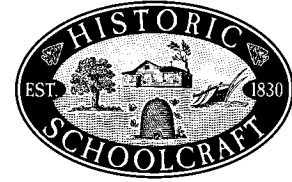


Village of Schoolcraft



Preserving our Past, Enriching our Present, Planning our Future

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Village President's Message



Happy Summer to all of you! I am looking forward to the many activities that summer brings, both to my family and to the Village of Schoolcraft. Summer weather gives me the chance to do many things like work outside in the yard, chat with my neighbors, and play outdoor activities with my kids. During the summer months, the Village is also busy preparing for summer activities and projects.

This summer, I am hoping all of you will have the opportunity to attend some of the Village's activities including the 4th of July Celebration, Music in the Park, the Farmer's Market, and much more. While you are at it, remember to stop at any one of our great restaurants and stores. There are plenty of activities and opportunities to enjoy in Schoolcraft.

This season marks my 4th year in office, and what an interesting four years it has been. It is a pleasure to work with the Village Council on various issues, and I am continually impressed with the way we work together in the best interest of the Village of Schoolcraft. The Village Staff works that way too. You will find them to be friendly, helpful and eager to answer your questions and concerns.

For the second year, the DDA has awarded two businesses a Façade Improvement Grant for new signage, landscaping, fencing and more. Those recipients are Mark's Auto Sales and Service and Salon Harlow. The DDA is pleased to provide limited financial assistance to our business community, and we hope that we will be able to continue with this program in the years to come. This is one small way that we can assist our business community improve their buildings to keep them attractive and appealing.

As we prepare for the 4th of July Holiday, I would like to thank and acknowledge all of those who volunteer their time on the 4th of July Committee. They spend countless hours working in the background to bring us this great event. I am proud that Schoolcraft is well known for the best 4th of July Celebration around!

During the summer, you might enjoy walking in our community. We are continually working to make the Village "walkable" for everyone. Stop and chat with neighbors and enjoy all the Village of Schoolcraft has to offer. Above all, enjoy your summer and be safe!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Village President. I welcome any and all feedback. Remember to visit us on Facebook or on our web site at www.villageofschoolcraft.com.

Go Eagles!

Dan DeVries
Village President

2013 Quarterly Meeting Calendar

<u>Village Council</u> 7:00 p.m.	
July 1	August 5
September 3	September 16
<u>Planning Commission</u> 7:00 p.m.	
July 8	August 12
September 9	
<u>Downtown Development Authority</u> 8:00 a.m.	
August 1	
September 5	

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

Summer is here and there are lots of activities happening in Schoolcraft. Beginning with the 88th Annual Independence Celebration taking place on Thursday, July 4th. Please remember that both northbound and southbound lanes on Grand Street will be closed to through traffic. For those of you who have family and friends coming to watch the parade, please be sure to let them know to arrive well in advance of the road closure (10:50 a.m.).

If you like to start the day off with a great breakfast, the Lion's Club holds a Pancake Breakfast between the hours of 7 and 11 a.m., located at the Upper Elementary School. Other activities include the Annual Car Show at Burch Park, chicken and ribs at the American Legion, the Ice Cream Social sponsored by the United Methodist Church, and much more.

During the month of July, we also invite you to enjoy Music in the Park beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring your family and enjoy the great music!

The Farmer's Market is held every Wednesday at the Schoolcraft United Methodist Church on N. Grand Street from 3-6 p.m. You will find fresh baked goodies, vegetables, fruits, flowers, meat, and much more. There are plenty of items to choose from, and we encourage you to stop in and check it out.

We appreciate all of you who participated in our annual garage sales and spring clean up, and we are pleased to bring you these services. This year, we did experience some difficulty with spring clean up program which caused a substantial increase to the cost of the program. Please remember that spring clean up is intended for Village residents only, and clean up is for residential household items only. Due to the large amount of carpet and building materials that were placed at the curbside, next year we will be limiting pick up of carpet and flooring to one roll per family, and building materials will be limited to a very minimal amount.

