



Memorial Day Ceremony 2021



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First Clover Valley Farmers Market



Trees along Congdon Trust June 2021

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Thank you to all the people who helped this year with the Memorial Day service at the Lakeview Cemetery. A special recognition goes out to Amy Poe Bergerson and her family for placing the flags on the veterans' graves this year. As Fred and Betty Poe continued the practice of Betty's parents, Alli and Melvin Johnson, now Amy and her family continue in that effort. Four generations of the Johnson Poe family have honored our veterans with this tradition at our cemetery. Thank you to Supervisor Rolf Carlson who spoke during the service in recognition of the service men and women. Thank you to the French River Lutheran women who served coffee and donuts. And thank you to the community members who came out to remember those who are not with us anymore. There were 124 names read of the servicemen and women buried in our cemetery.



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

Township Road Report

Michael Kahl, Supervisor

Magnesium Chloride Applications Scheduled for Late June Early July – Greenwood, Pine Tree, Spruce Court, Alseth Upper and Lower, East and West Clover Valley, Torgeson and Wildwood Road.

Potholes were abundant earlier this spring on many of the Township roads. Late season roadbed buildup projects from the previous summer along with particularly wet and partially frozen conditions made grading a real challenge.

Ditching efforts will continue – heavy vegetative growth along with buried phone lines have made opening up these ditches difficult and time consuming. The Township is working hard to manage water flow and channeling resulting from water and rain events to meet our (MPCA) Minnesota Pollution Control Agency requirements.

Several roads have been recently surveyed. This was done to help identify center lines; locate features that will affect new improvements (such as telephone boxes, driveway entrances, electric poles, and existing road travel surfaces); and to aid in decision making when addressing the need for snowplow turnarounds.

Help keep our roads in safe conditions – report concerns when they arise.

Thank you. Michael Kahl - Roads Supervisor

Thanks to all of the contributors to this issue

Dorothy Aho, Valerie Brady, Ann Cox, Bob Engelson, Gloria Erickson, Michael Kahl, Beth Mullan, Shawn Padden, Jana Pastika, Shelly Pierson, Sherry Rovig, John Schifsky, Pat Schmieder, George Sundstrom, Carol Surine, Blane Tetreault, Jo Thompson, and Rose Vastila,



Fire Department

Bob Engleson, Chief
Sherry Rovig, Secretary

The Clifton Volunteer Fire Department has responded to over 45 calls since the beginning of the year, including several grass and brush fires during this long dry spell. Please be aware of the increased fire danger and check the DNR website for conditions.

The heat can also affect our physical health. Stay hydrated and use sun protection.

We are happy to welcome Deb Swartz Sander as a new member to our department. Deb has trained with our medical responders and is certified as an EMR. As a day care provider for many years, her skill with children is appreciated.

Firewise

We were hoping to hear news of another DNR grant for a brush chipping event and for wildfire mitigation training in time for this newsletter. We are still very hopeful it can happen this year. It's always a good time to follow the Firewise tips included in the Home Hardening article on page 5. We will provide notification of chipping opportunities when available.

Fire Signs

We still have many residents who have not picked up and installed their FREE 911 SIGNS. Help us to locate you in an emergency. Delays searching for addresses can be critical for response. Call or stop by the Town Hall during business hours for your free address sign, attachment hardware, and mounting post, if needed.

Call the Town Hall Office at 218-525-5705, to see if you have a Fire Sign still available!



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Police Department

Shawn Padden, Chief
Paul Johnson, Officer

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 April and May, there were 169 recorded police events. The following is a complete list of Initial Complaint Reports and officer-initiated activity within Duluth Township. Most were direct service to residents. There were 46 requests for checks on homes or businesses, 16 attempts to locate careless drivers, 13 suspicious activity reports, 10 traffic related warnings and citations, and 9 medical emergencies. There were 6 burglar alarm responses, 6 public assists, 5 animal complaints, 5 assists to other agencies, 5 extra patrol requests, 5 mental health crises, 5 property damage accidents, 4 check hazards, 4 disturbance complaints, 4 motorist assists, 3 civil processes, 3 reports of damage to property, and 3 suspicious vehicle complaints. There were 2 fire alarms, 2 health and welfare checks, 2 reports of neighbor troubles, 2 unknown trouble complaints, and 2 vehicle theft complaints. There was 1 each of the following complaints: child neglect, fraud, garbage dumping, juvenile trouble, personal injury accident, theft, and a warrant arrest.

If you have any information about any criminal activity in our community, please contact the Duluth Township Police Department at: 218-525-5705 or our mobile phone: 218-393-8407, or email:

duluthtwppolice@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).

We may work 5 days in a row but may not always get into the office during that time. Our main office where we spend 90% of our time is in our squad vehicle.

