

# Cascade Connections

Spring 2005

A Newsletter from Cascade Charter Township

## BOARD SET GOALS FOR 2005

- Coordinate the purchase of parkland or open space with our land preservation funds.
- Hold 2 cultural events this summer at Leslie E. Tassell Park.
- Hold semi-annual meetings with all Township boards, commissions and committees to discuss goals and common issues.
- Work with "The Rapid" to create additional transportation opportunities for seniors and people with disabilities who work in Cascade Township.
- Support the efforts of the Cascade Community Foundation to create a separate Cascade telephone directory, as a means to create an identity for Cascade.
- Review various Township programs, including area recycling programs to determine their cost effectiveness and use by Township residents.
- Research the feasibility of making Cascade "wireless".
- Establish a consistent plan for the installation of sidewalks along 28th Street.
- Finish planning and start construction of the library addition, including a history room.
- Review and Implement the recommendations in the disability accessibility study (conducted by Disability Advocates) for all Township-owned facilities.

## Election News

### Precinct Location Change

Clerk Ron Goodyke announces a change in location for those voters in Precinct 3 who vote at the **Forest Hills Presbyterian Church**. This location is no longer available and those voters will now vote in the program room at the **Cascade Library**, located at 2870 Jacksmith S.E. You will enter the front door of the library and follow the signs to the Program Room. This is a permanent change for Precinct 3 voters.

### Vote May 3

HAVA (Help America Vote Act) has specified that beginning in 2005, elections will be held only four times each year for any election issue. The next date for an election is May 3. HAVA also requires consolidation of elections, resulting in no separate school elections. Voters will consistently use the same polling place for all elections—where you voted in November in the Presidential election is where you vote for any issue including school issues. The only exception is the permanent change of location for precinct 3 from the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church to the Cascade Library.

In the May 3 election, both Forest Hills Public Schools and Grand Rapids Community College will have two candidates running unopposed for two open seats on their Boards of Education. In Forest Hills the candidates are Maureen Fischer and Doug VanderLaan, and for GRCC, the candidates are Janice L. Maggini and Michael A. Stearns.

In addition, in a move to minimize future election costs and provide sufficient budget planning option, the Forest Hills Board of Education voted to hold the required 18 mill non-homestead renewal election at the same time. This millage does not affect primary residences; it was last approved by 95% of the voters on June 10, 1996, for a ten-year period, and is scheduled to expire in the 2005-2006 school year. Voters will be asked to renew the 18 mills currently levied on business and commercial property for ten years, through 2015-16.

The April/May issue of the school district's newsletter, *Focus*, will have detailed information about Board candidates and the 18 mill non-homestead renewal ballot question. A fact sheet explaining the ballot question will be available in school offices. Anyone with questions is encouraged to call either Timothy Raymer, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, 493-8800 or Karen Lott, Executive Director of Community Services, 493-8965.

### New Voting Machines

Yet another result of HAVA is that the State of Michigan requires all municipalities to change to new Optech voting equipment. This is a **funded** mandate. Cascade Township will have new voting tabulators to replace the well-used, older models that have been in service in Cascade Township for several years. The new, improved machines will **not** change the way you vote in the booth—you simply fill in the oval for the person or issue you are in favor. This machine will prevent errors you may make in marking the ballot. The machine will alert the voter that an error has been made and allows the voter to see what the error is and provide the opportunity to correct that error.

### Voter Cards and Registration

The last day to register to vote is 30 days prior to the May 3 election. Since that falls on Sunday, the law requires that it must be moved to the next business day, which is **Monday, April 4**. **The Cascade Township Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The National Voter Registration Act allows voter registration at any of the following locations:

- 1) Secretary of State Branch Office
- 2) Secretary of State "Renewal by Mail" when you renew your driver license
- 3) Cascade Township Clerk's Office or the Kent County Clerk's Office
- 4) State or federal mail-in registration form
- 5) Michigan Department of Social Services, which administer benefits for ADFC, Medicaid, and Food Stamp programs. Also county health department offices which administer benefits for the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC)
- 6) Armed Forces Recruitment offices
- 7) Federal Post Card Application procedure. (FPCA)
- 8) Direct delivery of registration applications by persons associated with voter registration drives. Usually they use the state and federal registration forms developed to implement the Mail Registration Program

New voter registration cards will be sent to each registered voter in Cascade Township before the May election.

