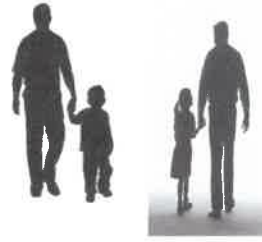




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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- May 31. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 3. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 4. Chili Cook-off Noon-2:00pm
- 4. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 7:00pm
- 7. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
- 8. Lions Meeting 5:30pm
- 10. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 11. Holy Angels Open House 2:00pm
- 11. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 7:00pm
- 13. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 14. Flag Day
- 14. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 14. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
- 16. Juneteenth
- 17. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 18. Father's Day
- 18. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
- 18. QUACKER DEADLINE
- 18. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 7:00pm
- 21. Summer Solstice
- 21. SIHPS Meeting Finn Hall 1:00pm
- 21. Barbara Goodheart Deadline
- 23. International Bridge Walk
- 24. The Quacker is distributed
- 24. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 25. Holy Angels Mass 3:00pm
- 25. Sweet Retreat Camp Fire 7:00pm
- 28. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 30. Soo Lock Engineer's Day 9:00am

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSESSOR:

Your Sugar Island Assessor will be conducting fieldwork during the coming summer and fall months. The State of Michigan would like Assessors to visit 20% of township parcels each year to make sure the property records are accurate. Many owners of property neglect to let the assessor know when they remove a building or when a building collapses under the weight of the snow. It makes a difference in your taxes for the following year. Your property record card is available for your inspection at your request. Just give me a call or an email.

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I am usually in the office at the township hall on Tuesday's from 10:00 until 1:00. If you need to meet with me at a different time, just let me know and we can set up a time. I am available in my home office 7 days a week at any time - just call.

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LIONS DEN

April showers brought out the May flowers and along with them came a lot of our neighbors who had gone South for the winter (I know of none who went North). Many of them were at our breakfast and it was fun lying about what a wonderfully mild winter we had.

The winners of our monthly raffle were Rick Roy, Tammy Foote and Cathy McCoy. Each received \$50 for their \$25 investment. Current tickets are good through August and our new tickets will be on sale in June.

Our breakfasts, raffles and other fundraisers allow us to make donations to various causes and also undertake projects. Two of these are now complete and you may have noticed them. A group of Lions removed a few rocks while digging holes to put up a new traffic safety sign by Whitehead Road. And having learned our lesson we assembled a new portable basketball goal for the Community Center that did not require any digging.

Writing this the day before the Lions meet to clean up the roadside from the ferry to the four corners. I am hoping that we will all be astonished at how little there was to pick up and how fast it went. We have noticed that the amount of litter has been decreasing. Shows how much we all appreciate our island home.

Finally, the Lions were asked if they would sponsor a farmer's market for the island. Going to give it a try so hopefully the next Quaker will be full of praise for what an outstanding event it was. Lots of interest.

Several Birthdays in June. Celebrating another orbit of the earth are Kathy Terwilliger, Gail McArthur, Sue Davidson, Dave Gillians and Bob Johnson. Birthday greeting to you all.

Lion Jim Handziak



FIRE PLUGS

While we celebrate Christmas in July on the Island the Fire Department is celebrating Christmas in May due to an unexpected windfall of equipment. One of our Border Patrol Agents who lives on the island found out his agency had some excess anti exposure flotation suits and life jackets and with quick action our fire chief swooped in and obtained them for our ice/cold water rescue supplies. These are fairly expensive so it is a great savings. Another example of the Border Patrol helping out. They often will come to the scene of an accident and offer to help.

Also, during the month some of our fire fighters traveled for training to the Dafer Fire Department. In addition to bringing back the knowledge from the training they also brought back a cabinet to replace one that had fallen apart in our break room. We were told it was an anonymous donation but I wonder if we will be invited back.

After the success of last year's fish fry we are going to do it again. Keep August 18th open to enjoy a great meal and help out your fire department.

