

SAULT STE. MARIE HOUSING COMMISSION

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MONTHLY UTILITIES



As summer winds down and cooler weather approaches, we want to remind residents to stay current on their utility bills. Your monthly rent includes a utility allowance to help with assigned utility costs; however, residents are responsible for paying their utility bills and keeping their accounts current.

If you are having trouble keeping up with your utility payments, please reach out for assistance **before your account falls behind**. Help may be available through CLM Community Action Agency, MDHHS, the Salvation Army, or the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. You may also want to contact your utility provider to ask about payment plans or other available options.

Please be aware that if a utility account becomes delinquent due to non-payment and must be placed in the Sault Ste. Marie Housing Commission's name to prevent shut-off, you will receive a lease violation, be charged a \$25.00 administrative fee, and be responsible for any utility balance paid on your behalf. Three (3) utility-related lease violations within a 12-month period may result in a Notice to Quit.

If you need help, please don't wait and reach out early! We are here to help connect you with available resources and assistance whenever possible to avoid any unnecessary fees and lease violations.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY FAIR



The Chippewa County Fair will be at the Chippewa County Fairground in Kinross from August 30th–September 6th! From carnival rides and games to live animals and derby events, stop by and enjoy a day of fun for the whole family! For more information, visit www.chippewafair.com for specials and the full schedule of events.

SOO FILM FESTIVAL



The Soo Film Festival is in town from September 16th through September 20th. This festival showcases independent and emerging filmmakers from across the Great Lakes region and the world. Films will be shown at the historic Soo Theater located on 534 Ashmun Street. No tickets are required for films shown at the Bayliss Public Library. To see the full list of movies, purchase tickets, or for more information, visit www.soofilmfestival.org.

DON'T SHOOT YOUR EYE OUT!

MyMichigan Medical Center - Sault is hosting a Community Education: Don't Shoot Your Eye Out! informative session on September 16th from 5:30pm–6:30pm in the Main Lobby/Registration Area. Get ahead of hunting season with education on firearm safety, responsible hunting practices, and injury prevention. This free community session is open to the public, and no registration is required.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Brimley State Park invites campers to celebrate the season at the Harvest Festival! The event features a full lineup of festive activities, including a pancake breakfast, campsite decorating, a chili cook-off, a kids' scavenger hunt, candy bar bingo, and, of course, classic trick-or-treating fun for all ages. This family-friendly event is open to all ages, with activities limited to registered campers only. The event will take place on Saturday, September 26th, from 10:00am to 8:00pm.

Back to School WORD SEARCH

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WORD LIST

- SCHOOL
- TEACHER
- STUDENT
- CLASSROOM
- BACKPACK
- PENCIL
- NOTEBOOK
- FRIENDS
- HOMEWORK
- RECESS
- LIBRARY
- LUNCH
- SEPTEMBER
- LEARNING

FOOD PANTRIES

Feeding America: Upper Peninsula

- Thursday, September 10, 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)



DONATIONS NEEDED!



The CLM Community Action Agency Emergency Shelter Program Pantry is running extremely low on food, and they need your help! Help them support individuals and families in need by donating non-perishable, shelf-stable, microwaveable foods to the Emergency Shelter Pantry.

Most Needed Items:

- Canned vegetables, soups, and fruit
- Microwaveable meals
- Pasta, rice, and oatmeal
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned protein, such as tuna and chicken
- Bottled water and juice packs

Please ensure all donated foods are microwaveable, factory sealed, within their expiration date, and have a pop-top or easy-open lid whenever possible. The drop-off location is at 510 Ashmun St., Suite 4.

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's:

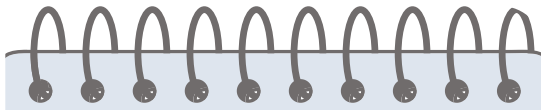
- Always be present when charging devices using lithium-ion batteries.
- Only use an approved replacement battery pack.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper charging and unplug the device when done.
- Only use the battery and the charger that were designed for, and came with, the device.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

DON'T's:

- 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 September 1st.**

If rent is not paid in full by the end of day on September 8th, 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. Any 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 doors are open 24/7. You can pick up or turn in paperwork at anytime.

The SSMHC office will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor 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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