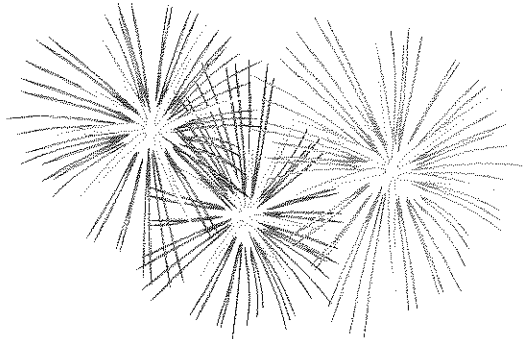


# The QUACKER

JANUARY 2023 ISSUE 476 FOUNDED BY THE SUGAR ISLAND LIONESS CLUB



## Happy New Year!

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 1. New Year's Day
- 3. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
- 4. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
- 7. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 10. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 12. Lions Meeting 5:30pm
- 14. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 14. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 15. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
- 16. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
- 18. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
- 21. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 22. QUACKER DEADLINE
- 28. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 28. The Quacker is distributed
- 28. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 31. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm



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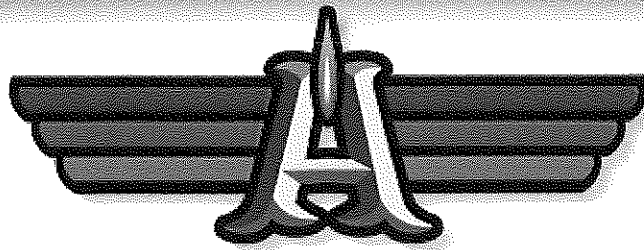
If the spirit moves you to worship with us anytime this New Year, please know you are always welcome. Our regular weekly Mass is every Saturday at 6:15 p.m. We hope to continue our weekly Masses throughout the entire winter, so please join us. You need not be Catholic to worship with us. Praise the Lord with your friends and neighbors on our beautiful Sugar Island.

*Peace of Christ be with each and every soul on Sugar Island this New Year!*

*Amen, you betcha!*

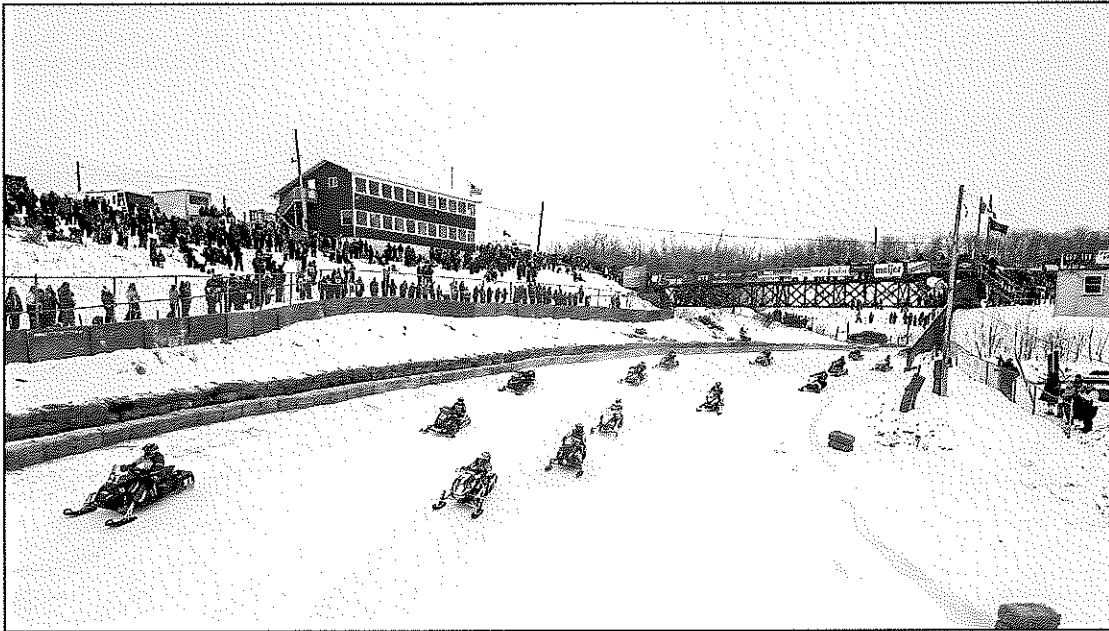
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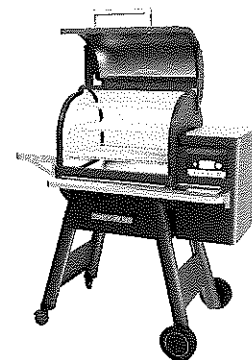
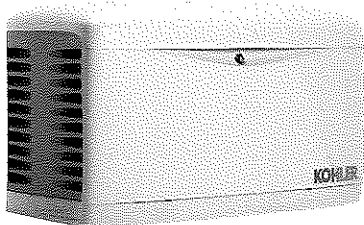
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# Sugar Island Youth Group