If you have questions or concerns about municipal operations, please feel free to give us a call or stop by the office. We are happy to talk to you, and to provide you with any information that you may need.

Cheri M. Lutz
Village Manager



Schoolcraft Police Department

MDOT has mandated the closure of all four (4) lanes of Grand Street from 10:50 A.M.—1:00 P.M. during the 4th of July Parade

Enjoy the parade from both sides of Grand St. The parade route is the same: East Eliza St. to Grand St; then on to E. Clay St. to 14th St.

Blight Ordinance Change

It is unlawful to keep or store “junk, trash, rubbish or refuse of any kind” outside a wholly enclosed building for a period in excess of ten days within any calendar year. This shall not apply to any property having a valid junkyard/salvage yard permit issued by the Village or the State of Michigan.

Grass or vegetation shall not exceed 9 inches high.

It is prohibited to store non-motorized items, which includes but is not limited to; household items, appliances, toys, building materials, junk trash, rubbish, refuse building materials and scrap, in a structure which is not fully enclosed or outside a wholly enclosed vinyl, wood or metal shed, garage or building.

This ordinance is available for review at the Village Office.



The Schoolcraft Girls on the Run paid special tribute to the Schoolcraft Police Department for all they do to keep Schoolcraft safe. Pictured is SPD Officer Eric Ray.

Chief Bryan Campbell
bcampbell@villageofschoolcraft.com

Eagle's Nest Summer Hours

The Eagle's Nest will be open:

Thursday, July 11 from 3:30 to 5:30

Thursday, August 8 from 3:30 to 5:30

Food pantry donations may be dropped off throughout the summer at the community library during open hours.

The Eagle's Nest will return to regular operating hours on Wednesday, August 21.

Wednesday 1:00-3:00

Thursday 3:30-5:30

Eagle's Nest Phone Number: 269-488-5847 or 269-303-0978.

Farmers Market Every Wednesday May-October 3-6 p.m.

Calendar of Events at the Farmers Market:

July 3—Kids Day. Free Carnival Games, 3-6 p.m.

July 4—Brats, Pie, carnival, more!

July 24—Arts/Crafts/Farmers Market, 3-6 p.m.

August 7—Touch-A-Truck/Cool Car Day, 3-6 p.m.

August 21—Arts/Crafts/Farmers Market, 3-6 p.m.

Back to School Extravaganza

September 11—9-11 Memorial, 5:30 p.m.

Arts/Crafts/Farmers Market, 3-6 p.m.

Back to School Extravaganza

The third annual Back to School Extravaganza will be held 5-7 p.m. on August 21 at the Schoolcraft United Methodist Church in cooperation with Kindred Spirits Outreach. The Extravaganza features free carnival games, prizes, school supplies, and backpacks for the kids, as well as a cookout meal for the whole family.

While last year area donors helped support 100 backpacks distributed to 35 families with multiple students, the anticipated need is greater this year, so cash to purchase backpacks (average \$5-7 each) also will be accepted.

Schoolcraft United Methodist Church and Kindred Spirits have begun collecting school supplies in anticipation of the August 21 event. Donations may be dropped off at the church.

Kindred Spirits

Schoolcraft's Annual 4th of July Car Show . 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Cars galore, music, food, door prizes for car owners.

Registration to show your car is day of show. Fee is \$10.



Music Under the Stars Concerts in Burch Park

July 5—Cheshire Wildcats

July 12—Plastic Fantastic

July 19—Sounds of Schoolcraft-Mixer

July 26—Nicholas Horn

Music starts at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Bring your family for an evening of entertainment. Pack a picnic—then stretch out on a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the tunes. **In the event of rain, the scheduled concert will be held at The Schoolcraft United Methodist Church except for July 19; which will be cancelled.**

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

The Lions Club will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast on July 4th 7 -11 a.m. at the Schoolcraft Upper Elementary on East Clay Street. Be sure to bring your friends and family for a great breakfast. If you are a current or past member of the military or you are a uniformed person, you get a free breakfast!

