

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Township Offices will be closed
November 27th and 28th in observance of
the Thanksgiving Holiday.

GET INVOLVED!

Cascade Charter Township offers citizens a variety of opportunities to participate in local government. The following is a list of the different boards and commissions with Township citizens serving on them.

*Planning Commission
Zoning Board of Appeals
Parks Committee
Downtown Development Authority
Historical Committee
Assessment Board of Review*

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please send a letter explaining your interest in that board(s) along with your resume. Send this information to the attention of the Township Supervisor or e-mail the Township Manager's office at: manager@cascadetwp.com. For more information contact the Township office at 949-1500.

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YARD WASTE PICK UP

Purchase Yard Waste Tags at the reception desk of the Township Offices from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tags are .85 each

Pick up will be every Monday

From October 13 to November 24

- Please have your yard waste near the curb by 6:00 a.m.
- Please use 30-gallon plastic bags.
- Bags should weigh no more than 30 pounds each.
- Do not place dirt, sod, sand, cement, rocks or trash in yard waste bags.
- Bundles of stick should be no more than 4 feet in length. Branches, logs and stumps are not to exceed one inch in diameter.

Residents 62 years of age and older and residents with disabilities will receive 20 tags FREE!

This service is only available in the restricted burn area. Yard waste dumpsters will be available behind the Thornhills Fire Station on October 24 - 26, November 14 - 16 and November 27 - 30.

NOTE: If you have tags left from last spring or fall and you intend to use them, please call the Township Office at 949-1500 to have your address added to the pick up list.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HALLOWEEN PARTY

It's time again for the annual Halloween Party for all Township Residents. Bring your little ghosts and goblins and spend the evening on Friday, October 31st from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The party will be held at Cascade Fire Station No. 1, located directly behind the Township Offices at 2865 Thornhills Ave., just south of 28th Street. There will be fun, surprises and costume judging for kids of all ages with prizes donated by local businesses. Complimentary cider, hot chocolate, coffee and doughnuts will be served. Come join the fun and receive a bag of safe candy.

*Join us for a safe night of
Halloween fun at the
Fire Station!*



MICHAEL MALIN HONORED

Sixteen year old Michael Malin, 1682 Hillsboro SE, received the highest praise for his actions in saving his brother's life.

On Friday, June 27, 2003, Michael and his younger brother, Patrick Daley, were swimming in their backyard pool when Patrick slipped to the bottom and appeared to be having a seizure. Michael was able to quickly retrieve him and give a clear synopsis of the situation to Cascade Township Firefighters and ambulance service while he continued to care for his brother.

Supervisor Michael Julien presented the resolution of praise and honor to Michael during the August 27th Township Board meeting.



October is Fire Prevention Month.

October 26th is the end of daylight savings time....a good time to change the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Great Christmas Gift!



The Historical Society afghan would make a wonderful Christmas gift! The afghans are loomed cotton measuring approximately 50" x 70". Five different color choices are available. The cost is \$75 with sale proceeds going to help fund construction of the future History Room in the Cascade Library. Stop by the Township Office to see the display and start your shopping early!

Thank You!



Firefighters Monterusso and Rowland enjoyed a summer picnic in the park with a group of children.

LIBRARY FRIENDS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

As the largest volunteer organization in Cascade Township with approximately 300 families as members, the Friends of the Cascade Library has worked for more than 30 years to enhance library services in our community. Our volunteers log hundreds of hours and process over 80,000 donated books and other materials every year. To put that number in perspective, on an annual basis we handle the equivalent of the entire book collection of the Cascade Library!

Every year since 1973, we have held a used book sale on July 4th that attracts people from all over the Midwest. The money we earn is given back to the Cascade Library. Over the past three decades, this has amounted to more than \$200,000, all of which has been used to purchase more equipment, furnishings, books, and other materials. In addition, we have earmarked \$100,000 in funds already in the bank for the express purpose of helping outfit the new program room in the proposed expansion of the Cascade Library.

Thanks to the generosity of so many local residents, the Friends are now collecting far more books than we can possibly sell on July 4. Our ability to conduct ongoing sales in the library itself is hampered by a lack of space on the main level and fire code regulations that severely restrict the

number of people who are allowed to be on the lower level at one time. As a result, we are quickly running out of storage space and have very limited opportunities for making the most of the donations that come our way.

The proposed library expansion includes renovations to the existing facility that will make the lower level accessible to the public for an ongoing used book sale. These renovations involve constructing a staircase that meets all safety regulations and providing a more efficient book donation handling system. This will enable the Friends to continue serving our community by providing a place for you to recycle your books as well as a place for you to purchase reasonably priced used books.

