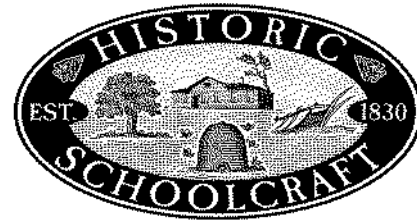


The Village of Schoolcraft

Fall 2009 Edition



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Clerk/Treasurer:	Faith Akert
Office Assistant:	Theresa O'Leary
Police Chief:	Bryan Campbell
Sergeant:	Jamie Edwards
Officers:	Matt Britton Jim Day Mark Stoneburner Larry Weers
Auxiliary Officers:	Mary Secondi Larry Schwabauer
DPW Super:	Gordon Shaw
Asst. Super:	Rob Coffman

A Message from the Village President



It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Village President for the past seven years, and it is with mixed emotions that I write this final message.

During my tenure as Village President, there have been many challenges and opportunities that have been met with great success. Some of them include completion of Phase I of the Streetscape Project, water main replacement from the middle of US 131 to the west side of Grand Street, numerous road projects, the Water Tower Painting Project, a new Municipal Complex, and an upgrade of our park equipment.

It is with pride that I say that our infrastructure is top notch, our housing is affordable, and our community is walkable and safe.

I have had the opportunity to work with some of the best - from the Village Council, Planning Commission DDA, Committees, Managers and staff. I have learned so much from each and every one of them, and with their support and expertise, many great things have happened here in the Village of Schoolcraft. To them, I say thank you! I will truly miss their presence, style, humor, and unique personalities.

As I leave this office, I want to thank all of you for the opportunity that I have had to serve you. I will take away far more than you have given me, and I wish you the very best as you plan and prepare for the future of Schoolcraft.

Loren C. Warfield
Village President

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

The Village of Schoolcraft is busy this fall both wrapping up and preparing for fall and winter services. We have had so many people stop in the office to ask us who supplies our flowers, and for those of you who do not already know that answer is Sun Meadows in Texas Township.

Our committees and commissions have been busy too. The DDA is busy reviewing construction engineering design plans for Phase II and III of the Streetscape Project. They are hopeful that within the next four or five years, the entire stretch of Grand Street from Lyon to South Street will be completed. If you are interested in taking a look at proposed plan, please feel free to stop by the Village Office during our normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Plans are now underway for a community installation of new playground equipment for Burch Park on October 9th and 10th. The Park Committee enjoyed putting the plan together. We hope that you will be pleased with the outcome, and that it will be a place for your friends and family to enjoy for many years to come.

The Planning Commission has been contemplating a Farmer's Market here in the Village of Schoolcraft. There are a few challenges such as site selection and parking that must be addressed but you may see one coming to the Village next year.

For those of you who will be doing some organizing and cleaning around your home during the long winter months, our Village Wide Garage Sale Days are planned for April 16th and 17th, 2010.

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through our budget year and soon, we will begin work on the 2010 /11 Budget. The Village of Schoolcraft is in sound financial shape with a healthy fund balance. We are concerned with declining property values, decreased revenue sharing and Act 51 monies which are used for day to day operations and road maintenance and repair.

A big thanks to our local photographer Dee Fitzsimmons for taking pictures of the new and retiring council members at the September 21, 2009 meeting and, for the Farewell Tribute Collage included in this newsletter.

Cheri M. Lutz
Village Manager





Schoolcraft Police Department

SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

Another summer has come and gone. The Schoolcraft Police Dept in conjunction with the Schoolcraft Public Schools would like to welcome all the district's kids back for another school year. Below are some tips to help make this next school year a safe one.

TRAVELING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

- Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or to the bus stop. Avoid busy roads and intersections. Do a trial run with them to point out places they should avoid along the way, such as vacant lots, construction areas, and parks where there aren't many people.
- Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards when they can.
- Encourage children to walk to school or the bus stop with a sibling or friend, and to wait at bus stops with other children.
- Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with them, or accept gifts from them without your permission. Tell them that if they see a suspicious stranger hanging around or in their school they should tell an adult.
- Help children memorize their phone number and full address, including area code and zip code. Write down other important phone numbers such as your work and cell phone on a card for your children to carry with them.

