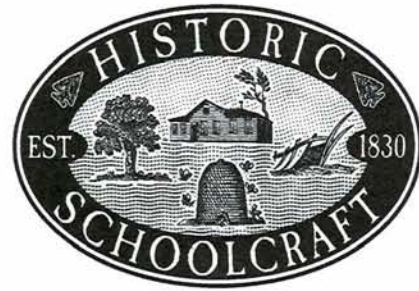


The Village of Schoolcraft

Spring 2008 Edition



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269-679-4304 Administrative Office

269-679-5600 Police Department

269-679-5658 DPW

President:	Loren Warfield
Trustees:	Russel Barnes Scot Dailey Keith Gunnett Walt Mullin Carl Tackett Jim VanDyken
Manager:	Cheri Lutz
Clerk/Treasurer:	Faith Akert
Office Assistant:	Theresa O'Leary
Police Chief:	Bryan Campbell
Sergeant:	Jamie Edwards
Officers:	Matt Britton Mark Mellinger John Keith Thomas Ballard
Auxiliary Officers:	Craig Copeland Mary Secondi Larry Schwabauer
DPW Super:	Gordon Shaw
Asst. Super:	Rob Coffman

A Message from the Village President



The month of April brings to us sunshine and hopes of an early spring after some long, hard winter months. Along with the spring season comes a new budget year with several projects scheduled for implementation.

This year you will see a number of projects happening around town including new and replacement sidewalks, spring garage sales and spring clean up, and painting of our water tower just to name a few.

Remember that the Village Council serves you, and you are the eyes and ears of our community. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, feel free to discuss them with the Village Manager, Village Trustees or myself.

2008 QUARTERLY MEETING CALENDAR

Village Council

7:00 p.m.. Village Hall
April 7,21, May 5,19, June 2,16.

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m.. Village Hall
April 14, May 12, June 9.

Downtown Development Authority

8:00 a.m.. Village Hall.
April 3, May 1, June 5.

From the Desk of the Village Manager.....

The past few months have been very busy with packing up equipment, furniture and records, and moving from the old Village Office to the new Municipal Complex. It took almost five days to pack our belongings and physically move into our new building. During that five day period our phone and computer services were down for less than one hour, and we were still able to provide services to our businesses and residences. Within a week after our move, we sold our old municipal office which is now being used as an office. The old Council Chambers and Fire Station have not yet been sold.

During that very busy move, work continued here with completion and adoption of the 2008-09 Fiscal Year Budget, preparation for our annual audit, 24/7 Police Department coverage and more. We were also busy unpacking boxes, arranging workspaces, and genuinely being happy to be here and to serve you in our new building. We will be hosting an Open House sometime in May or June and personally invite all of you to stop in for a tour.

Along with business as usual, the Water Committee has been meeting to discuss various options for painting our water tower. You may recall the tower was erected in 1991, and is now in need of paint. Dixon Engineering will prepare bid specifications for the project, and work will be completed this year.

As you can see, lots of good things are happening here in the Village of Schoolcraft. As always, feel free to call if you have any questions regarding our projects or services.

Cheri M. Lutz, Village Manager



www.villageofschoolcraft.com

Be sure to check our new web site out for current information, including meeting minutes, frequently asked questions, Code of Ordinances, and much more.

The web site is updated monthly for your convenience.



DROP BOX AVAILABLE FOR AFTER HOURS PAYMENTS

For your convenience, we have installed an *AFTER HOURS DROP BOX* at our new location for payment of your water bills.

The drop box is located next to the main entrance doors.

Please do not place cash in the Drop Box.



SCHOOLCRAFT
POLICE DEPT



The Schoolcraft Police Dept has joined in a partnership with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Dept to help reduce traffic crashes involving drivers under the age of 21. A parental notification system that was developed for the state by the Michigan Sheriffs Association, the goal of STOPPED is to reduce the number of young drivers who are injured or killed in motor vehicle crashes each year.

Annually over 3,000 drivers, ages 16 to 21 years old, die in the United States as a result of motor vehicle crashes.

The STOPPED program is a voluntary notification system that extends their watchful eyes and raises the level of awareness for the drivers under the age of 21.

To enroll in the program you can call the Michigan Sheriff's association at (800)875-5500 or go on line at www.michigansheriff.com. Once registered identification decal is issued and should be affixed to the front windshield of each registered vehicle.