**Please be sure you are a registered voter and can participate on May 3rd.**



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## Spring events at the Cascade Library

### Kname our Knight Kontest

Oh Knaves of Kascade, our knight is knameless and kneeds a knice knew kname. Pick up an entry form to suggest a kname, and you may win a small reward. This event takes place during the month of April and only one entry is allowed per family.

### Perennial Plant Exchange

Lambs ears overwhelming your garden? Need to add a few more coneflowers? Check out the Perennial Plant Exchange Board to see what your neighbors have to give away. Add your own plants to help them find new homes. The self service notice board will be available to join plants with gardeners and possibly help people make new gardening friends. This event takes place during the months of April and May.

### Author Reception: Joseph Finder

Join us for an author reception featuring Joe Finder, author of the forthcoming suspense thriller, *Company Man*. The main character, Nick Conover, is the CEO of a major furniture manufacturer in West Michigan which has experienced major layoffs. When a faceless stalker threatens his family, he takes action – with tragic results. Hear how the author researched his book in Grand Rapids. Joseph Finder is also the author of recent New York Times bestsellers *Paranoia* and *High Crimes* (which was the basis of the Ashley Judd/Morgan Freeman movie). Books will be available for purchase and signing. Sponsored by the Wyoming Friends of the Library. Tuesday, April 26, at 6.30 pm at the Wyoming Branch, 3350 Michael Ave, SW

### Oral History Workshop

Frank Boring, Director of Oral History for the Michigan Military Preservation Society will conduct an Oral History Workshop under the guidelines of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Oral history kits will be provided. Registration is required (call 647-3850, x5) Tuesday, April 19, at 7 pm; Thursday, May 19 at 1.30 pm

### Teen Book Discussion

Do you like to talk about great books? Make new friends? Eat snacks? If so, join us for our Teen Book Discussion Group. Ages 13 and up. Tuesday April 19, Tuesday, May 17 at 4pm.

### Storytime

Infants, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to bring their parents or caregivers to the library for stories, music and rhymes. Call the library for details and times, 647-3850 x7



## Passport Applications can now be obtained and accepted at the Cascade Township Office

Cascade Township is pleased to announce that it now accepts passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. U.S. citizens planning international travel may apply for their passports Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday's from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Cascade Township Office located at 2865 Thornhills S.E. Clerk Ron Goodyke reminds anyone interested in foreign travel that there are some important pieces of information needed to obtain a passport:

- Proof of U.S. Citizenship
- Current Photo ID
- 2 Passport Photographs
- Appropriate fees

There are several advantages to our citizens by having this service available at the Cascade Township Office. First and foremost is the convenience of being able to get the application process done right here in the neighborhood. Groups that plan trips abroad can contact the Township office to arrange for Township personnel to accommodate the process for an entire group at your site if that will be more convenient. The cost is the same no matter where the application is processed, but by coming to the Cascade Office your local municipality benefits from the processing fee which contributes to all of us who live, work, shop, or play here. **It is not necessary to be a Cascade Township resident to apply for a passport at our office.**

For information on documentation required, fees, application forms and a wealth of other passport and international travel information, call Marilyn Thompson at Cascade Township (949-1500) or go to our web site at [www.cascadetwp.com](http://www.cascadetwp.com), click on Reference Desk, Important Links and the link to the U.S. Department of State.

