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## Candidates scarce for local races

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The Superior City Council could see some changes following the April 5 election, but little change is anticipated on the Douglas County Board.

Nineteen of 21 incumbent supervisors are running unopposed in the 2022 election cycle for the Douglas County Board.

Supervisor Peter Clark is making plans to step down as the 4th District representative in April; William Fennessey of Billings Lane is running unopposed for the seat.

No candidates will appear on the ballot in the county's 3rd District, currently represented by appointee Marquise Slay.

The filing period ended Tuesday, Jan. 4, and there will be no extension in the 3rd District because the person who filed to run for the seat returned documents that were not sufficient for ballot placement, said Susan Sandvick, county clerk.

On the Superior City Council, two incumbents are facing a challenge during the April 5 election so far.

Spencer Koskie of East Seventh Street in the Central Park neighborhood is running against Councilor Brent Fennessey in the 5th District. A Superior native, Koskie has worked in

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A pair of Superior firefighters walk back to a burning warehouse in Superior's North End Thursday morning.

## WAREHOUSES BURN

Vacant North End buildings destroyed by fire

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Two vacant buildings were lost to a fire Thursday morning in the North End district.

Superior firefighters received the call at 5:50 a.m. and 13 off-duty firefighters also responded at 6:10 a.m., Fire Chief Scott Gordon said in a news release. The fire quickly consumed the Sivertson warehouse at 1507 N. First St. and spread to the Bayside building next door at 1515 N. First St. Both buildings are a complete loss.

No injuries or fatalities were reported. Crews were expected to remain on the scene throughout the day to manage the buildings.

As of 8:45 a.m., the temperature was 10

degrees below zero, with wind chill at 22 degrees below zero, according to the National Weather Service in Duluth.

Superior Mayor Jim Paine posted on his Facebook page Thursday morning that the loss of the buildings is a "terrible tragedy."

"They were both priceless pieces of historic architecture and both had potential for new life," he said. "I'm deeply sorry for the loss to the owners and to our community."

The four-story brick Sivertson building, 1507 N. First St., is listed for sale on the Follmer Commercial Real Estate website for \$795,000. The 48,000-square-foot warehouse was built in 1890 and formerly home to Lake Superior Fish Co. According to Douglas



Fire lights up a warehouse in Superior's North End on Thursday morning.

County land records, it's currently owned by Duluth/Superior Concrete Services LLC. The Bayside building

was also built in the late 1800s, Gordon said in the release.

The fire department received two new aerial

ladder trucks in late November that it used for the first time to

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## New Year's baby born at St. Luke's

**Iron River couple welcomes daughter 94 minutes into 2022**

**Duluth News Tribune DULUTH** — The city's first baby born in 2022 arrived just 94 minutes into the new year.

Roberta Margaret Paananen was born at 1:34 a.m. Jan. 1 at St. Luke's hospital. For parents Jennifer and Peter Paananen, of Iron River, it was a long time coming.

"We had been trying for seven years and kind of given up when we found out we were pregnant with her, so it was a big shock to us,"



Roberta Margaret Paananen was the Northland's first baby born in 2022. She was born to Jennifer and Peter Paananen at St. Luke's at 1:34 a.m. Jan. 1.

Peter said. "We're really excited." Though she wasn't

due until Jan. 14, Jennifer went to St. Luke's on Thursday for an induction after some complications.

Roberta arrived Saturday morning healthy at 6 pounds, 15.5 ounces and 17 inches.

Roberta and Jennifer were still at St. Luke's Birthing Center as of Monday afternoon, trying to get Roberta's weight up a bit. But both the mother and baby are happy and healthy.

"It's pretty incredible," Jennifer said. "I just got to feed and snuggle her and that was like the best experience of my life."

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Jennifer and Peter Paananen hold their newborn daughter, Roberta Margaret Paananen, while watching the Minnesota Vikings game on Sunday from their St. Luke's hospital room. Roberta was born at 1:34 a.m. Jan. 1, making her the Northland's first baby of the year.

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