Another way to help out your fire department is to join up. Stop by and look us over. A tour of the department is impressive and you may just find yourself hooked.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire Department



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SI EMS News

June will soon be arriving but the weather does not indicate a warm Spring! There are several holidays this month, one of which is Father's Day on 6/18. The others are Flag Day on 6/14, made famous by Sheldon Cooper, and Juneteenth on 6/19.

I must apologize to the mothers on Sugar Island, as last month, I neglected to mention that Mother's Day was on 5/14. It is a very special day to all of the mothers and the ones that love them. It is a day that reminds me to put out the hummingbird feeder by this day or they will go hungry. I did just that but on the island several residents said they had hummingbirds at their feeder before that date. I have had several at my feeder too.

May has been relatively quiet for SI EMS with only 2 runs. We don't mind that since it says everyone is being careful. There is a new sign on the causeway that says "Drive like your kids live here!" We all believe this is true and plan following exactly that. June brings the annual ambulance inspection by the state. I am busy gathering all the information for this event. This year it will be in person instead of Zoom and I am glad!

The SI EMS crew will be having a fund raiser, a garage sale, August 4, 5 & maybe 6. If you have donations for the sale, furniture, household goods, and all sorts of odds and ends, contact Jim Handziak, 906-440-8401 or Adrienne Beckham, 906-440-1769. We can arrange for pick up or meet at the SI Fire Hall. Thank you in advance.

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 or give me a call 906-440-1769. I will add your information, name, phone number and address to the phonebook list. 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 St. in the Soo for \$7.00 each.

Blessings for a lovely June with all the beautiful birds that have returned to the island. The pictures on Facebook are lovely. My favorite quote for June is- "June is the gateway to summer" by Jean Hersey. Let's all enjoy the summer that's coming soon.

Adrienne Beckham SI EMS Co-Captain

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Please take an early Sunday morning drive to the beautiful southern tip of Sugar Island to join other islanders and visitors of all denominations in traditional worship that brings praise to God. The singing of traditional hymns is a favorite to many that attend, and our hymn book has this as a parting song:

Dear St. Luke's on the Trail

**There's a church on an island in the Northwoods,
No lovelier spot in the dale.
No place is so dear to the folks up here,
As our dear St. Luke's on the Trail.**

CHORUS:

***Oh, come to the church in the Northwoods,
Oh, come to the church on the trail.
No place is so dear to the folks up here,
As our dear St. Luke's on the Trail.***

**There, next to the church on the island,
Lie ones, dearly loved, now since gone.
They rest, sweetly rest, 'neath the tall, old trees
In peace, but their mem'ries live on.**

**The glow in this room comes from Christ's love
Brought in by the candles aglow.
We part now, taking it with us.
We'll share it wherever we go.**

It's echoing the second verse of the song that we will gather again as a church family, but with the knowledge that some are no longer joining us here on the island:

Don Neuroth, who with his wife Pam and family, spent wonderful times together at their place on Bradshaw Lane, passed on September 5, 2022. Don's love for the Lord was so very evident during our worship times together! A big guy with an even bigger heart~

Bill Henrion, who along with his wife Judi, spent long summers at their cabin on South Homestead Road, and had started coming to Sugar Island when he started dating Judi and fell in love with Sugar Island almost as much as he fell for her, went on to Glory on February 11, 2023. Bill & Judi were instrumental in so many areas of the goings-on at St. Luke's Community Church.

Jimmy Viewig, who also fell hard for Sugar Island when he tumbled head-over-heels for Bill & Judi's daughter, Laurel, passed unexpectedly just three days before on February 8, 2023. Jimmy loved this island and community, too, so much so that he proposed to Laurel on Gafney Island, just across from their cabin, in 2001.

Don, Bill, Judi & Jimmy - memories of these and so many others are so treasured and smiles come to our faces as we know someday we will praise together when gathered at that River, and around the throne of God.