## C.P.R. Classes Available to Township Residents

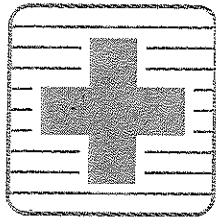
Life threatening emergencies can occur any time of the year, but with increased activity in the summer months, so is the risk of an emergency. The Cascade Township Fire Department is an American Heart Association Community Training Center (CTC) and is offering to citizens of the township a Family & Friends C.P.R. Class. The Family & Friends program is an awareness class dedicated to recognizing life threatening emergencies, instructions on effectively calling 911 and what to do in the first few minutes. The program lasts a little more than an hour, depending on the number of participants and costs just \$10.00 per person. This class is NOT intended for those seeking a C.P.R. certificate for their employment.

The fire department CTC has classes scheduled on the following dates:

April 16, 2005 Daytime  
 April 19, 2005 Evening  
 April 22, 2005 Daytime

May 14, 2005 Daytime  
 May 18, 2005 Daytime  
 May 24, 2005 Evening

June 2, 2005 Daytime  
 June 6, 2005 Evening  
 June 25, 2005 Daytime



You can call the fire department at 949-1320 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., seven days a week to schedule a class. Please call at least one week ahead of the date you want to schedule.

### Pedestrian Pathway Etiquette

Cascade Township maintains approximately 17 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 by announcing your presence when passing.
- Remember that cyclers 14 years and under are required to wear a helmet.

## The Bridge Builder

*By Will Allen Dromgoole*

An old man, going a lone highway,  
 Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
 To a chasm, vast and deep and wide  
 Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim;  
 The sullen stream had no fears for him;  
 But he turned when safe on the other side  
 And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man." Said a fellow pilgrim near,  
 "You are wasting strength with building here;  
 Your journey will end with the ending day;  
 You never again must pass this way;  
 You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide—  
 Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;  
 "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
 "There followeth after me today  
 A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
 This chasm that has been naught to me  
 To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.  
 He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
 Good friend, I am building the bridge for him!"

**CASCADE COMMUNITY  
 FOUNDATION  
 WHERE TODAY'S GIFTS MEET  
 TOMORROW'S NEEDS.**

If you're interested in building bridges with the Cascade Community Foundation by contributing money or volunteering your time, call 616-308-5433

THE VETERANS OF  
 CASCADE TOWNSHIP  
 ARE PLANNING A  
 MEMORIAL DAY  
 PROGRAM ON  
 MONDAY, MAY 30, AT  
 THE CASCADE LIBRARY,  
 2870 JACKSMITH DRIVE.  
 JOIN THEM AT 10:00 A.M.  
 TO HONOR VETERANS OF  
 ALL WARS AND CONFLICTS.

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## EAST PRECINCT UPDATE

The Kent County Sheriff's Department's East Precinct will be hosting its first "Children's Identification Program" on April 5, 6, and 7, during the morning from 9:00 am-11:30am and the afternoon from 1:00pm-3:30pm.

Officers from the East Precinct, located at 877 Forest Hills Ave., will be available each day to photograph and fingerprint any area child accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Upon completion of this process, the parent will be provided the finished document containing an official record of their child's identification information. Officers will also be available to answer any questions regarding the latest information on children's bicycle and helmet safety laws, Neighborhood and Child Watch Programs, and the newly implemented, Child Is Missing Program.



The Kent County Sheriff's Department's East Precinct will also be seeking volunteers interested in patrolling the **East Trail Pathways** running throughout Ada, Cascade, and Grand Rapids Townships. Any interested individuals, 18 years or older, willing to walk, run, bike, or rollerblade through the trails, can be of great support to this newly expanding program. A volunteer's responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

- Providing assistance to citizens in need of any police or medical help,
- Reporting any crimes or unusual activities, and
- Notifying the Sheriff's Department of any damages or vandalism located along the trails.

If you would like to become an East Trail Volunteer and help support this program, please visit the East Precinct Office Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm and fill out our brief questionnaire.

