



The QUACKER

AUGUST 2026 ISSUE 519 FOUNDED BY THE SUGAR ISLAND LIONESS CLUB



Sugar Island Memorial Service Thursday, August 27 at 7:00pm

The Sugar Island Annual Memorial Service to honor our island residents who have passed during the last year will be held on Thursday, August 27 at 7:00pm. in the Sugar Island Community Center. This ceremony has been offered by the Sugar Island Lions Club since 1983 and it is a special service to remember each of our island neighbors that have passed and offer condolences to their family members. If you would like to attend the service and have your deceased loved one recognized, please call Denise Hillier at 248-736-0818 to ensure your loved one's name is on our list.

In Memoriam

*Sally Marlene (Auguston) Gregg
James 'JT' Edward Thompson*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1. Voter Registration 8:00am – 4:00pm
- 1-2. August 4 Election Early Voting is available 8:00am-4:00pm
1. Farmer's Market 10:00am - 12 Noon
4. Election Day 7:00am-8:00pm
5. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
5. Fire Station Meeting North 7:00pm
6. Sugar Island Bible Study 4:30-6:00pm
- 8-9. Island Clean-up Dumpsters
8. Farmer's Market 10:00am - 12 Noon
8. SIHPS Museum Opening
8. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
9. St Luke's Community Church 10:00am
11. Township Board Meeting 7:00pm
12. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
13. Lions Meeting 5:30pm
- 14-16. Sugar Island Music Fest
sugarislandfest.org
15. Farmer's Market 10:00am - 12 Noon
15. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
16. Lions Brunch 8:30am – 11:00am
16. St Luke's Community Church 10:00am
19. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
19. SIHPS Meeting 1:00pm
19. Fire Station Meeting South 7:00pm
20. Sugar Island Bible Study 4:30-6:00pm
- 22-23. Island Clean-up Dumpsters
22. Farmer's Market 10:00am – 12 Noon
22. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
23. St Luke's Community Church 10:00am
23. QUACKER DEADLINE
26. Ferry Fueling Day 9:30am
27. Lions Club Memorial Service 7:00pm
29. The Quacker is distributed
29. Farmer's Market 10:00am – 12 Noon
29. Sacred Heart Service 6:15pm
30. St Luke's Community Church 10:00am



THE SUGAR ISLAND LIONS CLUB

♥ *We Serve* ♥

We are proud to serve our community by taking on projects that benefit our residents and a few examples are:

- ✓ Annual Road Clean-Up
- ✓ Chili Cook-Off Contest
- ✓ Annual Memorial Service
- ✓ Farmers Market Support
- ✓ Sugar Island Phone Book
- ✓ Memorial Picnic Tables at Township Park
- ✓ Family Requested Memorial Gatherings
- ✓ Fund Raising for Pavilion at Community Center
- ✓ Annual Lions Club Raffle
- ✓ Very Popular Monthly Brunch (3rd Sunday)
- ✓ Incidental Maintenance Projects
- ✓ Donations to Local Charities Annually
- ✓ Monthly Production of the "The Quacker" Newspaper

*Together
We Can Make
a Difference!*



We meet monthly at the
Community Center on the
SECOND THURSDAY EVENING.



Doors Open: **5:30 PM**

Meal: **6:00 PM**

Meeting: **6:30 PM**

Our great hope is to expand our membership of
women and men that can offer a little of their time
to build a welcoming community through our service projects.

Part year residents are always welcome to join!

It's a great way to meet your neighbors
and make new friends.

New Members Always Welcome!

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LIONS DEN

While we always have a good time being a Lion in July we had two extra enjoyable evenings. For our July meeting we met on the shores of beautiful Lake George for a cookout. We had great weather and great food. Our second evening was our first ice cream social event to let people know what their local Lions club does. Great ice cream and a great visit with our neighbors. I for one hope to have more.

Continuing on the food theme our July breakfast was again well attended. We had our raffle tickets for next year's raffle on sale but the old tickets were good for July and will still be valid in August. Using up their luck in July and receiving \$50 each were Brittany Zoppa, Dave Young and Kim Gravelle. Our 50-50 winner was Sandy Borrusch.