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

Summary of Planning Commission Meetings

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

The April 22, 2021, meeting was held via video conference with a Planning representative at the Town Hall. The May 27, 2021, meeting was held at the Town Hall.

April 22 Planning Commission Meeting Two new Commission members, Dave Meyer and Justin Osadjan, were welcomed to the Commission. Dave has lived in the Township most of his life. Justin will have been in the Township five years come July. A public hearing was held for a conditional use request by Tom and Ginny DeSutter for a bed and breakfast in their home on North Shore Drive. The DeSutters had been operating the bed and breakfast since early 2018 under a three-year interim use granted by the Commission at that time. Their property is in SMU-6 and meets all of the dimensional requirements for the use. The DeSutters' stated goal was to "Provide short-term rental lodging, with minimal impact on surrounding neighborhood, expanding the economic impact to the North Shore Community." The Commission received two letters in support of the bed and breakfast. There was no other public testimony. The Town has not had any complaints about the rental in the three years it has been in operation. The Commission voted to grant an interim use for the bed and breakfast to be terminated on change of ownership of the property.

May 27 Planning Commission Meeting. A public hearing for variances for an addition to a home on Greenwood Road was scheduled, but when neither the owner nor the owner's representative was able to attend, it was rescheduled to the June 24 Commission meeting. A one-quarter mile-notification area was set for another public hearing in June on a request for conditional use permit for a high-frequency short-term rental on North Shore Drive. Following an inquiry about the possibility of hosting a glamping (glamorous camping) site in the Township, the Commission had a discussion about the use and what standards would be applicable, if allowed. A glamping site is generally a large tent, yurt, or similar structure on a platform that is rented on a nightly basis. It does not usually have indoor plumbing. It was generally agreed that a glamping site would have characteristics similar to a short-term rental and therefore would require a conditional/interim use permit. The folks interested in hosting the site on the property they live on were present to provide input. The Commission decided to continue the discussion at the June 24 meeting to give members time to research the use.

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

Planning Commission meetings are open to the public.

Regular **Planning Commission Meetings** are held on the fourth Thursday at **6:30 p.m.** in the Town Hall



Penny Morton, Michael Kahl, Rolf Carlson, John Schifsky, Tim Strom

Summary of Town Board Minutes

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

April 8 Regular Meeting. In attendance: Supervisors Tim Strom, Michael Kahl, John Schifsky, Penelope Morton, and Rolf Carlson (Chair); Town Clerk Ann Cox; Deputy Clerk Nicole Chatterton; and Treasurer Mel Peulen. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$525,707.84, deposits of \$8,710.58, expenses of \$27,524.13, ending balance of \$506,893.29. Public Comment: Dan Neff: Owns property at the end of the Wildwood Rd. There is a 70' gap from Wildwood Rd to the easement to his property. Tim noted that no work has been done by the Town in the past 25 years. Dan would need to come to the Annual Meeting and ask the Town residents to tax themselves by accepting the road as a Town road. Farmers Market: They would like to place a 6'x3' banner just big enough to be seen from Homestead. Two layout options were presented: (1) Use handicapped spaces in the parking lot for vendor tents. (2) Use entire parking lot, placing vendor tents along Homestead Rd. with parking in the center. The Supervisors felt option 2 was the best with the possibility of a future reassessment. Program of Work: Tim made a motion to keep assignments as they currently are, Michael seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Police: Mary Ann Sironen and other property owners have had issues with overnight campers at Bluebird Landing. The neighbors are meeting to discuss the problem and come up with a resolution. One suggestion was to post a sign. New Scenic Café Liquor License: Penny made a motion to renew the liquor license, Michael seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Fire: Repair work continues. Planning: MS4 application has been completed. Penny made a motion authorizing Rolf to sign and submit the MS4 application, John seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Town's stormwater report is due in June. Roads: One bid was received from Bob Rodda. Surveys: Michael talked to Ron Kruger about doing surveys on Mace, Torgeson, and Englund Roads.

May 13 Regular Meeting: In attendance: Supervisors Tim Strom, Michael Kahl, John Schifsky, Penelope Morton, and Rolf Carlson (Chair); Town Clerk Ann Cox; Deputy Clerk Nicole Chatterton; and Treasurer Mel Peulen. **Reports:** Treasurer: Beginning balance \$506,893.29, deposits of \$3,403.01, expenses of \$36,083.15, ending balance of \$474,213.15. Please note that The Lake Bank is joining with Park State Bank; this should not affect our accounts. Police: "No Parking" signs at Stoney Point have faded, and new signs are requested for the entire corridor. Bluebird Landing: Fire department does not need to maintain access to Bluebird as a fill site. The property owners will install signs. Legal: Our MAT attorney would like to meet with the Town Board to have a closed discussion sometime in early June. A closed meeting pursuant to the Attorney-Client privilege is an exception to the open meeting law §13D subd 3b. Roads: Surveys were done. Discussion on chloride.

