

# The QUACKER

OCTOBER 2024 ISSUE 497 FOUNDED BY THE SUGAR ISLAND LIONESS CLUB



## Happy Halloween! COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm
2. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
2. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
5. Farmer's Market 10:00am-Noon
5. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 8-14. Fire Prevention Week
8. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
10. Lions Meeting 5:30pm
12. Farmer's Market 10:00am-Noon
12. Lions Chili Cook-off 2:00-4:00pm
12. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
14. Columbus Day
15. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm
16. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
16. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
19. Farmer's Market 10:00am-Noon
19. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
20. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
20. Deadline for Veterans Past & Present
20. QUACKER DEADLINE
26. The Quacker is distributed
26. Farmer's Market 10:00am-Noon
26. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
30. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
31. Halloween

Effective **October 1, 2024** the following price changes will take effect for the **Ferry Commuter 20-Round Trip Tickets:**

Car/Pickup/UTV = \$105.00

Senior Car/Pickup/UTV (65+) = \$80.00

Truck Single Axle/Trailer 15'-25' = \$320.00

Truck Tandem Axle/Trailer 25'+/Concrete

Truck = \$550.00

*Tickets purchased before the price change, will be honored until their expiration date.*

## 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  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY  
August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY  
August 30<sup>th</sup>**

Fueling takes about an Hour

## 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)

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## LIONS DEN

We had the first drawing of our new raffle tickets at our September Breakfast. Each one of our winners quickly recovered their \$25 investment by winning \$50. Winners were Cynthia Quigley, Jackie Killips and Gary Blair. 50/50 winner was Leisa Mansfield. Remember past results are no guarantee of future results, but then again, your name does go back in for next month.

The rest of the new picnic tables for the township park have arrived. We have started some fund raising to offset the costs and already have received requests to sponsor a table. The original handicapped accessible tables are already spoken for but for \$600 you can sponsor a table in memory of someone or by your organization. We also raised funds from a raffle of one of the Sugar Island Flags on the Island Cruise.

We also will be using the proceeds of our Chili Cook off on October 12<sup>th</sup> towards the cost of the tables. This year we are going to waive the entry fee. Contestants will provide 1 gallon of their favorite recipe. For a \$5 fee judges, that's you, will have a taste of all entries, a hot dog with toppings of your choice and soft drink. The time will be from 2-4pm. Nice way to spend a Saturday afternoon while touring the island.

And remember it is time for fall road cleanup. Remember what you pick up now won't need to be picked up in the spring.

And the farmers market continues. Plans are to go thru October. If you have extra produce or crafts or whatever bring them up from 10am until Noon on Saturdays.

Busy month for Lions Birthdays. We may be forced to ration birthday hugs. I for one will forgo hugging president Doug Davidson. Adriene Becham, Jodi Pifer, Luanne Rutt and Amy Shisler are fair game. Birthday greetings to all. Be sure to wish them the best.

Lion Jim Handziak



## FIRE PLUGS

Apparently, we will be having a fall and winter this year so our heating systems will be getting turned on. Just a reminder that the fire department has chimney cleaning equipment to loan out. You also may want to have your heating system serviced. Check that over the summer items have not been moved to close to the stove or vents.

Last month we had our successful Fish Fry Fund Raiser. But we also look for other ways to stretch your tax dollars. We received a 2% grant from the Sault Tribe for new light weight boots and helmets. This is important as many of our fire fighters are neither new nor light weight. We also were able to obtain a grant from Precision Edge for Stop the Bleed Kits for each of our trucks. Also, in September we participated in great program put on by the Belfor Fire Restoration company. Each year they gather new and used fire equipment and distribute it to fire departments. This year the distribution site was Dafter Fire Department. It is a great chance for us to pick up items we need or even did not know we needed at no cost.

And we continue to receive generous donations from many families and individuals who value our work. As the crew will attest, much of our work goes on behind the scenes and having taxpayer and donation support makes it much easier.

In September we provided Mutual Aid at a fire in Soo Township. While there our Chief noticed many female fire fighters (he notices things like that) We currently have only one female on our team but would welcome more. Come to a training and see what is involved.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire Department

# LIONS' BRUNCH

## ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

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

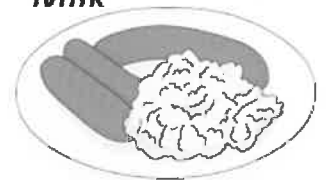
*Eggs \* Sausage \* Bacon \* Hash Browns \* American Fries  
French Toast \* Pancakes \* Toast \* Fruit \* Juice \* Coffee \* Milk*

**Adults: \$8.00**

**Children (5-12): \$3.00**

**COME HUNGRY, LEAVE FULL**

**ENJOY VISITING WITH FELLOW ISLANDERS!**



### *You've Got Mail!*

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## Sugar Island Township News

Our children and grandchildren are back in school, and our favorite yellow buses are now commonplace. Please be careful when driving around them as excited children do not always follow the rules when getting on and off these school busses.

The Township voted a couple of months ago to allow the Community Action Agency to extend their senior meal service to four days a week using the Community Center's kitchen. If you are eligible and aren't taking advantage of that service, you should consider doing so. Meals are served at lunchtime, Mondays through Thursday at the Community Center.

The Township continues to work with the Chippewa County Road Commission (CCRC) to improve roads across the Island to include paving/grading, filling potholes, and replacing culverts. The CCRC will be working on culverts and patching asphalt cuts in the paved roads in the next month. We are fortunate to have the support of the CCRC in replacing these smaller and deteriorating culverts.