The Lions will again be sponsoring the annual Sugar Island memorial service. See the information in the Quaker for time and date. This event gives us all a chance to get together to remember our friends who have passed on during the year.

Birthday greeting go out this month to Steve Gillis and Pat Kim.
Happy Birthday!

Lion Jim Handziak



FIRE PLUGS

The fire department had a great time at the 4th of July Parade. We had planned a water fight with some of the spectators along the route. Apparently, some people never got the memo as the water fight was one sided. At least the good guys won this year but who knows about next.

We had a phone call asking about fire extinguishers. One thing to do with your extinguisher to keep it operational is to turn it over at least once a year and tap it on the bottom to keep the chemicals inside from sticking together. We use a rubber hammer to tap it with. Check the gauge to make sure it has a charge and also check the hose to be sure it has no cuts or kinks. Also make sure it is stored in a visible place but not too close to where there may be a fire as you need to be able to get to the extinguisher.

We had the opportunity to help out with recent road race on the island with traffic control. Of course, this meant I was not able to participate, but some sacrifices have to be made. On the whole, we have to give the drivers good marks for safety even though this was on the road to the ferry.

Jim Handziak, S I Fire

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,
The Community Center, Sweet Retreat and
Westshore Convenience Store

Curbside services available
Monitor our FB page and/or website.



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Facebook Page: Bayliss Public Library



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Dine-In 12 Noon
Senior Lunch

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The Community Center
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Sugar Island Township News

The pleasant weather of summer is here and so are the mosquitoes, ticks and the occasional smoke from the annual forest fires. Each of these things may create potential health hazards. The risks associated with mosquitoes and ticks can be mitigated by keeping your grass short, avoiding treks through tall vegetation, and ensuring ditches drain properly. The health hazards derived from smoke are especially critical for people with respiratory issues so staying inside, using air purifiers and wearing proper breathing protection might be helpful when the smoke is present.

As you know, the Chippewa County Road Commission cuts the grass on the road shoulders on County roads throughout the Township at least once a year. This year, Jesse Knoll, a long-time resident and elder statesman of Sugar Island has volunteered to use his own equipment to cut the grass before the County is able to do so. If you see Jesse, please thank him for his ongoing service to the community.

The Township cleanup program continues. The intent is to support the clean-up efforts of Sugar Islanders. Please be aware this activity 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.

Ongoing 2026 Open-Top, Summer Cleanup Schedule:

August	September
8-9	5-6
22-23	19-20

Each year the Township seeks to make improvements to our Township properties. Sometimes this work is often completed by volunteer groups (i.e., Lions Club) or it's accomplished by concerned individuals. This year, Jason Morehouse (a Township Trustee) has taken it upon himself to lead the efforts to make improvements to the Townships parks. There is still a lot to do so if you have the time, equipment, and inclination, please contact Jason. We thank Jason for his help as well as anybody else that is willing to contribute.

Two especially significant things are happening in August. Spectrum's fiber optic cable installation on the Island is projected to be completed and so is the paving of Village Road. Thanks to the efforts and contribution from Jessie Knoll, Honey Lane is also scheduled to be paved. The access to Spectrum's services is largely dependent on the installation of fiber cable underneath the St. Mary's River. If everything goes as planned with permits from the City of Sault Ste. Marie, the State and the Corps of Engineers, the first home within the Township will be connected in September. Additionally, once the connectivity timing becomes clearer, the Township and Spectrum will host an in-person orientation and question & answer opportunity as that eventuality comes to fruition.

Mark Eitrem, Supervisor

Notice: The legal responsibility is on the property owner for paying on the correct parcel of property. The property owner must be responsible for payment on the correct descriptions. The sum stated is for taxes assessed upon the described property.

It is very important that you review your tax bill to be positive you are receiving a PRE exemption, if you qualify. This was formally known as "Homestead Exemption". It is located on the bottom half of the left side of your tax bill. If you qualify, it should read 100% in the PRE box. For any questions concerning PRE, please contact Kathy Loup, Township Assessor at (906) 440-1159 or sugarislandassessor@gmail.com

Payment Types Accepted:

Check: Checks will be considered conditional payment only until after clearing the bank. Please mail early as it may take the US Postal Service 2 to 3 weeks to deliver your check. **Postmark is not considered as payment date.**

A large blue drop box is available on the west side of the Community Center for your convenience

Credit Card: Processed through BSA. Contact info is on the website www.sugarislandtownship.org (BSA will charge a Convenience Fee for this service.)

