Moving Forward Together

September 2026 Township Update

Dear Islanders,

Back in January, your Township Board introduced Focus Five, a set of five community-driven priorities to guide our work through 2026. As we move into fall, I am glad to report that four of those five priorities are now complete.

Focus Five: Where We Stand

Community Days: established and already underway, with our first event held in May and the next set for October 17th.

Strategic Township Investment: the new golf course mower has been purchased, one of the priority investments identified through this year's budget process.

Outstanding Jr. Citizen of the Year: the award has been formally established to recognize island youth under 18 for leadership, service, and community commitment.

Township Identity: with the Logo Contest now complete (see below), our new Township logo is official.

The one remaining Focus Five priority, designating Pine Street and Somes Hill and Water Street and the Museum as an Area of Historical Significance, is still ahead of us, and I will keep you posted as that work continues.

Announcing Our New Township Logo

I am thrilled to share the winning design from our Township Logo Contest, part of the Township Identity priority above. This initiative invited residents to help shape a consistent, recognizable identity for Drummond Island Township, and the response from our community's designers was inspiring.

The public vote closed September 1st with 218 ballots cast. The winning design took 141 votes, 65 percent of the vote, a clear mandate from Islanders. That design comes from Kris Kuizenga. His design will become the official logo of Drummond Island Township, appearing across our signage, documents, and communications going forward.



This Drummond Island Township logo celebrates the island's identity as Michigan's northernmost gem in Lake Huron. The circular design symbolizes unity, continuity, and the close-knit nature of the community. At its center, the silhouette of Drummond Island provides an instantly recognizable landmark, anchoring the township's sense of place and honoring its unique geography.

The Islander IV ferry, rendered with clean lines and a refreshed appearance, represents connection, the essential lifeline that links residents and visitors to the mainland. Behind the island, the evergreen pines reflect the island's rugged natural beauty, resilience, and deep ties to the outdoors. Above them, a stylized bald eagle soars, symbolizing freedom, pride, and stewardship of the land and wildlife.

The compass rose at the top signifies direction, exploration, and the spirit of adventure that defines life on Drummond Island. The navy and white palette conveys professionalism and trust, while the clean typography ensures clarity across signage, documents, and digital platforms.

Together, these elements form a timeless emblem that honors the island's heritage, its people, and its connection to the Great Lakes.

— Kris Kuizenga

Thank you to everyone who submitted a design and to everyone who took part in the public vote. This logo is a direct product of "for the island, by the island."

Citizen of the Year Nominations Open in October

Mark your calendars: nominations for both the Outstanding Citizen of the Year and the new Outstanding Jr. Citizen of the Year awards will open in October, with winners announced at the December Township Board meeting. Nomination forms will be available at the Township Office or online. If you know an Islander, young or not so young, who goes above and beyond for this community, I would encourage you to nominate them.

With four of our five Focus Five priorities now complete, I want to thank this community for the engagement, ideas, and volunteer spirit that made it possible.

Together, we keep moving forward.

Warm regards,
Krystal Truax
Township Supervisor
Drummond Island Township