



# Cascade Connections

SPRING 2007

A Newsletter from Cascade Charter Township

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

### Department

#### Phone Numbers:

#### Assessing

949-6176

#### Building / Inspections

949-3765

#### Clerk

949-1508

#### Fire

949-1320

#### Manager

949-1500

#### Planning

949-0224

#### Treasurer

949-6944

#### Sheriff

336-3113

## ROB BEAHAN, INTERIM MANAGER CASCADE TOWNSHIP

Cascade Township would like to welcome Rob Beahan as the Interim Manager for the Township. Rob Beahan, 58, is a third generation resident of Cascade Township. For the past 23 years he has served Cascade in a variety of leadership positions including Cascade Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He is also currently serving in the elected position of Trustee.

In addition to these civic responsibilities, Rob has been professionally employed in sales, marketing, and training since achieving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State in 1970. He was with Sara Lee for 17 years as Regional Sales Manager and Training and Development Manager. Prior to assuming Interim Manager responsibilities for Cascade Township, Rob was self-employed in sales and marketing.

Rob is married to Judy Beahan, Development Officer with Pine Rest. His other community activities include serving on the Cascade Community Foundation board of directors, Hugh Michael Beahan Foundation board of directors, volunteer coordinator at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, and broadcast crew for the Grand Rapids Diocese/St. Andrew's TV mass.



## CASCADE TOWNSHIP BOARD GOALS FOR 2007

1. Hold semi-annual "Meet Your Township Board" open houses to encourage open dialog between Board members and residents regarding Township issues.
2. Determine the skills and qualifications we are seeking in a new Township manager and develop a process for interviewing and selection of candidates. Hire a new Township manager by July 1.
3. Continue to explore and develop opportunities for cooperative services with other area communities and consider outsourcing of certain Township functions and responsibilities where appropriate.
4. Implement the recommendations of the Classification, Compensation, & Staffing Study regarding job titles, descriptions and salary and develop a Board process for an annual review of the Township Manager's performance.
5. Review and determine the feasibility of efficiently expanding water and sewer within the township.
6. Investigate the placement of on-site metal and glass recycling programs at both the Buttrick and Thornhills sites.
7. Assess the need for additional bus service lines in Cascade.
8. Investigate a health and wellness initiative for all township employees.
9. Continue to explore options to fund new pathways throughout the township and potential connection to other pathway systems.
10. Explore the placement of unobtrusive pedestrian scale lighting for limited sections of our pathway system.
11. Continue to explore options for wireless Internet access within the Township.
12. Successfully complete the Burton Street sewer line.





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## 2007 GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING PROGRAM

By the first week of June, the Gypsy Moth Spraying Program will be underway in targeted areas throughout the township. The Township will have 371 acres of property sprayed this year. This is a decrease in the number of acres being sprayed when compared to previous years.

The program area will be sprayed with a non-toxic biological agent called *Bacillus thuringiensis* or “Bt”. Here are some of the most common questions about gypsy moths.

