blane Tetreault, Angela Wilson, Planning Director Liz Strohmayr, and Dave Meyer. (Not pictured) Pam West, Justin Osadjan, Tony Mancuso, and Nate Nesgoda.



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

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 22, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting. There was no new business at this meeting. It was kept short in anticipation of a very busy July meeting.

July 27, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

Commission members present: Angela Wilson, Blane Tetreault, Pam West, Justin Osadjan, Dave Meyer, and Nathan Nesgoda. Also present: Liz Strohmayr, Planning Director, Beth Mullan, Planning Secretary, and ArMand Nelson, Town Board liaison to Planning.

The public hearing that was adjourned from May 25 for a request for an Interim Use Permit for a hosted short-term rental on Stoney Point Drive was resumed. In May it had been decided to give the applicant opportunity to rectify the stormwater situation on his property before deciding on the IUP. Since May, the applicant has transferred the MPCA construction stormwater permit coverage from the overall subdivision to his site under his name and has started the process of obtaining necessary DNR permits. He was not sure what additional permits would be required. He better understands BMPs for control of erosion and sediment and continues to tweak and maintain those BMPs according to MPCA requirements. He has not yet submitted a SWPPP. The Commission approved the interim use for a hosted short-term rental with the following conditions: 1) the interim use be for a period of one year commencing upon receipt of the stormwater plan by the Planning Director; 2) the stormwater plan be submitted within 30 days; and 3) the property owner maintain erosion control as directed by the Planning Director with BMPs in place. The vote was 5 in favor, 1 against.

A public hearing was held for extension of an IUP for a high-frequency short-term rental on McQuade Road, originally granted 9.1.21 and extended for one year 9.1.22 for 200 nights per year. This rental is grandfathered under a previous Ordinance. There have been no complaints made to the Town regarding this rental. Two comments were received under public testimony, one not opposed to renewal of the permit provided property lines are respected and there are no trespassing issues and the other indicating continued concerns about the rental and asking that the permit only be renewed for one year. The Commission was interested in the applicant's response to these comments and also wanted to know the applicant's long-term plans for the rental as they indicated at the original application hearing that it was a temporary solution until they could move to the area. Given this, the hearing was adjourned to the August 24 meeting.

A public hearing was held for a request for a variance from the setback from Shilhon Road of 100 ft to 65 ft to build a storage shed. A 10 ft by 10 ft shed had been in place there for over 41 years and the owner moved it in anticipation of putting a new 20 ft by 10 ft shed in its place. The layout of the farmstead was established before the applicant moved to the property 41 years ago and the larger shed was the smallest he could find with a door to accommodate his plow equipment. There was no public testimony. The variance was approved unanimously.

A public hearing was held for a Conditional Use Permit to construct seven or more apartment units in an existing building at 5135 North Shore Dr, thereby changing the use of the building from Commercial to Planned Unit Development, Residential. (continued on page 4)

June 8, 2023, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Penny Morton, Stacia Grayson, and ArMand Nelson. Supervisor Ward was absent. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$636,417.68, deposits \$8,094.38, expenses \$31,017.14, ending balance of \$613,494.92. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Public Comment: Travis Stolp discussed the lack of chloride on the North Bergquist Road as well as general maintenance. Nicole informed him that chloride application is in process at this time, and will send the rest of his concerns on to Jim. Karen and Kalen Johnson were in the audience to express concern regarding folks not cleaning up after their dogs along Greenwood Road. They said they would like to see an ordinance for this. The newsletter will run the No Poop Fairy article and the Town will look into signage to see if that will make a difference. Police: The Clover Valley Class of '63 expressed interest in renting the Town Hall for their reunion and would need law enforcement on the premise. The Board said to go ahead if the Police Department wanted the hours, otherwise they can pass it onto the Sheriff's office. Fire: ArMand made the motion to spend up to \$200 to replace the plexiglass in the bulletin board at the fire hall on Ryan Road. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. Planning: There have been a lot of permit applications received. Last month's public hearing was continued to July. The Commission is making a running list of minor updates to the Ordinance that will be presented to the Board. With the lack of interest in the open P&Z position, it was suggested to reach out to area Townships. Legal: Penny will attend the Town Law Meeting hosted by MAT. ArMand made the motion to approve the expense for Penny to attend. Seconded by Stacia. Motion passed. Roads: Rodda will be grading and putting chloride on the roads. Jim requested JBL to submit a bid for the Torgeson Road project. Penny made the motion to accept the bid from JBL. Seconded by ArMand. Motion passed. Town Hall: Nicole will look into document storage services. The new message board for the community is installed.