Regular **Town Board meetings** are held on the second Thursday at **6:30 p.m.** in the Town Hall

North Shore Community School

News from North Shore Community School
Shelly Pierson, Executive Director

20 Years! NSCS will be entering its 20th year of operation as a community school, and 61 years as an elementary school at this location. Please watch for information on ways we will celebrate our North Shore School community and history throughout this year.

Ready for Next Year: While we have just completed the 2020-2021 school year, we are already looking forward to and planning for the 2021-2022 school year! We are expanding our offering of multi-grade classrooms to include K-1, 2-3, and 4-5. We will also have single grade classrooms at each grade level. This allows us to continue to grow enrollment and maintain lower class sizes at all grade levels. For questions on enrollment, please reach out to the office at 218-525-0663 x100. School begins September 8 for K-6 students and school hours are 8:00-2:40.

Welcome New Teachers: We would also like to welcome our new teachers:

- New in 2020-2021: Elina Berglund - 5th
Emma Felton - 4th
- New in 2021-2022: Courtney (Ditmarson) Hazebrook - K
Maggie Harless - 1st
Clayton Gallus - PE

**North Shore Community School
Preschool News**
Shelly Pierson, Executive Director

Preschool News: The preschool has a waiting list for this fall. If you have a preschool student, please submit your application to join the waiting list. Over the last few years, we have had students move out or change days and this has created openings in our program. If you have any questions regarding NSCS preschool, please reach out to the office at 218-525-0663 x100 or email Linda Johnson, our preschool teacher, at ljohnson@nscsk6.org. Preschool begins September 13.

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

The deadline is August 18, 2021.
525-5705 or deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com



Spring band concert 2021 at the pavilion.

Do you have embroidered patches you no longer want?



If so, Gavin and Colton are looking to add to their collection. Small or large, from places you've visited, police or fire departments, music groups — any patch will do! If you want to help them grow their collection, contact the Deputy Clerk, deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com, and I will pass their contact information along to you.

*Photo of a patch from their collection



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BOOK EXCHANGE UPDATE

The Book Exchange is open! Come by and pick up a good summer read. Or two. Or three. The shelves are overflowing. If you can bring donated books elsewhere for the next month, please do. Watch for updates in the coming newsletters and thanks for your cooperation.

The Book Exchange is open during Township office and recycling hours. You will find it in our Community Room.

Home Hardening

Information Provided by Gloria Erickson

“Research around home destruction vs. home survival in wildfires point to embers and small flames, not the wall of fire as the main way that the majority of homes ignite in wildfires. Embers are burning pieces of airborne wood and/or vegetation that can be carried more than a mile through the wind and can cause spot fires and ignite homes, debris and other objects.” National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

There are construction material choices and actions homeowners can take to help their homes better withstand ember attacks and minimize the likelihood of flames or surface fire touching the home or any attachments. Choosing fire resistant building materials and construction methods is referred to as **Home Hardening**.

Things to consider when building or retrofitting a home for wildfire resiliency

Roofing material – Class A is the most fire-resistant and should be the choice of anyone living in wild-fire-prone areas. Common Class A roof coverings include asphalt fiberglass composition shingles, metal, concrete, or clay tiles.

Roof openings – Plug openings in roof coverings, such as the open ends of metal roofs, with non-combustible materials.

Skylights – Replace plastic skylights with ones constructed of double pane glass. One of the panes should be tempered glass.

Chimneys – Install an approved spark arrester.

Windows – Replace single-pane, non-tempered glass windows with multiple-pane, tempered glass.

Soffits and gable vents – Metal is the best material. Cover attic, eave, and foundation vents with 1/8" metal wire mesh or install new vent types designed to prevent ember entry. If wildfire is threatening, and time allows, consider covering vent openings with precut plywood wrapped with several layers of aluminum foil that is stapled down to the wood.

Rain gutters – Gutters should be free of plant debris, like pine needles. Metal covers to reduce maintenance might help, but these need to be cleared of debris as well.

Decking material – Replace deck boards that are less than one inch thick or that are in poor condition with thicker, good condition boards. Use metal flashing between the deck and the house. Use 1/8" metal wire mesh to enclose area under deck. If deck boards have a wider than 1/8" gap, use the same wire mesh under deck boards.

Siding material – Fill gaps in siding and trim with a good quality caulk, and replace poor condition building materials. If building new or replacing siding, consider using whole log, fiber cement board, stucco, metal, brick, or stone siding.

Foundation material – Make sure 18" from the ground is fire resistant material like stone, stucco, brick or concrete, or ICF block.

Eaves – Cover open eaves with sheathing, such as plywood or fiber-cement board. Use tongue and groove joints or other intricate joint types, and do not use butt joints.