If for any reason, the registered vehicle is stopped by an officer while a person under the age of 21 is driving, the officer will complete a notification card that proves the following information;

- Time and location of the stop.
- Driver's name and the number of passengers in the vehicle.
- Reason for the stop.
- Whether any citations were issued.

The notification will then be mailed directly to the parents in order to make them aware of potential problems as well as enable them to enforce parental rules that often co-exist with teenage driving privileges.

Pamphlets with registration information can be picked up at the Schoolcraft Police Dept between 8am and 5pm Monday through Friday.

HELP KEEP YOUR YOUNG DRIVERS SAFE

Chief Bryan Campbell

bcampbell@villageofschoolcraft.com

VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES DAYS



Will be held on April 18th from 9:00
a.m. To 6:00 p.m. And April 19th from
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For additional information, contact
Theresa O'Leary at 679-4304

VILLAGE WIDE SPRING CLEAN UP COMING SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008

The Village of Schoolcraft will be holding it's
Annual Spring Clean Up for Village Residents
on Saturday, April 26, 2008.

Household items should be placed by the curbside
by 7:00 a.m. on the day of pick up.

The following items will NOT be picked up

Broken concrete, fence posts, and items weighing over 60 pounds
Leaves, branches and brush
Grass clippings
Tires
Toxic materials.
Appliances containing Freon

**PLEASE NOTE THAT A SPECIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF
WILL NOT BE OFFERED THIS YEAR.**

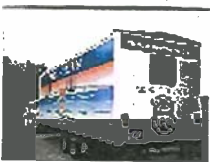


Volunteers to serve on the DDA Board. If you live in, own, or work in the DDA District, and would like to become a member of an active board, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Cheri Lutz at 679-4304.

Mobile Secretary of State Coming Soon.....

July 30th from 11:00 a.m. To 7:00 p.m.
July 31st from 9:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.

The mobile unit offers the following full services:



Drivers Licenses

Personal ID Cards

License Tabs and Plates

Title and Register Vehicles
And Watercraft

Drop in and renew up to six months early
without penalty.



All property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to maintain the grassy area between the sidewalk and the paved portion of the road.

Grass and weeds in excess of 12 inches is a violation of Village Ordinance. Failure to comply with Village Ordinance will result in civil fines and having the property mowed at your own expense.

Guidelines for Allowable Recreational Burning

Must be non-combustible material.

Must not exceed 3' x 3' in size.

Will be placed no closer than 10' from any fences and/or property lines.

Will be placed no closer than 10' from any structure.

Cannot be placed on road or right of way.

Flame height shall not exceed 24" at any time.

At no time will rubbish, garbage or non-combustible fuels be used to light or burned in fire.



WATER TOWER IMPROVEMENTS

Dixon Engineering will be writing bid specifications for Water Tower Painting. Scheduled for painting are the wet and dry interior, dry exterior along with an improved roof vent, mud valve upgrade, pit, safety rails, and cathodic protection posts.



Work on this project will take place sometime later this fall.

TIPS FOR WATER CONSUMPTION IN YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS

Toilets and water conditioners are a leading source of leaks and high water bills. Become more aware of your water consumption by using these few tips:

- Listen for your water flow.
- Turn on your faucet.
Check the indicator on top of your water meter to look for a rotating arrow or dial. After noting how the dial rotates when water is flowing turn your water off to see if the indicator stops.
A stationary dial indicates that you have no leakage.
- Continued movement of the dial indicates that you have a leak.



WATER RATE INCREASE

Village of Schoolcraft Residents and water users outside the Village limits will see a water rate increase on their next water bill which will be mailed out on May 30, 2008.

Water rates must be adjusted from time to time to fund Capital Improvements and general operations of the Water Department. Water rates will be adjusted on March 1st of each year through 2009, and will be adjusted to the cost of living each year thereafter.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Village of Schoolcraft will be flushing Fire Hydrants on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. Please be sure to run your water for a few minutes before doing laundry on that day.

PAPER BAGS ONLY

The DPW will be picking up **PAPER BAGGED LEAVES ONLY** through May 12th.

Please give us a call at 679-4304 if you are in need of having them picked up.

