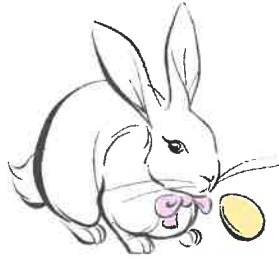




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All are invited to join us as we celebrate our Easter Mass on Sunday, April 9th at 8:45 a.m. Additional seating is available in our hall to allow for social distancing if you are more comfortable with that arrangement.

Enjoy a re-birth of spirit as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

Please join us this Easter.

With God, all things are possible.

-Matthew 19:26

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
4. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
5. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
5. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
9. Sacred Heart Service 8:45am
11. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
12. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
13. Lions Meeting 5:30pm
12. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
15. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
16. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
18. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
19. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
19. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
22. Earth Day
22. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
23. QUACKER DEADLINE
25. Sugar Island Bible Study 6:30pm
28. Arbor Day
29. The Quacker is distributed
29. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm

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Douglas Grovesteen

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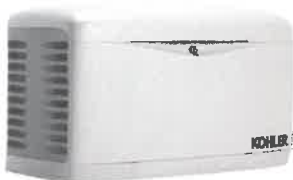
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Writing this on the first day of spring and looks like we are on our way to a mild and early spring. By the time you are reading this you could be wondering what is wrong with this guy? While we don't have space here to answer that question, we do know that we normally get to enjoy spring several times here on Sugar Island each year. Enjoying one of our first springs was the nice crowd we had at our March breakfast. Really enjoying themselves were our monthly raffle winners. Winning \$50 each were Karen Rich, Layla Zoppa and Mary Jo Gardner. Our favorite french toast maker, Nicole Brunet was the 50-50 winner.

And the April Fools jokes started early this year as someone hid our breakfast sign that is put up down by the ferry. After an exhaustive search, which consisted of us looking at each other and shrugging our shoulders, we decided to give up and just ask for its return.

Nothing to joke about is our members who are having birthdays in April whether they like it or not. John Sherry, Pat Russell and Jim Gort get to celebrate the anniversary of their birth. Make sure to give them a greeting as they love to get older.

Lion Jim Handziak



FIRE PLUGS

In March your fire department saw the light. Really. We saw several lights and saws among many tools that were purchased to improve our response capabilities. All of this equipment is battery operated. Before this we used gas powered generators for scene lighting and to run power tools and gas powered chain saws. The lighting will be much easier to set up and much more portable. And we hope to eliminate the problem that we have all had when the darn thing started up on the first pull yesterday but won't run today.

We had one mutual aid call in March helping out with several other fire departments for a fire on 6 Mile Road in Soo Township. We had one of our tankers and two fire fighters on the scene of a fire at an auto repair shop. Due to the cold weather equipment freezing up was an issue but the people quickly came up with methods to thaw them. The departments worked well together and will continue to train together.

And now might be a good time to burn that brush pile you had left over from last year. I predict the snow will leave quickly so remember you need a burning permit if there is no snow on the ground. You can call the DNR at 1 (866) 922-2876 to see if burning is allowed.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire Department

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Sugar Island Township News

As Spring approaches, please be careful as our larger furry friends find their way onto our roadways, across our yards, and into our garages and storage areas. These animals are hungry so please take that into consideration as you store food, seeds, and other edible items where they might have access. We also know that fog can make our roadways hazardous, so please slow down, especially when fog is present.

The Township recently voted to renew our summer solid waste program. This program includes the opening of the South Transfer Station in mid-May. We will also be making open-top dumpsters available in the June-September timeframe. More specifically, these open-top dumpsters will be available every weekend, starting June 3-4 and ending September 30-October 1, 2023. These dumpsters will be available, subject to maintenance and transportation capabilities. Please do not dispose of prohibited items such as tires, fluids, building materials and hazardous materials. We will also look to continue our metal recycling program, but our provider has not yet made a commitment to work with us, so timing and availability will be announced at another time.

The Township also voted to improve our safety efforts. We will be working with Cloverland Electric to add street lighting at critical road intersections across the Island. In the opinion of the author, street lighting is the most effective safety measure we can take to reduce roadway accidents. So, if you have a particular street location that is of particular concern to you, please send an email to sitwpsupervisor@gmail.com.

As we look forward to the summer, please take it upon yourself to manage your own roadway properties, including cleaning ditches, and cutting the grass along the shoulders. Doing our own part lessens the load on everybody else. The Chippewa County Road Commission (CCRC) did a great job clearing shoulders this summer/fall, and then again removing snow this fall/winter. Some are quick to complain but a little hesitant to recognize positives. The Township will be sending a letter of recognition this spring. Individual residents are encouraged to send their acknowledgements to the Superintendent at CCRC at kerickson@chippewacountyroads.org.

On a related subject, the Township has voted to engage a vendor to treat our gravel roads. We are aware of the chemical compound requirements and will ensure the treatment materials exceed State requirements. Subject to availability, we are seeking to get the roads treated in June. Please keep in mind that the treatment materials are very caustic, so when the time comes, it would be to your advantage to allow the treatment to dry before you drive on it.

And finally, a multi-million dollar, state grant has been written to bring broadband to Sugar Island and surrounding areas. If the application is successful, the next planning stage will begin. One of the next steps involves locating a 100 feet tall (minimum) tower near the south end of the island. The Township currently does not own a parcel big enough to locate one in that area so we may be looking to lease, barter, purchase, or otherwise acquire a 400' by 400' parcel of land. We are aware of some property owned by the University of Michigan so that may also be an option. If somebody owns an adequately-sized piece of property near the south end, and might be interested in contributing to the effort, please let me know (sitwpsupervisor@gmail.com).

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor

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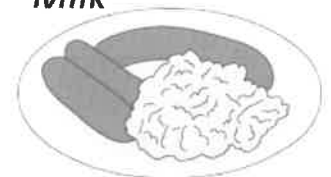
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SI EMS News

April & our beautiful spring is here! Yea..... March went out like a “Lion” & I’m glad it is gone. I love the new beginnings that start in April but have seen huge blizzards in this month too.

Runs for February were 4 and so far in March just 1. So thankful we have 4Wdrive and snow tires on the ambulance with the snow and ice we have had.

I enjoy April even though it is a time of change for SI EMS with LSSU graduations and crew moving on to exciting careers. Luckily this year we have several crew who will still be in the area for the summer and being able to be a part of our crew.

St. Patrick’s day on the 17th is always a fun event with wearing the green. April will have the Easter celebration. I am hoping that the tulips and daffodils will come up without snow on them but they are hardy flowers. As are the SI residents who live here all year.

We will be having a Community CPR Day at the SI Community Center, once the snowbirds return. I love being a part of training that saves lives and helps our residents. The date and time of the event will be in the “I Love Me Some Sugar Island” fb page. Any questions please direct at me by fb, email or a phone call. I will also be demonstrating CPR and AED use for the Lions club and the senior lunch group.

Don’t forget to send your name, address & phone number for the Sugar Island Phonebook to me at 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.

Enjoy our nicer weather and look forward to saying goodbye to the snow piles.

Adrienne Beckham SIEMS Co-Captain



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