

SAULT STE. MARIE HOUSING COMMISSION

July 2026 Newsletter



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NEW POLICIES



The SSMHC has implemented new policies that will go into effect on July 1st, and we want to ensure all residents are aware of these changes. The new policies include a Grill Policy and Bicycles, E-Scooters, and E-Bikes Policy.

All residents are required to review the new policies and sign for them. Our office lobby is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and we are available by phone until 5:00 p.m.

For residents of Riverview Terrace and Arlington Towne Apartments, staff will also be available onsite in the community area to distribute copies of the new policies and to collect signatures on the following dates:

- **Riverview Terrace:** Thursday, July 9th at 10:00 a.m.
- **Arlington Towne Apartments:** Friday, July 10th at 10:00 a.m.

We appreciate your cooperation!

FOURTH OF JULY

Celebrate Independence Day on July 4th at the annual parade in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan! The festivities kick off at 7:00 p.m. on Davitt Street, with the parade proceeding north along Ashmun Street before turning west onto Portage Avenue and continuing to Magazine Street. As the evening winds down, make your way to Brady Park and enjoy a spectacular fireworks display at dusk!

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Enjoy free live music every Wednesday evening at Soo Locks Park. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. and feature a variety of styles, including country, folk, rock, blues, and original music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy summer evenings by the water with family and friends!

2026 Concert Schedule:

- July 8th - The Pub Runners
- July 15th - Finding Feathers
- July 22nd - Petoskey Steel Drum Band
- July 29th - Midnight Sun
- August 5th - Night of Native Music
- August 12th - Molly Escherich
- August 19th - Blue Water Ramblers
- August 26th - Gentleman George

CONNOR GORSUCH KID'S FISHING DAY



Connor Gorsuch Kids Fishing Day will take place July 25th at the Rotary Park Kids Fishing Pond, giving children ages 16 and under the opportunity to enjoy a free morning of fishing! Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Food, refreshments, prizes, and bait will be provided, and each child may catch up to three fish and register two. Some equipment will be available, but participants are encouraged to bring their own.

Fishing Schedule:

- Children ages 8 and under: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Children ages 9 to 16: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- All registered children: 11:00 a.m. to noon



SUMMER IN JULY WORD SEARCH

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| • BOAT | • POPSICLE |
| • RIVER | • FLAG |

FOOD PANTRIES

Feeding America: Upper Peninsula

- Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 4:00pm. Located at the Big Bear Arena (Chi Mukwa) on 2 Ice Circle, Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Salvation Army

132 W. Spruce St: 906-632-6521

- Pantry: by appointment only.
- Community Kitchen: Mon-Fri (12pm-12:30pm)
- Bread Rack: Monday - Friday (9:30a - 10:30a)

First Church of Christ

300 W. Spruce St: 906-632-6511

- Mon-Wed (9am-11am)

First United Presbyterian Church

555 Bingham Ave: 906-632-7771

- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month (3:30pm-5pm)

St Joseph's Catholic Church

1101 Minneapolis St: 906-632-9625

- Every Tuesday (2pm-3pm)

CLM Community Action Agency

524 Ashmun St: 906-632-3363

- Mon-Fri (9am-4pm)



SHUTOFF PROTECTION PLAN

DTE Energy's Shutoff Protection Plan helps eligible income-qualified customers and senior citizens manage past-due energy bills. The program combines overdue balances and future energy costs into one affordable monthly payment over 12 months to help avoid service disconnection. Monthly payments are based on your past-due balance, average energy usage, and initial down payment, with larger down payments lowering the monthly amount.

Energy usage is reviewed every three months and payments may be adjusted if usage changes significantly to help prevent a remaining balance at the end of the program. Enrollment requires income verification and a down payment. For more information or to enroll today, visit www.dteenergy.com/spp.

