

The QUACKER

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Independence Day!



Sugar Island Memorial Service Thursday, August 29 7:00pm

The Sugar Island Annual Memorial Service to honor our island residents who have passed during the last year will be held on Thursday, August 29 at 7:00pm. in the S I Community Center. This ceremony has been offered by the Sugar Island Lions Club since 1983 and it is a special service to remember each of our island neighbors that have passed and offer condolences to their family members. If you would like to attend the service and have your deceased loved one recognized, please call Denise Hillier at 248-736-0818 to ensure your loved one's name is on our list.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 3. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
- 4. Sweetest 4th in the North 6:15pm
- 6. Farmer's Market 10:00am-12n
- 6. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 7. St Luke's Community Church 10 am
- 7. Holy Angel Church Open House 2-4
- 7. Sweet Retreat Service 6:00pm
- 9. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 10. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 11. Lion Meeting 5:30pm
- 13. Farmer's Market 10:00am-12n
- 13. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 14. St Luke's Community Church 10 am
- 14. Sweet Retreat Service 6:00pm
- 17. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
- 20. Farmer's Market 10:00am-12n
- 20. Joyce McCoy Cook-out 1:00-4:00pm
- 20. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 21. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
- 21. St Luke's Community Church 10 am
- 21. Sweet Retreat Service 6:00pm
- 21. QUACKER DEADLINE
- 24. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 27. The Quacker is distributed
- 27. Farmer's Market 10:00am-12n
- 27. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 28. St Luke's Community Church 10 am
- 28. Holy Angels Church Mass 1:00pm
- 28. Sweet Retreat Service 6:00pm
- 31. Memorial for Julie Wilson 1-3:00pm

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
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LIONS DEN

We had a tremendous breakfast in June with well over 100 guests. For the 1st time we actually ran out of plates and had to use paper plates for a while. Great to see everyone out enjoying themselves. Really enjoying themselves were winners of \$50 each Tom Bell, Brittany Zoppa and Pam Gillis in our monthly raffle.

For the 1st time the Farmers Market had to move into the fire hall due to rain. There was plenty of room and after we took a fan off the truck to blow the bugs awhile very comfortable. Remember it is on Saturday from 10-Noon.

Our next meeting will be held at the Handziak Cabin on Lake George. We will meet at 5:30. If you don't know where the cabin is, follow Bailey Road. If you don't know where Bailey Road is, follow Townhall Road to Bailey Road. If you don't know where Townhall Road is we probably won't see you.

Talking about seasons progressing we have four members who have seen a few seasons. Celebrating another birthday is Ron Bertram, Tom Brunet, Pat Kirn and Bob Flemel. Be sure to extend birthday greetings when you see them.

Lion Jim Handziak



FIRE PLUGS

You may have noticed a new face around the fire station in the last few weeks. We have an intern this summer, Jason Cossette, who is finishing up his degree from Lake State. He has been updating some inventories, doing some station and truck maintenance and reviewing places where we can get water. Basically, things we don't like to do. He is also getting very good at rolling hose. Be sure to say hello if you see him around.

We need to thank the Sault Tribe for another donation. We received \$10,000 in 2% funding which will be used to purchase new helmets and boots and other turnout gear.

But not just wanting to sit back and ask for donations we will be having our annual fish fry on August 17th. The money raised will be used to complete our rescue trailer along with the other donations we have received. Hope to have this project done by fall.

Recently one of our crew posted a question that asked if a fire truck could get down your driveway. Might be a good time to see if you have to clear any limbs that have encroached on your drive. If you have any questions, we would be glad to stop by and look for any problems we may have.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire

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!



You've Got Mail!

Get the Quacker via email!! So, no matter where life takes you away from Sugar Island, you can have The Quacker delivered to you via email. It will come to you as a .pdf document. Send your name and email address to us at siquacker@gmail.com

So you don't have email . . . send self-addressed envelopes with 2 first class stamps to: 888 S Westshore, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783 and we will mail you a printed copy or Send us your address and a check payable to: The Quacker for \$15 to: 888 S Westshore, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783 and we'll do the rest. You can also find copies on Facebook page: I love me some Sugar Island!

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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Dine-In Senior Lunch Available

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The Community Center

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\$6.00 - Under 60



SI EMS News

The warm weather is on the way and today at the end of June it is lovely. My flowers and vegetables that we planted are doing well in spite of the cold temperatures we have had.