### 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?

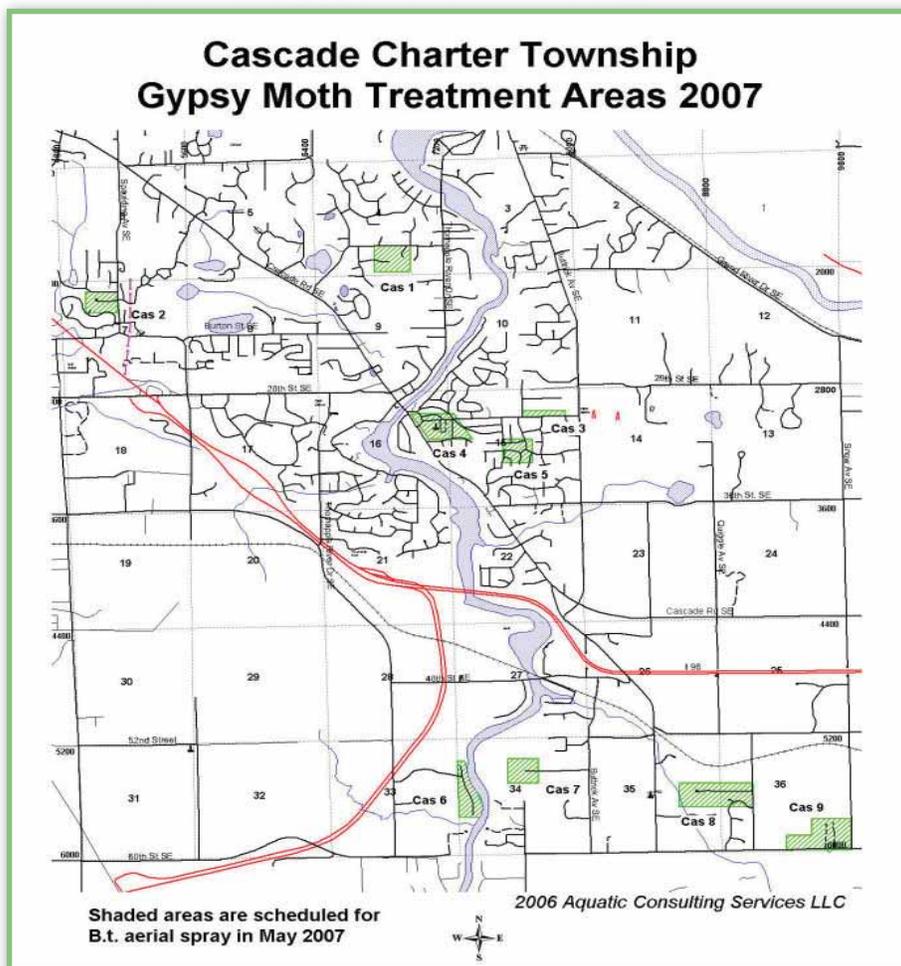
One of the benefits of “Bt” is that only young caterpillars are affected. “Bt” is harmless to people, even at high dosages. “Bt” does not harm other mammals, birds or fish. Most beneficial insects, including honeybees and ladybugs, are not affected.

### 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. The head is beige with dark marks. It has no silk tents. They are usually attached to the bark of the tree trunk.

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

Remember, the gypsy moth does its damage during the caterpillar stage, which is during mid-May to mid-June. If your trees are being defoliated later in the summer, it’s caused by something other than gypsy moths.



## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

The Veteran’s of Cascade Township are planning a Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 28th 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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## A Fond Farewell...

### Jay W. Cravens

Jay, our former Township Manager, has left to serve as the City Manager for the City of Bloomfield Hills. Jay started with Cascade Township in 1987 as the Planning Director. He served as Planning Director for eight years before being selected to serve as the Township Manager in 1995. During that time, he has witnessed and taken part in many changes to the community. The streetscape improvements to the village area, the creation of the Museum Gardens, the construction of the Cascade Public Library and Buttrick Station, the planning and construction of the pedestrian pathway system and the development of Tassell Park are a few projects he is particularly proud of.



We would like to extend our best wishes for success with his new position and future endeavors.



### Judith Hedke

Our former Deputy Assessor has decided to retire after 18 years. Judy started with Cascade Township in 1989 as a part time clerical worker in the Assessing Department. In 1990 she moved into a full time position as Residential Appraiser and in 1997 became the Deputy Assessor. Judy has enjoyed working at the Township but looks forward to

### Janet Wenzel

Cascade Township's Accounting Administrative Assistant, has decided to retire effective April 26. Janet began her employment with the Township as a receptionist in September, 1986. In May of 1991, she then moved into the Accounting Administrative Assistant position. After retiring, Janet would like to do volunteer work.



### Vivienne Clark

Our Administrative Clerk I is retiring from the Township on April 27. Viv started with the Township in 1999 as Administrative Clerk, splitting her time between the Manager's office and the Treasurer's office. Viv would like to pursue volunteer work and do some traveling after she retires.