Cash: Must be hand delivered to Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer only.

<u>Summer Tax Collection:</u>	<u>Office Hours:</u>	<u>Additional Hours:</u>
July, Aug., Sep. 2026	Mon, Wed, Thursday, Friday 9am-2pm Tues 5:30 to 7:00 pm Sat July 18, Aug 15, Sep 12 9am -2pm	09/14/26 9am to 5pm

Summer Delinquent Tax Interest Rates:

9/15/26 thru 9/30/26 = 1% Thereafter, 1% will be charged for each month or any part of a month until taxes are paid in full. Property Tax Payment must be made at the Chippewa County Treasurer's office starting 03/01/27 at 319 Court Street, Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783. Phone # (906) 635-6308 or www.chippewacountymi.gov/treasurer

Have You Moved?

For any changes in description, address or ownership, please notify our office by one of the following:

Email: SITwpTreasurer@gmail.com Phone: (906) 253-9353

Mail: Sugar Island Township, 6401 E. 1 ½ Mile Rd., Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783

Visit our website at www.sugarislandtownship.org

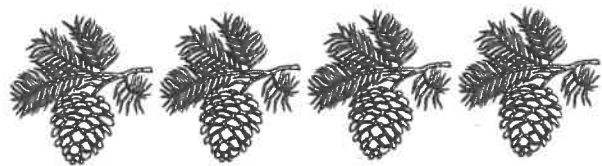
St. Luke's Community Church

Celebrating 40 Years on the Trail

1986-2026

St. Luke's Community Church opened the doors wide on May 24 for the 2026 Season for a sweet time of reunion and worship. To worship together again this season has been a blessing to so many already in the six weeks we've met; it is just so good to be in each other's company and to praise and pray and sing and share and listen all in the name of our Lord! Sometimes it has been upwards of 30 in attendance, sometimes it has been just 10; please do make a trip down to the Southern End to join with other islanders and visitors of all denominations in traditional worship that brings praise to God. We look forward each Sunday to the message that the guest speakers bring and we pray that our hearts will be open to the words God has given them to share.

On Father's Day, a family from Ohio, who had again made their yearly trip back to Sugar Island to reminisce and fish, joined in the worship at St. Luke's. They joined in during a time of reminiscing of fathers and the generations that have gone before, where many shared memories of their earthly fathers and thanked our Heavenly Father for all He is. We've also welcomed a family from the East Coast that are frequent visitors to Sugar Island and look forward to the next months and just who will be joining in on the praise!



Barbara Goodheart - St. Luke's Scholarship

Scholarships on behalf of the Barbara Goodheart – St. Luke's Community Church Scholarship Fund were awarded to:
Gabrielle Gorsuch, Samatha Grossett, Hayden Hutchinson, Marley Procaro, & Reagan Walsh

Congratulations!



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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.

August 4, 2026 Elections Early Voting Dates are:

Saturday 7/25/26 to Sunday, 8/02/26

SUGAR ISLAND TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTABLISHMENT OF EARLY VOTING SITE

To All Qualified Electors in Sugar Island Township

Notice is hereby given by resolution of the Sugar Island Township Board under authority granted in Public Act 81 of 2023, that the location of the early voting site for all federal and statewide election dates will be the following:

KINROSS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
4884 W CURTIS STREET
KINCHELOE, MI 49788

All qualified electors in Sugar Island Township have the right to mark a ballot and deposit the ballot in a tabulator beginning the second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election. Early voting will be available at the early voting site for the following hours:

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8:00am- 4:00pm	8:00am- 4:00pm	8:00am- 4:00pm	8:00am- 4:00pm	8:00am- 4:00pm	8:00am- 4:00pm	8:00am- 4:00pm	8:00am- 4:00pm	8:00am- 4:00pm

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the SUGAR ISLAND TOWNSHIP Clerk's Office
(906)-253-9353 EXT 101 SITOWNSHIPCLERK@GMAIL.COM



SI First Responder News

How soon August arrives! Islanders have too and the ferry is running like wildfire! Have a wonderful summer and if someone knows how to do this "Please slow time down!" We need to enjoy the next 31 days.....