Our emergency services are finalized with Sault Ste. Marie Fire-EMS with the island first responders assisting when an emergency situation is going on. Working with an experienced professional paramedic crew is great and we appreciate them. Jim and I are working with the Fire Chief Josh, to make sure crew is trained with CPR and first aid skills. Hoping we won't need it but being prepared is always good!

I will be at the Saturday Farmers Market 10a-12n with the SI phonebooks, Life Saver Magnets and the File of Life for sale. I am also collecting the information for additions to the phonebook. This week I did have an islander stop by with information for the phonebook and to purchase a 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. Please stop by or contact me.

Thank you to the Sugar Island community who have supported the Sugar Island EMS. My thoughts to all Sugar Island residents for being safe and enjoying our lovely island.

Adrienne Beckham SIEMS Co-Captain

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A Word From
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Summer has arrived and we are so excited to once again be joining 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 Sundays this summer will feature island regulars & residents bringing the messages and accompanying the songs and leading us in praise and worship at St. Luke's on the Trail.

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 30 Doug VanBronkhorst

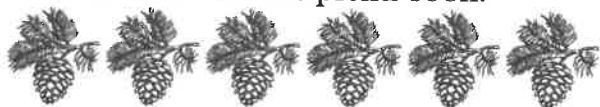
July 07 Steve Gruber

July 14 Dan Wagner

July 21 & 28 Dave Ryskamp

August 04 John Williams

We look forward to awarding the Barbara Goodheart - St. Luke's Scholarship soon and will announce the recipients soon!



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.

**SUGAR ISLAND
HISTORICAL PERSERVATION SOCIETY
4th Annual "JOYCE McCOY"- COOK-OUT**

Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Location: FINN HALL 6495 S. Homestead Rd

FOOD will be provided, by DONATIONS ONLY \$\$\$\$\$\$

**Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and dips, assorted salads, desserts
Bottled water, ice tea and assorted soda pop available.**

**There will be several baskets and items to be raffled off with the proceeds from the raffle
and cookout benefiting the S.I.H.P.S**

**Music will be provided by local Musicians.
Feel free to bring your guitar or instrument and join in.**

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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. To that point, the last two streetlights requested by the Board have been installed.

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 before they are put in place. As a reminder, property owners are responsible to ensure permits are properly acquired. 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 Haypointe to 3 Mile. If things work as they should, Haypointe and Townhall could be the next to be paved in 2026 or beyond. Paving is very expensive so it takes time to save enough money to pay these bills.

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 reelection, while the two current Trustees are not. If you are eligible, please consider running for local office. The Township benefits when talented people serve in these positions.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor

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 your tax bill. If you qualify, it should read 100% in the PRE box. For any questions concerning PRE, please contact Kathy Loup, Township Assessor at (906) 440-1159 or sugarislandassessor@gmail.com

Payment Types Accepted:

Check: Checks will be considered conditional payment only until after clearing the bank. Please mail early as it may take the US Postal Service 2 to 3 weeks to deliver your check. **Postmark is not considered as payment date.**

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Credit Card: Processed through AllPaid. Call (888) 604-7888 or online at www.GovPayNow.com (Pay Location Code: a001h7). AllPaid will charge a Convenience Fee for this service.

Cash: Must be hand delivered to Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Summer Tax Collection:

Office Hours:

Additional Hours:

July, Aug., Sep. 2024

Mon, Tues, Friday 9am-2pm

09/16/24 9am to 5pm

Wed, Thurs, Sat 9am-4pm

Summer Delinquent Tax Interest Rates:

9/17/24 thru 9/30/24 = 1% Thereafter, 1% will be charged for each month or any part of a month until taxes are paid in full. Property Tax Payment must be made at the Chippewa County Treasurer's office starting 03/01/25 at 319 Court Street, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783. Phone # (906) 635-6308 or www.chippewacountymi.gov/treasurer

Have You Moved?

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

Email: SITwpTreasurer@gmail.com

Phone: (906) 253-9353

Fax: (906) 635-9886

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

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Music in the Park



WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM

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Free Entry

June 26th – Soo Theatre Project

July 10th – Petoskey Steel Drum Band

July 17th – Blue Water Ramblers

July 24th – Dominic Fortuna

July 31st – Night of Native Music

August 7th – Pub Runners

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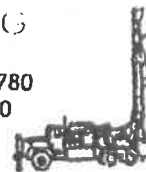

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