



# The QUACKER

SEPTEMBER 2023 ISSUE 484 FOUNDED BY THE SUGAR ISLAND LIONESS CLUB



## FIRE PLUGS

### Happy Labor Day! COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 31. SI Memorial Service 7:00pm
- 2. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
- 2. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 3. St. Luke's 10:00am
- 4. Labor Day
- 5. First Day of School K-12
- 6. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
- 6. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 7. Fire Open House
- 8-9. Baraga Days
- 9. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
- 9. Holy Angels Open House 2:00pm
- 9. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 10. St. Luke's 10:00am
- 12. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 14. Last Day to Pay Summer Taxes  
w/o penalty 9:00am-5:00pm
- 14. Lions Meeting 5:30pm
- 15. Annual Music Jamboree
- 16. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
- 16. Sault Shrine Club 10:00am  
Swap Meet & Motor Show
- 16. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 17. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
- 17. St. Luke's 10:00am
- 19. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm
- 20. SIHPS Meeting Finn Hall 1:00pm
- 20. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
- 23. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
- 23. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 24. St. Luke's 10:00am
- 24. QUACKER DEADLINE
- 26. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm
- 20. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 30. The Quacker is distributed
- 30. Farmer's Market 10:00am-1:00pm
- 30. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm

Big news for us this month was the great success of our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fish Fry. We served 210 meals in 3 hours. Would not have been possible without the help of the Youth Group who handled most of the front room and serving. Next year we plan to have them do some cooking and we will just have to stop by to pick up the money.

The success would not have been near as great except for the many donations we received for our silent auction. Many businesses and private individuals were extremely generous in providing items and the spirited bidding made for an exciting evening. Plus, the 50-50 winner Joyce Franks donated the entire amount back to the Fire Department.

We plan to use the funds to upgrade some of our equipment. We are looking to eventually acquire a side-by-side ATV for wildfire and rescue. The money we raised will be a great start towards that piece of equipment.

We look forward to our Open House on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Had to move it back a little this year but we hope to have as much fun as we normally do. This is a great chance for us to show off our equipment and let you see what we have to offer and learn a little about fire safety.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire

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*Gary Switzer*

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# SI EMS News

Welcome September. How come August flies by when nothing else does? I am hoping for a beautiful Fall with warm weather and colorful leaves!

August was quiet with only 2 runs so far. Peaceful times are enjoyable with everyone safe and sound. The SI EMS Garage Sale went well. Thank you to those who donated items for the sale and another thank you to all who stopped by, visited and purchased a treasure or two. We also thank the islanders who helped us organize the sale, helped the 2 days of the sale and stayed to clean up after. The money that was made will be utilized to purchase immediate need medical items that cannot wait for permission and for training. We do have that need and this makes it easier for us when medical issues arise and a special item is needed to provide care.

The Fire Department will be hosting an Open House on 9/7. The Fire Chief will post the times. Dave Pine always has great ideas for our community, besides saving the day with our terrific firemen and fire trucks! Thanks for all you do Dave!

We have hired a new EMT, who is a LSSU student focusing on Emergency Management program. He will start orientation the end of August. Welcome Justin Friend to SI EMS!

There will be an EMT course for Chippewa, Luce & Mackinac County residents starting in the Fall. Please let me know if you are interested and I can give you all the registration information. We are looking into possibly being able to give some financial assistance for the course for Sugar Island residents. Jimmy and I can assist those interested.

I am still gathering new phone listings for the Sugar Island Phonebook. If you are interested in adding your Sugar Island information, send your name, address & phone number(s) for the Sugar Island Phonebook to me at [abeckham@lssu.edu](mailto:abeckham@lssu.edu) or give me a call 906-440-1769. This will also be published monthly in the Quacker for you to add to your phonebook. The phone directories are available at the SI Westshore Store, the Hilltop Bar and Grill and the Island Books & Crafts on Portage Street in the Soo for \$7.00 each.

Enjoy our last month of summer and be grateful for our wonderful life on Sugar Island!

Adrienne Beckham SI EMS Co-Captain





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# Sugar Island Township News

Summer is nearly over, and Fall is almost upon us. Our seasonal residents are heading home, and our children and grandchildren are heading back to school. Please take some time to prepare for the colder temperatures. Cover your boats, treat your small gas engines, and insulate where you can. And finally, please keep in mind that our smaller, furry friends may be looking for somewhere to spend the winter and warm/dry locations are often preferred, especially if food might be available.