*Cascade Township would like to thank Judy, Janet and Vivienne for their hard work and dedication to the Township. We wish them well with their retirement and future undertakings.*

5068 Breton in Kentwood  
(just north of 52nd Street)  
Open Monday-Friday  
7:30 am - 4 pm

**NEW  
RECYCLING  
CENTER!**

#### Recycle Plastic

Hard plastic containers  through   
**NO Styrofoam!**

Examples: water bottles, milk jugs, butter tubs, yogurt cups, plant flats, plastic flower pots, shampoo bottles, microwave trays

Wash clean & remove caps

Also recycle  &  plastic grocery bags with handles (grocery bags only)  
Remove receipts and coupons; Must be clean and dry grocery bags only. **No other bags accepted!**

**NO Styrofoam - NO cling wrap  
NO trash bags  
NO chemical containers**

#### Recycle Metal

Steel food and beverage containers, aluminum foil, pie tins, non-refundable soda & juice cans, **empty** aerosol cans

Wash clean, discard nozzle on **empty** aerosols only

**NO siding - NO lawn furniture  
NO automobile parts - NO fencing  
NO swing sets**

#### Recycle Paper

Newspaper and inserts, junk mail, brown paper bags, magazines, computer paper, cardboard, paperboard (cereal & cracker boxes)

Remove plastic strapping, waxy inserts and staples from boxes, then flatten. Put shredded paper in brown paper bags. Discard waxy, oily or food-covered paper products.

**NO paper in plastic bags - NO tissue paper  
NO wrapping paper - NO Kleenex or paper towel**

Help us keep this site clean and accessible by following these guidelines.

In doubt? Throw it out!

#### Recycle Glass

Clear & colored glass food and beverage containers  
Wash clean & remove caps

**Food & beverage glass only - NO ceramic or dishware**



Have questions about what can be recycled? Need directions?  
Kent County Department of Public Works - (616) 336-2570 - [www.accessKent.com/recycle](http://www.accessKent.com/recycle)





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**PASSPORT ALERT:** Routine service passports are now taking 10 weeks to return. Expedited passports are now taking 4 weeks. Plan Ahead!

## Yard Waste PickUp Program Spring 2007

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 9 through May 7**

- 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!

This service is only available in the restricted burn area. The yard waste dumpsters will be available behind the Thornhills Fire Station April 27th, 28th and 29th.

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.

## 2007 KCRC 5 YEAR PLAN

The following road projects have been proposed by the Kent County Road Commission in years 2007 and 2008. Please keep in mind these projects are subject to change.

ROAD	PROJECT LIMITS	IMPROVEMENT
28th St.	Kraft Ave. to Cascade Rd..	Mill existing asphalt surface and resurface with HMA. Install sanitary sewer forcemain from east of Kraft to east of Thornhills, and reconstruct center portion of roadway. Maintain one-lane traffic in each direction during construction and resurfacing.
52nd and Patterson		Modify and upgrade existing traffic signal.
Thornapple River Dr. and Cascade Rd.		Modify and upgrade existing traffic signal. Resurface and restripe Thornapple River Dr. south of Cascade Rd.
Thornapple River Dr. and 36th St.		Install Traffic Signal.
Cascade Rd.	36th St. to Whitneyville	Mill off existing Asphalt surface, crack and seal underlying concrete pavement, and place new HMA surface, including 4 foot paved shoulders. Through traffic will be detoured.
Patterson Ave.	36th St. to 28th St.	Mill top portion of existing asphalt surface. Resurface with non-reinforced concrete (four inches). Maintain one-lane traffic in each direction during resurfacing.
28th St.	Snow to Buttrick	Sealcoating.
Local road overlays will be reviewed by KCRC maintenance department and Township Manager in the spring.		
<b>2008</b>		
Thornapple River Dr.	48th to 52nd	Reconstruct to all weather.

