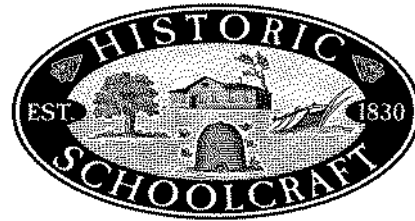


The Village of Schoolcraft

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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 Jim Day Daryl Meyette
Auxiliary Officers:	Mary Secondi Larry Schwabauer
DPW Super:	Gordon Shaw
Asst. Super:	Rob Coffman

A Message from the Village President

On September 15, 2009, the Village of Schoolcraft will hold an election for Village Trustees and for Village President. Seats are open to Village residents of all ages and genders. Being a part of the decision making process for the Village of Schoolcraft is both a rewarding and fulfilling experience. I would encourage all of you who are interested in making a positive contribution to the Village of Schoolcraft to consider running for office.

The Village Council hears many comments regarding the status of the sanitary sewer project. I would like to reiterate that the current Village Council has unanimously stated that they will not support the construction of sanitary sewer affecting residential properties in the Village of Schoolcraft. However, the Village Council will consider voluntary hook up of businesses located along Grand Street if there is adequate support and commitment from the business community.

2009 QUARTERLY MEETING CALENDAR

Village Council

7:00 p.m. Village Hall

April 6, 20, May 4, 18, June 1, 15, 2009.

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m. Village Hall

April 13, May 11, June 8, 2009

Downtown Development Authority

8:00 a.m. Village Hall

April 2, 2009

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

Spring is finally here, and the Village of Schoolcraft is busy preparing for a number of projects and activities.

On April 17th and 18th, the Village of Schoolcraft will hold our very popular and highly successful Village Wide Garage Sales. If you wish to participate in these sales, and would like to have your name on the garage sale map, please call Theresa O'Leary at 679-4304.

On Saturday, April 25th, the Village will hold our Village Wide Clean Up. Also on that day, we are offering a Special Hazardous Waste Drop Off for Village Residents at the Schoolcraft Township Office located at 50 East VW Avenue. We will also have an on-site shredder at the Township Office on that day for document shredding. Please note that there will be a five box limit per car/truck load.

The Village of Schoolcraft was recently awarded \$220,000.00 as part of the Economic Stimulus Package for upgrades to Eliza Street. The project will consist of bituminous overlay from Grand to 14th Street, Centre to West Village limits, mill and overlay from Grand to Centre, street widening from Grand to Centre, a 3' bike path, curb and gutter, sidewalk replacement, and installation of a guard rail on the south side of the road at the westerly limits. At the same time, the Village will upgrade the water main system from Grand to Centre Street. The Village will upgrade 4" water mains to 8" water mains to increase water pressure and fire flow to residents and businesses within the project area. Work on this project will begin after July 4th.

The Village of Schoolcraft has allocated funds for the upgrade of playground equipment at Burch Park. The Village of Schoolcraft hopes to partner with the Kiwani's Club and the Lions Club for this project to be completed this summer.

As you can see, there are a number of good things happening here in Schoolcraft. If you have any comments or questions, please give us a call.

Cheri M. Lutz
Village Manager





Schoolcraft Police Department

With warm weather approaching, activity involving the Police Department will begin to increase.

Like most communities, we experience a number of nuisance crimes such as placing items in the road or on street signs, vehicles and buildings. Clean up of these nuisance crimes can cost the Village and the homeowners money.

In some cases, problems can become serious and can involve damage or theft to your property.

Listed below are a few safety tips to help combat crime and/or property damage:

- Keep your car doors locked at all times.
- When you are not home, keep your house locked.
- If you are leaving on vacation, contact the Police Department, and we will conduct daily checks on your property.

Parents, please make sure that you know where your children are. The Village of Schoolcraft does have a curfew ordinance which is strictly enforced.

If you see any unlawful activities, please contact the Police Department at 679-5600. The Police Department is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Chief Bryan Campbell

bcampbell@villageofschoolcraft.com

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Preschool Storyhour---“Food Frenzy”—March 25-April 29---An event for children ages 3-5 years old all around the theme of “food”. Each week we will address a different variety of food with stories, fingerplays, flannelgraph or clothesline stories, songs, activities and of course a creative snack. This event runs from 10-10:45 A.M. each Wednesday from March 25-April 29. Pre-registration is required so call the library at 679-5959 to reserve a spot today for your preschooler.

Friends of the Library Book Sale---Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18---The Schoolcraft Friends of the Library will have their annual book sale at the Schoolcraft Community Library from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Friday, April 17 and 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Saturday, April 18. There will be adult and children’s books, audios, videos, fiction and non-fiction. On Saturday, at noon we will begin our bag sale, and patrons may purchase books for \$3.00 a bag. This is a great way to purchase books at a reduced cost and help the library earn funds to support their summer reading program. So, mark your calendar and we will see you there.