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. The day after Thanksgiving we participated in our first Christmas parade in the Sault. The kids decorated the float with lights, bulbs, garland, a Christmas tree. Then they were dressed up as presents and elves for a Santa's workshop theme. We also got to show off our new banner made by CB Design who is a former Island resident and highly recommended. It was a great time had by all and we look forward to next year. Thank you! Will Nolan for the use of the trailer, Julie Kinney for the decorations and updating to some of our older decor and the S I Township for the use of the garage.

In December, we also held a Kids' Craft Day. They decorated cookies for Santa, made unique Christmas ornaments, created beautiful canvas', and made cookie plates as a family. This was a lot of fun and I know all the kids had a great time participating in this event.

Santa made a successful delivery to the children that were signed up on December 17th, 2022 with a present, set of pajamas and a bag full of goodies. We want to say thank you to Josh Horner from the S I Fire department, S I Township, Bob LaPointe, Jaelyn Azevedo, Hannah LaPointe, Amber Horner, S I Youth Group Mom's, all the S I children and especially Santa himself. We would like to also thank all the donor's because without all of these people, Santa could not have pulled this off.

January and February 2023 bring some fun activities to attend. We were gifted some LSSU hockey tickets from Jeff Middlestead and will have a sign up going on after the first of the year. February, weather permitting, we are planning a skating day at a local pond. So, keep your eyes on the S I Youth Group page or the I love me some Sugar Island page on Facebook for updates on those.

The Youth Group would like to give a special WORLDWIDE thank you to Mr. Jimmy Handziak. Jimmy has helped us in more ways than we can count. He always supports us and is there to lend a hand or truck or whatever we may need. There really aren't enough words to say how grateful we are to have his support and the Island is lucky to have him all the way around, THANK YOU!!!

With all the winter activities under control we are amping up on the North end playground updates. If there are any Islanders that have experience writing grants, we would appreciate the help or guidance. Please contact any of the ladies on the Youth Group and thank you in advance. We also have a lot of cool ideas for the warmer months running around our mama brains, so get your craft ideas, garden gloves and baking skills prepped and ready.

A final Thank you for all the donors, helpers and support from the wonderful people in our slice of heaven.

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## LIONS DEN

December saw us gather together for our annual Lions Club Christmas Party. We met at the Hilltop for a great meal and enjoyable companionship. Great way to end one year and to start another.

This year seemed to go by in a hurry with many projects accomplished and some only started and some not even attempted. Plans are being made for next year's projects. One of which will be the continuation of our monthly breakfast. We had a nice turnout for our December breakfast with everyone in a good Christmas mood. Well not everyone but we have to feed the Scrooges too.

At breakfast Julie Wilson, Cindy Quigley and Dan Maleport each received \$50 from our monthly raffle. Our 50-50 winner was Julie Venious. Thanks to everyone who has supported us during the year.

