



The QUACKER

JUNE 2026 ISSUE 517 FOUNDED BY THE SUGAR ISLAND LIONESS CLUB



Flag Day!



Happy Father's Day!

In Memoriam

Amy M. Jones

Joel Paul Loy

Paul 'Chips' Bernard McCoy

Barbara Townsend

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 3. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
- 4. Sugar Island Bible Study 4:30-6:00pm
- 6. Farmer's Market 10:00am - 12 Noon
- 6. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 7. St Luke's Community Church 10:00am
- 9. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 10. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 11. Lion Meeting 5:30pm
- 13-14. Island Clean-up Dumpsters
- 13. Farmer's Market 10:00am - 12 Noon
- 13. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 14. Flag Day
- 14. St Luke's Community Church 10:00am
- 17. SIHPS Meeting 1:00pm
- 17. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
- 18. Sugar Island Bible Study 4:30-6:00pm
- 20. Farmer's Market 10:00am - 12 Noon
- 20. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 21. Summer Solstice
- 21. Father's Day
- 21. Lions Brunch 8:30am - 11:00am
- 21. St Luke's Community Church 10:00am
- 21. St Luke's Scholarship deadline
- 21. QUACKER DEADLINE
- 24. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
- 25. Sugar Island Bible Study 4:30-6:00pm
- 27-28. Island Clean-up Dumpsters
- 27. The Quacker is distributed
- 27. Farmer's Market 10:00am - 12 Noon
- 27. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
- 28. St Luke's Community Church 10:00am



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LIONS DEN

Our May breakfast had a terrific turnout with everyone back from their winter quarters, even though the temperatures may have made them think they returned too soon. On the plus side the bug population also seems to be suffering. Not suffering were the three winners of \$50 each from the monthly raffle. Elyse Zoppa, Shannon Morely and Amanda Handziak received something to keep them warm. Dan Gomez was the 50/50 winner. Current raffle tickets are good through August and tickets for next year should be on sale this month. Have to send out a thank you to Tammy Cox who has been manning the drink table at breakfast all winter. Even though not a Lion she always helps out and is a welcome addition to our crew. And Nolan Horner was helping out on the floor keeping everything cleaned up.

The farmers' market is off to a good start. It is open from 10-noon on Saturdays. Plants seem to go well as do island products and crafts. If you have a service you provide, you may want to set up a table with information. Costs nothing but your time and the Lions provide the coffee.

Birthday greeting go out this month to Sue Davidson, Dave Gillians, and Bob Johnson. Happy Birthday!

Lion Jim Handziak



FIRE PLUGS

As this is being written the Island has been wildfire free. We have also been rained on almost every day but we will take any win we can get. Since it is going to dry out at some point remember that you need to either call in or go online to see if burning is allowed to get rid of your yard waste and brush. The phone number is 866-922-2876 and the email address is Michigan.gov/burnpermit.

The Fire Auxiliary Support Group has started to help out the fire department do routine jobs and maintenance. Contact me at 906 440-8401 if you can help out. We were calling it the Old Guys Fire Department but you don't have to be old or a guy to help join. No meetings planned and work at your own schedule. Might even be some paperwork for those who are interested.

There is a thing called the wildland urban interface. It is nothing new just houses built in areas subject to wildfire. We see this often out west where a wildfire destroys many homes. You can help protect your home and property by removing dead grass and burnable shrubs. Keep fire safe.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire

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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,
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Senior Lunch

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Sugar Island Township News

The snow is gone and warmer weather is upon us. Many residents are thinking about adding structures to their property and some will eventually follow through with those thoughts. Property owners are reminded that Sugar Island Township has ordinances that cover the placement of new structures, building additional structures, and making modifications to existing structures. If you are planning to add a structure (including storage containers) or modify an existing structure, you must ensure you follow the local ordinances. There is a significant fee for failing to receive a permit before you build or add a new structure.

As you may have already seen, workers employed by Charter Communications/Spectrum are now on the Island running fiber optic cable. We have been working for over five years to make this happen. If you are interested in utilizing the services offered by Spectrum, we recommend that you call customer support at (833) 949-0036 or www.spectrum.com. We have been told that a Spectrum representative will be contacting you when the fiber goes by your property.

The Township Board voted at the May 12th meeting to approve the opening of the South End Transfer Station on May 15th. This station is open from 7:00am to 3:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The South Transfer Station will be available until October.

