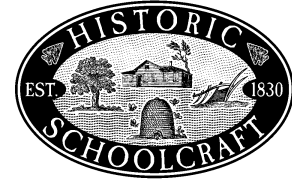


Village of Schoolcraft



Preserving our Past, Enriching our Present, Planning our Future

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Village President's Message

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I sincerely hope that all of you had a very good Christmas and a great start to the New Year.

The Village is moving along on a number of projects and ideas for 2019 albeit at a little slower pace than we desired, but all good things take lots of discussion, planning and time to make them worthwhile.

Last Newsletter I mentioned the Planning Commission would be working on Ordinances, and if you desire any changes, please come to a meeting (2nd Monday of the Month @ the Village Hall @ 7:00 p.m.), and let us know your ideas and concerns. The current Planning Commission, led by Mae Pfost, is certainly open to fresh ideas that allow businesses an easier path and more opportunities than ever before. Some new ideas are currently being incorporated to allow residents to use their property more freely in regards to garages and accessory buildings etc. Please, come to a meeting and give us your thoughts. It appears that we will be working on ordinances until April or later.

2018 has been a very busy year for all of the Village Staff, Village Council, Planning Commission and other sub-committees, as well as Residents, Stake Holders and School Board members. All of those mentioned have been processing and analyzing a great deal of information and ideas that pertain to this Village and its future. So far, we have finished a great "Visioning Plan", finalized a "Master Land Use Plan" and are changing "Ordinances" to follow through with the new ideas and needs of our community. We hope, that by the summer of 2019, we will be able to start a project that marks the beginning of many more to come.

Several ideas and projects for the Business area require us to visit the idea of, "Sanitary Sewers" again, so expect a "Petition" to be circulated again in 2019. Options will be explained at that time regarding participation; Businesses only, Businesses and desiring Residents, and the entire Village. All options will be subject to overall Funding, Grant availabilities, and Finance Programs available at that time. Watch for future notices on this very important subject.

Schoolcraft Schools Officials are working on ideas for needed changes to accommodate the current and upcoming needs for students and facilities, which will involve all of the Village Residents and persons in the surrounding area too, so please pay attention to any information from the Schools, as this affects us all, and ties in with Village plans.

2017 & 2018 were spent gathering ideas and information, assessing options and making plans. 2019 will be spent exploring funding options and obtaining your approval to move ahead on the options for projects that "YOU" choose. So, come to some meetings, voice your opinions and help Schoolcraft to become a better place for all of us to live.

Keith Gunnett
Village of Schoolcraft President
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Vision Statement

The Village of Schoolcraft commits to building on its strong heritage while moving forward to a vibrant future as a community where all citizens are safe and secure, local businesses thrive, and residents and visitors alike are drawn to the variety of recreational and cultural activities.

Mission Statement

The Village of Schoolcraft seeks to enhance the community through development that contributes to its welcoming hometown atmosphere, complements its landscape and local business environment, and reinforces its rich history and quality schools.

2019 Quarterly Meeting Calendar

Village Council 7:00 p.m.

January 7	January 21
February 4	February 18
March 4	March 18

Planning Commission 7:00 p.m.

January 14	February 11
March 11	

Downtown Development Authority 8:00 a.m.

January 3	February 7
March 7	

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Municipal Complex at 442 N. Grand Street

News from the Village Manager's Desk

The Village of Schoolcraft kicked off the holiday season with our annual Christmas Walk. This annual tradition is made possible by the many merchants who open up their doors, roll out the red carpet, and thank you for your patronage during the year. It is great to see the community coming together for this festive event. I especially want to thank the many volunteers who make this event possible.

As the Village brings in the New Year, there is much work to do. The Village Staff is busy working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. We are always looking for ways to improve our service and operations. As we interact with the community throughout the year, we like to hear your comments and suggestions.

While you are sleeping on these quiet winter nights, there is much activity taking place. Our Department of Public Works is out there plowing and salting streets, and keeping the sidewalks clear from ice and snow so that you will have safe travels to work, school, and other destinations in the morning hours. The Police Department is busy too. They are out there on the roads, and are in constant communication with the Department of Public Works advising them of road and weather conditions.

This year has been particularly enjoyable as we have worked towards creating community partnerships with Schoolcraft Community Schools, and area townships. Several meetings have taken place over the course of the year as we work to identify projects and areas in which we can work together to make Schoolcraft the best it can be. These meetings have also given us a chance to get to know each other, and to recognize that by working together as a team, we can address various issues and come up with suggestions and ideas to bring them to fruition. We have learned that Schoolcraft together, can make us better!

