

The QUACKER

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Flag Day!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
2. St Luke's Community Church 10 am
2. Sweet Retreat Service 6:00pm
5. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
8. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
9. St Luke's Community Church 10 am
9. Sweet Retreat Service 6:00pm
11. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
12. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
13. Lion Meeting 5:30pm
14. Flag Day
15. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
16. Father's Day
16. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
16. St Luke's Community Church 10 am
16. Sweet Retreat Service 6:00pm
19. Juneteenth
19. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
20. Summer Solstice
22. QUACKER DEADLINE
22. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
23. St Luke's Community Church 10 am
23. Sweet Retreat Service 6:00pm
26. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
29. The Quacker is distributed
29. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
30. St Luke's Community Church 10 am
30. Sweet Retreat Service 6:00pm



Happy Father's Day!

MARINE TRAFFIC/FERRY INFO

Active GPS locations of Boat Traffic including our Ferry at:

www.marinetraffic.com

Audio of Sault Control: USCG

www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/9644/web

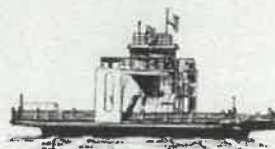
Ferry schedule information on the Sugar Island Ferry Facebook Page

The E.U.P.T.A. Ferry Hotline:

906-632-1516, Option #1

Ferry Fueling

SUGAR ISLAND FERRY SCHEDULE



Sugar Islander II

Ferry leaves Sugar Island on the hour and half-hour.

From 5:00 a.m. till 2:00 a.m.
3:00 a.m. 4:00 a.m.

Ferry leaves Sault Ste. Marie on the quarter-after and quarter-before the hour.

From 5:15 a.m. till 2:15 a.m.
3:15 a.m. 4:15 a.m.

Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority

Fueling Dates:
Last Island Ferry before fueling is at 9:30am

WEDNESDAY
June 12th

WEDNESDAY
June 26th

Fueling takes about an Hour

LIONS' BRUNCH

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

Join us the 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast extraordinaire!

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. * Sugar Island Community Center

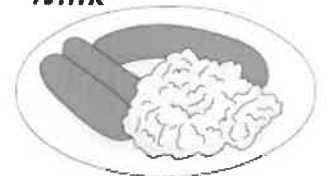
*Eggs * Sausage * Bacon * Hash Browns * American Fries
French Toast * Pancakes * Toast * Fruit * Juice * Coffee * Milk*

Adults: \$8.00

Children (5-12): \$3.00

COME HUNGRY, LEAVE FULL

ENJOY VISITING WITH FELLOW ISLANDERS!



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Local locations for printed copies:
Bayliss Library, Island Book and Craft,
Woody's 1 Stop, Hilltop Bar & Grill,
The Community Center, Sweet Retreat and
Westshore Convenience Store

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Monitor our FB page and/or website.



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Facebook Page: Bayliss Public Library



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Before 11:00am

Dine-In Senior Lunch Available

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

Menu for Month Available at

The Community Center

\$3.00 - 60 and Over

\$6.00 - Under 60



LIONS DEN

We had our first over one hundred served breakfast of the year during May which is a sign that summer had truly arrived. We always enjoy a busy day. Also enjoying themselves were the 3 winners of our monthly raffle drawing. Receiving \$50 each were Scott Bell, Tammy Foote and John Sherry. And just for showing up we gave Willis Franks \$42, well he did have to buy a 50-50 ticket but I still thought it was nice of us. For those who have been asking our tickets for next year's raffle should be available in July.

We had a great road cleanup held jointly with the Fire department. Looking at Facebook you see groups cleaning up stretches of road keeping our home looking great. If you or a group want to take over a stretch of road, we can probably find a place. Batting around some ideas about doing a cleanup day on the island like used to be done back in the days before bottle deposits.

The Farmer's market is back on Saturdays between 10-noon. Great turnout for our first one with a couple people getting some good plants for the garden. Remember there is no fee to set up but you will need your own table and maybe a sunshade. Bug spray is sometimes required.

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

Congratulations to Cole Biron for completing and passing his Fire Fighter training class. Make sure to thank him. He has been a welcome addition to our department.

But training never ends. In May we had a CPR class and practiced fire tactics. Since we often work with other departments, we also will be having joint training with the Dafter Department at the LSSU fire tower to practice search and rescue. Later this summer we will also be doing some joint water supply practice with other departments.

We are now working under new agreement with the Sault Fire Ambulance to provide primary coverage for medical calls on Sugar Island. Our ambulance will now operate in a supporting role and will be part of Sugar Island Fire Department. One of our main concerns is what to do if the ferry is unable to operate. We had to put our backup plan into action during recent ferry problems. We had no runs during this time but the various agencies were put on alert and ready to get a patient off the island if needed.

And since we have people of above average intelligence on the island there have been no calls for wild fires out of control. Have had several calls from people asking if burning is allowed. While I always enjoy talking to people if you can't reach us, you can call 1-866-922-2876 or www.michigan.gov/burnpermit for this information.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire

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Sugar Island Township News

Summer is here and so are our visitors. Unfortunately, that means more traffic and higher roadway speeds. As you may surmise, more traffic and higher speeds eventually lead to more accidents. Please slow down and reduce the risk of injury and property damage.

Along with an increased number of visitors, especially those with limited experience with fires, we also are likely to encounter more dangerous fires. Please be careful when burning; make sure the risk is reduced; water is readily available; and if one is required, that a permit has been acquired. This last winter was relatively mild which means we should expect drier conditions this summer and greater potential for large-scale fires.