In addition to these projects you will also see construction on Burton St as well as Cascade Rd between Beard and Mont-Rue. The work on Burton St will be done by a contractor selected by the Township in order to install sewer, and a small stretch of water, on Burton Street between Cascade Pointe and Kraft Ave. No timeline for this project has been set as of yet. The work on Cascade Rd between Beard and Mont-Rue is for the installation of a center turn lane. No timeline

for this project has been established either.

The 28th Street Sewer Forcemain project has a tentative start date of April 9 with a completion date of August 24. To stay up to date on these road projects, visit our website at [www.cascadetwp.com](http://www.cascadetwp.com), and click on What's Happening. We will try and provide regular updates as well as contact information and progress as the projects move along.

## 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 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Kent County Road Commission building at the end of Fase Street in Ada Township.

Any resident of Cascade Township (you must show your driver's license) is welcome to bring trash, household items or yard waste. 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 336-2570.

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).



ELECTION NOTICE: May 8, 2007 is the School Election. Vote in the same precinct as the General Election.

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## Get Out Your Camera!

### Enter the Eastern Townships of Kent County Photo Show!

The six townships on the east side of Kent County announce a photography contest. The Opening Reception is planned at the Cascade Library's Wisner Center on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007 with the photos displayed at the six townships from Sept. 24 – Oct. 19, 2007. The show is intended to celebrate our beautiful local rural character through photography, and we hope for photos of ALL the seasons – so get outside now! The exhibition is sponsored by the Open Space Preservation Council for the Eastern Townships of Kent County.

Photos must have been taken in Grattan, Cannon, Vergennes, Ada, Cascade, and/or Lowell Townships for this exhibition. Photographers may be of any age and address, but photos must be taken of natural features anywhere within the six townships. Township residents are encouraged to seek out those "unseen treasures" in your own back yard!

The Open Space Preservation Council for the Eastern Townships of Kent County is a cross-jurisdictional volunteer citizen committee

## Share Your Pictures With Your Community

Have you and your family stopped into the History Room located in the Cascade Library? Did you notice a picture carousel display? The pictures have become very popular with visitors. Because of this interest the Cascade Historical Society (CHS) has purchased a second picture carousel for display at the Cascade Museum located at the corner of Thornapple River Drive and Cascade Road.

Now that the CHS has two picture carousels to maintain we are asking for your assistance in keeping the picture carousel displays fresh and exciting for the public. Do you have some pictures that you are willing to donate or share for this project? Pictures that show people, community activities, special events, or class pictures are very popular. This will be an on going project. Please drop off your pictures at the Township Office (2865 Thornhills Ave.) and mark them to the attention of the Historical Society.

committed to preserving rural character on a regional level. Membership is open to residents of Grattan, Cannon, Vergennes, Ada, Cascade, and Lowell Townships. Our mission, as land protection advocates, is "to facilitate proactive measures to preserve private and public open space through cooperation between citizens and township leaders in the eastern townships of Kent County."

Entry forms and more information about the photography contest should be available through any of the township websites, at the township halls, in area photo shops and art galleries (where allowed), schools and colleges. Prizes for 1st through 6th place will be awarded in two categories: adult, and youth under 18 yrs. Judges to be announced.

For more information, contact Betty Jo Crosby at 616-949-0417 or Bonnie Schupe Blackledge at 616-204-0085 or BonnieS@cannontwp.org.



Please submit detailed information (on a separate sheet of paper) of each picture. Information that is helpful is: the identity of the individuals in the picture, the location, the occasion, and the approximate date. Please leave your name, address and phone number in case we need to contact you for more information.

Please note that not all pictures will be on display. Some pictures will be stored for future displays.

Contact Mary J. Carpenter at the township office (949-6944) with questions or visit the History room on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. where a member of the historical society will be present.

Reminder: Please remember that this summer the Cascade Historical Society will be gathering information on historical home sites and buildings.