Please remember, our goal is to provide excellent customer service to you. We are happy to answer any questions that you have, and your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

On behalf of the Village of Schoolcraft, we wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Cheri M. Lutz
Village Manager
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Schoolcraft Police Department

Winter Driving Tips

Rule No. 1 for driving in snow and ice is simple: Drive more slowly.

Other tips include:

- Keeping a greater distance from the car ahead,
- Start slowing sooner for stops and turns, check traction periodically by tapping the brakes,
- Stay aware of conditions outside the car.

Is the temperature falling? Are conditions right for moisture in the air to condense and freeze on road surfaces, forming black ice that is slick but nearly invisible?

- A car traveling 55 mph covers 81 feet per second. Distance between vehicles should double in marginal conditions, from one car length for every 10 mph of speed to two or three car lengths depending on just how bad conditions are.
For example, on snow and ice, cars traveling 40 mph should be eight-to-12 car lengths apart.

If a car starts to slide when the brakes are applied, stop braking immediately, and apply the brakes again, but more slowly.

Steer into skids:

- If your car is sliding to the right, turn the wheel to the right until you have control, then gently steer back onto the road.

Chief Bryan Campbell

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Village of Schoolcraft Meeting Dates 2019

All meetings are held at the Village Hall located at 442 N. Grand Street,
Schoolcraft, MI

VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT 2019 COUNCIL MEETINGS

The meetings of the Schoolcraft Village Council are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

- January 7, 2019
- January 21, 2019
- February 4, 2019
- February 18, 2019
- March 4, 2019
- March 18, 2019
- April 1, 2019
- April 15, 2019
- May 6, 2019
- May 20, 2019
- June 3, 2019
- June 17, 2019
- July 1, 2019 **
- August 5, 2019 **
- September 3, 2019 *
- September 16, 2019
- October 7, 2019
- October 21, 2019
- November 4, 2019
- November 18, 2019
- December 2, 2019
- December 16, 2019

* Meetings are held on Tuesday when the Village Office is closed for Holiday on Monday.

** Only one meeting is held in July and August

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC**

VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT 2019 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETINGS

The meetings of the Downtown Development Authority are held the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

- January 3, 2019
- February 7, 2019
- March 7, 2019
- April 4, 2019
- May 2, 2019
- June 6, 2019
- August 1, 2019
- September 5, 2019
- October 3, 2019
- November 7, 2019
- December 5, 2019

VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT 2019 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

The meetings of the Planning Commission are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

- January 14, 2019
- February 11, 2019
- March 11, 2019
- April 8, 2019
- May 13, 2019
- June 10, 2019
- July 8, 2019
- August 12, 2019
- September 9, 2019
- October 14, 2019
- November 11, 2019
- December 9, 2019

Teddy's Perspective



Time sure does fly. I have been the Office Dog for three month now, and am getting pretty familiar with the routine. Every day, I get up and go to work. I am not complaining, everybody has a job, but at the end of the day, I am one tired boy. When I first got here, I thought my biggest responsibility would be to nap but I was wrong! There are so many things to keep track of, people are always coming and going, and I am constantly running out to the front office to meet and greet.

If you are lucky like me, and you have a person to take care of you, please remind them not to keep you out in the cold weather for too long. The weather is cold, and it doesn't take long for me to get cold too.

If your dog ever does get loose, be sure to contact the Village Office so that we can keep an eye out for him or her. Our Police Department is always out on the road, and you would be surprised how many times we are able to find your dog if you report it missing.

I hope that all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Don't forget, dogs like presents too!

Teddy

Christmas Tree Pick Up

The Village of Schoolcraft's Department of Public Works will be picking up Christmas Trees, which are placed in the right of way, through January 25, 2019. TREES MUST BE PLACED OUT BY 7:00 A.M. ON JANUARY 25.

Annual Village Wide Garage Sale

Friday May 10, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday May 11, 2019 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

Spring Clean Up

May 18, 2019 7:00 a.m.

Accountability and Transparency

2018 Accountability and Transparency information for the Village of Schoolcraft is available for public viewing on our webpage at www.villageofschoolcraft.com or at the Village Municipal Complex, 442 N. Grand St., Schoolcraft, MI.

Winter Streets and Sidewalks

During the snow season, we ask for your patience and cooperation regarding snow removal. It is our goal to remove it as quickly and safely as possible.