Recently, some residents have posted "No Trespassing" signs near property lines reflecting a veiled attempt to scare or intimidate Township officials from investigating potential code violations. This attempt is generally misinformed as Township officials are legally permitted to investigate alleged code violations, regardless of postings. Please recognize that the Township Assessor, and Code Administrator cannot accurately and fairly perform their jobs without physically visiting properties for the purpose of investigating allegations. If we want our taxes to be fairly assessed, Township officials must be allowed to do their jobs.

And, as it relates to code compliance, please know that large sheds, steel shipping containers, and similar structures require permits. The structures commonly referred to as "Little Houses" are also generally prohibited on Sugar Island. Contact our Code Administrator before you put yourself in an unnecessary, legal quandary.

The Township has contracted with GFL to provide "open top" dumpsters for Island residents. These 30-yard containers should be used just for household debris. These containers should not be used for construction materials, hazardous materials, yard waste, tires, and similar items. These containers will be available for the first two weekends in June, July, August and September. Residents with a large quantity (more than a 5X8 trailer load) should bring their items early on those specific Saturday mornings to ensure there is ample room for your stuff.

The Township continues to work with the Chippewa County Road Commission to improve roads across the Island. At some point soon, we expect to enter into a cost-sharing agreement to pave Village Road next year and to widen and raise Townhall Road from Haypoint to 3 Mile. If things work as they should, Haypoint and Townhall could be the next to be paved.

Additionally, the Township is seeking to find a vendor to treat the County gravel roads on the Island before Independence Day. However, finding a vendor to do the work has been difficult. We will continue to look. If you know of somebody that might have the capacity to perform this work, please let us know.

And finally, as you may know, every Township Board position (Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and two Trustees) will be subject to election this November. The current Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer are running for re-election, while the two current Trustees are not. If you are eligible, please consider running for local office. The Township benefits when quality people serve in these positions.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor

COME ONE! COME ALL!



THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024

SWEETEST
IN THE
4TH
North
SUGAR ISLAND, MI



PATRIOTIC PARADE & ICE CREAM

PARADE LINE UP @ 6:15
PARADE STEP OFF @ 6:30
THE SUGAR ISLAND RESORT

PLEASE JOIN THE PARADE
OR LINE THE ROUTE TO WAVE & CATCH CANDY!
BIKES, CARS, TRACTORS, QUADS, WALKERS
... ALL ARE WELCOME!

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SI EMS News

My flowers in the front yard are blooming and we have purchased our summer garden plants. The weather has turned to fairly warm but we worry about the chance of frost! Today the sun is out and it is 60 and I will take this weather.

May is now on the way out and Sault Ste. Marie Fire-EMS is our primary EMS provider. We did have an emergency plan test run with the ferry shut down and unable to run that went as planned. So far in May there has only been one run with an ambulance coming to Sugar Island. We are not concerned as SSMFD is great with their Paramedics providing emergency care.

Sugar Island residents' main concern during the Ferry shut down was transporting the dancers across so they make the 2p show. I watched fathers taking the mothers and the dancers across in small fishing boats and in pontoon boats. It was fortunately a nice day without bad weather or wind and the show went on. Thank you to all that assisted. The videos were beautiful and with marvelous dancing and acrobatics.

I am going to repeat this posting about the Sugar Island Phonebook. As usual the monthly additions will be included in the Quacker for you to print off and put into your phonebook or just print into your phonebook like I do. There is no definite date for redoing the phonebook so far. But I would encourage all who are interested in having their phone numbers listed to email me or call me with your information. My email is: abeckham@lssu.edu or give me a call 906-440-1769. I do appreciate hearing from the SI residents even those without a change just to make sure their information is correct and included. To purchase the current SI phonebook, you can go to the SI Westshore Store and the Island Books & Crafts on Portage Street in the Soo for \$7.00 each.

I am also going to start having a table at the Farmer's Market on Saturdays 10a-12noon, with the phone books to purchase for \$7.00, emergency information refrigerator magnets for \$1.00 and a notebook to take down new phone numbers and addresses. Please stop by.

Thank you to the Sugar Island community who have supported the Sugar Island EMS. My thanks to all Sugar Island residents for being safe and enjoying May showers!

Adrienne Beckham SIEMS Co-Captain

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7am-3pm**

A Word From
St. Luke's Community Church



Summer has arrived and we are so excited to once again be serving the people of Sugar Island each Sunday morning at 10:00am. Our services are designed each week to provide a special time of worship and fellowship. We dress for services in our Sugar Island casual attire and you will find us shaking hands and smiling a lot (more than likely a hug or two as well). There will be the singing of worship hymns and songs, prayer, and a message of encouragement and inspiration.

The opening **Sunday, May 26**, will feature a thankful look at the faithful history of St. Luke's on the Trail and also praise and worship for another season of meeting together to praise our Lord! Brandon Rickard will bring the message and many members of the church family will lead in the songs & readings.

The following is a listing of those who will be providing the message in the upcoming weeks. Please consider joining us at **11240 South Homestead Road~**

June 02 Dave Ryskamp
June 09 Josh Zoerhof
June 16 Steve Gruber
June 23 Jeff Middlestead

2024 Graduates & others considering continuing their education are invited to apply for the Barbara Goodheart~St. Luke's Community Church Scholarship. Please contact Mike Goodheart at mjgoodheart@gmail.com for more information and an application.



All are Welcome to a
Non-denominational Service
by the Campfire with
Interactive Questions,
Testimonies and Prayer
Sunday evening 6:00pm
12427 S Homestead Road
Sault Ste Marie MI 49783
Bring your chair and
Come worship and study with us.



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.

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