## Join us for a MOVIE and DISCUSSION! Cascade Natural Features/ Open Space Committee

Every community is concerned about sprawl, loss of natural habitat, and the best types of planning for growth. Join us to watch a motivating, entertaining, and educational film called, "Save Our Land, Save Our Towns." This 57-minute film examines the causes and effects of suburban sprawl across the country, and suggests remedies for it. Does "sprawl" affect Cascade? How does it affect Cascade? What might we do about it? Join us for an interesting session on April 18th at the Cascade Library (in the Wisner Center) at 7:00pm. Refreshments provided!

## SHUMAN/KILMER FAMILIES

Erastus Shuman and his wife, Eunice, purchased and cleared 140 acres in Cascade Township in 1864. The Shumans had two daughters, Mary and Jessie, and one son, Merton. Jessie married Elmer Kilmer and had seven children. Elmer and Jessie lived in Grand Rapids until 1900 when they purchased an 80 acre farm next door to the Shuman farm on what later became 28th Street.

One of the seven children, Ethel Kilmer, wrote how her grandfather Shuman gave generously of both time and money to build Cascade Christian Church in the village of Cascade. Her grandmother remembered how Indians came to the farm selling baskets and bead work. After buying some of their wares, she would give them food.

The Kilmer family's huge "White Barn", located on the corner of Kraft and 28th Street, was a township landmark. Countless dinner, dances and other events were held there. It was torn down when Foremost bought the property.

Orval, one of Elmer and Jessie's sons, and his wife, Vera, bought approximately 40 acres east of Thornapple River Drive. The property was later platted and named Kilmer Street. Orval died in 1992 and his wife Vera, passed away in August of 2006 at the age of 96.



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## Third Annual, Children's Identification and Safety Days"

The Kent County Sheriff's Department's East Precinct, located at 877 Forest Hills, Ave., will be hosting its third annual, "Children's Identification Days" on April 3rd, 4th, and 5th. This event will take place in the morning between the hours of 9:00am-11:30am and again in the afternoons from 1:00pm-3:30pm.

Officers from the Kent County Sheriff's Department's East Precinct will be available each day for the photographing and fingerprinting of any child accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Officers will also be on hand to answer questions regarding the latest information on children's bicycle and helmet safety laws, Neighborhood Watch Programs, and any other questions you may have pertaining to your child's safety. Also for your child's inspection, will be a fire truck, provided by the fireman of Cascade, Ada, and Grand Rapids Township. Upon completion of this process, parents will be provided a formal document which can be used as an official record of their child's identification.

Officers will also be seeking volunteers interested in patrolling the East Trail Pathways, the section of paved trail currently running through Ada, Cascade, and Grand Rapids Townships. If your interested in donating some time, are 18 years or older, please stop by the Precinct for additional information on this newly expanding program.

Cookies, punch, and balloons will also be given to all our customers.

For more information, please contact the East Precinct Office at 632-6394.

## Failing Septics: The forgotten source of nutrient Pollution

With the new phosphorus fertilizer ordinances popping up in counties around the state, citizens are hoping their lakes will remain or return to their once pristine state. The problem is fertilizers are not the only source of excess nutrients in our waters; failing septic systems also release nutrients into our waters. Throughout the watershed, nutrients from septic systems are increasing as urban sprawl spreads farther than municipal sewers. These excess nutrients lead to algae blooms and rapid aging of aquatic ecosystems, not to mention the bad smells.

Proper maintenance of septic systems is crucial for the health of your family, neighbors, and the environment. A misused and neglected septic system results in disease-causing pathogens, hazardous chemicals, and nutrients such as phosphorus, nitrates, and organic waste entering the groundwater and surface water leading to human illness and polluted ecosystems.