Birthday greetings go out to Darrel Belleau and Holly Hutchinson our New Year's babies. Make sure you give them birthday greetings.

Lion Jim Handziak

Phonebook Update - December 2022

Carey, Mike & Tricia 260-350-8956  
7832 E Northshore Dr.



## FIRE PLUGS

First your Fire Department wants to wish everyone a Safe and Happy New Year. Second or secondly, let's us just go with also there will be a firefighter training class starting in January. This will be a combination of Zoom meetings at the Island Fire Station and hands on training at the Kinross Fire Station. This is a great opportunity to serve your community. Please contact Dave Pine a 440-8401 for more information. The class starts January 9<sup>th</sup> and the Fire Department provides transportation to the meetings in Kinross.

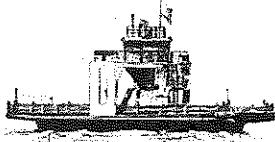
A safety reminder for the upcoming winter is to be careful if you have to park on the road especially at night. Find some way to mark your vehicle either with a safety cone or flag. There are also battery-operated LED flashers that you can use to mark your car when parking on the side of the road or a breakdown. Got these for my grandson as he apparently missed the driver's ed class about gas stations.

And if you or someone you know enjoys recreation that puts them on the ice a good safety device in addition to ice pics, is a throw bag. This is a bag with an attached rope which can be thrown to a victim in distress. We carry these with our ice rescue gear and they can be easily carried on a sled. The motto is "throw before you go" meaning: before you get too close to a person who has fallen through the ice throw or reach with something so there suddenly isn't two people in the water. These throw bags are easy to use. Plus, if you enjoy playing fetch and don't have a dog you can practice, since the throw bag is attached to the rope you can easily pull it back after you throw it out.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire Department

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

*WEDNESDAY  
January 11<sup>th</sup>*

*WEDNESDAY  
January 25<sup>th</sup>*

Fueling takes  
about an  
Hour

### ***Sugar Island Ferry Update: Effective Immediately: 12/16/2022***

**In an attempt to accommodate essential services and customers needing to move goods and materials for employment purposes, we will be trying to accommodate requests for moves. If a person needs to make a heavy load or trailer move, they may call the Sugar Islander II Ferry (906) 635-5421 for approval and to schedule the move by appointment. Moves will be scheduled on *Off-Peak* times as determined by the crew. Weather may be a limiting factor when considering approval for a move. This is not intended for recreational and non-essential moves. We will be reassessing the status the week of December 27, 2022.**

**Thank you for your understanding and adherence to these limitations.**

**This has been discussed with the USCG and maintains compliance with our restrictions during this time.**

**ALL MOVES ARE AT THE RISK OF THE OWNER/OPERATOR. NO DAMAGE CLAIMS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY EUPTA FOR MOVES INVOLVING BACKING UP AND ON OR OFF THE FERRY BOAT. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The Sugar Islander Ferry will be taken out of service for repairs in the very near future, and the DIII will be put in service for the duration of time it takes to repair the Sugar Islander.

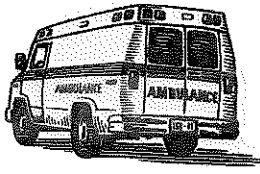
## **MARINE TRAFFIC/FERRY INFO**

Active GPS locations of Boat Traffic  
including our Ferry at:  
[www.marinetraffic.com](http://www.marinetraffic.com)

Audio of Sault Control: USCG  
[www.broadcastify.com/listen/feed/9644/web](http://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



# SI EMS News

Welcome to 2023! Looking forward to a joyous New Year, good health and good weather. Well maybe the joyous will occur and hope the other 2 follow!

We had 7 runs in November & so far, 2 runs in December. The yearly runs are at 52. Drive safely and according to the weather. Just because you have 4 wheel or all wheel drive you still need to be cautious when stopping or turning on slippery roads and hills.