ON THE BUS

- Have your children arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to pick them up.
- Make sure children know to stand on the sidewalk or on the grass while waiting for the bus.
- Teach children to make sure they can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see them before crossing in front of the bus. Tell them to never walk behind the bus.
- Be aware that often bullying takes place on the school bus. Ask children about their bus - who they sit with, who they talk to, and what the other kids do. Let them know that if they see someone being bullied, or are bullied themselves, they can talk to you, the bus driver, or another trusted adult.

Chief Bryan Campbell

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NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT COMING SOON TO BURCH PARK

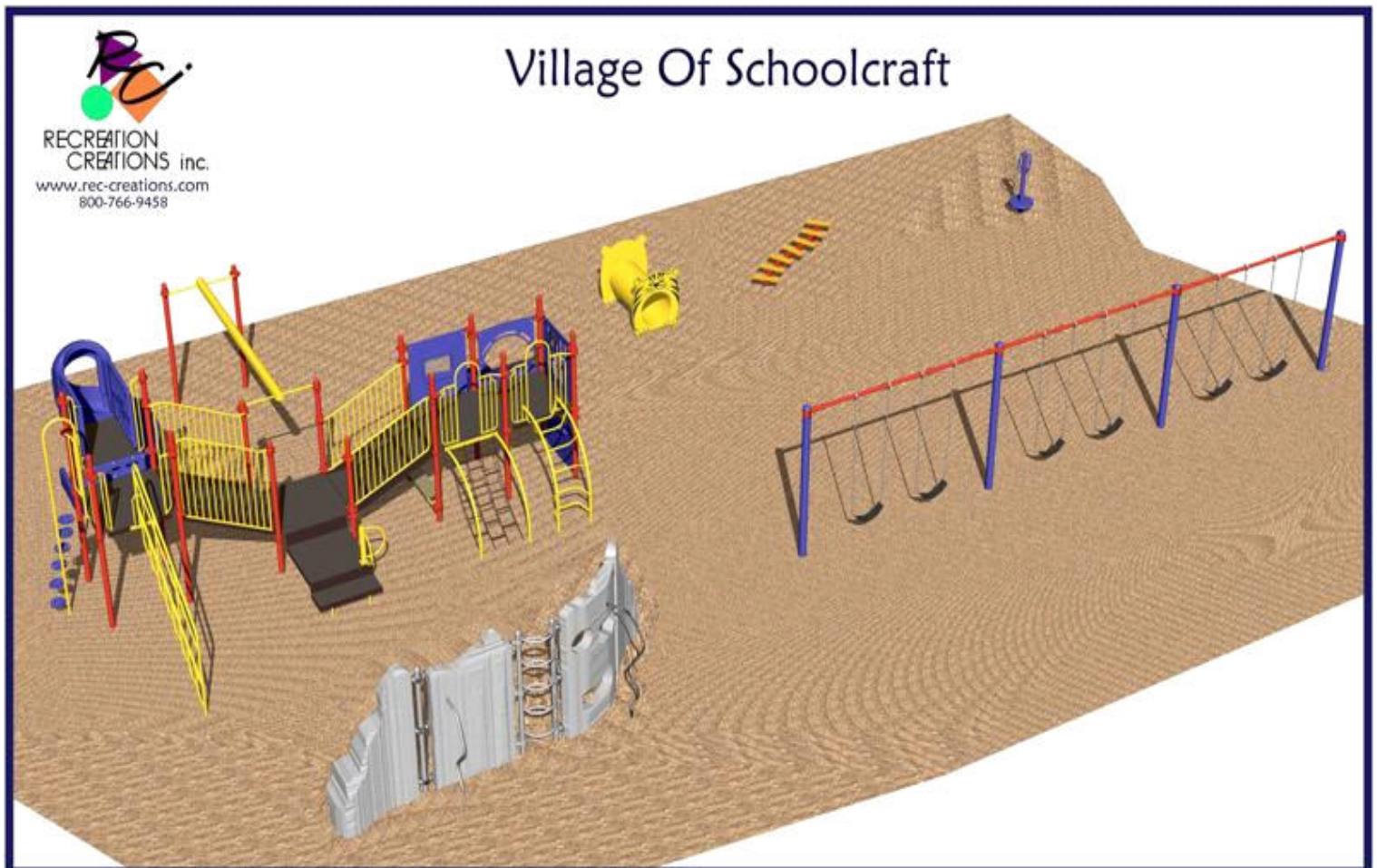
The Village of Schoolcraft is pleased to present the design plan for the Park Equipment Upgrade at Burch Park