For additional details on these programs, feel free to contact your East Precinct Community Police Officers, Deputy Todd Probst or Deputy Ryan Coil, at the following numbers:

todd.probst@kentcounty.org  
Phone: 632-6436  
ryan.coil@kentcounty.org  
Phone: 632-6435



## Septic Systems in Cascade Township

Did you know that just over 75% of the homes in Cascade Township use on-site septic systems to dispose of their wastewater? One of the main differences between a house with an on-site disposal system and a house hooked up to a public sewer system is that the homeowner is responsible to maintain the on-site septic system. That's why homeowners need to know the proper ways to use and maintain their septic systems in order for them to last. *Kent County Health Department officials have indicated that all septic systems will fail at some point in time. At the point of failure (sewage on the ground surface or backups in the house) it is often necessary to replace the absorption field. If you suspect a failure, the Kent County Health Department (336-3089) can offer assistance to determine needed repairs.*

### What should not go through your septic system?

The following substances should not be put in the septic system: Cooking grease, oils, or fats; pesticides; paints; solvents; disinfectants; septic tank additives, cleansers, or yeast. Cooking grease, oils or fats should be placed in a container and put in household garbage. Pesticides, paints, paint thinners, solvents, disinfectants and other household chemicals are toxic substances that threaten ground water quality. There is no such thing as a safe and effective septic system additive and most harm your system.

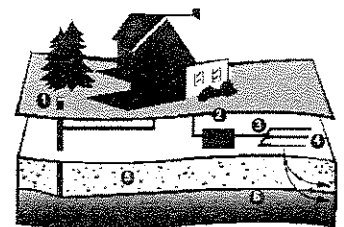
### What else do I need to do to manage my septic system?

Conserve water use to avoid overloading your septic system. Your septic system is not a trash can, so do not treat it that way. Using your garbage disposal or depositing napkins, tampons, plastics, cat litter, or other solids is detrimental to your systems operation. Have your septic system inspected every 1-2 years and pumped periodically (usually every 3-5 years) by a licensed inspector/contractor. Know where your septic system is and do not drive or park heavy vehicles or build over it. This can compact the soil and crush your system. Know how your septic system works and keep records of repairs, pumpings, inspections, and other maintenance activities.

Following these steps is important in keeping your septic system a safe and economical method for treating and disposing of your wastewater onsite.

### Meeting on Septic System Maintenance

On behalf of the Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC), you are invited to attend a meeting focusing on septic system maintenance. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Cascade Museum Building located at 2839 Thornapple River Drive. For more information, please contact Clerk Goodyke at 949-1508.



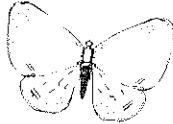
- 1 drinking water well
- 2 septic tank
- 3 distribution field
- 4 absorption field
- 5 soil absorption (unsaturated zone)
- 6 groundwater (saturated zone)

# 2005 GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING PROGRAM

By the first week of June, the Gypsy Moth Spraying Program will be underway in targeted areas throughout the township (see accompanying map). The Township will have 468 acres of property sprayed this year. This is a decrease in the number of acres being sprayed when compared to previous years.

Our consultant has indicated that the gypsy moth population has "crashed" to a certain extent due to natural predators and a virus that occasionally affects larvae populations.

The program area will be sprayed with a non-toxic biological agent called *Bacillus thuringiensis* or "Bt". Some of the most common questions about gypsy moths follow:



## What does "Bt" do to gypsy moths?

Gypsy moth larvae pass through different life stages: egg, caterpillar, cocoon and adult. Trees are endangered by the gypsy moth at the caterpillar stage only. When the caterpillar eats leaves sprayed with "Bt", it releases a protein that damages their stomachs. The caterpillars become sick and stop eating. During the next two or three days, bacteria enters the caterpillar's blood, eventually killing them.

## Is "Bt" dangerous to people, pets and livestock, or other beneficial insects?

One of the benefits of "Bt" is that only young caterpillars are affected. "Bt" is harmless to people, even at high dosages. "Bt" does not harm other mammals, birds or fish. Most beneficial insects, including honeybees and ladybugs, are not affected.