Sugar Island EMS-Fire had their Christmas Party with a great turn out. The dinner was delicious, thank you to all who brought their favorite dish to pass. And the games were fun. We had a White Elephant gift for exchanging and stealing. The variety of gifts was amazing and, in some cases, surprising.....LOL! We had another game of our favorite Heads & Tails and a happy \$10 winner thanks to Jimmy. He is always a barrel of laughs!

As we go into the cold snowy season we all need to remember to identify our homes with an address sign fully visible from the road. And we need to keep our walks and stairs clear of snow and ice in case of an emergency. If there are persons with disabilities or difficulty using stairs, a ramp can be built and or rented for the winter. This will give good access if an emergency crew needs to come in the home. Most of us are here for the winter to enjoy the activities available, skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing and watching the snow fall and then remove it so we can move freely about and enjoy our lovely island. Let's take good care of each other and have a wonderful New Year and winter season.

All of Michigan, including the township is having a surge of upper respiratory illnesses. Not all are Covid so you may not know which variety you have. Mask wearing should still occur in crowds or even small gatherings. Having the Covid vaccination series and the Influenza vaccine is important but so are the same old precautions....washing hands, cover your mouth if coughing or sneezing and wear your mask.

There are always goodbyes to be said on S I EMS. Our crew, who are LSSU students, graduate and go on to new life experiences. One crew member who has done this is Jocelyn Gross EMTB. She has been on our crew for several years and now has graduated from LSSU nursing program, joined the US Navy Nurse Corps and is moving to Florida for her entrance into the service. We wish her luck for her future and it has already started off good with her Florida assignment for the winter!

Don't forget to send your name, address & phone number 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 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.

Happy New Year & Stay Safe & Warm

Adrienne Beckham S I EMS Co-Captain

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Join us the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month for breakfast extraordinaire!  
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. \* Sugar Island Community Center

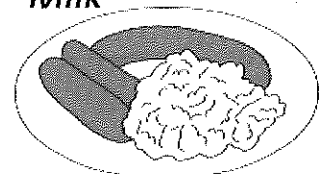
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**ENJOY VISITING WITH FELLOW ISLANDERS!**







## 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.

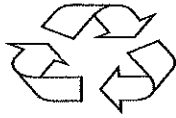
On other news, the Township is experiencing an increasing number of zoning compliance violations. The development and maintenance of the zoning code's language is the responsibility of the Zoning Board, which is generally independent of the Township's Board of Trustees. The codes are posted on the Township's website ([sugarislandtownship.org/services/services-5/](http://sugarislandtownship.org/services/services-5/)). When these codes are violated, and an apparent violation is reported, the Township's code administrator has an obligation to investigate and then site the appropriate property owners, which comes with a \$60 fee for the permit application and a \$500 penalty fee. If a property owner wishes to appeal a compliance decision, they can request the opportunity to address the Zoning Board of Appeals. Those requests should be in writing and addressed to "Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals" and dropped off at the Sugar Island Township Community Center.

So, to avoid problems, Sugar Island property owners should submit zoning compliance applications well before they modify, or add to an existing porch or structure; add to or modify any existing structure; add any new structure, or otherwise add value to their property. Questions regarding zoning compliance should be directed to our zoning code compliance administrator (Burt Menard) at 1-906-635-5105. Please be aware that nothing in these two paragraphs replace or otherwise supersedes specific language in the approved Zoning Code.

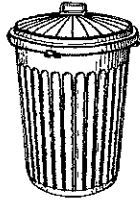
As you may know, the Township's fiscal year ends on March 31<sup>th</sup> which means we will be working on our budget in the upcoming months. If you and your friends are interested in changing millage rates, or spending priorities, please feel free to present those ideas at our regularly scheduled,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

On behalf of the Township Board, we hope everybody has a happy and safe holiday season. Please take care of your families, friends, and neighbors.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor.



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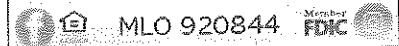
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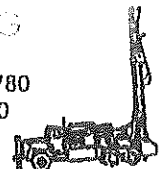
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