Barbara Goodheart - St. Luke's Scholarship
Scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year will again be offered on behalf of the Barbara Goodheart ~ St. Luke's Community Church Scholarship Fund.

Current High School graduates and continuing students of all ages are encouraged to attend the opening service on May 28 where members of the Scholarship Committee will be available to explain guidelines and deadlines (June 21) and applications will be distributed. Please contact Mike Goodheart at mjgoodheart@gmail.com to add your name to the list of those interested and in obtaining an application on May 28.

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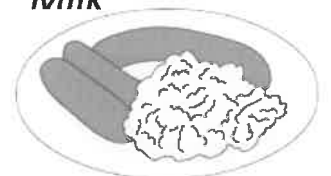
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Sugar Island Township News

Summer is here and many of our residents are looking forward to planting flowers and other yard work. The Township is working to assist in this effort. This support includes the opening of the South Transfer Station in mid-May. We will also be making open-top dumpsters available every weekend, starting June 3-4 and ending September 30-October 1, 2023. Two dumpsters will be available every weekend, subject to maintenance and transportation capabilities. Please do not dispose of prohibited items such as tires, fluids of any kind, organic yard refuse, building materials and hazardous materials. These dumpsters are not to be used by contractors nor do we want people bringing trash from the mainland. We will also look to continue our metal recycling program with an open top container available throughout the summer.

A special “shout out” goes to Mindy Fox from Northern Transitions Incorporated. We no longer are required to pay the ferry fare for taking the recycling trailer to the mainland. This change moves our recycling program closer to overall solvency. Please keep in mind that we pay for the solid waste compactors by weight. We pay for the open tops with a flat fee. With the recycling trailer, we pay each time we bring the materials collected in the recycling trailer to the mainland. Our metal, open top container, recycling program does provide us with some limited revenues to offset some of the expenses associated with the other recycling trailers costs.

“At the recycling center we take Glass, Tin/Aluminum, all Plastics, Shred, and Paper. All items MUST be clean. We do not take cardboard in the trailers, but there is a cardboard trailer at the transfer station for this reason. Cardboard is anything that is brown, like beer/pop boxes, tissue boxes, cereal box, brown paper bags, etc. “

Mindy Fox

Our road work program will be continuing this year with efforts to complete lifting, ditching, and resurfacing of Village Road. We expect this work to be completed this fall. If or when the Township has the resources and decides to pave Village Road, that effort will be delayed until 2024 or beyond. The guardrails were also reinstalled last month at the road across the stream crossing on Haypoint Road. Additionally, the debris and vegetation will be removed from the guardrails on North Eastshore Drive. And then finally, the Township approved the contracting of a company to treat 22 miles of gravel roads on the Island. The treatment is scheduled for a couple of weeks before Independence Day. This timing might be delayed a week or two if the ground is saturated.

On a related topic, the Township Board has voted to offer a renewal of three separate millage initiatives later this year. The three ballots cover the fire department, the ambulance department, and the road fund. All three millages serve to maintain programs at the current rates. The fire department millage is for two years. The ambulance department millage is also for two years. The road fund millage is for eight years.

And finally, the Township now has a vacancy on the Planning Commission and on the Zoning Board of Appeals due to the recent resignation of Kathy Cairns. We thank her for her years of service to Sugar Island. She will be missed. Candidates interested in filling these two vacancies must submit a letter of interest with their qualifications to the Township Clerk. We know there are lots of educated, diverse, experienced, and devoted Sugar Island voters capable of doing this work. Please help us.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor



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Sugar Island Youth Group

Spring is in the air, and the Sugar Island Youth Group is beyond excited to see our Playground Project coming to fruition. We would first like to thank everyone who has donated to funding our project. We could not have done it without the support of our amazing community, so thank you! It has been over a year in the making! A great big thank you also goes out to the Sugar Island Music Fest and our anonymous donor for each of their \$10,000 contributions, which has allowed us to move into our next phase. We are waiting for confirmation of our purchase of the new equipment and are excited to share photos and costs with you all later. We will be looking to create a sand base to put under the equipment. If any of our island residents would like to donate loads of sand, please let us know. Once we have the base in place and equipment delivered, we will be looking for volunteers to help assemble the large equipment (any engineers welcome). Once we have delivery confirmation, we will reach out to look for volunteers via "I Love Me Some S.I." Facebook page.