The Chippewa County Road Commission's (CCRC's) continues to work on Village Road. If progress is achieved according to the plan, this road work will be completed by Thanksgiving. Between now and then, if you happen to be traveling in that direction, please drive carefully. Thus far, work on that road has been extraordinary, so please don't get in their way.

For those wondering about the CCRC's efforts to mow the grass on the shoulders of Sugar Island roads, the mower was damaged while they were here last month, Unfortunately the equipment had to be returned to the mainland for repair. It is scheduled to return to the Island when the mower is repaired, which could be any day.

The work on the North Westshore Park continues with clearing brush, trees, and removing stumps as well as the installation of a beautiful, new playground set. This could be done by the end of this year. The playground adjacent to the Community Center is also progressing. Special thanks to those that have provided volunteer support to these efforts.

And finally, the Township continues to look for a skilled community planner to join our Township Planning Commission. The current version of our zoning document is in serious need of updating. Updating these types of documents is difficult and time-consuming work. If you have time, are a qualified elector, have some measure of computer literacy, and are willing to put forth the effort, we will be spending a serious effort in the next four or five years updating our zoning ordinances. If interested, please send an email or letter of interest to our clerk ([SITwpClerk@gmail.com](mailto:SITwpClerk@gmail.com)).

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor



We will again be honoring all our Sugar Island Veterans, past and present, in our November issue. We would like to gather all the names of any serviceman or servicewoman from Sugar Island, permanent or seasonal. So please help us gather those names by calling Sue at 906-632-9739, or email [siquacker@gmail.com](mailto:siquacker@gmail.com)  
**By October 21st.**

**Notice:** The legal responsibility is on the property owner for paying on the correct parcel of property. The property owner must be responsible for payment on the correct descriptions. The sum stated is for taxes assessed upon the described property.

It is very important that you review your tax bill to be positive you are receiving a PRE exemption, if you qualify. This was formally known as "Homestead Exemption". It is located on the bottom half of the left side of you tax bill. If you qualify, it should read 100% in the PRE box. For any questions concerning PRE, please contact Kathy Loup, township assessor (1-906-440-1159)

**Payment Types:**

Check: (as conditional payment only, until the check has cleared the bank) Please mail early- it may take the postal service 2 to 3 weeks to deliver your check. Any check not received by 02/29/2023 will be considered late and be returned to sender. Postmark is NOT considered a payment date.

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Cash: Must be hand delivered to Treasurer in person only (DO NOT LEAVE IN DROP BOX)

A large blue drop box is available on the west side of the Community Center for your convenience.

No property tax payment will be taken at the township level (except for buildings on leased land and personal property taxes) after 02/29/2024. Property Tax Payment must be made at the County Treasurer's office starting 03/01/2024 at 319 Court Street, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783 phone # 906-635-6308 or [www.chippewacountymi.gov/treasurer](http://www.chippewacountymi.gov/treasurer)

<b><u>Summer Tax Collection:</u></b>	<b><u>Office Hours:</u></b>	<b><u>Additional Hours:</u></b>
July, Aug., Sep. 2023	Saturday 9am-4pm	09/14 - 9am to 5pm

**Summer Delinquent Tax Interest Rates:**

9/ 15 thru 9/ 30 = 1% There after 1% will be charged for each month or any part of a month until taxes are paid in full. On 03/1 all delinquent property taxes are turned over to Chippewa County Treasurer.

<b><u>Winter Tax Collection:</u></b>	<b><u>Office Hours:</u></b>	<b><u>Additional Hours:</u></b>
Dec., Jan., Feb.	Saturday 9am-4pm	1 day between 12/26-12/31 2023 Feb 29 - 9 am to 5pm 2024

**Have You Moved?**

For any changes in description, address or ownership, please notify our office by one of the following:

Email: [SITwpTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:SITwpTreasurer@gmail.com) Phone: 1-906-253-9353 Fax: 1-906-635-9886

Mail: Sugar Island Township, 6401 E. 1 ½ Mile Rd., Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783

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## LIONS DEN

Really a nice month to be a Lion. Our Sugar Island flag sales continue to go well and we still have them available. They make great presents. Cost is \$30. Barb Harrington is in charge of sales.

Our breakfast had a great turnout with over 135 guests. Scott Bell, Brent Bellanger and Tammy Foote were the final winners of \$50 each in our drawing for this year. New tickets are on sale \$25 for next year's drawing and we still have some left. Ask your favorite Lion, if you have not got yours yet. If you do not have a favorite, ask me.