July 13, 2023, Town Board Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Rolf Carlson, Penny Morton, Stacia Grayson, Jim Ward, and ArMand Nelson. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$613,494.87, deposits \$19,559.87, expenses \$45,834.65, ending balance of \$587,220.14. All claims were approved for payment, and the payroll net account distribution and claims list for approval were signed. Police: There will be a charge on the credit card of \$500 for repair of a chip in the squad windshield which will be reimbursed from insurance. Chief Haselow was able to get reimbursement from the state for the taxes paid on the squad when it was purchased. Fire: Two of the fire engines need to have their pumps repacked. ArMand made the motion to spend up to \$10K from the ARPA funds for the repairs on fire engine #2. Jim seconded. Motion passed. ArMand made the motion to spend up to \$10K from the ARPA funds for repairs on fire engine #1. Planning: Three major things. This summer has presented complicated permits. MAT lawyers have been helpful; the county has not. There were 5 public hearings this month. Liz presented a letter to the Board requesting a wage increase for herself and Planning Secretary Beth Mullan. ArMand made the motion to approve the proposed increase of \$9,360 annually for Liz and \$1,200 annually for Beth. This will be reviewed at the end of the year and will take effect July 15. Seconded by Penny. Motion passed. Legal: The Township received a letter from the Sheriff's Office seeking information on a current investigation. (continued on page 4)

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

Summary of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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The permit would be after-the-fact as they have already constructed five of the apartments. The apartments will be long term rental units accommodating 1-2 persons. Parking already exists from the previous commercial business and much of the parking area behind the building will be reclaimed for green space. There is currently also a catering business in the building that will be discontinued in 1.5 years once existing contracts are fulfilled. Neighbors, as indicated in the community participation report, were strongly in favor of the proposal. The application established that the use would reduce impacts on the neighborhood compared to the previous use and the CUP was approved unanimously.

A public hearing was held for three after-the-fact variances for two accessory structures on a lakeside property on North Shore Drive: 1) from the required 110 ft setback from the road to 96 ft, 2) from the required Lake Superior setback of 125 ft from the top of the eroding bluff to 60 ft for one building and 70 ft for the other, and 3) from the minimum lot size of 2 acres to .95 acres. The first shed replaced and enlarged a previous shed in the same location. The second shed was built adjacent to the first and is not yet complete except for the walls. The combined size of the two sheds is approximately three times the size of the original nonconforming building. The property is located in an erosion hazard area, requiring a setback of 125 ft measured from the top of the eroding bluff. Erosion rates in these areas are generally one foot per year. The owner planned on putting in rock revetment and a seawall. When Commissioners visited the site, they found that the land drops off quickly behind the sheds towards the lake and shows evidence of active erosion from that point, greatly increasing concerns regarding the location of the buildings and shoreline erosion. There was discussion regarding if that point, 3 to 5 ft behind the sheds, would be considered the top of the eroding bluff. A number of comments were received and one person was present to speak. Out of 5 comments, 3 were in strong opposition to approval of the variances. The variances were denied by unanimous vote and the owner was told to remove the structures.

There was a concern from the audience regarding the Beachway property near McQuade Road on the Scenic Drive. It is a mess and there is trash everywhere. It has been eight years and it needs to be cleaned up. Liz said it is on the Town's radar, but she does not yet know what the course of action will be.

Emergency Operations

Sherry Rovig and Ann Cox

Our group has been working with Gloria Erickson, Firewise coordinator for St. Louis County, and representatives from Alden and Duluth Town Boards on becoming a USA Firewise Community. This designation is now required to receive DNR Firewise grants that support our wildfire safety efforts. We are also updating the Township emergency operations plan.

French River Book Club

Carol Surine

The French River Readers meet in the Fireside Room of French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. We will be meeting on September 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm. Bring a snack. The book we will be reading is One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin.

If you are interested in Book Club or have any question you may contact Carol Surine for more information.

Carol Surine: 218-525-4426 or carolsurine@gmail.com.

