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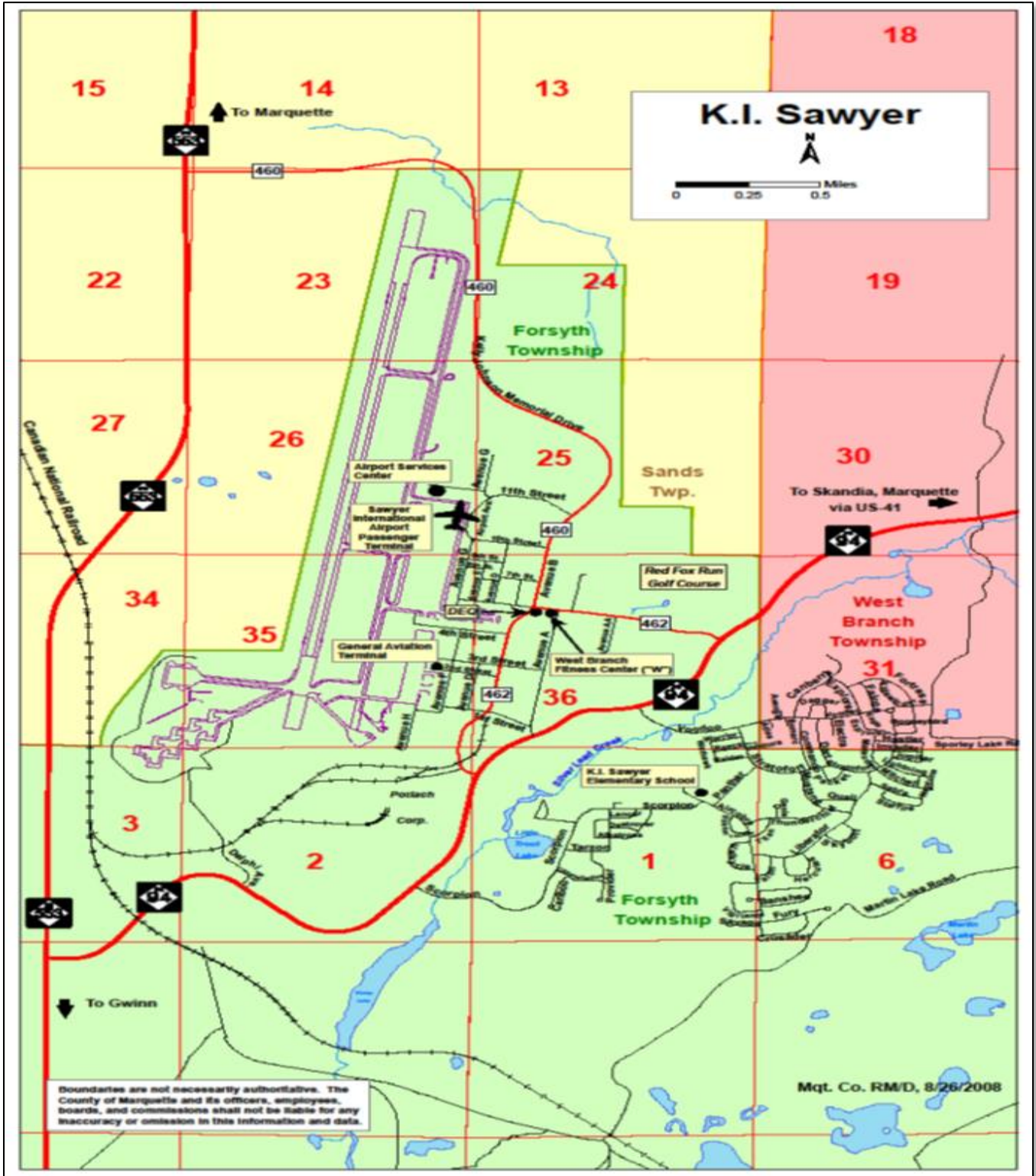
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