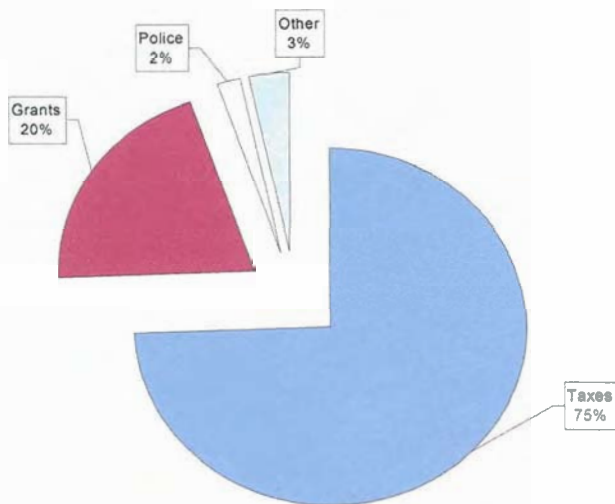
A BIG THANKS

The DPW would like to thank you for not parking across Village sidewalks this winter. Keeping the sidewalks clear from obstacles allows us to keep the sidewalks cleared. Your continued cooperation will be appreciated by our walkers and bike riders too.

VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2008-09

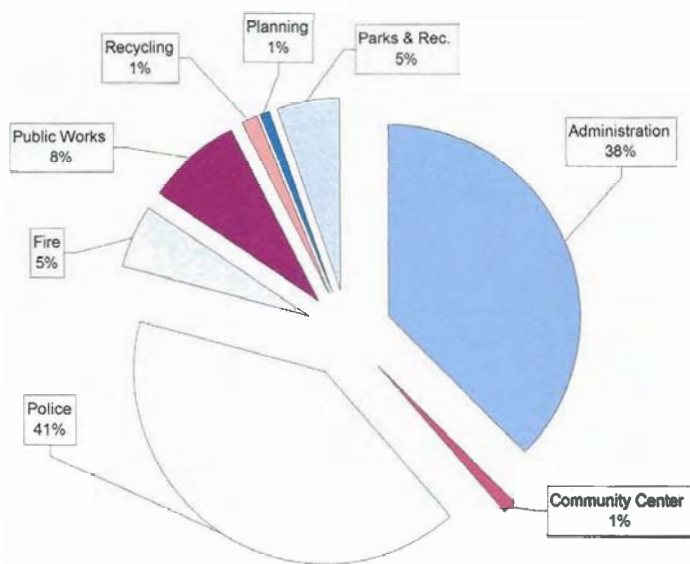
March 1, 2008 began the new fiscal year for the Village of Schoolcraft. Tax revenues from the Summer Village Tax to be collected July 1, 2008, constitutes 75% of the Village Budget

REVENUES



The total operating budget for the General Fund is \$793,830.00. The graph below illustrates how the Village funds will be spent.

EXPENSES



Note: The Village tax rate is 14.9005 Mills or 32.46% of the approximate total 45.9206 Mills levied on residential property.



RECYCLE - IT WORKS

The Village of Schoolcraft offers recycling to Village Residents. Simply bring your recycled materials to the drop off station located across from the Ken Krum Center on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 8:00 a.m. To 6:00 p.m.

2008 Sidewalk Replacement/ Repair Program

The Village of Schoolcraft will be installing new and replacement sidewalks in the following locations:

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Tulip Street West Side Maple to Lyon
Clay Street North Side Park to West
Walnut Street North Side Robinson to Duncan

REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION

Pearl Street East Side Osterhout to Eliza
Clay Street North Side Hayward to Park
Duncan Street West Side Walnut to Eliza

NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM THE DPW

Brush Pick up is done on the last Monday of each month through the month of October. Please adhere to our brush pick up guidelines .



Please remember the the Village of Schoolcraft does not allow Structures in the Right of Way. For those of you who have signs, flower pots, stones, or other decorative objects in the right of way your cooperation in removing them will be greatly appreciated.

Please help us keep our Village clean by removing your Garage Sales signs after your sale is done.

If you are planning on driveway construction, reconstruction or modification in the Village right-of-way, a permit is required so be sure to stop by the Village Office to receive specifications for your driveway approach.

The DPW thanks you for your cooperation and wishes you a happy spring.

The Village of Schoolcraft
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