Flowerbeds – Replace wood mulch with noncombustible types of mulch, like rocks. Remove plant debris, including dried grass and flowers, dead leaves and dead branches from flowerbeds next to the house, other buildings, propane tanks and next to wooden fences. Replace ornamental needle bearing shrubs with low-growing deciduous shrubs or flowers that are native and nonflammable.

Fences – Metal is best. If you have a wooden fence, make sure it is in good condition and create a non-combustible fence section or grate next to the house for at least 5 feet.

Helpful website: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/hardening-your-home/>

Content provided by Gloria Erickson, Contracted St. Louis County Firewise Coordinator. Contact Gloria at: gloria@dovetailinc.org or 218-365-0878.



Where is this home vulnerable to ember attack?

Regular Community Meetings

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

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

What's in the Kitchen

Nicole Chatterson, Deputy Clerk

From the kitchen to the grill. It's that time of the year where we find ourselves cooking most of our meals outside. Who wants to turn on the oven on a hot summer day? I know this busy mom does not. So, we turn to the almighty grill to help keep the heat out of the house. When you think of firing up the grill, you think of the classics: steaks, brats, burgers, and BBQ chicken. However, there is so much more you can cook over the open flame. Grilled cheese sandwiches, pizzas, pancakes, grilled bananas — just to name a few! If you are looking for some fun ideas to spice up your grill life this summer, check out <https://www.tablespoon.com/meals/grilling/things-to-grill>.

My husband and I created the following recipe together over Memorial Day weekend. It was just too tasty not to share with everyone.

Stuffed Chicken Breasts

1-2 boneless skinless chicken breasts
Garlic powder
Pepper
2-4 Deli ham slices
1-2 Slices of Swiss or smoked Gouda cheese (or both)
Fresh spinach
Sweet bell pepper, cut into strips
Cream cheese
Lemon juice or lemon essential oil (whatever you have on hand)
Bacon

1. Start by butterflying the chicken breast by cutting most of the way through it horizontally, being careful not to cut completely through it.
2. Season the outside of the butterflied breast with garlic powder and pepper.
3. Lay the chicken breast out, seasoned side down, and layer the stuffing ingredients on it, being careful not to let the stuffing overflow the edges.
4. Your first layer is the sliced cheese. I put one slice of Swiss cheese on one half of the breast and one slice of gouda on the other half, since the breast I used was so large.
5. Next comes the ham. Once again, how much you use depends on the size of the chicken breast.
6. After the cheese and ham come the veggies. Put a handful of spinach over the ham and then 4 or 5 strips of sweet bell pepper over that.
7. Once you have those ingredients in place, add a dollop of cream cheese for what will become the middle. I cut approximately 1-ounce strips from the block and flatten them with my hands so they are almost as long as my pepper strips.
8. Now comes the rolling or the "stuffing" of the chicken. You take one side of the chicken breast and start tucking and rolling the chicken closed, making sure that all the contents are tucked in snugly.
9. At this point, you can squeeze some lemon juice or 1-2 drops of lemon essential oils over the stuffed chicken breast and massage it into the meat.
10. Next, take the bacon strips and, starting at one end, wrap them tightly around your stuffed chicken breast. This could take 2-4 strips depending on the size of the chicken. You can secure the bacon with toothpicks.
11. Since this is grilling season (and a grilling article!), I recommend cooking these on the grill. Preheat the grill and then set it for cooking with indirect heat. Cook the chicken directly on the grill racks. If the cheese starts to ooze out and you wish to salvage it, you can transfer the breasts to a sheet of greased tin foil (you can use olive oil, Pam, etc.) and continue to cook with indirect heat until the internal temperature reaches 175°F, approximately one hour. They can also be baked in the oven at 375°F for about an hour or until the internal temp reaches 175°F. Enjoy and happy grilling!

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 Deputy Clerk, deputyclerkduluthwp@gmail.com. Happy cooking!

Protecting Our Commons

Jo Thompson

When I was studying Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin many years ago, one of our required readings was an essay by Garrett Hardin called "The Tragedy of the Commons." It was not an easy read and one that for sure required a couple of good cups of strong coffee, but what stuck with me is the idea that there is land and water that we all share and that we collectively are responsible for the care of. But we sometimes fail to see how one little thing we do will make any difference in the big picture.

In the essay, Hardin uses the "Commons" example of cattle grazing land that everyone can use. If a farmer decides to continually add cattle on that land to graze, he sees the value to himself, but he does not feel the reduction in available grazing capacity of that land for others who graze cattle there. If he continues to add more cattle to his herd, and if each farmer also using that land makes the decision to add more cattle, the eventual result is overgrazed land that has no value to any of the farmers. Thus, the "tragedy" of the Commons.