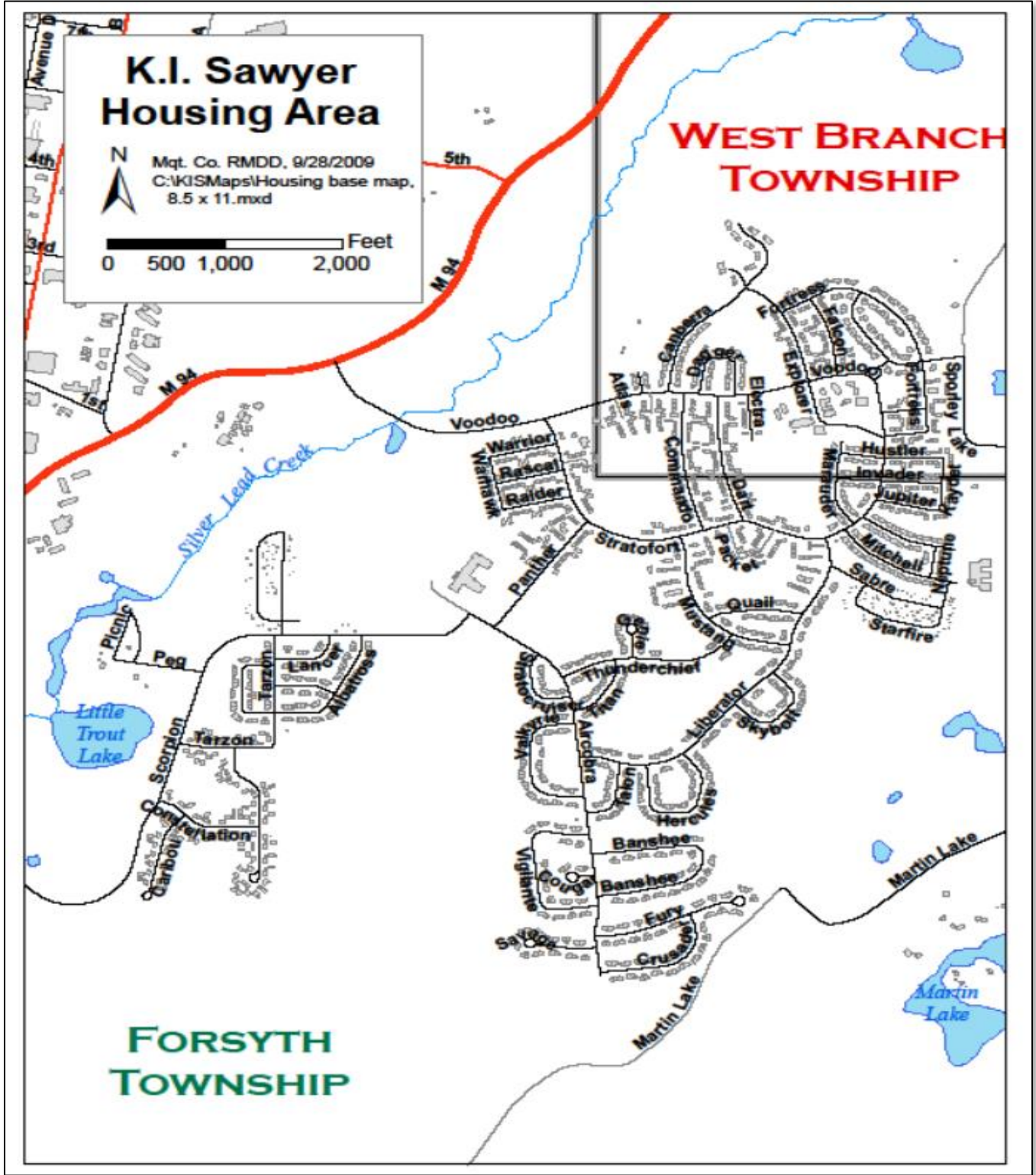
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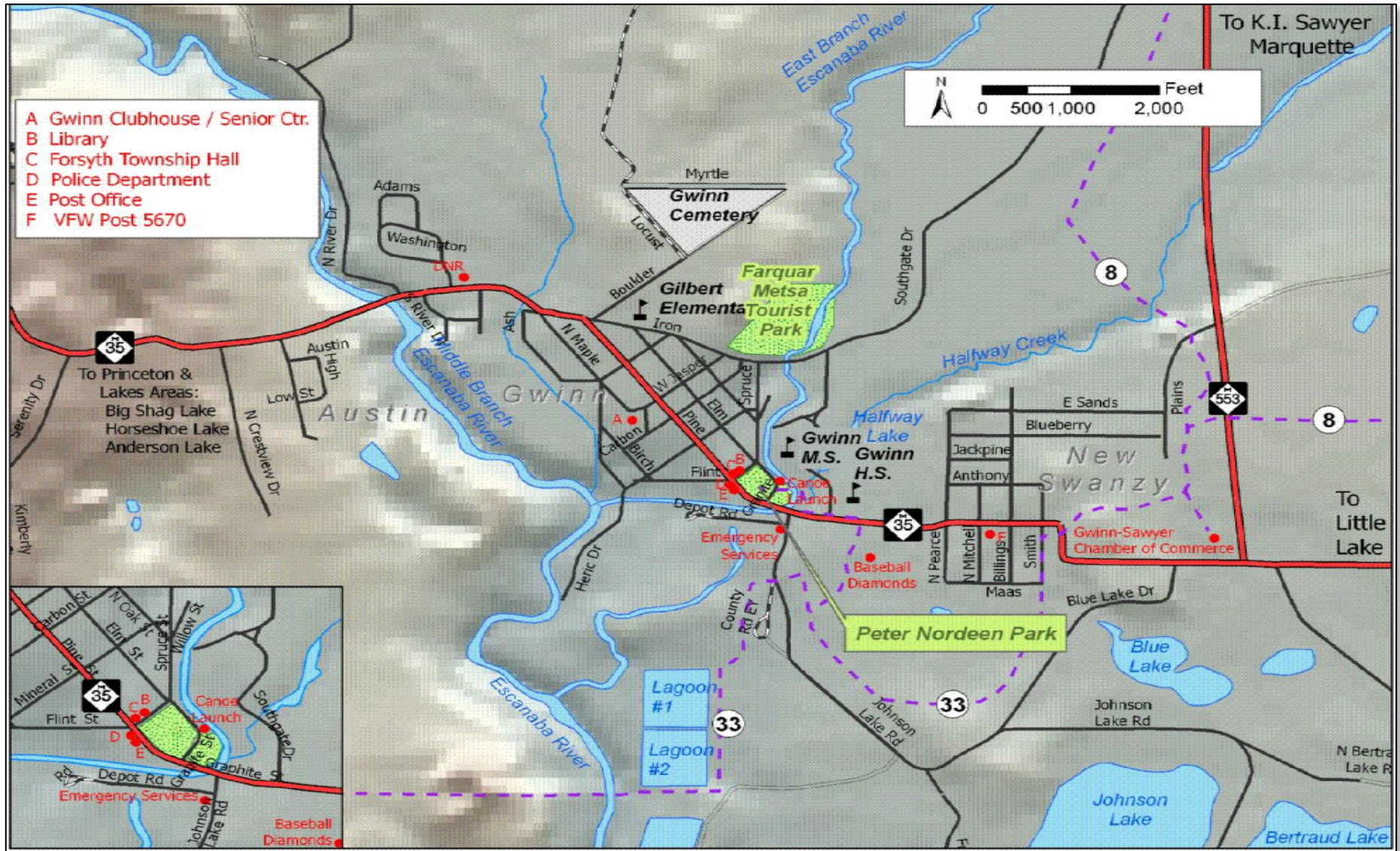
K I Sawyer