Best of all, the expansion will NOT increase your taxes. It will be financed by a combination of sources, among them the existing Township library fund, private gifts already in hand (including the Friends' \$100,000 donation), and other gifts from the community.

Please contact a Township trustee and voice your support for the Cascade Library expansion project. If you have any questions or concerns, you may also call Friends President Marianne Warnock at 942-8445 or visit the Friends website at www.cascadefriends.org.



Log on at www.cascadetwp.com to find Township Board and Planning Commission minutes and agendas. Planning, Zoning, Assessing and Public Utility information is also available on line.

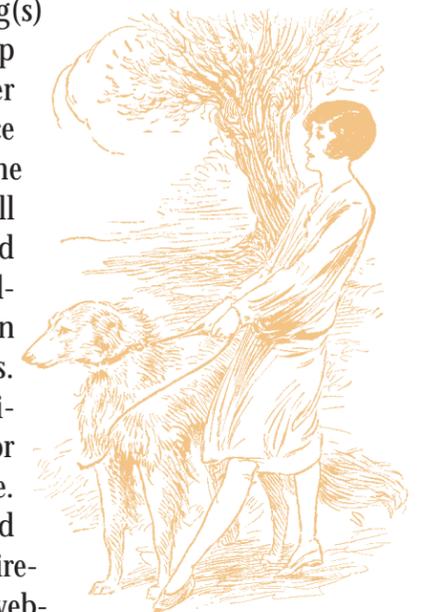
PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY ETIQUETTE

Cascade Township maintains approximately 15 miles of pedestrian pathways for Township residents to enjoy. However, for the comfort and safety of pathway users, please remember the following:

- **Always clean up after your dog.**
- **Walk, run or cycle on the right side of the trail in the direction you are going. Pass on the left.**
- **If you are on a bicycle or rollerblades and are approaching a pedestrian from the rear, please use common courtesy when passing.**

ATTENTION: DOG OWNERS

As you and your dog(s) enjoy the Township parks, please remember that there is an ordinance regarding leashes. The ordinance states that all dogs shall be controlled and on a leash not exceeding twenty (20) feet in length at all times. Violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor and could result in a fine. If you would like to read this ordinance in its entirety, feel free to visit our website at www.cascadetwp.com



NOTARY SERVICE AVAILABLE

Cascade Township provides notary services free to the public. At the present time, Planning Assistant Marilyn Thompson and Deputy Clerk Jeanie Neve are registered as notaries, so there is usually someone available during regular office hours.

Commissioned notaries have the power to attest to the authenticity of a person's signature, to administer oaths, and to take affidavits. Notarization on a document certifies that the person named on it appeared before the notary, displayed valid identification, and signed the document in the notary's presence. It does not prove that a document is true, legal, valid, or enforceable. The individual **MUST** appear personally in front of the notary for a document to be notarized.

Water in the Township cemeteries and parks will be turned off for the winter on October 1st

BOARD OF REVIEW POSITION OPEN

There is an immediate opening for the 2004 Cascade Township Board of Review. This Board hears property assessment appeals. This involves approximately one week in March and will meet briefly once in July and December. To qualify for appointment to this board, you must be:

- United States citizen
- Cascade Township taxpayer
- 30-day township resident

Appointments are for a two-year term. Real estate or appraisal experience is helpful but not required. Please direct your letter of interest to:

Judy Hedke, Deputy Assessor
Cascade Charter Township
2865 Thornhills Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

For further information please call 949-6176.

CEMETERY UPDATE

Each summer our buildings and grounds crew does a wonderful job of maintaining the cemeteries. All three cemeteries now have identification columns and plaques at the street entrances. The Whitneyville Cemetery has brand new wrought iron fencing. Snow Cemetery remains a quaint country cemetery. The Cascade Cemetery has our first columbarium installed as another option in cremation burials.



Township residents are eligible for two cemetery lots, free of charge, assigned at the time of need. We invite you to take a drive or walk through all three of our peaceful cemeteries.

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ATTENTION NEIGHBORHOOD AND CONDO ASSOCIATIONS:

*Need a place to hold your next meeting?
The program room in the Cascade Library is available for meetings during the day, evenings, or weekends.
Call the library at 647-3850 for details.*

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE STORAGE

Please remember that the storage of recreational vehicles, including boats, travel trailers, motor homes, sea doos, snowmobiles and other vehicles of similar nature is prohibited in all front yard areas from December 1st to May 15th. Recreational vehicles may be stored within any enclosed building or in the side or rear yard, provided they are located a minimum of five (5) feet from the property line. The RV stored on the property must be owned by the property owner. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra at 949-1500.

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
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