In Duluth Township, we have "Commons." These include the streams and the lake and the landscape that protects them. In our Township, we enjoy clean water for swimming, fishing, and enjoying nature. We often think that the little things we do on our own land will not hurt our common resources. But the little things add up and can become the proverbial straw that breaks the camel's back. It takes all of us being mindful of preventing dirt, pet waste, and other pollutants from entering our ditches, streams, and the lake, so that the day does not come when we or our grandchildren can no longer use our Commons.



Tuesdays, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
June 8 thru September 28
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**Protecting Our Shore Land:
The Congdon Trust Property**

John Schifsky

Management of the Congdon Trust Property is of vital interest to Duluth Township residents. Cutting of trees and brush is prohibited on this property.

The Congdon Trust Property is the undeveloped land lying between the North Shore Scenic Highway (North Shore Drive) and Lake Superior east from Lester River to Stoney Point. The City of Duluth has jurisdiction over this public property. In 2014, Duluth Township Planning Commission members, concerned about incidents of tree and brush cutting on the trust property, contacted the City, expressing interest in partnering to manage that land.



Lake Superior and the trust property define the southern border of our Township; this shore land vista is one of the Township's most prominent features as well as, arguably, its most valued natural amenity. But careful management of the trust property is essential for more than its aesthetic qualities. The roots of the trees and shrubs which cover that property hold the soil, delaying and preventing the notoriously unstable clay banks that border the lake from further erosion.

An argument can be made that, given climate change, bank erosion along North Shore Drive is inevitable. Indeed, the suggestion has been made that North Shore Drive, without extensive and expensive interventions, will be in the lake in fifty years. Walkers and motorists alike can see multiple places where the road shoulders on the lake side are slumping. These sites are often accompanied with trees at unusual angles, the ground around their roots having been washed away.



Preserving the trees and brush on the Congdon land will delay erosion. Furthermore, cutting trees and brush on the Congdon land is expressly prohibited by the City of Duluth. Nevertheless, anyone travelling on North Shore Drive between the Talmadge River and Knife River will have seen places where someone, usually to improve their view of the lake, has thinned the vegetation or cut away all the trees, leaving an obvious gap. Given the practical and aesthetic importance of the Congdon land to the quality of life in

Duluth Township, the Town Board asks residents to refrain from cutting trees or brush on that land. The City of Duluth can and has assessed fines for cutting trees on City property: \$1000 for each inch of the width of tree(s) cut down.

Town Board supervisors will approach the City of Duluth, Parks and Recreation, to discuss developing a vision statement that will guide management plans for the Congdon land. The Township wants to work with the City of Duluth to ensure this valuable and fragile land resource, given climate change and rising lake levels, is managed in a way reflecting our community vision and values.

**Local Graduate Spotlight
Congratulations Class of 2021!**



Brady Allen Darsow

Brady's parents are Keith and Andrea Darsow. Brady graduated this year from Two Harbors High School.

His favorite sport in high school was soccer. He has enjoyed working at the Two Harbors City Golf Course over the last several summers and enjoys sneaking in rounds of golf with friends whenever he can!

Brady is accepted to Vermillion College in Ely in the Wildland/Wildlife Law Enforcement program. However, he is also considering classes in the Trade Industry at WITC or Lake Superior College, as he enjoys working with his hands and is very talented mechanically.

Town Hall Open!

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.