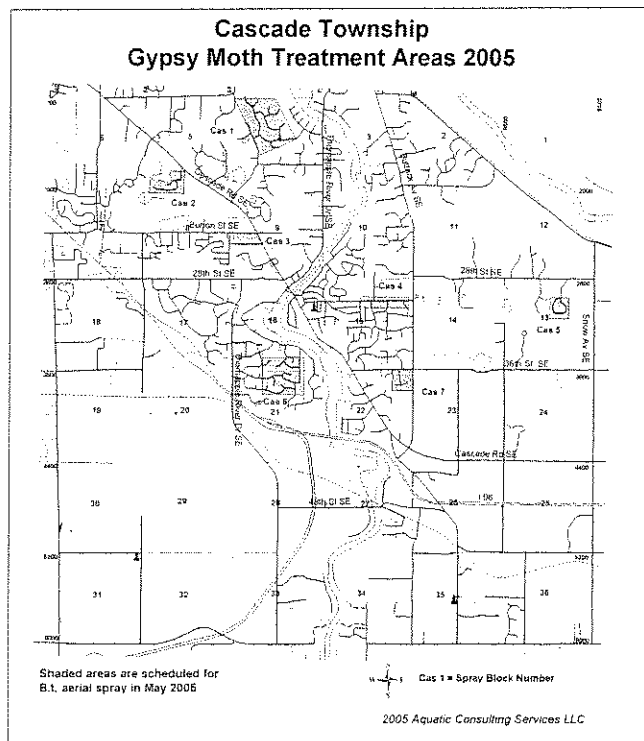
## What does a gypsy moth caterpillar look like?

The mature caterpillar reaches a length of approximately two inches. The caterpillar can be identified by the distinctive color pattern on its back. It will have a series of blue colored spots that are grouped in pairs, followed by a series of red spots grouped end

to end. Visit the Cascade Township website and you will find more information on identifying the gypsy moth caterpillars. ([www.cascadetwp.com](http://www.cascadetwp.com))

Remember, the gypsy moth does its damage during the caterpillar stage, which is during mid-May to mid-June. The gypsy moth caterpillar head is beige with dark marks. It has no silk tents. They are usually attached to the bark of the tree trunk.

If your trees are being defoliated later in the summer, it's caused by something other than gypsy moths.



## Tax Payment Information Available on the Web

With the IRS income tax filing deadline approaching, our taxpayers may need to verify the amount of property tax paid in 2004. For their convenience, this information is available through a link on the Township's website. The link will connect them to our software provider, BS&A, for information on property taxes and assessing.

To use our website go to: [www.cascadetwp.com](http://www.cascadetwp.com)

- ➔ Treasurer's Department
- ➔ Tax & Assessing information
- ➔ Click on the link to BS&A
- ➔ On the left side of the screen are search selections, parcel number, name or address.
- ➔ Ex: Click on Parcel number (in blue)
- ➔ Enter your parcel number with dashes, click search.

On the left side of the screen is Property Information. Click Tax or one of the other buttons for information on your property. If you have not paid your 2004 real estate property taxes, we can no longer accept payment at the Township. Please contact the Kent County Treasurer's Office at 616-336-3641 for the amount due.

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## Introduction to the New Cascade Township Firefighters!

### Jeff Rashid

Jeff began his career in the fire service with the Delta Township Fire Department, where he served from 1983 to 1986. Jeff joined the Cascade Fire Department as a paid-on-call Firefighter/EMT in 1986. He is married and has two children who attend Forest Hills Central Middle and High Schools. Jeff lives in Cascade Township and enjoys serving his community.

### Jeffery Knowles

Jeffery was a paid-on-call firefighter with Cascade Township for three years before being hired as a full time firefighter earlier this year. Jeff was also an Assistant Manager at Boater's World Discount Marine where he sold boating supplies. He enjoys participating in and watching sports, especially baseball and the Detroit Tigers. Jeff enjoys summer and likes to spend his time on the water. He lives in Cascade Township and is happy to serve his community and excited to be part of this growing community.