Our first priority is to open major and local streets. This can be accomplished more efficiently if vehicles are not parked along the street. When possible, please be sure to park off the street during the winter months.

Once the snow has been removed from the streets, the DPW will remove the sidewalks of snow. Be sure your vehicles are not blocking the sidewalks. Village residents who have placed decorative fences along the public sidewalks may wish to remove them during the winter months to avoid any damage that may occur during the snow removal season.

Snow Removal

State and Local Ordinance prohibits the plowing of snow into or across sidewalks and streets as it leaves snow or slush on the roadway. This ordinance is for vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Please be sure that when you are cleaning snow from your driveway you are also keeping it off the sidewalks and roadway.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated by our winter walkers.

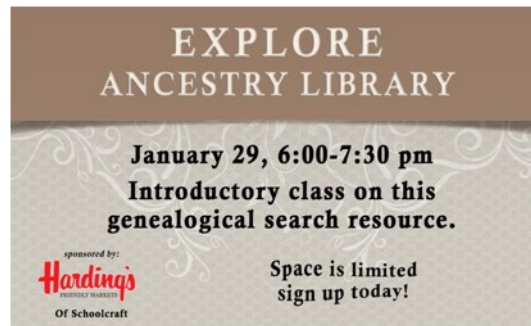


WINTER PROGRAMMING AT THE SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

EXPLORE ANCESTRY LIBRARY:

On January 29 from 6:00-7:30 pm, join us for an introductory class on this great resource, only available in the Library. Allison Ring will walk participants through the basics of this genealogy database and share tips that she has learned through her own experience. Space is limited.

Call the Library or stop in to sign up. *Ancestry Library is sponsored by Harding's Market of Schoolcraft!*



MANGO LANGUAGES: We are now offering a new online learning language resource to patrons called Mango. Learn over 70 languages online and on-the-go. It's a fun and encouraging way to learn vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture and it's now free to the community. Even better, learn at your own pace!

LARGE PRINT BOOKS: The Library continues to offer a current selection of Large Print books by bestselling authors. Many thanks to the *Lions Club of Schoolcraft* for sponsoring this collection!



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2018/2019: The 24th annual Battle of the Books is underway with 29 teams this year! Once again, we have three school systems participating—Schoolcraft, Vicksburg and Parchment. This year “Battle Day” will be held on Saturday, February 16, at the Schoolcraft High School PAC beginning with Preliminary Battles at 10 a.m. followed by Semi Finals later in the afternoon. The top four teams from Semi Finals will go on to the Grand Battle on Thursday, February 21, at the Schoolcraft High School PAC starting at 7 p.m.

Come watch local youth amaze you with their knowledge!

PRAIRIE PAGETURNERS—Movie in January: The Prairie Pageturners will be meeting on Wednesday, January 9 at 1 p.m., in the Robert Crissman Community Room for a movie. The group will be watching “The Book Club.” Refreshments and lively conversation served.

TOT TIME & PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR: Both Tot Time and Preschool Story Hour will be on hiatus during the month of January. Tot Time will resume on Tuesday, February 5, and Preschool Story Hour will resume Thursday, February 7.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: This is a free reading program promoting early literacy for children ages 0 through pre-K. It encourages children and their caregivers to share 1000 books together before Kindergarten. A reading log for recording the number of titles read is provided along with various incentives earned at regular intervals, including hardcover books to add to your home library collection. Stop in at the circulation desk to sign up your child today!

SCHOOLCRAFT FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING: The Friends of the Library will start their 2019 meetings on Friday, January 11, at 10 a.m. at the library. The Friends had a busy 2018 hosting the Annual Book/Bake Sale, Schoolcraft Summer Palooza, Historic Homes Tour, and Donor Drive. FOL is a vital support group for the Library and we are most appreciative of their efforts to supplement Library programming funds and provide other useful funding for technology, books, and more. If you are interested in learning more, come join us for our January meeting and discover how you can help your local library and community.

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY : 330 N. CENTRE STREET SCHOOLCRAFT, MI 49087: (269) 679-5959

Village Directory

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Police Department 269-679-5600
Department of Public Works 269-679-5658
Associated Gov. Services 1-800-627-2801

Village Council

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Trustees: Russell Barnes
Todd Carlin
Kathy Mastenbrook
Michael Rochholz
Sy Spears
John Stodola

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Henry Kite
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