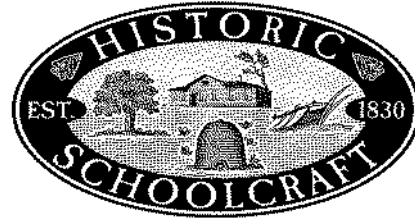


The Village of Schoolcraft

Summer 2008 Edition



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269-679-4304 Administrative Office

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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 Tom Ballard
Auxiliary Officers:	Craig Copeland Mary Secondi Larry Schwabauer
DPW Super:	Gordon Shaw
Asst. Super:	Rob Coffman

A Message from the Village President



The Village of Schoolcraft is busily preparing for the annual 4th of July Celebration as we welcome thousands of people into our community for a fun-filled day of activities and events topped off by our spectacular fireworks display at dusk.

The Village of Schoolcraft is proud to be the host for this annual event, and we are especially pleased to have our own Sherry Gilchrist serving this year as Grand Marshall of the parade.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the 4th of July Committee for making this day possible, and for their long hours of work and dedication.

2008 QUARTERLY MEETING CALENDAR

Village Council

7:00 p.m.. Village Hall

July 7, August 4, September 2, 15, 2008.

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m.. Village Hall

July 14, August 11, September 8, 2008.

Downtown Development Authority

8:00 a.m.. Village Hall.

August 7, 2008, September 4, 2008.

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

The long awaited summer months are finally here and the Village of Schoolcraft is bustling with activities. One of the busiest places around town is Burch Park, where on any given day, you will see families having picnics, children playing on the playground equipment or simply, someone taking a few minutes out of their busy day to sit and enjoy the flowers and quiet serenity of the park. We hope that you also take a minute to enjoy all that Birch Park offers.

The DDA has approved the purchase of decorative street signs for the US 131 corridor. Street signs will have our historic logo on them, and will be mounted on a scroll bracket and on high quality black poles with decorative finials. These signs will convey the historic theme of the Village, and you will see them up sometime in late summer.

The Village Council will soon be contemplating the purchase of a new emergency warning system for the Village of Schoolcraft. This system will have remote capabilities, a rotating siren, and will have a greater service area than the siren that is currently being used.

The Planning Commission is in the process of reviewing and recommending zoning ordinance changes to the Village Council. A Public Hearing will be held to hear citizen comments later this year.

Work will begin in mid August on resurfacing the Canadian National Railroad Crossing on South Grand Street. Traffic will be re-routed from East Eliza Street to 14th Street to XY Avenue. The project will begin on August 11th and completed by August 21st. US 131 will be opened to traffic and all construction equipment and signs will be removed by August 22nd.

Last, the Village of Schoolcraft will be hosting an Open House at our New Municipal Complex on July 4th from 2 p.m. to 4.p.m. We invite you to stop in and take a tour of our new facility.

Cheri M. Lutz
Village Manager

Do you have a home or business improvement project planned?

If you are planning on making improvements to your home or business this year whether it be new construction, an addition, installation of a fence , a new sign, or any number of other improvements, please be sure to contact Associated Government Services at 1-800-627-2801 before starting your project to assure you are in compliance with our Village Zoning Ordinance.



Schoolcraft Police Department



BOOSTER SEAT LAW



On July 1st, 2008 Michigan will become the 39th State to adopt an expanded booster seat law. Sponsors of the legislation say most of the children between 4-8 years old, who are seriously injured in automobile accidents are not restrained in a booster seat.

Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death or injury for Michigan children ages 14 and under. In 2005; 7,188 Michigan Children ages 15 and under were injured or killed in crashes.

Governor Jennifer Granholm signed legislation requiring all children who are both under age 8 and shorter than 4 feet 9 inches to be restrained in booster seats.

The law will take effect on July 1st, 2008, and violators will face a civil infraction fine of up to \$65.00 per offense. Michigan's new law will be a primary enforcement law, meaning police officers can write tickets to drivers who's only violation may be having children improperly restrained. This is in addition to the current law requiring children under age 4 to ride in a booster seat.