### Jim Walker

Jim served as a paid-on-call firefighter/EMT for the City of Grandville for 11 years prior to his employment at Cascade Township. Of those 11 years, the last five were as a shift fill-in for the fulltime firefighters who staff the medical unit that covered the City of Grandville. Jim also worked full time as a project manager/carpenter for a local general contractor. He enjoys

raising his two children with his wife of 11 years. His family enjoys reading together and outdoor activities, such as camping and going to the beach. Away from the family, Jim tries to find time to enjoy some recreational target shooting. He is honored to serve the Cascade Township community as a fulltime firefighter.

### Robert Norris

Bob has served Cascade Township as a paid-on-call firefighter since 2000; however, he has 11 years of firefighting and EMS experience. Bob has been part of the Young Life ministries for eight years, which is where the majority of his EMS and firefighting experience occurred. His participation with Young Life has allowed him to travel throughout Colorado, Virginia and Oregon. Bob is an avid dirt biker and enjoys riding his Harley, scuba diving and rock climbing. He is also a high school soccer coach with Forest Hills Central.

### Larry Moore

Larry is excited to have started a new career in Cascade Township. He was raised in a small town near Kalamazoo, which is where he had his first exposure to the fire service. In 1997, Larry joined the Alamo Township Fire Department as a paid-on-call firefighter. It was through this experience that Larry realized he wanted to become a career firefighter. He earned his degree in Fire Science and his EMT license from Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Larry is excited to



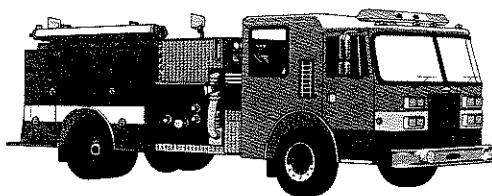
use his education and experience to benefit the community of Cascade, and is eager to learn from this dedicated fire department. His hobbies include spending time outdoors with his wife, Cathie, and dog, Bender. They are expecting their first child in September.

### Jimmy Hodges

Jimmy comes to Cascade Township from the Lowell Area Fire Department. He started in Lowell as an Explorer and has been a firefighter for the past seven years, including two years spent working part time for the Plainfield Township Fire Department. Jimmy is a graduate of Lowell High School and Lansing Community College's Fire Science Program. In his free time, he enjoys running and weightlifting, as well as skiing and hiking.

### Dennis VanTassell

Dennis came to Cascade Township from the City of Wyoming, where he worked as a firefighter. Dennis attended Detroit Fire Department Fire Academy and has been a Public Safety Officer/Firefighter since 1993. He is married to his wife of 8 years, Wendy, and they live in Greenville with their three children. Dennis enjoys jogging, weightlifting, camping and spending time with his family.



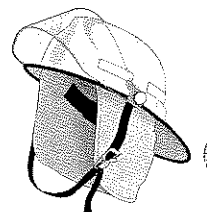
## Buttrick Station Open House

You are welcome to attend the Buttrick Fire Station Open House on Saturday, May 14, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please stop in to take a tour and visit with Cascade Township firefighters.

## Fire Department Receives Grant

The Cascade Fire Department has received a grant worth \$19,296 from United States department of Homeland Security.

This grant will be used to purchase new turnout gear and replace air bottles that have expired. The Fire Department must match 10% of the grant.





## CASCADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



On January 13th and March 10th, Cascade Historical Society sponsored the Life Story Writing Workshops facilitated by Cascade resident, Pam Daugavietis. Currently, Pam is a free-lance writer for the Blodgett Butterworth Health Care Foundation and is a certified Turning Memories Into Memoirs® workshop leader, editor and coach.

Approximately 30 people attended these programs with free will offerings going to support the Cascade Library History room addition. Many shared their desire to preserve stories of their lives for their own enjoyment or for future generations. Whether it is to share your hopes and dreams of your life or to leave a personal legacy, no one else sees the world through your eyes and with your heart.

During the workshop we covered how to research, how to create an outline for your life story and how to organize your materials for the actual life story writing.

Also, we learned the basics of good story writing. Pam taught us to start our story with a happy event in our lives, setting the stage for the event by answering questions like who, what, where, when and why. What is it about this event that makes it stand out in your life, was it a learning experience or just a fun memory for you?