Summary of Town Board Meeting Minutes

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The Township complied. Penny attended a Town Law meeting and informed Liz that there is opportunity for the Planning Commission to receive some training. Liz will bring that up to the Commission. The state legislature introduced 2 new paid leave programs for employees in the state of Minnesota. These programs will cover all Township employees. Roads: The chloride application is complete for this year. The Town used more chloride than normal. Residents on Torgeson Road provided a draft of the dedication of land for Town road use. The Town will send it to the lawyer for review. Town Hall: The vacuum for the Town Hall is broken and a request was made by the custodians for a new one. ArMand made the motion to spend up to \$300 for a new vacuum cleaner. Seconded by Penny. Motion passed. The Clerk's office also made a request for a new laptop, stating that the Town budgeted for it back in 2021. Penny made the motion to purchase a new laptop for the Clerk's office and spend up to \$700. Seconded by ArMand. Motion passed. The Town requested bids for electrical work to install the new coffee maker and dishwashers and for moving the data rack from the custodian's closet to a secure location. ArMand made a motion to accept the bid for said work from Holden/Agate electric. Seconded by Penny. Motion passed. Penny made a motion to remove the Clover Valley Room from the hall rental agreement to provide a secure room for the data rack and other sensitive equipment. Seconded by ArMand. Motion passed. ARPA: The Board will have a meeting on July 20, 2023 at 6 pm to discuss bids regarding HVAC, dishwashers, windows, handicap ramp replacement and a construction manager. Cemetery: The work done by Northern Bedrock is complete and Molly says it looks great. Old Business: To solve the dog waste issue on Greenwood Road, the Town will order signs and ArMand volunteered to put them up. Rolf will reach out to Sue Lawson to see if she will attend a meeting to discuss ownership of Stoney Point land.



BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

JoVanna Balquier

Summer might almost be over, but have no fear--fall is the perfect time to cozy up with a book! The little free library located in the Community Room at the Township Hall has shelves overflowing with a fantastic selection of books for all ages. Pop on in during Town Hall and recycling hours to find your next great read!

If you bring donations, we kindly ask that they are in good condition and that you refrain from leaving nonfiction books such as textbooks.

Thank you and happy reading!

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.



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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 next edition of the Newsletter. We've had calls looking for workers!

The deadline for the next Newsletter is October 16, 2023.
Call 525-5705 or email deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com.

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Alden Township News

Township Communications

We are collecting email addresses of Alden residents! Please email aldentwpclerk@gmail.com to share your email. We hope to start a simple e-newsletter to directly communicate with Alden residents every other month.

Township Hall Rentals

If you wish to rent out the Alden Township Hall, please email Helene Hedlund at hhedlund.dl@gmail.com to request an application. The cost to rent the Hall is \$50.00 per day.

Township Meeting Minutes

Township meeting minutes can be found in the Township Hall window.

Township Meetings

Meetings take place at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Alden Township Hall. If the meeting is changed for the month for some reason, the new time will be posted in the North Shore Journal.



American Red Cross Blood Drive at French River Lutheran Church

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 17, 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 Out-

reach 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:

1. 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.
2. Downloading the Blood Donor App by searching “Red Cross Blood” on the App StoreSM or Google PlayTM store.
3. 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-19 safety protocols will be followed.

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



Recycling Reminder:

Remember, starting on November the recycling center will be switching to winter hours.

Tuesday morning: 7-11 am

Tuesday afternoon: 2-6 pm

Thursday afternoon: 2-6 pm

Saturday morning: 8 am-noon

What's in the Kitchen?

Nicole Chatterson

Wow! Where did the summer go? Here we are, summer travels coming to an end, our students heading back to the classrooms, and our gardens full of fruits and vegetables ready to harvest and preserve. I'm excited to get started making my family's favorites, including many varieties of pickles, dilly beans, relish, green tomato jam (yes, you read that right), marinara and other canned tomatoes products like garden salsa. What are some of your favorite canning recipes? Do you have any you would be willing to share with the community?

Dilly beans are one of my favorite canned items to make and are relatively easy. This recipe can be a great use for a bumper crop of beans. Even if you don't have your own crop of beans, I'm sure you will be able to find some along the [Clover Valley Farm Trail](#) on Sundays throughout the summer, right in our community! The Farm Trail launched this year on Memorial Day weekend and will run through October. I highly recommend visiting one of our eleven local growers and picking up some fresh local produce as well as other farm products.