The Schoolcraft Police Department hopes that all residents have a safe and happy summer.

Chief Bryan Campbell

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Loans And Grants Help Rural Home Owners

Home ownership and repairs may be financially possible for individuals living in areas 10,000 or less in Kalamazoo County, through a program offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, acting through Rural Development.

The program is available to applicants who meet Rural Development's eligibility requirements, is income eligible and has an acceptable credit history. Rural Development's home ownership program makes it possible for individuals and families to afford housing, due to no down payment and a potential interest rate as low one percent. The interest rate charged is based on the applicant's total household income.

Home loans can be used to buy, build or purchase an existing dwelling. The maximum amount that Rural Development can loan for Kalamazoo County is \$176,500.00. The eligible loan amount is dependent upon the applicants' repayment ability, which is based on the applicants' income and debt.

The maximum income applicants may make and still qualify for the program depends on the total number of household members who will be living in the home. For example, a single person's income in Kalamazoo County can't exceed \$33,950.00.

Rural Development also provides home repair loans at one percent and grants that can be used for home improvement and essential repairs to make a dwelling habitable. Examples of repairs would include siding, a new roof, well or septic. Applicants must be income eligible and meet program requirements for repair loans and grants.

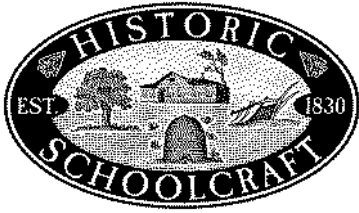
For more information contact 269.521.6297, 269.7055 x 4 or 1.888.771.6993 or TDD/517.324.5169.

A Quick Note



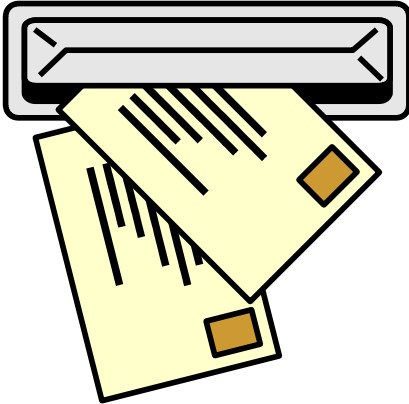
Do you know that you can get current tax and parcel information by going to Schoolcraft Township's web site at www.schoolcrafttownship.org

You can also get information on the Village of Schoolcraft by visiting our web site At www.villageofschoolcraft.com



VILLAGE OF SCHOOLCRAFT MUNICIPAL COMPLEX OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH
2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.



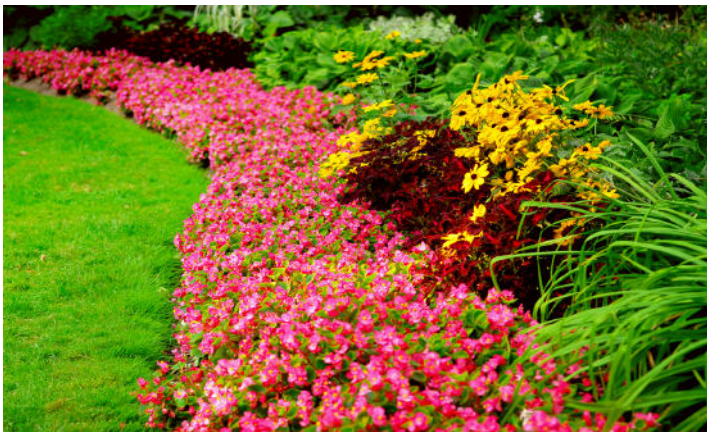
A DROP BOX
IS AVAILABLE
FOR AFTER
HOUR
PAYMENTS
NEXT TO THE
MAIN
ENTRANCE
DOORS

Flower Planters Wanted

If you or your organization would like to contribute to the Village of Schoolcraft's beautification, we could use your help.

Design your own flower bed or plant flowers that are provided by the Village. The DPW will help by prepping beds, water and weed if necessary.

Interested persons or organizations can sign up by calling 679-4304 .