The annual Township cleanup effort will continue this year. The intent of this program is to support the efforts of Sugar Islanders to clean up their property. So, starting on the second weekend in June (13th & 14th), the Township will contract with GFL to provide three open-top containers to the North Transfer Station every other weekend through September for residents to remove household garbage from their Sugar Island property. This does not include fluids of any kind, construction materials, bricks or blocks, yard waste, vehicle tires or anything else that might be considered hazardous (e.g., car batteries and Styrofoam). Additionally, the Township is working with A&L Iron & Metal Company from Kinross to provide an opportunity for metal recycling. The Township receives a financial benefit from this bulk metal recycling so if you have some metal debris on your property, please consider this option.

2026 Open-Top, Summer Cleanup Schedule:

June	July	August	September
13-14	11-12	8-9	5-6
27-28	25-26	22-23	19-20

As a gentle reminder, residents are reminded that GFL charges us by the pound for everything placed in the compactors. We routinely encounter incidents where garbage bags placed in the compactor contain plastic and glass bottles and jars with fluids inside. Not only do we have to pay for those plastic and glass containers, but we must pay for the fluids too. Please take an extra minute or two to drain the liquids, rinse the containers and then recycle them. Every pound of glass containers, tin cans, cardboard, and plastic jugs we recycle is a pound that we don't have to pay for. Thank you.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor

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DEADLINE

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2026**

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Accessibility



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Community

**MEETINGS &
TRAINING
OPPORTUNITIES
WILL BEGIN
SOON!**



★ HOW TO APPLY ★



Find the application on the
Sugar Island Township website
www.sugarislandtownship.org

OR



Email your completed
application to:
sitownshipclerk@gmail.com



OR drop your application in the
BLUE MAILBOX at the
Sugar Island Community Center

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Thank you for supporting our community and our democracy!



State of Michigan Election Inspector Application

(Complete in your own handwriting and return to your local City/Township Clerk - find your local Clerk at mi.gov/vote)

personal information

Full Name _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Email Address _____

Home Address _____

Phone #'s Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Registered in ☐ City or ☐ Township of _____ Pct # _____ Ward # _____

County of _____

Political Party Affiliation (**REQUIRED**; must be a recognized state party & may not be Independent):

☐ Republican ☐ Democratic ☐ Libertarian ☐ U.S. Taxpayers ☐ Green ☐ Natural Law ☐ Working Class

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or election crime? ☐ Yes ☐ No

education and experience information

Education Background (include highest grade completed or degree held) _____

Employment Background (include current or last place of employment and type or work performed)

Languages other than English that you speak (if any) _____

Please rate your computer experience (data look-up, database processing, creating .pdfs, etc.):

1 = not experienced, 5 = very experienced

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Past experience as an election inspector, if any (include name of jurisdiction) _____

Do you have transportation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you work at any polling place? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, explain: _____

signature and certification

I CERTIFY THAT I am not a member or a known active advocate* of a political party other than the party identified above. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

____/____/____
Date

* A "known active advocate" of another political party is defined to mean a person who 1) is a delegate to the convention or an officer of another party; 2) is affiliated with another party through an elected or appointed government position or; 3) has made documented public statements specifically supporting by name another political party or its candidates in the same calendar year as the election at which the person will serve as an inspector. "Documented public statements" means statements reported by the news media or written statements with a clear and unambiguous attribution to the applicant.

ANY FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS APPLICATION WILL DISQUALIFY THE APPLICANT.

Approved by State Director of Elections (August 2017)



Hello! Welcome back snowbirds! Your friendly SIHPS committee hopes that all is well. This year we are going to be focused on preparation to open *your Sugar Island Historical Museum!* With that said, sadly we will not have our Annual Garage Sale this year. Please, if you have or are aware of any historical items (letters/maps/pictures/books/etc.) that would like to be added to our current collections for display or have questions contact a Collection Committee member: Connie Pim, Sharon Mustonen, Sandy Reining or Gayle Belleau.

Along with working to get the museum ready to open we are working on scheduling the Annual Joyce McCoy BBQ happening in July. The SHIPS Old Time Jamboree is scheduled for Friday, September 25th, 7pm – 10pm, at SICC. Finger foods, coffee, and water will be served. BYOB.