For the recipe I'm sharing, you can use green string beans, wax (yellow) beans, or a combination of the two, which can make for a visually pleasing result in your jar. My cousin loves these tasty snacks and constantly requests that we bring them to family events. Thankfully the time has come to restock our supply. When preparing to can anything, make sure you wash your jars, lids, screw bands, and canning tools in hot soapy water. Rinse thoroughly to remove all suds. Set aside to air dry on a clean kitchen towel. Then place the jar rack into a water bath canner, place jars in the canner, and add water to cover. Bring the canner to a simmer (180°F) for 10 minutes and keep the jars hot until you are ready to fill them.

Bonus recipe alert!!! Just recently, I baked a tasty Bundt cake for a few birthdays. Those who had an opportunity to have a bite of that cake said this should be in the newsletter. So here is an additional bonus recipe this month. I hope you all enjoy this simple cake recipe.

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, town-clerk@lakenet.com. Happy cooking!

Dilly Beans

Ingredients

- 2 pounds green or yellow beans
- 1-2 tsp red pepper flakes
- 4 cloves garlic
- 4 heads of dill or 8 tsp dried dill seeds
- 2 cups cider vinegar
- 2 cups water
- ¼ cup salt
- 4 sterilized pint jars and lids

Instructions

1. Rinse the beans. Snap ends and cut into 4-inch pieces to fit in the jar.
2. Combine the salt, vinegar, and water in a large pot. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer for 10 minutes.
3. Spread a kitchen towel on the counter. Use your jar lifter to remove a hot jar from the canner, drain, and place on the towel. Keep the remaining jars in the canner, so they stay hot.
4. Add ¼ to ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes, 1 clove of garlic, and 1 head of dill to the bottom of the jar. You can substitute 2 teaspoons of dried dill seeds for the head of dill.
5. Tightly pack the string beans lengthwise into the jars. Pour the hot pickling liquid over the beans, leaving 1/2 inch of headspace.
6. Run a bubble popper through the jar to release any trapped air bubbles. You can also tilt the jar back and forth to let air escape. Add more brine if needed to maintain the 1/2 inch headspace. You want to be sure all the beans are submerged beneath the brine.
7. Cap the jar with a sterilized lid and screw band and place it back into the canner. Repeat with the rest of the jars.
8. Once the jars are in the canner, adjust the water level so it is 2-inches above the top of the jars.
9. Cover the canner and bring it to a boil over high heat. Once the water boils vigorously, continue boiling for 10 minutes. (If you are above 6000 ft, consult a high-altitude canning cookbook.) When processing time is complete, turn off heat, and let the canner cool down and settle for about 5 minutes.
10. Spread a dry kitchen towel on the counter. Remove the canner cover by tilting the lid away from you so that steam does not burn your face.
11. Use the jar lifter to remove the jars from the canner and place them on the towel. Keep the jars upright, and don't tighten bands or check the seals yet. Let the jars sit undisturbed for 12 to 24 hours to cool.
12. After 12 to 24 hours, check to be sure jar lids have sealed by pushing on the center of the lid. The lid should not pop up. If the lid flexes up and down, it did not seal. Refrigerate unsealed jars and use within 2 weeks.
13. Remove the screw bands and wash the jars. Label, date, and store your jars in a cool, dark place for 12 to 18 months. Allow 2 to 4 weeks for the dilly beans to develop their flavor. Once the jar is open, store in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks. Recipe makes 4 pints.

Lemon Bundt Cake

Ingredients

For the Cake:

- 3 sticks of salted butter, softened
- 3 cups granulated sugar
- 5 large eggs
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup lemon lime soda
- 3 tablespoons grated lemon zest (2 to 3 lemons)

For the Glaze:

- 2 tablespoons grated lemon zest (about 2 lemons)
- 2 cups powdered sugar, sifted
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, plus more if needed
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon water
- 2-4 drops of lemon essential oil, optional

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Thoroughly coat a 10 cup Bundt pan with cooking spray.
3. In a bowl or electric stand mixer (fitted with a paddle attachment), cream butter with the sugar on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes.
4. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing after each addition.
5. With mixer on medium-low speed, add salt, then mix in the flour 1 cup at a time, mixing after each addition.
6. With the mixer on low speed, mix in the lemon lime soda and then the lemon zest. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and mix again.
7. Add large spoonfuls of batter to the Bundt pan until the pan is filled, then smooth the top.
8. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean, 70-75 minutes.
9. Let cool on a rack for 15 minutes, then carefully turn out the cake onto the rack and cool completely.