Tickets are \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for kids ages 6 and up. Kids under 5 are free

Proceeds from the breakfast are used for glasses, visual aids, disaster relief and much more.

In addition to the breakfast, the Lions Club will conduct Project Kids Sight. This program will be from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the 4th. Trained Lions Club specialists will evaluate your child's vision, and if needed, will make recommendations for further services.

2013 Village Taxes Due 9/16/13

Schoolcraft Township: 50 East VW, Vicksburg.
Hours 9-4 M-Th. www.schoolcrafttownship.org or 649-1276 for information.

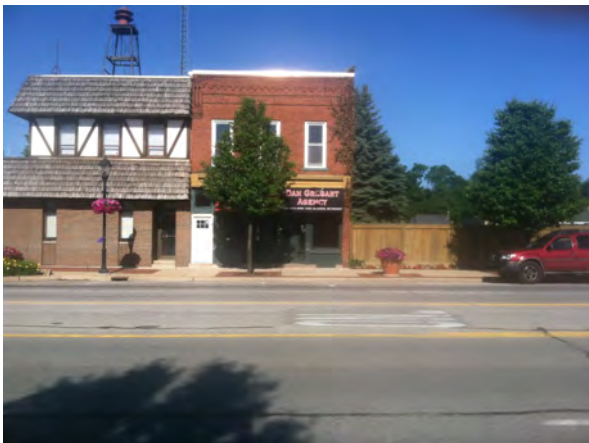
We Welcome New Businesses to Schoolcraft



Grinder Coffee House 321 N. Grand St.—
Coming Soon



Salon Harlow 119 E. Eliza St.



State Farm Insurance—Dan Gregart Agency
115 N. Grand St.



Vintage Gifts 222 N. Grand St.

Poem about Schoolcraft

A past resident wrote this poem and delivered it to the Village Office.

Established in eighteen hundred and thirty-one

It's a great place to raise a family, and have lots of fun

*Unlike many other places where railroads can be found
Here they run north, south, east, west and even under-
ground*

*Around this Village grows corn, soy and wheat
And celebrating the Fourth of July here, just can't be
beat*

*With many small shops and antique places
You'll meet plenty of nice people with smiling faces
There's tree-lined streets and historical homes with fea-
tures*

*Let's not forget wonderful schools and all the great
teachers*

*If you visit beautiful Schoolcraft anytime, it will be clear
You will realize why people love living here.*

Dan Ambroso

Benefit Sale For Schoolcraft DDA

We would like to thank everyone who donated to our Barn Sale, and to those who helped with our sale, held on April 19 and 20.

The net proceeds from the sale of \$556 were donated to the Village of Schoolcraft's DDA for Phase II of the Streetscape Project.

Carl and I would be happy to host another sale if we can solicit more donations.

Again, we want to thank those who helped and those who purchased items.

Carl and Norman Tackett

Ladies Library Association of Schoolcraft

A "Cream Tea" will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at The Red Brick Tea Room located at 163 Hayward Street, Schoolcraft, MI.

There will be two serving times with a three course menu at each sitting. Reservations may be made after September 1st by calling 269-679-5949.

Schoolcraft Historical Society— 4th of July

The Schoolcraft Historical Society will open THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY HOUSE on **July 4th**, after the parade, until 4:00 o'clock. There will be no admission charge. Members will be there for tours or you may just wander through the home. Two books will be available for purchase - the history of 19th century Schoolcraft **SO I'M TOLD** and the new pictorial book of 19th century homes **SO WE SEE HISTORIC SCHOOLCRAFT**.