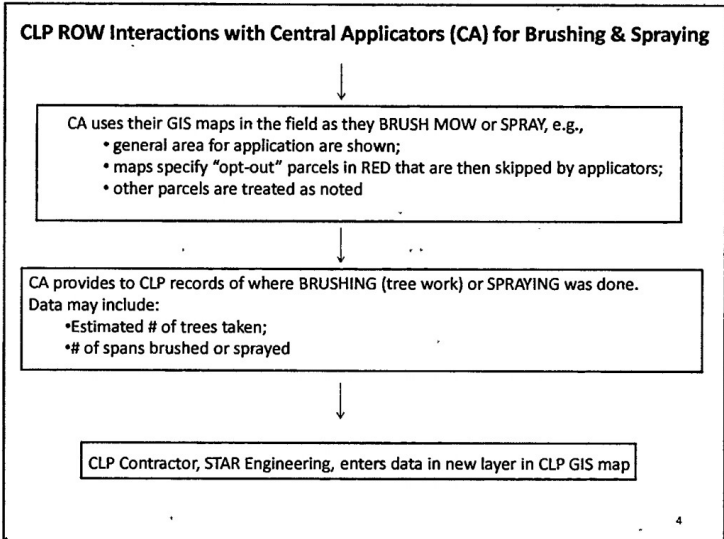
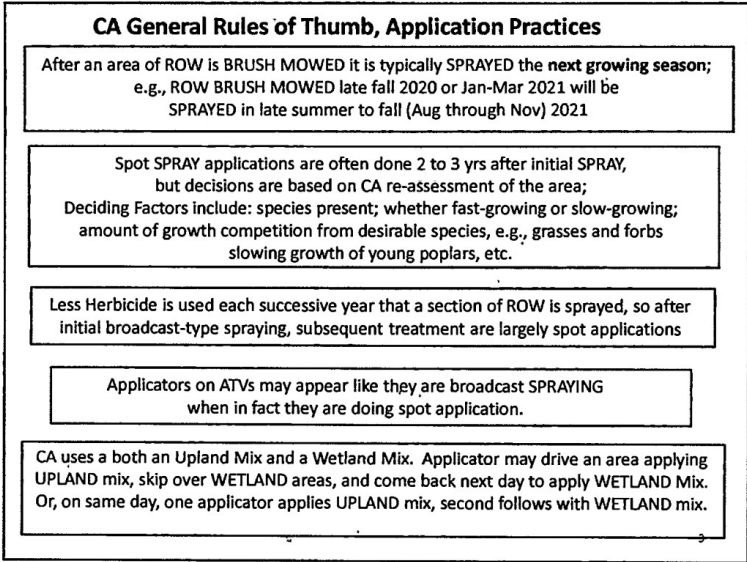
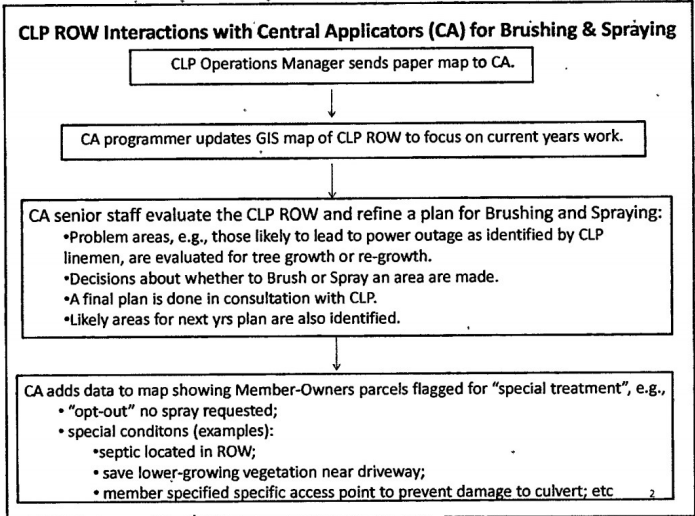
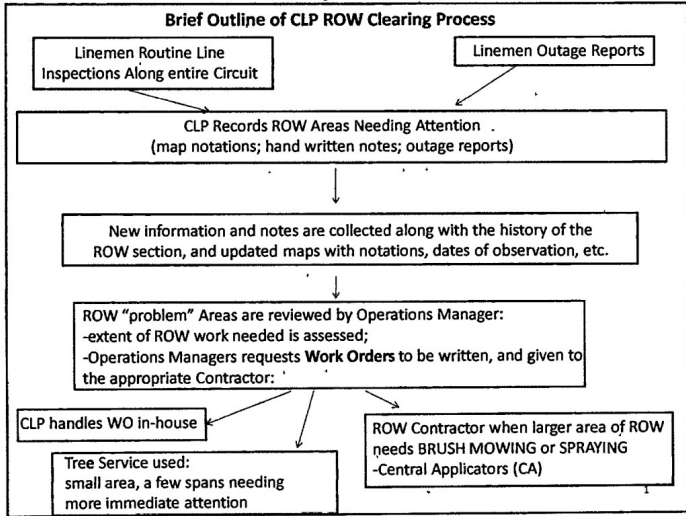
Masks are **strongly encouraged** and welcomed!

Correction: *Duluth Township Newsletter, May 2021, "Greenwood Beach," page 9.*

John Bowen purchased his home in 1969. He did not combine two cabins to make his present residence; the combination had taken place prior to purchase. In addition, Mr. Bowen did not see tourist cabins lining the west side of Ryan Road; neighbors gave him that information.

The author regrets the errors.