MOBILE SECRETARY OF STATE COMING SOON

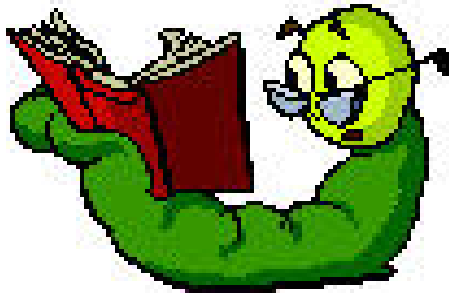
The mobile unit offers the
following services:

Drivers licenses and personal ID cards.
License plates and tabs.
Title and register vehicles and
watercraft.
Register to vote

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

WHEN: July 30 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
July 31 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: Village of Schoolcraft
Municipal Complex
442 N. Grand St.



**SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY
LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

"Catch the Reading bug:"
***Pre-Registration Required

July 1	Preschool Story Hour	"A Bugs Life" Ages 3-5	10 a.m.
July 2	Jim Merrill	Balloon Animals All ages	11 a.m.
July 7	Insectomania***	An Array of "buggy" activities Kindergarten - 3rd grade	11 a.m.
July 9	Steven's Puppets	Aladdin All ages	11 a.m.
July 14	"Bug Buffet"***	Stories & Buggy Menu Kindergarten - 3rd grade	11 a.m.
July 16	Kalamazoo Nature Center	"To BEE or not to BEE" All ages	11 a.m.
July 22	Bug Scavenger Hunt***	Ages 3-5 years	10 a.m.
July 23	"Anansi, the Big Little Spider"	Robin Nott - Stories and Songs All ages	1 p.m.
July 30	Summer Reading Party		1 p.m.

Teen Programs

***Pre-Registration is required for ALL Teen Programs

July 3	Bead Making from Unusual Recycled Material		2 p.m.
July 10	"DUCTIVITIES" - make a duct tape creation Complete designer beads from July 3rd		2 p.m.
July 17	Funny Creature Flick and Food		2 p.m.
July 24	GAME DAY and finish jewelry		2 p.m.
July 30	TEEN Summer Reading Party "Gamefest" from Tip Top Entertainment Features 4 complete video games stations Pizza, pop and prizes.		6:30 p.m.



Schoolcraft's 83rd Annual
Independence Day Celebration
Friday, July 4, 2008

- 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. *Pancake Breakfast* - Upper Elementary
- 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. *Project Kids Sight* - Upper Elementary
Free Vision Screening for children ages 1-5
- 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Late Registration for Road Race - High School
- 7:30 a.m. *1 Mile Fun Run/Walk* - High School
- 8:00 a.m. *5 Mile Firecracker Road Race* - High School
- 9 a.m. *Helicopter Rides*
- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. *Ice Cream Social* - United Methodist Church
- 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. *13th Annual Car Show* - Burch park
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Schoolcraft 4H Petting Zoo* - Burch Park
- 10 a.m. *Parade Line Up.*
11 a.m. **PARADE**
- Noon *Chicken & Ribs BBQ.* - Legion Hall Clay St.
- Post Parade Events
- Underground Railway House and Grounds Tour*
 Till 4:00 .p.m.
- Fire Truck Rides and Fire Prevention Trailer*
 Upper Elementary
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. *Village of Schoolcraft Municipal Complex Open House*
- 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. *American Legion Dance* - Legion Hall Clay St.
- 10 p.m. **FIREWORKS!** Schoolcraft High School

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 keep our town clean by putting your brush at the roadside during this time only.
- Remember that the Village of Schoolcraft does not permit *Structures in the Right of Way*. If you have pots, stones or other decorative items in the right of way, your cooperation in removing them would be appreciated.
- Please help keep the Village clean by promptly removing your Garage Sale Signs when your sale is done.
- The DPW wishes to thank those residents who used biodegradable paper bags for leaf pick up. Your cooperation makes our job easier and more efficient.

The DPW wishes all of you a safe 4th of July.

The Village of Schoolcraft
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