For the Glaze

1. Spread out the lemon zest on a plate and air-dry for about 30 minutes.
2. Combine the powdered sugar and dried lemon zest, lemon juice, salt and optional lemon essential oil in a medium bowl. Gently whisk until thick but pourable, thinning with a little more lemon juice if needed.
3. Put cake on a cake stand or platter and use a large spoon to drizzle the glaze all over the cake.
4. Let it set about 30 minutes and enjoy!

Attention, Duluth and Alden Residents!

2023 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

When: October 19 – 22

Woody Debris Drop Off Option for All Residents:

When: Drop off can happen from Thursday October 19 through Sunday October 22 up to 4pm

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

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, or rocks, or buckthorn
- No grass clippings or bags of leaves
- No household garbage

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



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Firewise Recording of Volunteer Hours (This counts toward the grant)

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!



Lost cat 7/12/23

Location - McQuade/Old North Shore - spotted near Greenwood Road on 7/14/23
Description: Grey tabby cat, front declawed and skittish. He is microchipped.

His name is Neville, and if you have seen him, please contact Melissa Clark at 218-428-7153.

ATTENTION, PICKLEBALL ENTHUSIASTS!
We need INDOOR pickleball courts between Duluth and Two Harbors. Let's brainstorm!
Looking for investors, ideas, suggestions, and getting to know our pickleball neighbors.
If I get enough interest, I will schedule a meeting. Please email me at:
SusieLannon@gmail.com. Thank you!





Duluth Township Information 2023

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 (2023-2026) 525-0375 Board Chair

Primary contact: Personnel, Cemetery
Alternate: Intergovernmental Relations, Town Hall, 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

Jim Ward (2022-2025) (218) 260-5689

Primary contact: Roads/Invasive Weeds, Public Safety
Alternate: Arts & Heritage, North Shore Mgt Board, Intergovernmental
Relations, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

Stacia Grayson (2022-2025) (612) 239-2292 or 525-5705

Primary contact: Arts & Heritage, Materials Mgt, Town Hall
Alternate: Cemetery, Intergovernmental Relations,
Communications, Planning, CC Liaison/NSCS Foundation Board

ArMand Nelson (2023-2026) (612) 247-7197

Primary contact: Planning
Alternate: Intergovernmental Relations, Business Mgt, Roads/
Invasive Weeds, Materials Mgt, 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 Meyer, Justin Osadjan, Pam West, Tony Mancuso, and
Nathan Nescoda

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 Mark Herman, 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

September 2023

September 2: Recycling 8 am-noon

September 5: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Business Meeting 7 pm

September 6: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

September 7: Recycling 3-7 pm

September 9: Recycling 8 am-noon

September 12: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

September 14: Recycling 3-7 pm; Town Board Meeting 6:30 pm

September 16: Recycling 8 am-noon

September 19: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm; Fire Training Meeting 7 pm

September 20: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River
Lutheran Church 7 am

September 21: Recycling 3-7 pm

September 23: Recycling 8 am-noon

September 26: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

September 28: Recycling 3-7 pm; Planning Commission Meeting
6:30 pm

September 30: Recycling 8 am-noon

October 2023

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

October 4: Homesteaders 12:30 pm

October 5: Recycling 3-7 pm

October 7: Recycling 8 am-noon

October 10: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

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

October 14: Recycling 8 am-noon

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

October 18: D/NSSD Volunteer Board Meeting at French River Lutheran
Church 7 am

October 19: Recycling 3-7 pm

October 21: Recycling 8 am-noon

October 24: Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

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

October 28: Recycling 8 am-noon

October 31: Happy Halloween Recycling 7-11 am, 3-7 pm

DULUTH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

September 2023

1180 Newsletters are mailed to Duluth Township homes, businesses, and on request. Copies are available at the Town Hall. Please send comments and suggestions to Newsletter editor, Hannah Jurek, at the Town Hall, 6092 Homestead Road, Duluth MN 55804, or use the white mailbox at the Town Hall or email on the website. Our *Newsletter* is printed and mailed locally by ProPrint.

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Information regarding the future of the Township's e-newsletter. Please see page 6 for more information.

If your name or address is in error or you know of someone who is not receiving a Newsletter, please send a note to the Newsletter editor by using the contact list on our website (www.duluthtownship.org). Extra copies are also available in the Town Hall.

Town Services

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

Town Clerk's Office: Open to the public during regular office hours. 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.

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 board at the Town Hall entrance. On-site review for Land Use Permits will be conducted by the Planning Director.

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.