This year's raffle items are: 1) Beautifully made quilt; 2) Sugar Island Good Basket; 3) Sugar Island Clock. Tickets will be available soon so please contact any SIHPS member for your tickets. More information will be posted on I Love Me Some Sugar Island face book page and July's Quacker. The raffle drawing will take place at our Wednesday, September 16th meeting.

Remember to proudly let Old Glory fly on Flag Day, June 14th.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads, Sunday, June 21st!

We meet every third Wednesday of each month, so if you find an hour or two to spare please, come join us! Our next meeting scheduled is 1pm, Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at Finn Hall.

Anita McKerchie, Secretary

If you love Sugar Island, come join us!

S.I.H.P.S. Postcard contest..

We have a winner!

Entries for the first Sugar Island Postcard Contest sponsored by S.I.H.P.S. have closed, and over two dozen photos have been evaluated by the independent judging committee. Preparations are underway for the printing process to begin, with availability planned for sometime in July.

We are grateful to the several photographers who shared their love of the island through their lenses: Adrienne Beckham, Janette Shapland, Lawrence Creemer, Mary Cahill, Shari Middlestead, Shari Mustonon-Johnson, and our first Grand Champion, Valeri Avery. Valeri will receive a certificate of her achievement and recognition on the postcards. You will see her winning photo soon on the **I Love Me Some Sugar Island Facebook Page**

The judges reported it was very difficult to choose the individual champion and urged that consideration be given to including several other photos, so several other photographers will have their photos included in the first edition of these unique cards. You will have to wait until July! Postcards will be available at several sites on the island and, of course, at Finn Hall and Brassar School House events.

In the meantime, it is time to polish your lenses and keep cameras and phones handy for those one-time opportunities that may capture the next winning photo. Watch for the announcement of the deadline for this summer's contest. Remember, anyone can enter, but entries must feature Sugar Island locations, events, or structures—old or new.

ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY CHURCH



There was still a coolness in the air as we opened the doors of St. Luke's on the Trail on Sunday, May 24, but the warmth of those gathered for another season signaled the summer season to begin!

We anticipate a wonderful summer of church services, and thank those in advance who have already volunteered to officiate the services, bring the messages, supply music, serve the fellowship coffee after the service, usher, light the candles, tend the grounds and so many other things that the church family just handles as we all worship together and care for this sweet Northwoods chapel set in the trees on the southern tip of the island.

We will look forward to seeing one and all on Summer Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on the trail at

11240 South Homestead Road.



SACRED HEART CHURCH

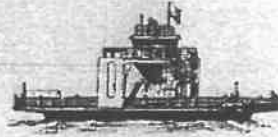
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Whether you are a year-round islander or a weekender, know that you are most welcome to join us at Sacred Heart for our weekly Mass on Saturdays at 6:15 p.m.

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.

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
June 10th

WEDNESDAY
June 24th

Fueling takes
about an
Hour

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:

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SI First Responder News

We have had a few Spring-like days and a few more colder days, but the huge amount of snow has mostly melted. The forecast is talking about a warm up and we have our fingers crossed! Even so we are waving good bye to winter.....

The island has been quiet for EMS which means our residents and visitors are safe. SIFD-EMS is paged out when needed by SSMFD. The ambulance is in working order and the state inspection is in June so very close. Thank you for your support of the island first responders!

Any Sugar Island residents, interested in providing emergency fire and medical services for the island please contact Josh Horner or Jim Handziak about becoming a member of the SIFD First Responders. We are continuing to work with SSMFD to provide emergency medical care to the island. Anyone who has always wanted to be involved with an emergency agency to help others, should apply to the SIFD to become a member. We will support them and assist in attaining the training required. It is a great group of people, so come find out.

The SI Lions club phone book is completed and available for purchasing. The cost is \$8.00 and contains updated content of addresses, phone numbers and now email addresses. There are local business ads for your discovery and use. We are arranging for local businesses to have the books and Lions Club members will have them at the monthly Lions breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of the month. This information will be placed on the I Love Me Some Sugar Island fb page.

There are still 2020-2024 phonebooks available to purchase. If interested in purchasing this phonebook for \$7.00 contact me, 906 440 1769 or one of the Lions club members and we will get it to you.

Have a wonderful and warm May to celebrate Memorial Day on 5/25.

Adrienne Beckham SIFD Medical Captain



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List Price: \$399,000

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- Bedrooms: 4
- Bathrooms: 2
- Detached Garage

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