We would like to thank Park Committee Members Craig Roe, Bill Mills, Jennifer Doorn, Rob Coffman and Cheri Lutz. The committee spent many hours reviewing design plans and meeting with vendors to provide a wide variety of playground equipment for all to enjoy.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the Lions and Kiwanis Club for partnering with us on this very important project.

We will be installing the new equipment on October 9th and 10th *rain or shine*, and we are looking for volunteers to assist in the installation.

If you would like to volunteer your time to this project, please contact Cheri Lutz at 679-4304 or Craig Roe at 615-8097.



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 other number of improvements, please be sure to contact Associated Government Services at 1-800-627-2801 before starting your project to assure compliance with our Zoning Ordinance.



**HOME DELIVERY OF
COMMERCIAL
EXPRESS**

From time to time, we receive complaints regarding the delivery of Commercial Express Newspapers especially when they are thrown in the Village right-of-way.

If you do not want to receive a paper, please contact the Distribution Manager Chris Pawloski at 388-8429, and your name will be removed from the delivery list.

Water Bills

From time to time, we hear comments from our water customers stating that they did not receive a water bill

Water bills are mailed on or near the following dates:

March 1

June 1

September 1

December 1

If you do not receive a water bill near the scheduled mailing date call the Village Office to have another bill sent to you.

**Attention All Ghosts
And Goblins**



The Village of Schoolcraft's Trick or Treat Hours are Saturday, October 31st, between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Schoolcraft Historical Society

Valerie Van Heest, a leading authority on Michigan maritime disasters and co-founder of the Michigan Ship Wreck Research Association will speak on exploring, documenting and preserving shipwrecks on the Great Lakes. She will focus on wrecks in the southern Lake Michigan area. Honored in the Women Divers Hall of Fame, she is presently working with Clive Custler (best selling author) searching for a DC-4 that disappeared in Lake Michigan 58 years ago. Her talk, co-sponsored by the Historical Society and the Ladies Library Association, is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 in the Ladies Library Building on Hayward St. – next to the Post Office. All are welcome at no charge.



Schoolcraft Village Council

The Village of Schoolcraft is pleased to introduce our Village Council.

President Dan P. DeVries
President Pro-Tem Scot Dailey
Trustees Russel Barnes
Trustee Todd Carlin
Trustee Dorothy Clark
Trustee Keith Gunnett
Trustee Carl Tackett

2009 QUARTERLY MEETING CALENDAR

Village Council

7:00 p.m. Village Hall
October 5, 19, November 2, 16,
December 7, 21, 2009

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. Village Hall
October 12, November 9, December 14, 2009

Downtown Development Authority

8:00 a.m. Village Hall
November 5, 2009



SNOW REMOVAL

State and Local Ordinance Prohibits the plowing of snow into or across sidewalks. This ordinance is for vehicular and pedestrian safety.

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

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated by our winter walkers.

MOBILE SECRETARY OF STATE

A BIG THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO VISITED THE MOBILE SECRETARY OF STATE.

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 11th AND 12th 2010.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Village of Schoolcraft will be flushing fire hydrants on Wednesday, October 14th, 2009.

Please be sure to let your water run for a few minutes before doing laundry that day.

LEAF PICK UP

LEAF PICK UP WILL BE OCTOBER 26TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 20TH.

PLEASE RAKE YOUR LEAVES OUT NEAR THE ROAD BUT NOT IN THE ROAD, AND PLEASE DO NOT BAG YOUR LEAVES. DO NOT MIX STICKS WITH LEAVES



SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Preschool Storyhour--“Creature Feature”--September 23-October 28--Our fall preschool story hour is for children ages 3-5 years. The theme this fall is “creatures” and will feature a different “creature” each week. Story hour includes stories, fingerplays, songs, flannelgraph, clothesline stories, crafts and a snack. It is each Wednesday and runs from 10-10:45 A.M. Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling the library at 679-5959. There will also be a DROP-IN CHRISTMAS PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR coming the first three Wednesdays in December. Plan to join us for lots of fun Christmas crafts, stories, fingerplays and a snack.

