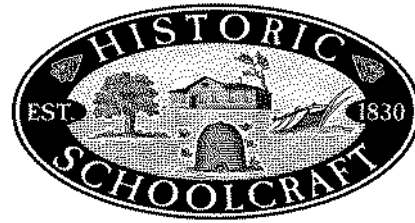


The Village of Schoolcraft

Fall 2008 Edition



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Village Official and Staff Directory

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 James Day |
| Auxiliary Officers: | Craig Copeland Mary Secondi Larry Schwabauer |
| DPW Super: | Gordon Shaw |
| Asst. Super: | Rob Coffman |

A Message from the Village President



As many of you know, the Village of Schoolcraft recently sold our Fire Station and old Municipal Building creating a surplus in our fund balance. The Village Council is contemplating a number of special projects that we would not normally be able to do within the confines of our annual operating budget with these additional funds. Some of the projects that are being considered are an upgrade of our playground equipment at Burch Park, paving of the DPW parking lot and Community Center, assisting the Water Department with payment of the Water Tower Painting, and setting aside funds for payment on the Municipal Complex.

2008 QUARTERLY MEETING CALENDAR

Village Council

7:00 p.m.. Village Hall

October 6, 20, November 3, 17, December 1, 15, 2008

Planning Commission

7:00 p.m.. Village Hall

October 13, November 10, December 8, 2008.

Downtown Development Authority

8:00 a.m.. Village Hall.

October 2, November 6, December 4, 2008.

All meetings are open to the public.

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

The Village of Schoolcraft is winding down our summer projects and preparing for new ones as we move from the summer months to the new fall season. I hope that all of you had an opportunity to view the spectacular flowers in the Central Business District. Both the Administrative Office and businesses received rave reviews about the beautiful flowering pots from people passing through or visiting our community.

One of the most visible projects is the newly painted water tower located on Lee Street, with an anticipated completion date of October 8, 2008. The project has been a big undertaking for the Water Department and the Village of Schoolcraft. Work on the project includes exterior painting and lettering, wet and dry interior painting, improved mud valve upgrade, pit improvements, safety rails and cathodic protection posts. A big thanks goes out to the Water Department for their assistance in planning the project.

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comments regarding a number of proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments. Amendments to be considered will be accessory building requirements, off-street parking and loading requirements, site plan review requirements, definitions and standards for gasoline service stations, enforcement of Municipal Civil Infractions, temporary sales and service uses, and outdoor furnaces.

The Schoolcraft DDA is pleased to welcome it's newest board member, Mr. Jim Stamper of Heirloom Rose. The DDA is busy planning various projects and community improvements. In addition to the decorative street signs that will be installed later this year along the US 131 Corridor, the DDA will also be purchasing decorative banners for the US 131 Corridor. Three different banners will be purchased to be used intermittently throughout the year. The DDA will also be exploring the possibility of offering an "August Concert in the Park Series" at Burch Park.

The South County Fire Authority has officially taken ownership of the Fire Station located at South Grand and Eliza Streets, and they are busy planning for upgrades to the building in the near future.

As you can see, there is a lot of activity going on here in Schoolcraft. As always, give us a call if you have any questions or concerns regarding our projects or services.

Cheri M. Lutz
Village Manager



SCHOOLCRAFT POLICE DEPT



If you have a valid operator or chauffeur license, you are allowed to operate a moped on public roadways. If you do not have a valid operator or chauffeur license and are at least age 15, you may apply for a moped license at a Secretary of State branch office. **You are not eligible for a moped license if your operator or chauffeur license is suspended, revoked, or denied—unless the suspension is for a medical reason.**

If you are a moped operator, you must follow the same traffic rules as other motor vehicle operators. A moped is a two- or three-wheeled vehicle with a motor which has no more than 50cc piston displacement producing two brake horsepower or less. The moped must have a power drive system that does not require shifting gears and cannot have a top speed exceeding 30 mph on level surfaces.

Registration Requirements

Mopeds must be registered at a Secretary of State branch office unless operated solely on private property. You must pay for a three-year registration decal and put it on the back of your moped so it is visible to law enforcement officers. It expires April 30 in the year on the decal.

License Requirements

If you do not have a valid operator or chauffeur license and are at least age 15, you may apply for a special moped license. You are not eligible for a moped license if your operator or chauffeur license is suspended, revoked or denied unless the suspension is for a medical reason.

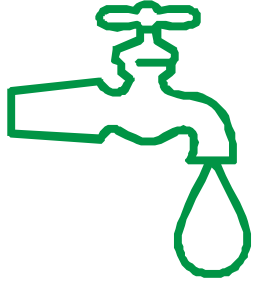
You must pass a vision, knowledge and traffic sign test to obtain a moped license. You do not have to pass a driver education course or a road skills test. Check with a local Secretary of State branch office for the vision standards, which differ from those required for a regular operator license.

If you are under age 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign your license application.

You must give up your moped license if you obtain a regular operator or chauffeur license.

Chief Bryan Campbell

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INTERESTING WATER USAGE FACTS

Washing Machines may use up to 30 to 60 gallons per load.

Older model dishwashers use at least 15 gallons of water per load.

Older toilets installed before 1994 use 3.5 to 7 gallons of water per flush.

Some new toilets use as little as 1.6 gallons per flush.

20 percent of all toilets leak.

A bathtub filled half full will contain at least 50 gallons of water.

Faucets flow water at 3 to 5 gallons per minute.

Showerheads flow water at a rate of 5 to 10 gallons per minute.



Within the next few weeks, you will see new trees planted to replace the trees that were removed from the Village right-of-way by AEP (American Electric Power).

If a tree is planted in front of your home or business in the Village right-of-way, you may wish to help it flourish by watering it daily, using fertilizer spikes or Miracle Gro in the fall and spring, and placing cypress mulch around the base of the tree.

A Quick Note



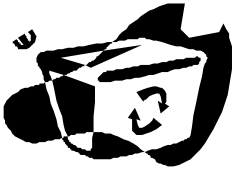
Do you know that you can get current tax and parcel information by going to Schoolcraft Township's web site at www.schoolcrafttownship.org.

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

The Village of Schoolcraft provides free notary service to Village Residents during normal office hours of 8 am to 5pm.

The Village Office will be closed for the holidays on the following days

November 27 and 28
December 25 and 26
December 31-Jan 1

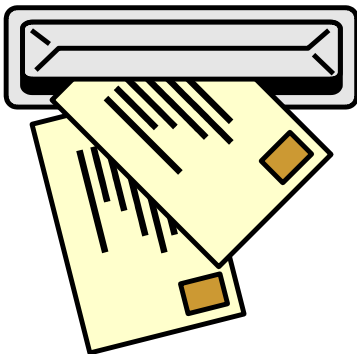


Recycling for the month of December will take place on Wednesday, December 17th.

MOBILE SECRETARY OF STATE

A big thanks to those who utilized the Mobile Secretary of State.

Be sure to mark your 2009 calendar for September 9th and 10th.



A DROP BOX
IS AVAILABLE
FOR AFTER
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NEXT TO THE
MAIN
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FALL LEAF PICK UP WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20TH AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17TH.

PLEASE BE SURE TO RAKE YOUR LEAVES OUT NEAR THE ROAD BUT NOT IN THE ROAD, AND PLEASE DO NOT BAG YOUR LEAVES.

HYDRANT FLUSHING

THE DPW WILL BE FLUSHING FIRE HYDRANTS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR WATER FOR RUST BEFORE DOING LAUNDRY ON THIS DAY.



Attention all Ghosts and Goblins

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

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 thanks you for your cooperation.

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