We have our annual Memorial service on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. This moving service gives us a chance to get together as a community and remember those who passed away during the year.

We were supposed to hold our monthly meeting at the Township Park but high winds made this a poor choice. We did move the meeting to the Community Center and enjoyed a great meal. We were also able to enjoy a few games of corn hole but the ceiling took away my signature high arc. Did make a few people nervous with my side arm.

I show four Lions creeping toward a birthday in September. Carol Gillians, Art Leighton, Teresa Mohr and Jeri Sherry will be receiving birthday greetings during the month. Make sure to wish them the best.

Lion Jim Handziak

*Thank you*

Wendy Griffin  
for so many eggs for our Brunch

## St. Luke's Community Church

We've so enjoyed another Summer season at St. Luke's Community Church. We will continue to worship there on Sunday mornings through September. Join us at 10am for a service featuring the reading of the Word, singing of hymns and choruses, a message given by visiting clergy or lay speakers, and prayer. And be sure to stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service. There's always coffee, tea, and a few goodies to share while spending a bit of time catching up with others.

We wish the best to Taylar Walsh, this summer's Barbara Goodheart ~ St. Luke's Community Church Scholarship recipient. She is a student at LSSU and we're proud to support her in her ongoing studies.

It's been a dearly-held and long-standing custom to have a candle lighting at the beginning of our service each Sunday morning where the Light of Christ is brought into the chapel and following the closing hymn, the Light of Christ is brought back down the aisle representing His Light being carried out into our world by each that has worshiped that morning. It is a tradition for children to bring the Light, and this season we were blessed by Claire Zimmerman, Scott Maxwell, Havyn Ryskamp, Cole Etter, along with a few adults who also assisted. The love and light they represent is something that touches us all.

Among those who have brought messages each week, we had the opportunity to have Grampa Dale back for the 4th of July children's message. He encouraged us all to be like God by having a long fuse and to embody patience and grace. The teaching was especially impactful when he pulled an example out of his pocket – a firework with a long fuse. The message landed quickly as he stood rather near, yet just far enough away from, the lit candles. May we have long fuses, especially near those we love... and everyone else, too.

From the entire crew at S.I.F.D we would like to send out to the following:

the biggest **"Thank You"** to the following:

Sugar Island Youth Group and Deb Cox  
for donating their time and helping us run the front of the house!

The Gorsuch family  
for providing use of their deep-frying equipment!

Richard and Nancy Reining  
for donating propane!

Matt Payment  
for the most excellent Lake Superior Whitefish!

Hilltop Bar & Grill  
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And most importantly,  
our Sugar Island neighbors and their guests for the continued support!





## HISTORIC HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

Holy Angels Church was built under the direction of Bishop Baraga circa 1856-57 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Holy Angels is located at 10158 E Northshore Drive in the historic Payment area of Sugar Island.

Efforts of the Holy Angels Restoration Committee resulted in raising enough funds to replace the broken and sagging foundation, repair windows, and have the exterior professionally painted. The Committee continues to make improvements and repairs to the church so everyone can come in and absorb its beautiful history and presence of Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga.

### **Baraga Days - Sault Sainte Marie 2023**

The Bishop Baraga Association is having Baraga Days this year in Sault Sainte Marie on Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9. Some activities include a special Mass, dinner, and Vespers Cruise. For a complete schedule of activities planned, as well as registration information, please go to their website: <https://bishopbaraga.org/baraga-days-2023/>

**On Saturday, September 9th, during Baraga Days, we will have a special Open House during the hours of noon - 2 p.m. As with our other Open Houses, there is no service, just a chance for anyone to come in and experience a little bit of our island history.**



Whether you are a year-round islander or a weekender, know that you are most welcome to join us at Sacred Heart for our weekly Mass on Saturdays at 6:15 p.m.

We are a small congregation and welcome everyone to worship with us. It's so warm to praise the Lord with your family, friends and neighbors.

# LIONS' BRUNCH

## ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

Join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month for breakfast extraordinaire!  
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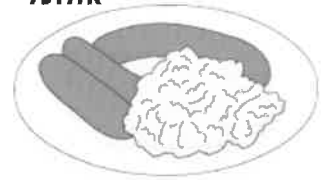
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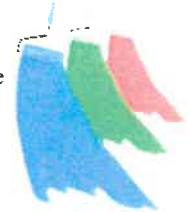
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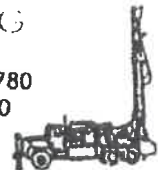
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