**Co-op Light and Power
Right of Way Clearing Information**
Provided by Pat Schmieder, District One
patschmieder@clpower.com



NO Spray Signs

CA does pay attention to the signs. They suggest the following:

- Red sign with White writing can be purchased from State of MN
- Others signs ok, just make them readable
- Before placing your signs, call 811 to make sure you're not pounding into a phone line or some other buried line in ditches and roadsides
• <http://www.gopherstateonecall.org/homeowners>
- do NOT put signs on utility poles
- ideally place signs on both ends of your property so CA will see them no matter which direction they are working from.
- best to make each sign visible from both directions and from the road

CLP ROW Advisory Committee Recommendations

Committee Members: Mary Hennessy, Jessie Aspoas, , Kaare Melby, Jadell Cavallin, Trevor Swoverland, Mark Osadjan

Board ROW Subcommittee: Pat Schmieder & Alis Stevens

Our bi-monthly meetings will end on June 7 and resume on September 20, 2021. Our charge from the board was to make recommendations for ROW maintenance. We have researched current and alternative practices and our results from the past 5 months work are below. We will continue to evaluate information related to the ROW management options, costs, and communication. Below is a list of our advisory committee recommendations as options for CLP Board review. We are requesting written response to these suggestions by September 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Hire a consultant to make appointments with each landowner to discuss vegetation remediation to be used in ROW, (written contract CLP to owner) and the consultant returns to assess the work against the landowner contract after work is done
 - o Provide consultant contact info so members recognize call, (put in your contacts)
2. Create a contract from CLP to the contractor with clearly communicated ROW work expected by the property owner, respecting all Opt Out and No Spray requests and cutting or limbing as agreed upon with property owner.
3. Use a Target Species list both for removal of trees from ROW and have a list of allowable species to be left in the ROW.
4. Clear information about allowable height of plants in the ROW. (Not over 10 feet)
5. Notifications
 - o Notify by mail include with billing, any ROW remediation plan as the preferred method of communication
 - o Notify on website during online billing pay process as well
 - o Identify on bill if OPT OUT is active for member
 - o Phone # and name to contact to request OPT OUT should be clear on web site and in monthly newsletter.
 - o Set up a clear, simple list of OPT OUT requirements so property owners can care for the ROW in compliance with CLP small line requirements.
 - o Include Public Land or REGIONS notice, especially if private land is crossed to access
6. Recommend: a Suggestion/Comment form be added to the website.
 - o This would include: Name, phone #, email, CLP #, OPT OUT request option, request NO SPRAY signs, and Comment area (better way to document complaints, questions, issues, etc.)
 - o When someone calls in to the office, the form can be filled out by the office to keep comments all together.

May 17, 2021

7. Contractors and Member/Owners should know what the Target Species List is for ROW and have a clear list of requirements for those who OPT OUT and will care for their property as stated in the contract.
8. Create "No Spray" signs (since the only ones from the state are for organic gardeners) that are official from the CLP on request by member/owners. We recommend a 2-pack, durable sign, using Red background with White lettering. (these specifications are from Central Applicators and follow state requirements for clear NO SPRAY signage)
 - o The contract with ROW clearers could be required to recognize these as official signs if CLP creates them, not to be ignored per contract.
9. Recommend a board field trip to see some of the reported property issues from ROW clearing to better understand issues and experiences of members.

Additional Questions:

- o How to accommodate NO SPRAY or OPT OUT property adjacent to someone with no ROW requested option - should other property be CHEM FREE ZONED also to protect organic or planted property from overspray?
- o Has CLP ever asked if owners want to do their own maintenance?
- o Consider providing CLP approved plantings to owners as remediation
- o With large properties, consider incentive \$ refund to remediate themselves
- o Allow Neighbor Contracts to provide remediation by allowing harvesting/bee keeping/preferred planting etc. to be done neighbor to neighbor
- o CLP consider providing or planting berry bushes, pollinator plants, other ROW acceptable useful plants.

Very First Clover Valley Farmers Market!

Blane Tetreault

The long-anticipated start of the Clover Valley Farmers Market was a huge success. The June 8 market buzzed with activity from vendors and patrons alike. The sky was blue, the breeze warm, and the air was filled with music, conversation, and joy.



Dozens of Town residents and folks traveling along Highway 61 ventured up Homestead Road to the Town Hall to engage in the festivities. Patrons had their choice of potted plants, pastries, canned fruits and vegetables, candles, pottery, and much more from a variety of local vendors.

Many attendees paused to watch Pam West spin yarn on her spinning wheel. That certainly was a sight foreign to youngsters while at the same time a romantic symbol of the past for those not so young. Combined with the delicate notes played by Darlene Peterson on the hammered dulcimer, one might have escaped in their mind to times long gone by.



The market proved to be a great opportunity for folks to stop by on their way home for dinner ingredients or just to enjoy a tasty snack. As produce matures in the fields of local farmers, it also will provide a good opportunity to buy those fresh fruits and vegetables we all need to eat more of. That can save a trip into town and help support our local community. It's a win-win!



The market is also a place to buy a quality item for one's home or a special gift for someone. Home-made candles, handcrafted pottery, art — the vendors have it. One-of-a-kind crafts are abundant at the market. Plus, for those interested in starting their own garden or transforming their lawn into native plants, starter plants are available at the market and eager for new homes.

For those who missed out on the first market, don't fret. There will be opportunities to attend the market each Tuesday this summer at 4:30 p.m. There will be a revolving group of vendors so, for those who did attend the first market, make sure to stop by again to shop for something new.