I've been asked to address what appears to be an increasing frequency of negative behaviors that involve the Township's North Transfer Station. In recent months we've experienced the theft of tools, a wheelbarrow, and other items. In the most recent case, the item taken was the property of the transfer station employee. In the most recent situation, he brought a grinder to the transfer station to cut metal items to fit more effectively in the metal recycling container. While some might suggest that he should have secured the grinder to avoid the theft, we shouldn't need to worry about that inside the facility.

Please keep in mind that the Township receives a check for fifty percent of the metal recycled. This metal recycling program does not provide a great deal of funding, but it doesn't cost us anything. Actually, the funding we receive from the metal recycling program offsets the costs for the Township's other recycling efforts.

As a reminder, an election will take place on November 5, 2024. Eligible voters are encouraged to make the necessary effort to be informed and to exercise your voting privilege in advance of the election or on Election Day, whichever is most convenient. In addition to the federal and state offices up for election, every member of the elected Township Board is also on the ballot.

And finally, the Township recently received a letter from the State Treasurer notifying us that we have received a Qualifying Statement. This document signifies that the State Treasurer has reviewed our most recent audit and has determined that Sugar Island Township's business practices are in keeping with compliance standards, as determined by the State. This signifies that our demonstration of fiduciary responsibility places us in a position to borrow funds from the State, should we need to do so. This status reflects considerable effort on the part of the Township Board, especially the Clerk (Brittany Behm) and the Treasurer. (Jaci Brown). Congratulations Ladies!

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor



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# St. Luke's Community Church



The congregation of St. Luke's Community Church~St. Luke's on the Trail at the beautiful southern tip of Sugar Island concluded the season for 2024 on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our final service for 2024 found us giving thanks for all the Lord has done in our lives, and asking Him to bless us and bring us all back together again on Sunday, May 25, 2025 for another season. We then gathered for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, complete with turkey and all the trimmings, to commemorate another season of worship and fellowship as a family.

We wish a very Happy 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Eileen Vincent, who celebrated with her daughter, Holly in Freeland, Michigan on September 22, and we look forward to wishing Dale Yntema a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on October 4.

(The entire island is invited to his party hosted by his kids on October 5, but it is downstate in Hamilton, Michigan.)

St. Luke's Community Church operates as a seasonal congregation, but our love and caring for each other continues on throughout the year and the words by John Fawcett ring true once again:

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

*When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

## HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

On August 10<sup>th</sup> members of the Sunrise Rotary from the Soo and residents from the island gathered together to clean up the Cemetery behind the Holy Angels Church.

The Rotary does community projects as part of their groups program. Thanks to everyone who helped out. Special thanks to the Menard girls who sent their husbands to clear some large trees on the trail and then come back with a mower, for better or worse takes on a new meaning, right guys.

While we have no more plans for open houses this year, if you have visitors who would like to see the church contact me at 906-440-8401 to see if arrangements can be made

Jim Handziak



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.



# SI EMS News

Cooler fall weather is upon us. Even with a warm day you can tell there is a hint of a cool breeze. We can't miss the changing of the leaves. October brings Halloween and trick or treating and the exodus to other places with warm weather. Don't worry we will keep the beautiful Sugar Island safe and above water while you are away!

I am continuing to collect the information for additions to the phonebook. No definite date for redoing the phonebook is planned 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](mailto: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.

Our partnership with Sault Ste. Marie Fire Department will be ongoing and it is beneficial to our island residents and firefighters. The SSMFD Fire Chief Ed Miller loves coming to the island and if requested would speak about the services they bring to us.

To all who are snowbirds, safe travels south and west and the same to islanders who stay put. My hope is that the inevitable snow will hold off and we will have a beautiful fall with warmer weather and gold and orange leaves to brighten our travels on the island. To us it means one more trip in our side by side to view these changes.

Adrienne Beckham SIEMS Co-Captain

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## TRANSFER STATIONS

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## Sugar Island Historical Preservation Society

Summer has ended and autumn makes its appearance with cooler weather and beautiful, brilliant color of the leaves. With seasons change we begin to prepare to “button up” some of our projects. We are hoping that weather doesn’t get too cool in order to paint ceiling and walls and put sealer on cedar wainscoting in Brassar School. If time and weather conditions allow flooring will may get put down this year also. With each project getting completed with Brassar School your *Sugar Island Historical Museum* is getting closer!

As mentioned in previous (September) Quacker we would again like to say *Thank You*, for your unending support in helping to make our yearly activities such a success. It is because of your caring and generosity that every dollar made/donated we are able to continue on with our projects.

Congratulations to the raffle ticket winners drawn at our Wednesday, September 18th meeting:  
First place: Sugar Island Goodie Basket – Adam Raffeale (apologies if misspelled)  
Second place: Small Homemade Quilt Throw with Pillows – Maureen Sue Pavlat  
Third place: Laser Cut Sugar Island Sign – Carol Gillain  
We would like to give a huge shout out to those that donated raffle ticket items...thank you!

A safe and Happy Halloween to all the trick or treaters hoping to get those pillow cases filled!

Our next scheduled meeting is 1pm, Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at SICC. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Anita McKerchie, Secretary

*If you love Sugar Island, come join us!*



We will again be honoring all our Sugar Island Veterans, past and present, in our November issue. We would like to gather all the names of any servicemen or servicewomen from Sugar Island, permanent or seasonal. So please help us gather those names by either calling Sue Davidson at 906-632-9739, or emailing [siquacker@gmail.com](mailto:siquacker@gmail.com). Please respond by **October 20th.** to be included in the November edition.

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