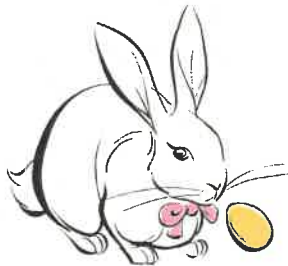


The QUACKER

MARCH 2024 ISSUE 490 FOUNDED BY THE SUGAR ISLAND LIONESS CLUB



Happy St. Parick's Day



Happy Easter!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1. Constitution Alive
2. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
5. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm
6. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
6. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
9. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
10. Daylight Savings Time Spring Forward
12. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
14. Lion Meeting 5:30pm
16. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
17. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
17. St Patrick's Day
19. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm
20. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
20. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
23. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
24. QUACKER DEADLINE
26. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm
30. The Quacker is distributed
30. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
31. Easter Sunday



FIRE PLUGS

After 18 years as our fire chief Dave Pine has stepped down. During his tenure Chief Pine made great advances in training and equipment. Even though he will no longer be Chief, Dave will remain with the department. We want to thank Dave for his service and also thank his family for the sacrifices they made.

Josh Horner has been selected as our new chief. Josh has been a member of the department for 5 years. He has great plans to continue and improve our department. We all look forward to working with Josh and have promised to do our best, he said he expects more than that.

Even though we have had a mild winter your wood stove still needs attention. Perhaps even more as smaller fire can lead to more creosote buildup. The fire department has chimney cleaning equipment to loan. Contact any fire fighter to make arrangements.

You may have seen Sugar Island fire equipment at the I-500. We were asked to stand by in case of an emergency. Sault Fire had many commitments that day and we were glad to be able to help them out for a change.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire

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LIONS DEN

The month of March is upon us and it seems that winter has just begun. Hooray for global warming. Also let's give a cheer for the winners of February's raffle. Each receiving \$50 are Fred Handziak, Bernadine Postlewaite and Tam Velderman. Our 50/50 winner was Mark Pancheri. Mark can't kick on that or at least shouldn't as he just got a new knee. Congratulations to all.

We saw that the new basketball goal was receiving a workout the other day. We have a lot of 'up and coming' players on the island. Unfortunately, we had to put it away for snow plowing but that is the UP. The goal was bought with a donation from the Grovesteen family in memory of Doug. Maybe we can get a picture of Sharon dunking the ball, it is adjustable.

Lions plan to sponsor the farmer's market again this year. Some vendors think around Memorial day. We are flexible so let us know what your thoughts are. When I say flexible it means time wise, not so much on the physical side.

Birthday greeting go out this month to Pam Gillis, Barb Harrington and Patricia Newhouse. All of which are proof that you don't need to be old to be a Lion.

Lion Jim Handziak

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A Word from St. Luke's Community Church

The daylight hours are getting longer each day, and the sun is giving us warmer days. Each year as the month of March arrives, we can begin to see the promise of a renewed earth. The maple trees produce their annual sweet sap that can be used to create the best pancake syrup known to man. Under the remaining snow we know there will be in order of arrival a colorful display of spring flowers. We know that there is a creative plan at work that will provide the even more glorious season of summer. We see in God's word a Springtime promise. "He has made all things beautiful in its time," Ecclesiastes 3:11.

So, it is with St. Luke's Community Church. Plans are being made for the summer services that will provide the people of Sugar Island with the opportunity to enjoy special times of worship and fellowship. Plans that will include a variety of worship music, encouraging Scripture readings, challenging sermons, and comforting prayers. If you have not visited St. Luke's during previous summers, we ask that you consider doing so this summer. The church is located on the south end of Sugar Island and services begin at 10:00am each summer Sunday morning. Following the service, we have a time of fellowship over coffee and sweet treats.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope," Romans 15:13



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Sugar Island Township News

As we move through the winter season, snow and ice continue to cover our roads thereby making driving more difficult and potentially dangerous. These conditions place an additional burden on drivers to be more careful than normal. Please take the time to be cautious.

As we have mentioned many times, townships across Michigan are having difficulty recruiting and retaining volunteers. Unfortunately, Sugar Island is no exception. This current situation places an unusual burden on the existing volunteers, the employees, and the elected board members. We are eternally grateful that we have residents willing to volunteer. If you have the time and energy to volunteer, please speak to one of our Township Board members.

Additionally, the Township Board (all five members) will be up for election this year. Three of us are running for re-election (Supervisor, Clerk & Treasurer) and two are not (Trustees Repa and Noble). If you are interested in running for any of these positions, you are encouraged to pick up a packet from the County Clerk at 319 Court Street. The completed packet must be turned in to the Township Clerk by 4:00pm on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Last month's Quacker described a need for additional volunteers to serve as board members on two of our statutory boards, namely the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Planning Commission must have five members and must meet at least four times a year. The Zoning Board of Appeals must have at least three members, with up to two alternates, and meetings are called only when required. Members of both boards are compensated for meeting attendance and training, if pre-approved by the Township's elected board. We know that people are busy, but we can't support our community properly unless we have dedicated and trained volunteers to fill these positions.

During the February 2024 Board meeting the Township selected Josh Horner as our new Fire Chief. We congratulate him and look forward to working with him as he transitions to this new responsibility.

And finally, from time to time the Township is not able to function as it should. We keep our payroll minimal so we can afford to support the Township with some measure of fiduciary responsibility. This ultimately means that we get caught short of help sometimes. We are especially thankful that residents are willing to step up and assume the responsibility to move snow, spread salt/sand, and similar activities around the Community Center/Transfer Station/Fire Barn when necessary. Thank you.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor

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
March 6th*

*WEDNESDAY
March 20th*

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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 Schedule has changed

Effective January 17-April 30, 2024

Sunday – Thursday

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

Only Once an hour 12:15am-4:15am

Friday-Saturday

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SI EMS News

I always think of this month as the “March toward Spring” and it really is an awakening of the world from cold and closed to a warmer sun, longer days and the growth of flowers, grass and new beginnings. I am looking forward to being able to go for my daily walk on Westshore and see the beautiful signs of Spring. March also has 2 holidays that I enjoy, March 16-St. Urho’s, wearing purple and March 17-St. Patrick’s, wearing green unless you want to be pinched! Both fun to enjoy holidays. We also enjoy Spring ahead and set the clocks 1 hour ahead on March 10. If you look up all the holidays in March you will find a wide variety for everyone to enjoy.

February so far has had a total of 3 runs, number 8 for the 2024 year. Fortunately, residents are careful driving and walking without related injuries. Our roads are snow and ice covered now which makes them slick even with 4W drive so take it easy and slow down. I love the new sign that the Lions club has put up “Slow down and drive like your kids live here!” Good advice for all of us and fits for our wonderful caring and giving community.

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 to make sure all are included. 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. For the current phonebook you can go to the SI Westshore Store, the Hilltop Bar and Grill and the Island Books & Crafts on Portage Street in the Soo for \$7.00 each.

Be safe and enjoy the beginnings of Spring!

Adrienne Beckham SIEMS Co-Captain

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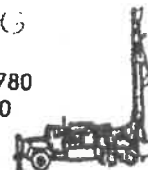
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