Schoolcraft Community Library News

DIG INTO READING—Summer Reading Program at the library. Still lots of fun at the library thru JULY 31. For details go to www.schoolcraftlibrary.org or call the library at 679-5959.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION—"Prairie Pageturners"---The Prairie Pageturners are meeting Wednesday July 10 at 2 p.m. and will be discussing Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn. They will be meeting Wednesday, August 7 at 2 p.m. and will be discussing The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin. Call the library at 679-5959 and reserve a book today!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL---Thursday, July 18—Burch Memorial Park

6:00 -8:15 p.m.

7:30: Magic Show by Jim Merrills.

It's time for the Schoolcraft Friends of the Library annual Ice Cream Social!! What a fun night! Weather permitting it will be held at the Burch Memorial Park from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. and features games and a Bounce House for the kids, 50/50 raffle for the adults, and ice cream, a cake walk and a magic show for everyone! Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 per family and include a choice of an ice cream sundae or a root beer float and a "magical time" with magician Jim Merrills. Tickets for games and the cake walk are 50 cents each. Games, ice cream, cake walk and raffle all begin at 6 p.m. The magic show begins at 7:30 in front of the gazebo! Be sure to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. Be sure to come and have some fun! All proceeds go to children's programming. ******in case of inclement weather, the Ice Cream Social will be held in the library.***

"GARDEN PARTY"—Thursday, August 15---Library grounds

5:30-8:30 p.m.

The library is throwing a party! Well, the party is actually a fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Library in support of the new Reading Garden coming to the grounds of the library. It is the last piece of the building project that began in 2010. The library is working on creating a beautiful outdoor space as a welcome and a lovely place to read a book, talk to a friend, or just sit quietly and rest. The Garden Party will feature food and fun for people of all ages. You will have the opportunity to feast on hot dogs from the Weenie King, baked treats, dance with a celebrity at our Celebrity Dance (Prince Charming, Glinda the Good Witch, a gypsy, a clown and more), enjoy the musical and dance talents of local youth, wander in the future garden space and the evening will end with circus acts in the street. Come join the party and help create a garden at the library!

**Schoolcraft's 88th Annual
Independence Day
Celebration
Thursday, July 4th, 2013**

7-11AM- Pancake Breakfast- Schoolcraft Upper Elem.-Sponsored by: Schoolcraft Lions Club

6:30-7:30AM- Late Registration for Road Race-High School

7:30AM- 1 Mile fun Run/Walk (free-High School)

8:00AM - 5 Mile Firecracker Road Race- High School-reg.early @- www.firecracker5.com

9AM-2PM- Ice Cream Social - Schoolcraft United Methodist Church

8AM-3PM- 18th Annual Car Show-Burch Park - Music in the park

10AM- Parade lineup: Pre-register: Deb Reynolds-269-679-4896 evenings

11AM- Parade!!!!!! Parade route: Eliza St to Grand St. to Clay St.

Noon-? American Legion Chicken & Ribs BBQ- Legion Hall Clay St.

Post Parade Events: Underground Railway House & Garden Tours till 3:00pm - Sponsored by Schoolcraft Historical Society

Fire Truck Rides & Fire Prevention Trailer-Upper Elem. - Sponsored by South County Fire Authority

2-6PM American Legion Dance-American Legion Hall on Clay St.

7:30PM- Live Entertainment @ HS field provided by **South County Band**
www.southcountyband.com

10:00PM- FIREWORKS!!! - famous choreographed fireworks show held north of Schoolcraft High School. Parking available in school lot. Bring your own blanket or seating – Fireworks funded by donations Schoolcraft 4th of July Committee, PO Box 231, Schoolcraft, Mi. 49087

Village Directory

Administrative Office 269-679-4304
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: Scot Dailey
Russel Barnes
Todd Carlin
Dorothy J. Clark
Keith Gunnett
Carl Tackett

Messages for the Village Council can be left at the Administrative Office or on Village Staff email.

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