

# SAULT STE. MARIE HOUSING COMMISSION

June 2026 Newsletter



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## AIR CONDITIONERS

As warmer weather approaches, residents may request a work order for maintenance to install their air conditioner. There is a **\$10.00 service fee** for each installation and removal of the unit. For new installations, maintenance will construct the support, seal the window to ensure the unit is secure, and the cost of materials will be charged to the resident.

If you choose to install the air conditioner yourself, an inspection by our maintenance staff is required to ensure it is installed correctly. Please contact the office to place a work order for the inspection. This is necessary due to past incidents where tenant-installed units were not properly positioned, leading to water leakage and damage to the unit. In these cases, tenants were financially responsible for all damages.

# CARDEN CIRCUS

The Carden International Circus is returning to town on June 7th with showtimes at 2:00pm and 6:00pm at Pullar Stadium, 435 E. Portage Avenue. The event features elephant, camel, and horse rides, exciting inflatables, and face painting. There is entertainment for all ages making it a perfect outing for the whole family! Children under 2 attend for FREE and general admission for adults is \$20.00, which includes a complimentary child ticket.

# SOO LOCKS ENGINEERS DAY

Celebrate Engineers Day with the City of Sault Ste. Marie, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers! On June 26th, from 9:00am to 4:00pm, enjoy a full day of fun and discovery with over 30 vendors offering water safety tips and information about local attractions. To make way for the festivities, a section of West Portage Avenue (between Ferris Street and Osbourne Boulevard) will be closed to traffic during the event.

# YOUNG EAGLES RALLY

The Soo Pilots Association (EAA Chapter 1437), will host a Young Eagles Rally at Sanderson Municipal Airport in Sault Ste. Marie on June 20th. Youth ages 8 to 17 can enjoy FREE introductory airplane rides and learn about aviation, with a parent or guardian required to sign a permission form. The event runs from 9:00am to 4:00pm at 2144 Meridian Street. For more information, contact the Soo Pilots Association at 906-253-4808 or email [ops1437@soopilots.org](mailto:ops1437@soopilots.org).

# LITTLE SAILORS DAY

Don't miss Little Sailors Day at the Original Soo Locks Boat Tours on Saturday, June 27th from 10:00am to 4:30pm. This fun-filled, event offers kids (ages 5-17) a chance to learn about Great Lakes sailing and water safety, with FREE lock tours for kids. Activities include throwing life rings, handling lines, designing fleet flags, water safety lessons, meet-the-crew sessions, games, prizes, souvenirs, boat rides, and live demos.



# JUNE IN BLOOM WORD SEARCH

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 F U N U S R O O D T U O R  
 J D R M P H V N I V S E F  
 S G U M R A Z I L I Z X Z  
 E L B I R J B E A C H W U  
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## WORD LIST

- BARBECUE
- BEACH
- JUNETEENTH
- LEMONADE
- OUTDOORS
- PICNIC
- STRAWBERRY
- SUMMER
- HUMMINGBIRD
- FATHER
- SUNGLASSES
- FRIENDS
- SUNBURN
- VACATION

# FOOD PANTRIES

## Feeding America: Upper Peninsula

- Thursday, June 11, 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](http://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.**

# REMINDERS!

- **Rent is due on June 1st.** If rent is not paid in full by the end of day on June 5th, 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 - 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 forms at any time.

**Our office will be closed on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Juneteenth.**



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



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## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jennifer Dunton, President

Bridget Akre, Vice President

Jennifer LaBonte, Treasurer

Ancilla Lee, Resident Commissioner

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\**



## POLICY UPDATES

The Sault Ste. Marie Housing Commission is proposing changes to the Lease Agreement and Public Housing Handbook and Policies regarding grills and the safety and storage of bicycles, E-Scooters, and E-Bikes in Public Housing. The proposed policies are available for review at 608 Pine Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. The public comment period will be open from **May 15, 2026 through June 14, 2026**, with final approval scheduled for the June 18, 2026 Board meeting. Written comments or questions may be submitted to the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Commission at P.O. Box 928, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, or by calling 906-635-5841.