Here are some tips to keep your septic system in tip-top shape:

- Pump it regularly – usually every five years depending on the size of your tank, how many people in your household, and how much water you use
- Let system work naturally - avoid septic system additives: starters and feeders add bacteria or encourage growth which is unnecessary in a properly functioning septic and do nothing in a malfunctioning septic, some cleaners actually harm the system by resuspending the solid waste
- Conserve water – heavy water use may not allow solid separation to occur
- Compost over using a garbage disposal – food scraps add solids to your septic tank resulting in more frequent pumps
- Flush responsibly – cigarette butts, paper towel, tampons, condoms, fertilizers, oils, and other items may clog and damage the system
- Avoid excess cleaning products – using excessive amounts of disinfectants and antibacterial cleaners (like every flush toilet cleaners) kills the bacteria decomposing your wastewater resulting in more frequent pumping (See [www.wmeac.org](http://www.wmeac.org) website for Green Cleaning Fact Sheet and recipes)
- Do not drive or build anything over your

drainfield – heavy machinery compacts the soil causing septic system failures

- Avoid planting deep rooted trees or shrubs in septic system area – roots can damage

### Piping

- Divert runoff and snowmelt away from drain field – the system may flood or backup
- Keep records of your septic system to pass onto future owners

Water is catching up to oil as the world's most sought after resource. It is necessary for life, and there is a limited amount of it on Earth. Of the 1.4 trillion liters of water on Earth, only 0.003% of it is fresh, non-frozen, accessible, and potable. Although water availability in west Michigan is not a large concern, the quality of that water is. It is people's responsibility to keep this resource clean and safe for everyone.

Phosphorus fertilizer ordinances are one step to keeping our water healthy, but the work is not done. Other sources of excess nutrients must also be addressed. Make sure your septic system is functioning properly.

Work with your community to keep your water safe! For more information, attend the free "Healthy Lawn, Healthy Septic, Healthy Water" program put on by Cascade Township, Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program, and West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC). The program will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 7:00 pm in the Wisner Center at Cascade Library. All are welcome to attend.

Contact Ron Goodyke (616.949.1500) at Cascade Township for more information about the "Healthy Lawn, Healthy Septic, Healthy Water" program. Help protect the natural features that make Cascade Township and Michigan a great place to live!

If you are unable to attend the program and want to learn more, contact Rachel Hackett, the AmeriCorps Groundwater Educator for Kent and Ottawa Counties, at 616.451.3051 or at [groundwater@wmeac.org](mailto:groundwater@wmeac.org). You can even sign up for a free and confidential one-on-one home groundwater risk assessment or educational lawn care assessment. Hackett is also available to give free group presentations on a number of groundwater and environmental health topics.



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## Be Lawn Smart!

The groundhog predicted it! Spring is here once again, and everything is coming back to life. Spring is also the time to start thinking about how to maintain a healthy lawn. The health of your property is not determined by the shade of green grass alone, but of the quality of the water in your area too! You may not have any surface water visible from your property but your lawn care practices still affect the water in your community. Water absorbs into the ground, which feeds drinking wells and surface water, or runs off your property into the nearest lake, river, or stream.

Improper lawn care practices such as over fertilization, improper pesticide use, and disposal of yard waste in the streets, rivers, or lakes, affects the health of the water used for drinking and recreation. Blue baby syndrome (Methemoglobinemia), bad lake smells, algae blooms, and fish habitat destruction are some of the effects. The good news is that you can help reduce these problems by practicing smart lawn care maintenance at home!



Here are a few things to keep in mind when caring for your lawn this season:

- Get your soil tested – A soil test is necessary to determine what nutrients your lawn or garden truly needs. Your county's MSU Extension office tests soil samples for a fee.
- Mow high – Mowing your lawn between 2.5" and 4" keeps the grass and its roots healthy to keep out weeds.
- Mulch or compost – Instead of putting your grass clippings into the street, lake, or stream, compost them or use the mulch setting on the lawn mower and leave the clippings on the lawn. A ½" or less layer of cut grass will improve the health of your soil.
- Apply only what is necessary – Over fertilization is a waste of money and time since excess fertilizer is not absorbed by

the plants, but washed away or soaked into the groundwater. Calculate the area you want to fertilize to determine how much you need.