The Clover Valley Farmers Market is held every Tuesday through September 28 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Duluth Township Town Hall on the Homestead Road.

French River Book Club

Carol Surine

The French River Readers have chosen The Book Charmer by Karen Hawkins. This is a Book Club in a Bag offering, and you can pick up a copy from Carol Surine. Call first though; 525-4426.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 15th at 7:30 PM. We will meet in the Fireside Room at French River Lutheran Church, 5310 Ryan Road. Carol Surine will be the host.

If you have any questions, contact her at: carolsurine@gmail.com or 525-4426.

Hope to see you there!

Homesteaders

Rose Vastila & Dorothy Aho

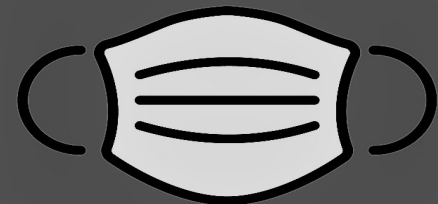


The Homesteaders will start meeting again in August to have their annual picnic. We look forward to seeing everyone again and hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

We will see you all on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 12:30 p.m.!

For the most up-to-date information, check out the Town's website: www.duluthtownship.org.

**MASKS ARE WELCOME
& ENCOURAGED**



**THANK-YOU FOR PRACTICING
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(Voice message)

Email: See note below on using our Township website.

www.duluthtownship.org

Town Office Hours: Tues 9am-12pm, Wed 9am-3pm,
Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 9am-12pm

Planning Office Hours: No posted hours
Call the Town Hall for an appointment: 525-5705

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Alternate: North Shore Mgmt. Board, Intergovernmental Relations

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Tim Strom (2021-2023) 525-5705
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| Treasurer: | Mel Peulen | 525-5705 (Town Hall) |
| Attorney: | Scott Witty | 722-4766 (Office) |
| Cemetery Sexton: | Molly Tillotson | 218-626-7005 |
| Planning Director: | Sue Lawson | 525-5705 (Message) |
| Planning Secretary: | Beth Mullan | 525-5705 (Message) |

Planning Commission: Liz Strohmayer (Chair), Dave Edblom (Vice Chair), Dave Meyer, Justin Osadjan, Blane Tetreault, Pam West, and Angela Wilson

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

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

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) or DNR Two Harbors, 1568 Hwy 2 (834-1418)

Website Manager: Nicole Chatterson 525-5705 (Town Hall)

Community Center Rental Coordinator: Jim Salls 600-9015

To Email Township Officials and Departments

See Township website, www.duluthtownship.org/contacts 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

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

Thurs 3-7 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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

July 2021

July 1: Recycling 3-7 p.m.

July 3: Recycling 8 a.m.-noon

July 6: Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m.; Clover Valley Farmers Market 4:30 p.m.; Fire Business Mtg. Hall #1 7 p.m.

July 8: Recycling 3-7 p.m.; Town Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.

July 10: Recycling 8 a.m.-noon

July 13: Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m.; Clover Valley Farmers Market 4:30 p.m.

July 15: Recycling 3-7 p.m.

July 17: Recycling 8 a.m.-noon

July 20: Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m.; EMR Training 6 p.m.; Fire Training 7 p.m.; Clover Valley Farmers Market 4:30 p.m.

July 22: Recycling 3-7 p.m.; Planning and Zoning Mtg. 6:30 p.m.

July 24: Recycling 8 a.m.-noon

July 27: Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m.; Clover Valley Farmers Market 4:30 p.m.

July 29: Recycling 3-7 p.m.

July 31: Recycling 8 a.m.-noon

Looking Ahead

August 3: Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m. Clover Valley Farmers Market 4:30 p.m.; Fire Business Meeting 7 p.m.

August 4: Homesteaders Annual Picnic 12:30 p.m.

August 10: Reconvene of the Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m.

August 12: Recycling 3-7 p.m.; Town Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.

August 14: Homesteader's Come on Home Party 1-4:30 p.m.
(Tentative: See Town's website as details become available)

August 17: Recycling 7-11 a.m.; 3-7 p.m.;
EMR Training 6 p.m.; Fire Training 7 p.m.

August 26: Planning and Zoning Mtg. 6:30 p.m.

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Town Services During the Covid-19 Pandemic

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

Town Clerk's Office: Open to the public during regular office hours. All COVID precautions issued by the Governor will be followed. **We strongly urge** you to conduct your business via email, phone, US mail, or the drop box under the public posting at the Town Hall entrance.

Town Board Meetings: Open to the public, adhering to the Governor's 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 the Governor's directives.

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, strictly adhering to the Governor's pandemic directives. 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: Must contact Clerk's office to make reservations of the Town Hall facilities.