K I Sawyer Housing



Gwinn



IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

| | |
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| Emergency calls | 911 |
| Forsyth Township Fire Department | 906.346.6641 |
| Forsyth Township Police Department (non-emergency) | 906.346.9224 |
| Marquette County Central Dispatch | 906.475.9912 |
| Natural gas leak (Semco) | 888-427-1427 |

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Forsyth Township

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Contact number | 906.346.9217 |
| Hours | Monday through Thursday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM Friday 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM |
| Web site | forsyhtownship.org |



Sands Township

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Contact number | 906.249.9169 |
| Hours | Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 AM to 3 PM Tuesday 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM |
| Web site | www.sandstowship.org |



West Branch Township

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Contact number | 989.345.5450 |
| Hours | Wednesday through Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM |
| Web site | theperfecttownship.com |



HISTORY OF K I SAWYER

In 1954 the government entered into negotiations with Marquette County for the lease of the space for a new Air Force base. After several months of meetings and negotiations, a 99-year lease was signed on January 24, 1955, and construction started almost immediately. Approximately 850 people were employed during the construction and several local contractors were involved.

On January 24, 1956, Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Blocklehurst became the first commander of the newly named K.I. Sawyer **Air Force Base**. The runway was completed in 1957 and in 1958 25 F-102 aircraft were sent on a temporary assignment from Kinross air force base in Sault Ste. Marie to operate out of K. I. Sawyer for several months, while the runways in Kinchelo air force base were being repaired and extended.

The 62nd F15 from O'Hare airport in Chicago was transferred to K.I. Sawyer and became an operational F-101 "Voodoo" squadron in 1959 after the runways at K. I. Sawyer were extended to

12,300 feet.

Shortly after, the Strategic Air Command (SAC) became operational as a tenant unit with the assignment of a KC-135 Air Refueling Squadron that was soon replaced by the 46th Air Refueling Squadron. The first B-52H arrived at K. I. Sawyer in August 1961 along with the 410th **Bomb** Wing.