- Timing – If you must fertilize, make sure your plants are actively growing. Fertilizing when the plants are not active (times when it is dry or frozen) wastes money, time, and can contaminate your water through runoff and infiltration into groundwater. Also, applying when heavy rains are forecast or before watering can also lead to water contamination.
- Try slow-release fertilizers – Although more expensive, slow-release or timed fertilizers allow more nutrients to be used by the plants and less likely to contaminate water.
- Know your pest target – If you are unsure of what is causing plant sickness or death, don't just guess. Using the wrong pesticide or herbicide may harm you, your plants, your soil, or your water. Ask a salesperson or the Kent County MSU Extension Master Gardener Hotline 616-336-3881.
- Buffer zones – Don't apply fertilizers or pesticides near high risk contamination areas such as wells, shoreline, sidewalks, streets, driveways, or lawn drains.

Work with your community to keep your lawn and water safe! For more information, attend the free "Healthy Lawn, Healthy Septic, Healthy Water" program put on by Cascade Township, Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program, and West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC). The program will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 7:00 pm in the Wisner Center at Cascade Library. All are welcome to attend.

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## A Note from the Treasurer

Below you will find a breakdown of taxes that have been collected by Cascade Charter Township for the 2006 tax year, and details as to the distribution that have been made by the Treasurer's office.

### TAXES DISBURSED TO:

Caledonia Schools	3,778,070.15
Lowell Area Schools	278,008.16
Forest Hills Public Schools	15,630,213.70
Total Collected School Mileage	19,686,292.01
Grand Rapids Community College	2,375,253.17
Kent Intermediate School District	6,516,684.98
Kent District Library	1,138,244.44
State Education - To State of Mich.	677,705.01
State Education - To Kent County	8,193,386.79
Kent County - Operating Jail, Senior	7,084,430.74
Kent County Drains	8,966.03
Special Assessment	111,325.31
Cascade Township**	5,281,538.67
SubTotal 2006 Tax Levy	51,073,827.15
Cascade Twp Adm Fee	510,644.84
<b>2006 Summer &amp; Winter Tax Collection Total</b>	<b>51,584,471.99</b>
2006 Summer & Winter Delq includes Lease Land	2,065,831.08
2006 Summer & Winter Delq Adm Fee	74,094.64
<b>2006 Summer &amp; Winter Delq Tax Total</b>	<b>2,139,925.72</b>
2006 Summer & Winter Lease	332.67
2006 Summer & Winter Lease Adm Fee	3.31
2006 Summer & Winter Lease Total	335.98
Total 2006 Tax Levy	53,724,733.69

Includes Levy for Cascade General Operation, DDA, Fire, Library, Pathway, and Police.

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## Get Involved!

Cascade Township currently has an opening for a Planning Commission member. The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please send a letter explaining your interest along with your resume. Send this information to the attention of the Township Supervisor at 2865 Thornhills Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. For more information, please contact the Township office at 949-1500.



## Calling For Help"

In the event of an emergency, it's important to dial 9-1-1 to reach the Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center. Not only does dialing 9-1-1 save time when making the call, it allows a central point of contact to assure that all necessary agencies are notified as quickly as possible.

Kent County uses an enhanced 9-1-1 System that displays the caller's address on the computer screen at the dispatch center. When a call is placed to Kent County Dispatch, they are able to quickly dispatch the fire department, ambulance and police as needed while remaining on the line to provide assistance or gather necessary information. This provides the fastest response in the event of an emergency.

Due to staffing levels and work loads, there are times when our fire stations are unmanned. If an emergency call is placed directly to the fire station while the crew is out on another emergency, there may be nobody available to take your call and help could be delayed. Calling directly to the fire station can also delay response because providing help over the phone prevents the firefighter from responding to your emergency.

Please keep in mind that 9-1-1 is for emergency use only. Calls regarding illegal bon fires or other non-emergency issues should be made directly to the fire station (949-1320). If you have an emergency, however, dialing 9-1-1 will allow us to provide you the best possible level of service.

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