American Girl Tea---Thursday, April 23---3:15 P.M.----The library will host an American Girl Tea, featuring “Kit Kittredge” on April 23 from 3:15 to 4:45 P.M. for girls of all ages. So, bring your doll (it does not have to be an American Girl doll) and enjoy a variety of activities all centered around the time period when Kit Kittredge lived, which was the Great Depression. There will be snacks from that era, games, door prizes, a craft and there will even be a computer game set up where you can play a game telling you where some of our well-known superstitions might have originated. There will be displays of the other American Girl Dolls and information and books about each one of those time periods. We are also asking that each person bring a canned good as an entry fee to go to the Schoolcraft Branch of the South County Services Food Pantry. Pre-registration is required so we can plan for refreshments. So please call the library at 679-5959 to reserve a spot.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK---April 13-18---The following events will take place at the Schoolcraft Community Library in honor of National Library Week:

FINE FREE WEEK---Any overdue materials returned from April 13 thru April 18 will have the fines forgiven (this does not apply to previous fines).

PATRON APPRECIATION DAY, Tuesday, April 14—1:30 P.M.--7:00 P.M.—Come receive a pen and enjoy delicious snacks throughout the day at the library as our way of expressing our appreciation for your patronage.



2009 Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Program

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

Hayward Street West Side Eliza to Cass
N. Centre Street West Side Lyon to Clay
Eliza Street South Side in Conjunction with Eliza St. Project

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.

**MOBILE SECRETARY OF
STATE COMING SOON**

The mobile unit offers the
Following services:

Drivers licenses
Personal ID cards.
License plates and tabs
Title and registration of vehicles
and watercraft
Register to vote

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

WHEN: Sept. 16 - 11 am to 7 pm
Sept. 17 - 9 am to 4 pm

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

Flower Planters Wanted

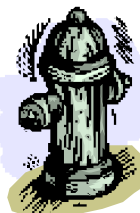
If you or your organization would like to contribute to the Village of Schoolcraft's beautification, we could use your help.

Please contact us by calling 679-4304



HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Village of Schoolcraft will be flushing fire hydrants on Tuesday, April 14th, 2009. Please be sure to run your water for a few minutes before doing laundry on that day.



A few friendly reminders.....

- All property owners are reminded that it is your responsibility to maintain the grassy area between the sidewalk and the paved portion of the road.
- The Village of Schoolcraft offers recycling to Village residents on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 8 am to 5 pm.
- For those of you who wish to pay your water bill after hours, a drop box is located next to the main entrance doors at the Municipal Complex.
- The Village of Schoolcraft does not permit Structures in the Right of Way. If you have decorative pots, stones, or other decorative items, please remove them . Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- The Village of Schoolcraft does allow recreational burning in approved containers. Please call the Administrative Office for additional information.
- Please be sure to bring along a plastic bag to clean up after your pooch. Village Ordinance requires that pet excrement be removed from Village streets, sidewalks and parks.
- Correspondence should be mailed to PO Box 8, Schoolcraft, MI 49087.

Village Election to be Held on September 15, 2009

The following are open seats for the September 15, 2009 Election:

Schoolcraft Village Council

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| 1 - Two Year Term | Village President |
| 3 - Four Year Terms | Village Trustee |

Schoolcraft Community Library

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| 2 - Six Year Terms | Library Board |
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Candidates seeking office for the September 15, 2009 Election must file a non-partisan petition and Affidavit of Identity with the Village Clerk by 4:00 p.m. On June 23, 2009.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BALLOT PROPOSAL

On May 5, 2009, voters in Kalamazoo County will be asked to approve a tax levy of 0.4 mills to support public transportation. The millage levy would replace the voter-approved tax of 0.45 mill that expired at the end of 2008. The length of the levy, if approved, will be four years, beginning July.

For additional information, call the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority at 259-384-8114

Decorative Banners on Grand Street

The DDA has purchased seasonal decorative banners for Grand Street from Cass Street to Eliza Street. The DDA had hoped to place decorative banners along the whole stretch of Grand Street but learned that they were unable to hang flags from poles that are not owned by the Village of Schoolcraft. The DDA *does* plan to purchase banners for other areas of Grand Street when additional phases of the Streetscape Project have been completed.

NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM THE DPW

Brush pick will take place on the last Monday of each month through the month of October. Please do not place your brush at the curb until the Wednesday before the pick up day.

Paper bagged leaves will be picked up through the end of April. Please call the office to let them know that you need you have your bagged leaves picked up.

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 right away. It only takes a few minutes at no charge to you.

Flowers in the DDA District will be provided by your local grower, Sun Meadow Greenhouse. We received so many compliments last year, so this year's expectations are high. We hope you enjoy all of the beautification projects throughout the Village of Schoolcraft.

The DPW thanks all of you for doing your part in keeping the streets and sidewalks clean and clear from obstruction.

We wish all of you a happy spring!

The Village of Schoolcraft
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