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAMS

Congregate Meal Program

Nutritious lunches are served at the Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action dining site, where seniors can enjoy a meal in a welcoming group setting. If you are aged 60 years or older, you are eligible to attend. The dining site is open Monday-Friday at noon and located in the Calery Center on 524 Ashmun Street.

Home Delivered Meals Program

This program is designed to assist home-bound seniors with their dietary needs. Each and every meal is a blend of good taste and balanced nutrition and is delivered to the homes of seniors who are not able to attend Congregate Meal Sites. The Home Delivered Meal Program provides meals for seven days a week. The recommended donation is \$3.00 per meal.

Eligibility Requirements:

- You or your spouse must be 60 years of age or older.
- You are home-bound and cannot leave your home independently.
- You are unable to prepare meals and have no other access to a nutritionally balanced diet.

To apply for the Home Delivered Meals Program, contact the Community Action Agency at 906-632-3363.

4-FORMS

Any changes in your household must be reported within ten (10) business days of receiving notice. This includes updates such as new employment, job loss, changes in pay/hours, child support changes, a minor starting a job, unemployment benefits, changes in SSI/Social Security benefits, pension or retirement earnings, household size, childcare expenses, cash assistance, etc.

Updates cannot be reported verbally by phone or in person. To report changes, you must complete the required 4-forms, which are available on our website or at our office. Completed 4-forms can be submitted in person, by email, fax, or mail.

WORK ORDERS

Any damages or work orders not reported when they occur and later discovered during an inspection are considered lease violations. As outlined in your lease, you must report these issues as they occur. Please notify our office as soon as possible to avoid potential violations.

HOUSEKEEPING

When maintenance staff enter your unit to perform a work order or inspection, they may also observe the overall housekeeping condition of the unit. Upon signing your Public Housing lease, you agreed to follow the requirements necessary to maintain your eligibility, including keeping your home in compliance with HUD housekeeping standards. If your housekeeping falls below HUD standards, it may be considered a lease violation and could result in biweekly inspections.

Three (3) violations within a calendar year may result in lease termination. If you need assistance maintaining these standards, assistance programs may be available. For questions or additional information, please contact our office and ask to speak with Resource Manager, Jim.

E-SCOOTER & E-BIKE SAFETY GUIDELINES

To help prevent fires and injuries involving lithium-ion batteries, residents **MUST** follow these safety practices when using or charging e-scooters and e-bikes.

DO:

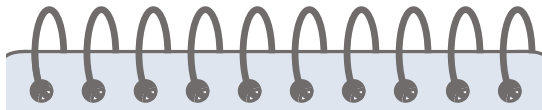
- Always be present when charging devices using lithium-ion batteries.
- Only use an approved replacement battery pack.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper charging and unplug the device when done.
- Only use the battery and the charger that were designed for, and came with, the device.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible.
- Plug charging equipment directly into a wall outlet.

DON'T:

- Do not charge devices while sleeping.
- Do not use a battery pack that has been modified/reworked by unqualified personnel or with any repurposed or used cells.
- Do not dispose of lithium batteries into the trash or general recycling. Instead, take them to your local battery recycler or hazardous waste collection center.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.
- Do not store batteries in direct sunlight.

E-scooters, e-bikes, and other lithium battery-powered vehicles cannot be stored within (10) feet of any combustible materials and cannot be parked near or blocking an exit.

OFFICE REMINDERS!



- **Rent is due on July 1st.** If rent is not paid in full by the end of day on July 6th, a \$10.00 late fee will be added to your account, along with an additional \$1.00 per day until payment is made.
- We do not accept cash. All payments must be made by Personal Check, Cashier's Check, Money Order, or through Online Payment.
- Our office lobby is open to the public Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. While the lobby closes at 4:00pm, staff are available by phone until 5:00pm.
- Our office vestibule is open 24/7. You can pick up or turn in paperwork at any time.

Our office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.



SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENTS ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW WITH YOUR MOBILE PHONE!



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 12:00pm in our office, located on 608 Pine Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Meeting dates may be subject to change

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