Our next "Craft Show" fundraising event will take place on Saturday, July 15th at the Community Center. The cost to participate is \$20 a table and will help fund our Halloween and Christmas parties. If you are interested in selling any crafts, food, etc., please reach out via our Facebook page or to any of our group members-Amber Horner, Stephanie Roy, Mindy Fox, Heather LaPointe, Amanda Gil, or Shana Works. There will be limited spots available, so get your table reserved today. The Youth Group will also be outside selling some gently used toys and clothes, all by cash donations. While you are there, don't forget to submit your favorite recipe for our 2nd Edition of the Sugar Island Cookbook. If you wish to memorialize a loved one, bring a photo of your loved ones, the recipe, and a write up for your own personal page-cost is \$50 for a memorial page.

Last on our agenda, an "Island Wide Road Cleanup Day!!" With Earth Day falling in our wet season, we wanted to wait until our ditches were drier. Saturday June 10th, get out of the house and get your road cleaned. The Youth Group will be working on our Adopted Road-South Brasser-starting around 9:00 a.m. Gather your families, friends, garbage bags, gloves and coffee and get out to beautify our island. We would love for you to share your photos on Facebook!!

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Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society

We want to begin by saying, welcome back to all our snowbirds and all the flowers in bloom. So far, the weather seems a tad cooler. Hopefully, that is helping to keep the “skeeters” down.

We will be busy getting this year’s projects going. Projects such as painting Brassar School, and getting the gazebo and bench placed on Memorial Day weekend. Please, feel free to join us and check things out.

Our raffle tickets are available to purchase, contact SIHPS members that live on the island George Snider, Kim Gravelle, Gayle Belleau, Julie Wilson, or Sharon Mustonen. This year’s prizes are (2) custom made Adirondack chairs and small table. Set is unfinished so winner can paint/stain their favorite color. Goodie Basket containing (1) 10 trip ferry ticket, gift certificate from Nevilles and Sugar Island goodies. A mirror cut out in shape of Sugar Island. Drawing will take place at our Wednesday, September 20th, meeting. Winner does not have to be present. Pictures are posted on “I Love Me Some Sugar Island” face book page.

Please, make sure to fly Old Glory on flag day, June 14th forever shall she wave!

We would like to wish all the dads a Happy Father’s Day, Sunday June 18th.

Our next scheduled meeting is 1pm, Wednesday June 21st, at Finn Hall.

Anita McKerchie, Secretary

If you love Sugar Island, come join us!

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August 8th @ 12pm

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Ferry Fueling

SUGAR ISLAND FERRY SCHEDULE



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3:00 a.m. 4:00 a.m.

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3:15 a.m. 4:15 a.m.

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority

Fueling Dates:
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WEDNESDAY June 14th

WEDNESDAY June 28th

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MARINE TRAFFIC/FERRY INFO

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Audio of Sault Control: USCG www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/9644/web

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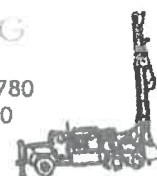
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HISTORIC HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

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.

2023 Open House Schedule

If you'd like to see the inside of our historic mission church, we invite you to stop during one of our open houses. There is no service, just a chance for anyone to come in and experience a little bit of our island history.

Open Houses are from 2 – 4 p.m.

June 11
July 9
August 13

Holy Angels Annual Bishop Baraga Memorial Mass

We are having the Holy Angels Bishop Baraga Memorial Mass on Sunday, June 25th, at 3 p.m.

After Mass, we will gather in the church yard for light refreshments. Everyone is invited to join us. For further information, please call Mary Ann at 906-635-1898.

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/>