The Sault Ste. Marie Air Defense Sector (**SAGE**) continued in operation until September 1963 and in January 1964 control of the base was passed from the Air Defense Command to the Strategic Air Command, leaving the 410 Bomb Wing as the host unit.

The F101 equipped 62 Fighter Interceptor Squadron remained at K. I. Sawyer as a tenant unit until April 1971 when it was deactivated and replaced by the 87th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and its F-106 Delta Dart aircraft that were transferred from Duluth Municipal Airport in Minnesota. The 87th F1S was deactivated, and the F-106 aircraft left in 1985.

The last aircraft assigned to K. I. Sawyer were six T-37 jet trainers of the 71FTW assigned to "Accelerated Copilot enrichment Program" in 1977.

The last B-52 left in November of 1994. On June 1, 1995, an air force Inactivation Ceremony was held. By August of the same year, the Base Deactivation Ceremony was held.

K. I. Sawyer was closed on September 30, 1995. Chief Master Sergeant Vaughn Stewart, the last military member, left in December 1996.

By September 25, 1999, air carrier passengers were entering and leaving from K. I. Sawyer (now known locally as "Sawyer"). A new terminal building was completed by September 25, 1999, and is next to one of the longest runways in North America. Located on the original airport site picked by Marquette County's first road commission superintendent, Kenneth I. Sawyer, the new airport is ideally positioned for serving the central Upper Peninsula.

Sawyer International Airport is one of 12 airports nationwide that competed for and was selected for inclusion in a special funding category created by the U.S. Congress. As part of the military airports program, the airport received special federal funding.

K. I. Sawyer is home to many residents, both permanent and renting. The street names have remained the same as they were when the Air Force was here, and the military buildings are changing to businesses, but now civilians live, work and play in Sawyer.

Note: The history as extracted from www.gwinnmi.com/history_sawyer.htm

LOCAL BUSINESSES

There are many local businesses in the K I Sawyer community. The latest listing of business can be found at https://sawyerairport.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Tenant-Directory_2024.pdf.



AREA TRANSPORTATION

MarqTran

Marquette County Transit Authority (MarqTran) provides bus transportation throughout Marquette County 365 days per year. There are nine fixed routes that run Monday through Saturday, with slightly changed routes on Saturday and Sunday.

MarqTran also provides a door-to-door service with the following notice requirements:

- Up to seven days in advance for persons that are ADA-Paratransit eligible
- Up to three days in advance for all persons for medical and dental appointments
- Up to two days in advance for seniors who need arrangements to go to work
- One day in advance for all others

Senior citizens (60 years or older), students (K through 12 and college students with a valid student ID), veterans with valid ID, and people with disabilities ride for half fare. Preschool children ride free of charge with a paying adult.

Tickets, monthly passes, and quarterly passes are available for purchase at the Marq-Tran station in Marquette.

For additional information and area schedules, go to the MarqTran website (marq-tran.com).



Sawyer / Gwinn MarqTran Schedule

The poster features a route map connecting Marquette, Sawyer, and Gwinn. Key stops include Downtown Marquette, Sawyer International Airport, and Gwinn High School. It includes a 'Stormy Weather?' advisory, a 'Forsyth Feeder' route, and contact information for the Marquette County Transit Authority.

MARQUETTE ♦ SAWYER ♦ GWINN

Stormy Weather?
Listen to your local radio stations or check with our dispatch department (225-1112) for cancellations and up-to-date time schedules.

ATTENTION PASSENGERS:
Your safety is our primary concern. Your driver will stop only in a safe location. Traffic, road and lighting conditions will affect the driver's decision to stop or not to stop. You will be let off at the nearest safe location to your desired stopping point.

Call Our Dispatch Dept: 225-1112

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
1325 Commerce Drive
Marquette, MI 49855
Voice 1-906-225-1112
FAX 1-906-225-0682
marqtran@Marq-Tran.com
www.marq-tran.com

AREA SCHOOLS

Day Care

Kids-R-Us Child Development Center

<https://www.kidsruscdc.com/>



Polka Dots Family Daycare

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057044126523>



Preschool

Gwinn Early Head Start

<https://www.communityactionam.org/head-start>



Kids-R-Us Child Development Center

<https://www.kidsruscdc.com/>



Elementary

Gilbert Elementary School

<https://ges.gwinnschools.org/en-US>



KI Sawyer Elementary School

<https://ses.gwinnschools.org/en-US>



Middle School / High School

Gwinn Middle School / High School

<https://ghs.gwinnschools.org/en-US>



Charter School

North Star Montessori School

<https://northstaracademymqt.com/>



Community Colleges

Bay College

<https://www.baycollege.edu/>



Gogebic Community College

<https://www.gogebic.edu/>



Universities

Lake Superior State University (LSSU)