Brown Bag Storyhours--October 14, November 11, December 9--A storyhour for students in Young Fives and Kindergarten will be held at the Schoolcraft Community Library from 11:10-11:50 A.M. once a month throughout the school year. The fall dates are listed above and winter and spring dates will be forthcoming. Students are to bring a brown bag lunch and drink (NO RED OR PURPLE DRINKS PLEASE) and be prepared to have a wonderful time. We have stories, sometimes songs and an interactive activity each month. Students from the morning classes may ride the “town bus” to the library, but transportation to school or home must be provided by the parent or caregiver. Call 679-5959 if you need additional information. Pre-registration is not required.

Friends of the Library---SILENT AUCTION –Saturday, Oct. 10—7-9 P.M. ---The Schoolcraft Friends of the Library will have a Silent Auction at the Ken Krum Center from 7 to 9 P.M. on Saturday, October 10. Some auction items will be on display at the Schoolcraft Community Library from October 5-9 during regular library hours. Pre-bids can be made at this time as well, but final bids will take place Saturday, Oct. 10th at the Ken Krum Center. Some of the items to be auctioned are as follows: basket from Big Island Quilts, a purse from Tanya’s Totes, 2 free massages from Mais Chiropractic, handmade items, golf passes from Old Mill Golf, Scrapbooking basket, \$20 gift certificate from Country Styles, 2 dozen of Judy Oliphant’s homemade rolls, handmade quilt, \$25 gift certificates to Big C Lumber, 3 overnight stays at Kitty Cat Bed and Breakfast, Principal for the Day at Upper and Early Elementary, Gift Certificate to Bounceland, bushel of apples, 2 Halloween webkins, breakfast specials at Marjo’s, basket from Chocolate Tea, gift certificates from Good To Go, \$50 gift certificate to Liberty Square Furniture, 1 free oil change and tire rotation at Lovell Auto and more, \$20 gift certificate to Bud’s Bar, scrapbooking basket, Whitewashed Longenberger Recipe Box, stuffed animal, handmade pillow and note cards, 2 free oil changes at R & T Auto, 1 month membership at Bulldog Tanning and Fitness. There will also be entertainment and items auctioned off in a Live Auction periodically throughout the evening. This is a fun family event and the proceeds go to support programs at the Schoolcraft Community Library, such as Battle of the Books and Summer Reading. Come out and join us and support your local library!

TOT TIME—November 4, 11, 18, 25--9:30 – 10:30 A.M.---A parent/child storyhour for the toddler ages 18-36 months. This is an interactive story hour between the parent/grandparent and the toddler. There are lots of action fingerplays and songs and a story or two for the first 20 minutes. The remainder of the time is spent in free play for the toddlers while the moms/ grandmothers have an opportunity to interact and share together. Pre-registration is required and there is very limited space so call today and reserve a spot for you and your child. 679-5959.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL MEETINGS--October 9, November 6—10 A.M.---The Schoolcraft Friends of the Library will meet at the Schoolcraft Community Library on Oct. 9 and Nov.6. The Friends of the Library are a wonderful organization that helps support the library in many ways, but one of the most important ways is their underwriting of the Summer Reading Program each year. They have also provided shelving, books, audios, a laminating machine and more. If you are interested in helping the library, come join the Friends of the Library and offer your assistance. New members are always welcome!

NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM THE DPW

Brush pick up will end for the year on October 26th. Please do not place your brush at the curb until the Wednesday before the pick up day.

We continue our program of changing out water meters to upgrade our system. Once you have received notification regarding a meter change, please call us to get scheduled. It only takes a few minutes and there is no charge to you.

Remember, the Village of Schoolcraft does not permit structures in the right of way. If you have pots, decorative stones, or other structures, your cooperation in removing them would be appreciated.

The Village of Schoolcraft would like to remind property owners to keep any and all shrubbery trimmed back so it does not obstruct the sidewalks.

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