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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
1. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
2. Groundhog Day
4. I-500 Race Day
4. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
7. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
8. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
9. Lions Meeting 5:30pm
11. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
14. St Valentine's Day
14. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
15. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
15. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
18. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
19. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
19. QUACKER DEADLINE
20. President's Day
21. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
22. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
25. The Quacker is distributed
25. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
28. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm

If the spirit moves you to worship with us, please know you are always welcome. Our regular weekly Mass is every Saturday at 6:15 p.m. You need not be Catholic to worship with us. Praise the Lord with your friends and neighbors on our beautiful Sugar Island.

In January, we welcomed a new pastor at Sacred Heart - Father Al Mott. Fr. Al is no stranger to Sacred Heart as he served our parish in 2005-2007. Welcome back, Father Al!

In case of inclement weather, please check the "I Love Me Some Sugar Island" Facebook page for church service cancellation or feel free to call Mary Ann at 906-635-1898 to check.

Peace of Christ be with each and every soul on Sugar Island!

Amen, you betcha!

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LIONS DEN

As we approach February, we sadly realize that winter is rapidly slipping away from us. After February we only have March and most of April to enjoy the winter we so look forward to, and maybe a little bit of May. For example, getting up on a cold blustery morning to go to a Lions breakfast will soon be a thing of the past. Perhaps I shouldn't write this article after I have had a few drinks, but it is the only way I can get through this time of the year.

Thankfully many of you did get up on a January morning to enjoy our breakfast with us. Certainly, worth the effort and your support of Lions projects is greatly appreciated. Also appreciated by our three winners in our monthly raffle was the \$50 they received. Winners were Scott Bell, Bonnie Swadling and Andrea Sillas. Our 50-50 winner was Travis McKerchie who graciously donated his winning back to be used for future projects.

We have two Lions having a birthday this month. Everyone's favorite Valentine, Connie Smithling celebrates her birthday on the 14th. Make sure to wish her the best. Later in the month Jim Handziak will have another anniversary of what seems like an endless treadmill of birthdays stretching into a bleak future. Well, time for another drink.

Lion Jim Handziak



FIRE PLUGS

What is there to do in February? If you are a fire fighter it is a good time to cut a hole in the ice or walk to the edge of the ice sheet and jump in. It is a great time to practice ice rescue training. While we practice several times every year. Every three years we have a trainer in and get certified. And this is that year. Some of our people will be going through the training for the first time and other agencies also send their people to be trained or re-certified. We will be having the training over two days on the 11th and 12th so let's hope for some cooler weather.

Work is beginning on our new rescue trailer donated by the Kreig's. As Confucius said "well begun is half done" or maybe it was Mary Poppins. In any case our plans are to have the trailer used not only for transporting equipment but also to serve as a base when conducting rescues and searches. Should be up and operating this summer.

With Valentine's Day coming up, the search is on for that perfect gift. What better way to say you care than to get a new fire extinguisher. It is best not to be too close to your Valentine when this gift is opened, but if it is ever needed you will look pretty good. Make sure the extinguisher is placed where it can be reached in case of fire.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire Department



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S I EMS News

February is here, shortest month of the year but most likely the coldest! When I am away from beautiful Sugar Island, I miss everything, except for January and February! Lol

We had 1 run so far in January. This is a good omen for being safe. Our snowstorms have only been 2 but they were really something! Many inches of snow and lots of ice....

Sugar Island EMS and Fire Department will be having ice rescue training. This is one event that everyone enjoys. Who wouldn't want to take a nice cold swim in the water that surrounds us. I for one do like to watch the event but going in the water is not my cup of tea. Brrrrrrrr.... The suits the crew wears do keep them dry and warm. It is a great training that actually does get used at least once a winter and has even saved an island dog.

According to the medical reports the respiratory illnesses that have been all around us are on the decrease. Please continue to wash your hands, wear a mask and avoid large crowds.

January is a month without an event except wondering who will end up in the Super Bowl and if we will have enough snow and cold weather to hold the I 500. Just make sure to keep your steps clear and use caution on all the icy driveways and roads. I always remember a day in January a few years ago when I slipped on the ice and broke my ankle...oh not good for the next 12 weeks. So, to all be careful and don't slip up like I did!

Don't forget to send your name, address & phone number for the Sugar Island Phonebook to me at abeckham@lssu.edu or give me a call 906-440-1769. This will be published monthly in the Quacker. The phone directories are available at the Westshore Store, the Hilltop Bar and Grill and the Island Books & Crafts on Portage St. in the Soo for \$7.00.

Be safe & stay warm.

Adrienne Beckham S I EMS Co-Captain



Sugar Island Township News

As the falling snow becomes a daily occurrence, we know that frozen and slippery patches will be a recurring circumstance on our roads. Please be careful, mind your speed, and use your best judgement when passing or driving into curves. We also know that many of our roads don't have discernable lane markings, especially when snow/ice covered, so it is important that you provide enough space for oncoming traffic to move without leaving the road. It might cause a few more minutes of travel time but that extra measure of caution you exercise by slowing down can save your life and the life of others.

As you may know, the Township's fiscal year ends on March 31th which means we will be working on our budget in the upcoming months. If you and your friends are interested in changing millage rates, or spending priorities, please feel free to present those ideas at our regularly scheduled, monthly Township Board meetings.

The Annual Township State of the Township presentation along with the 2023-2024 Annual Budget Special Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm. On behalf of the Township Board, we hope everybody has a happy and safe winter season. Please take care of your families, friends, and neighbors.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor.

Ferry Schedule has changed Effective January 17-April 30, 2023

Sunday – Thursday

Only Once an hour 12:00am-4:00am

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