<https://www.lssu.edu/>



Michigan Technological University (Michigan Tech / MTU)

<https://www.mtu.edu/>



Northern Michigan University (NMU)

<https://nmu.edu/>



RESOURCES

Cable, TV, Internet

906 Communications

906.353.1522

AT&T / DirecTV

855.293.7676

www.directv.com



DISH TV

844.203.8674

www.dish.com



Peninsula Fiber Network

906.226.2010

www.pfnllc.net



Spectrum

877.463.0677

www.spectrum.com



Trash and Recycling

Bottle Recycle

Ten cent bottle and can recycling can be done where the brand for the bottle is sold.

Some area Locations include:

- Larry's Grocery (Gwinn)
- Meijer (Marquette)
- Sawyer Shoppette
- Walmart (Marquette)

If the machine does not take the bottle or can, and the bottle or can clearly says MI 10 cents, you can take it to customer service and they should take it there and pay you for it; just tell them the machine did not take it.

Trash

Blue bags

Purchase bags from Sawyer Shoppette

Five bags cost \$13.00

Weight cannot exceed 32 gallons or 30 pounds in total weight

Place by the curb on Wednesdays by 9 AM

Forsyth Township transfer station

906.346.9217



Depot Rd and Water Works Road,
Gwinn MI 49841

forsyhtownship.org/transfer-station/

Northern Country Disposal & Septic

906.249.4500



83 Eagle Mine Road,
Negaunee MI 49866

northcountrydisposal.net/

Waste Management

906.228.2028



910 West Baraga
Marquette MI 49855

<https://www.wm.com/>

Utilities

K.I Sawyer Water

906.346.3137



<https://www.co.marquette.mi.us/>, then search for “ki sawyer water”

SEMCO (Natural Gas)

800.624.2019



www.semcoenergy.com

UPPCO (Electric)

906.449.2013



uppcocom

GET CONNECTED

Community Organization

Sawyer Community Alliance

The Alliance is an organization that consists of residents and government officials dedicated to improving the Sawyer Community.

The organization meets on the first Monday of the month at the Heritage Air Museum. Meetings start at 6 PM and are open to anyone interested.

Community Facebook Groups / Pages

There are many social media pages that provide information on the happenings in Sawyer. Some of the more common connections are:

Gwinn-Sawyer Veterinary Clinic



K.I. Sawyer Strong



KI Sawyer Friends



KI Sawyer Water Department



Sawyer Community (Back to Original)



Sawyer Earth Savers



The New and improved Sawyer Community Page



FUN AROUND SAWYER

KI Sawyer has fun places to enjoy year round!

We have a newly renovated **Fitness Trail** that is free for use. Enjoy the different stops and do the workouts in a great loop. Or enjoy a hike down the trail and go down by the river to some beautiful scenery. Whatever your passion, this is a great place to go! You can find the entrance of the fitness trail near Voodoo Ave and Stratofort.

Another great fun place to go is the sledding hill. It is at the end of Voodoo Ave (also known as the “back entrance”) by Sporley Lake Road. Four wheelers love it but so do kids and adults who just love hills. Once there is snow bring your sleds and snowboards because there is a lot of fun to be had on the hill! Beat the winter blues away with some snow fun.

Snowmobiling more your sport? You will find many trails around Sawyer leading you anywhere you want to go!

If fishing and water sports are your thing, there are 52 lakes within 25 miles of Sawyer, and plenty more lakes, rivers, and streams in Marquette County, including access to Lake Superior.

Be sure to stop at the Welcome Center in Marquette on US-41 (just south of Marquette). You will not only see the beauty of Lake Superior but you will be able to stop in and pick up information on just about any and everything going on in the Upper Peninsula.

Annual Events and Services

There is so much to do year-round here! Kids, adults, all family friendly...come and have fun with the community!

- 4-H
- Bikes for Kids
- Book Kiosks
- Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts
- Cardboard sled races
- Christmas Car Parade
- Christmas Dinners
- Easter Bash
- Grinch Visits
- Gwinn Christmas Tree Lighting
- Gwinn Clubhouse (Youth hangout)
- Halloween Haunted Trail
- Kids Bike give a way
- Library Clubs
- Lions Club
- March Music Snow
- Stomp
- Read UP Book Mobile Book Club
- Sawyer Earth Savers Club
- Sawyer Senior Santa
- Winter Ice Races

COMMENTS

If you have comments about this document, please send to sawyercomments@gmail.com.