August has no significant holidays except I believe a baseball game for all at the SI park, the Saturday Farmer's Market from 10-12, the SIFD barbeque and the SI Music Fest on 8/14, 15 & 16. Otherwise just enjoy the water, picnics and family get togethers.

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 was completed. Thank you for your support of the island first responders!

Any Sugar Island residents that are 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 complete and available for purchase. 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.

We still have the 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.

Enjoy the "Dog Days of Summer" and all the fun it brings! Stay safe and use sunscreen.....😊

Adrienne Beckham SIFD Medical Captain

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

*EVERY
WEDNESDAY,
August 5th,
August 12th,
August 19th,
August 26th*

Fueling takes
about an
Hour



**Recycling Station at the
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TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE

**North End: Sundays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays, & Saturdays 7am-3pm**

**South End: Mondays, Wednesdays,
& Fridays 7am -3pm**

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
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List Price: \$495,000

- Total SqFt: 3,966
- Turnkey Business
- Includes: Building, Equipment, and Liquor License

Rare Business Opportunity on Sugar Island! Own the only fully operational convenience store and gas station on the island, serving locals and visitors year-round. This turnkey business includes the building, equipment, and liquor license—everything you need to continue operations seamlessly. Inventory (excluding liquor, cigarettes, and lottery) is also included in the sale. Prime location with steady traffic and no direct competition. Whether you're looking to expand your portfolio or live and work in a beautiful, tight-knit community, this opportunity offers incredible value and potential.

2537 S Niskanen Ln, Sugar Island, MI 49783



List Price: \$399,000

- Total SqFt: 1,833
- Bedrooms: 4
- Bathrooms: 2
- Detached Garage

Waterfront Home!

Experience island living in this immaculate 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom home on Sugar Island., accessible by ferry year round! This home offers 1,833 sq. ft. of thoughtfully designed living space with many upgrades. Set on a spectacular waterfront lot, this property has 367 feet of frontage on beautiful Lake George. Peaceful and secluded on 13 acres, it's the perfect space for those seeking serenity and natural beauty. Inside, you'll find a well-insulated home featuring a bright and inviting four-season room that captures stunning views. The spacious layout provides comfort for both everyday living and entertaining. A woodsy sauna adds a unique retreat, while the 32 x 40 detached garage, built in 2019, provides modern convenience and ample storage. Whether you're looking for a home or a seasonal escape, this property offers comfort, privacy, and breathtaking surroundings. Don't miss this opportunity, call for your showing today!

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for Pavilion

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- Mart's construction tools and T Shirt
- Avon Basket – Ronnie Teresinski
- Boys Basket – anonymous
- Girls Basket – anonymous
- Cake Kit – Pie Kwe catering
- Sugar Island t shirt cup & cozie – westshore convenience.
- Watch – Burnett Construction
- Necklaces – bracelets and more – Nest Keepers Gift shop



Also, a huge thank you to
all the Lions Club members
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tirelessly to help make
this possible! ❤️

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WE HOPE FOR A **FALL 2026** COMPLETION!

Sugar Island Township Public Notice — Voter Registration Availability

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Sugar Island Township, Chippewa County, Michigan, that the Township Clerk will be available at the Sugar Island Township Office for the purpose of voter registration and election-related assistance on the following date and time:

- Date: Saturday, August 1, 2026
- Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Location: Sugar Island Township Office, 6401 E 1 ½ Mile Rd., Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan 49783

Eligibility to register:

- Must be a United States citizen
- At least 18 years of age by Election Day
- Resident of the State of Michigan and of Sugar Island Township

Identification:

- Michigan driver's license or state ID is recommended. If you do not have a Michigan ID, acceptable proof of identity and residency may be used pursuant to Michigan election law.

Same-day registration:

- Eligible citizens who are not yet registered may register in person with the township clerk up to and including Election Day, with residency documentation as required by law. Registration completed after the 14th day before an election must be done in person with the clerk.

Contact:

- Township Clerk: Brandi Rich
- Phone: 906-253-9353 ext 101

This notice is issued by authority of the Sugar Island Township Clerk in accordance with Michigan Election Law.