Several people were blending their life story writings with scrap booking, genealogy or other hobbies. If you are thinking about your life or your parent's life, you might want to share your history and memories with others. The first step is to start writing those memories down.

Cascade Historical Society would like to express a BIG THANKS to you, Pam Daugavietis, for two very enjoyable evening workshops.

If you are interested in learning more about the Cascade Historical Society, please contact Mary J. Carpenter at 949-6944.

## Cascade Connection Library Addition

Plans are proceeding for the new "Enrichment Center" addition to the Cascade Library. It will include a 3,000-square foot dividable multi-purpose room, study rooms, additional basement storage and space dedicated to the Cascade Township Historical Society. The current program room will be revamped into a teen center.

The library has experienced a dramatic 170% growth in circulation since its new building opened in November, 1996. The popularity of the children, teens, adult, and family programs has increased accordingly and they quickly outgrew the space available to hold them. Many of the scheduled events, such as the Iditarod Dogs, Spanish Storytime, the Mad Hatter Party, the summer reading club and adult book discussions have audiences that exceed the number that can be accommodated in the current program room.

The Enrichment Center would resolve a number of challenges. It would greatly improve the library's ability to host events as the multi-purpose room could be divided into a number of different sized sections. The Historical Society currently houses their collections in the Cascade Museum where they can only be accessed by appointment. Having space in the library would allow for displays and greater accessibility of historical documents. The teen room would offer a comfortable place for group or individual study for middle and high school students, with available computers, listening stations and the hottest new teen books and magazines.

Financing for this project will be completed with no additional taxes. Cascade Township has pledged \$2.4 million in library millage funds with the remaining \$700,000 to be collected from private donors and gifts. Later this spring there will be an opportunity for every citizen to become a part of this exciting new chapter as the Cascade Library challenges you to "Imagine the Possibilities!"



## Publication Notes

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### Township Board

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### Board of Review

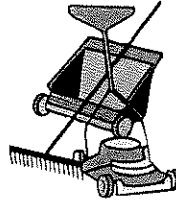
Bruce Poppen  
Barbara Averill  
Phyllis Gillie

## YARD WASTE PICK UP PROGRAM SPRING 2005

Purchase Yard Waste Tags at the reception desk of the Township Offices from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Tags are \$1.00 each**  
**Pick up will be every Monday**  
**From April 11 through May 9**

- Please have your yard waste near the curb by 6:00 a.m. to assure pick up.
- Place a tag on each bag of leaves or bundle of branches. (No grass clippings, dirt, sod, cement, sand or rocks please).
- Please use 30 gal. plastic bags or paper yard waste bags.
- Sticks should be no longer than 4 feet



in length and branches, logs and stumps are not to exceed 1 inch in diameter.

- Residents 62 years of age and older and residents with disabilities will receive 20 tags FREE / per calendar year.
- The yard waste dumpsters will be available behind the Thornhills Fire Station April 29th, 30th and May 1st.

For more information,  
please call 949-1500.

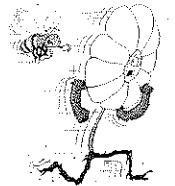
**Note:** If you have tags left over from last spring or fall and you intend to use them, please contact the Township Office so your address can be added to the pickup list.

## SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Cascade Township is offering a spring clean up day this year in conjunction with Ada Township. The spring clean up day will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the old Kent County Road Commission building at the end of Fase Street in Ada Township.

Any resident of Cascade Township is welcome to bring trash, household items or yard waste. You must show your driver's license. Appliances are welcome, however, the Freon must be removed prior to dropping the appliance off or you may be charged. No household hazard waste products will be accepted. For household hazardous waste disposal, please contact the Kent County Department of Public Works at 336-2501.

If you have any questions regarding spring clean up, feel free to contact Sandra Otey at 949-1500 or by email at [sotey@cascadetwp.com](mailto:sotey@cascadetwp.com).



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