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A Newsletter from Cascade Charter Township

Autumn 2003

CASCADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

"The mission of the Cascade Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life in Cascade by building a permanent endowment fund."

The Cascade Community Foundation was started in 2001 as a component fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, the oldest community foundation in Michigan. GRCF assists us with administrative support and investment expertise so that we can focus on the charitable needs of the community.

When you make a gift to the Cascade Community Foundation, it joins a pool of resources given by other donors in a permanent endowment fund. The Board of Trustees for the foundation makes the decisions of where and how grants will be distributed.

A charitable gift to the Cascade Community Foundation can save substantial money with the Michigan tax credit.

If you have questions regarding the Cascade Community Foundation please call Claude Robinson at 285-4747 or Susan Roeder at 682-0150.

Thank you to all who stopped by our July 4th booth!

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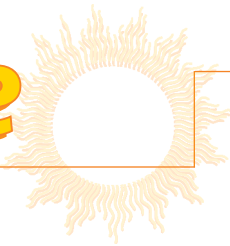
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A BIG thank you to all who attended the 2003 July 4th Celebration. The festivities were a tremendous success, despite the morning weather. The celebration began with the always popular annual book fair, followed by the bike parade. Hundreds of youngsters on red, white, and blue decorated bikes, wagons, strollers, and rollerblades participated in a creative display of patriotism. Special thanks to the Parade Grand Marshals, William Sr. and Dorothy Bos. As always, there were many vintage cars, trucks and tractors, fire/rescue vehicles from surrounding areas and festive floats.

After the high winds and morning rain, a beautiful afternoon brought the crowds back to the street fair activities, which ranged from a petting zoo, small mechanical rides, rock climbing, good food, and music.

With the money raised from the sale of t-shirts, water, and ice cream, the Cascade Firefighters Association will be able to send two children from West Michigan to the Great Lakes Burn Summer Camp.





REMINDER:

Summer tax bills are due by September 15th. Payment must be received before 5:00 p.m. to avoid interest and late charges.

Thank you to the 4th of July Celebration sponsors, who made the FREE activities possible.

Brann's Steakhouse & Grill
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Cascade Engineering
Cascade Animal Hospital
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Chemical Bank West
Cintas-The Uniform People
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Koenes Auto Body
Lacks Industries
Leslie E. Tassell
Meekhof Lumber

Meijer
Nye Uniform Company
Superior Asphalt
Thornapple River Nursery
Verberg's Automotive
And the many volunteers!



1st Place Float Contest Winners
Koetsiers Greenhouse
Riddle Family

We'd like to hear from you!

If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions regarding the 4th of July Parade and Street Fair activities, please contact Steve Korhorn at the Fire Department (949-1320) or by email at skorhorn@cascade-twp.com. Please let Steve know if you have any suggestions for future parade grand marshals. Any parade grand marshal must be a resident or strongly affiliated with the Township.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY AFGHAN AVAILABLE AT TOWNSHIP OFFICE

A special thanks to Joann King, Bob Somerville, Peter Papp, Bob Beahan, Jo and Corney Brouwer, and Tom and Mary Carpenter for their help with the Historical Society's July 4th booth. Cascade Historical Society members would like to express their gratitude to afghan designer, Carol J. Cope, who attended the celebration and signed the keepsake description of the nine historical structures. The "Cascade" afghan created much interest for the History Room fund-raising project and sales have been steady since the July 4th display. One of the many questions asked throughout the day was "are these structures still used today?" Yes! Even Cascade School #1 is used today as a private home!



The afghan, Cascade Chronicles, and a fun map are all available at the Township offices. The afghans are loomed cotton measuring approximately 50" x 70". Five different color choices are available. The cost is \$75. The sale proceeds will help fund construction of the future History Room in the Cascade Library. Please stop by the township office to see our display.

Are you interested preserving the Heritage of Cascade? Please consider becoming a member to show your support. Several membership options are available. Contact Mary Carpenter at 949-6944 for more information.

Kent County Disposal and Recycling Programs

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program

Call for weekly appointments at either the North Kent or Scribner site. There will be two more collections at the Road Commission South Complex in October. Please call 336-2501 for an appointment.

Kent County Landfill Location

South Kent Landfill
300 100th Street SW
Byron Center Phone: 877-4192 for rates and hours

Thermometer Exchange Program

Old mercury fever thermometers may be exchanged for a new digital thermometer at the Kent County Health Department, 700 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids. Call 336-3030 for more information.

Battery Recycling Program

Drop-sites for batteries are offered at all Kent District Library branches.

Ink Jet and Laser Cartridge Recycling Program

The Humane Society of Kent County is accepting empty ink jet and laser cartridges for their "Cash for Critters" program. The Humane Society receives \$1-12 for every cartridge collected. 100% of the profit is used to help the animals. Phone 453-8900 for more information.

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MAP OF YOUR PROPERTY

PLEASE DRAW A MAP OF YOUR PROPERTY INCLUDING THE LOCATION OF MAJOR ROADS, STRUCTURES & WOODS

WATCH OUT FOR THE BUSES!

School starts August 25th for students in the Caledonia and Lowell school districts. Forest Hills students begin August 26th.



KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EAST PRECINCT CRIME ALERT

During the last month, the Kent County Sheriff's Department's East Precinct reports a sharp increase in the number of car larcenies occurring in Cascade, Ada, and Grand Rapids Townships. The majority of these larcenies appear to be happening to vehicles left both inside and outside garages, which are unlocked, and making them easy targets to the perpetrators. Officers also report the larcenies are occurring in the nighttime hours, in both residential and non-residential areas, usually sometime after the homeowners have gone to bed.

Some of the most common items being taken include CDs, cell phones, money, and anything of value left behind by the owner. In an effort to keep you from becoming a victim, we suggest the following precautions:

- 1) *Make sure to lock your garage each night before retiring.*
- 2) *Always lock your car and if left outside park it in a well-lit area.*
- 3) *Never store CDs or anything of value overnight inside your car.*
- 4) *If certain items need to be left inside your vehicle, make sure they are stowed where they are not visible.*

Always remember to report any suspicious or unusual activity in your neighborhood by calling the Kent County Sheriff's Department at 336-3113.

*Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
Lt. Wm. Weston, East Precinct Commander*

PHONE NUMBERS

As many of you have noticed, the Cascade Township phone numbers were omitted from the 2003 Ameritech phone directory. For your reference we will print department phone numbers in each newsletter this year.

- TOWNSHIP OFFICE. 949-1500*
- ASSESSING 949-6176*
- BUILDING PERMITS 949-3765*
- CLERK 949-1508*
- FIRE 949-1320*
- MANAGER 949-1500*
- PLANNING 949-0224*
- TREASURER 949-6944*
- KENT CO. SHERIFF 632-6188*

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

The Kent District Library recently appointed Michael A. Maier to its eight person Board of Trustees. He will represent Ada, Cascade and Grand Rapids Townships and the City of East Grand Rapids. The eight members represent 26 communities throughout Kent County.

Please Note: On Page 9 of the Summer newsletter, within the Supervisor's message, the Paragraph titled Velting Contractors Lawsuit Status, should read James Velting and KV Investments Lawsuit Status. Velting Contractors and James Velting and KV Investments are different companies and are not associated with each other. We apologize for this error.

GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING FOR 2004 TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Since 1995, the Township has provided aerial spraying services to areas of the community infested with the Gypsy Moth caterpillar without direct cost to the taxpayer. In order to effectively control these outbreaks, the Township has hired a consultant who will survey the entire Township. This fall, the consultant will look at all forested areas and map out the infested properties for treatment. To achieve an accurate survey, we need to access your property if you noticed Gypsy Moth caterpillars this past spring.

If you would like your property surveyed for treatment, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the Township Offices at 2865 Thornhills SE, Grand Rapids, MI. 49546 no later than Wednesday, October 1, 2003.

Please remember that submittal of a survey form will not guarantee that your property will be treated for Gypsy Moths. The number of egg masses found on a site is one of the factors that help in determining an infestation. If 8 to 10 significant egg masses are found during a five minute inspection, our consultant considers the property infested. Other factors in determining an infestation area are the size of the egg masses and past infestation history.

Gypsy Moth Caterpillar Identification

Be advised that the Gypsy Moth caterpillar is not the only culprit that can infest oak or other hardwood trees. There are at least two different infestations that occur throughout the spring and summer. The Gypsy Moth caterpillar infestation reaches its height right after oak and hardwood trees begin to leaf out, so by the third week of June the infestation would generally hit its peak. Infestations that occur in July or later in the summer could be the Eastern tent caterpillar or the Forest Tent caterpillar.

Forest Hills Senior Citizen Center, located at the Community & Aquatic Center, 660 Forest Hills Avenue is part of the Community Services Department of Forest Hills Public Schools.

The Senior Citizen Program offers a variety of enrichment classes, weekly programs, clubs, travel opportunities, health screenings and many special events. Phone the center at 493-8950 for information.

September Learning Cafes

September 2 - Making the Most of the Rest of Your Life: Strategies for Successful Aging

September 16 - Classical Woodwind Trio: Ma Non Troppo

September 23 - Autumn Appreciation: Goodwillie Environmental School Trip



2004 Gypsy Moth Survey Form

(For Surveying Gypsy Moth infestations. Depending on Township Board action, treatment will take place in Spring 2004)

Name: _____
(Please Print your name here) (date)

(Please sign her to give Cascade Charter Township authorization to come on your property to conduct a Gypsy Moth survey.)

Street Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____
(Where you can be contacted from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Friday.)

Description of Gypsy Moth Caterpillar

	Gypsy Moth Caterpillar
Markings	1. Beige head with dark markings
	2. Prominent blue and red dots grouped in pairs do back. Five pairs of blue dots, followed by red pairs.
Tents	No silk tents
Egg Masses	A beige or yellow fuzzy mass usually on the bark of a tree trunk.
Preferred food trees	All oaks, birch, aspen, poplar and willow

PLEASE DRAW A MAP OF YOUR PROPERTY ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET, INCLUDING THE LOCATION OF MAJOR ROADS, STRUCTURES AND WOODS.

NOTE:

All treatment areas will be published in the township newsletter in the Spring of 2004. All surveying will be conducted during October and November 2003. This is when the egg masses are most noticeable. Please return this form to the address indicated above by Wednesday, October 1, 2003.

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