



# Cascade Connections

Spring 2008

A Newsletter from Cascade Charter Township

## 2008 Township Board Goals

- 1 Continue periodic Open Houses with the community, various Boards and township employees.
- 2 Expand and enhance relationships with area agencies for economic growth in Cascade Township.
- 3 Continue to investigate and make a final recommendation as to the feasibility of combining the fire departments of Cascade Township, Grand Rapids Township and Ada Township.
- 4 Investigate the use of Community Access Channel on cable television to broadcast the meetings of the Township Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Downtown Development Authority.
- 5 Develop a process to seek competitive bids on services used by the Township and put into place a rotation plan that would call for a bid process in each service area on a regular, periodic basis.
- 6 Continue to seek and aggressively pursue large tracts of land for open spaces preservation. Seek additional opportunities for public and private partnerships in this.
- 7 Continue to pursue with Forest Hills Public Schools, Ada Township and the Kent County Road Commission a means to build a pedestrian pathway east from Cascade Road to the FHCHS and FHCMS campus. Work with FHPS on Safe Routes To School (SR2S) grants.
- 8 Review and evaluate the township's health care plan and policies.
- 9 Rewrite and update the township cemeteries regulations regarding decorations, burials, maintenance, etc.
- 10 Determine the need for renewal of the 1988-2007 fire and police dedicated tax millages.
- 11 Create a recycling program for the Township Hall, Library, Wisner Center and fire stations.
- 12 Identify opportunities for grant-funded projects within Cascade Township.

## CPR Classes

*CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (C.P.R.) classes are offered by the Fire Department.*

*80% of cardiac arrests occur within the home and are witnessed by family members.*

*Do you know what to do?*

Cascade Township Fire Department is offering the American Heart Association "Family & Friends" C.P.R. classes. This class provides an overview of recognizing an emergency, calling 911 and performing C.P.R. The classes last approximately an hour depending on the

number of participants. Please call the Fire Department at 949-1320 to enroll in one of the classes offered below. All classes will meet at Station #2, 2990 Buttrick S.E.

*April 15 – 6:30 p.m.*

*April 16 – 6:30 p.m.*

*April 19 – 10:30 a.m.*

The "Family & Friends" class does not certify people who need C.P.R. for employment. For further information regarding other courses offered, please contact Firefighter Gillespie at 949-1320.

## 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



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## 2008 GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING PROGRAM

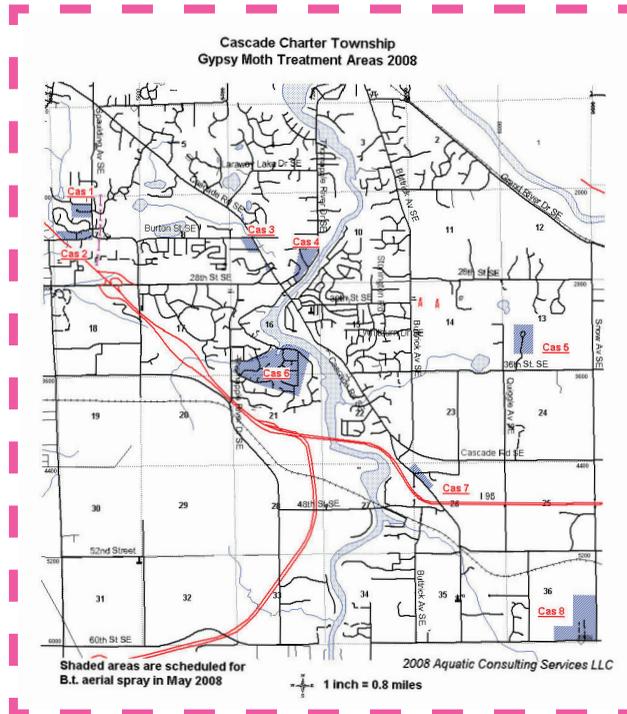
By the first week of June, the Gypsy Moth Spraying Program will be underway in targeted areas throughout the township (see accompanying map). The Township will have 452 acres of property sprayed this year. This is a slight increase in the number of acres being sprayed when compared to last year.

Our consultant has indicated that the gypsy moth population is up only slightly from last season. The population centers that were found are very healthy with little parasitism and good viability. This strongly suggests that the population is attempting to recover its numbers and the natural suppression processes are not keeping up.

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.

## CASCADE TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Mary Carpenter, the longtime Cascade Township Treasurer, has announced her retirement effective the end of May. Any Cascade Township resident who feels qualified and is interested in running for this office must be a registered voter in Cascade Township. Petitions and Affidavits of Identity are available at the Cascade Township Clerk's office. The deadline to return the forms is May 13. Please call Clerk Ron Goodyke or Deputy Clerk Denise Biegalle (949-1508) if you would like more information.

Cascade Historical Society will host a Panel Discussion on the Thornapple River Watershed. The panel will include representatives from the Cascade Dam, Thornapple River Associations and WMEAC. History of the Cascade Dam along with slides of the Thornapple River will provide an interesting and enjoyable program.

Please join us for this program to learn more about the Thornapple River in our community on April 22, 2008 from 7:00-8:30 at the Wisner Center. A free will donation to the Cascade Historical Society is requested.

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## 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 10th 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. You must be in line no later than 2:30 to drop items off.

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 hazardous waste products or tires will be accepted. For household hazardous waste and tire disposal, please contact the Kent County Department of Public Works at 336-2570.

In The Image will have a truck available at Leonard Field for the collection of household goods.

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).

## YARD WASTE PICK UP PROGRAM SPRING 2008

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 7 through May 5**

- 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!

This service is only available in the restricted burn area. The yard waste dumpsters will be available behind the Thornhills Fire Station April 25th, 26th and 27th.

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.

## Join Us in April for Visioning Meetings

The public involvement process for the update to the Township's Comprehensive Plan is in full swing. An advisory committee meets on a monthly basis to act as a sounding board for the update. Advisory committee members worked diligently since January composing a community survey which was mailed to a random sample of property owners in the Township last month. If you received and completed the survey, we extend our gratitude for your involvement.

The next opportunity for your involvement is April 28th and 29th at our "Visioning Meetings". Don't worry; you don't have to attend both. Instead, if you live east of the Thornapple River, join us on Monday, April 28th at the Wisner Center from 7-9pm for a visioning meeting specific to the issues facing that area of the Township. Then, on Tuesday, April 29th, from 7-9pm at the Buttrick Fire Station, we'll be holding a visioning meeting for residents living on the west side of the river. If you can't attend the visioning meeting in your half of the Township, feel free to attend which ever meeting best fits your schedule. The more people we have participating, the better our plan will reflect the desires of the community.

Visit [www.cascadetwp.com/community/WhatsHappening](http://www.cascadetwp.com/community/WhatsHappening) for a complete schedule of events. For more information, contact Steve Peterson, Planning Director, at 949-0224.

*We look forward to seeing you soon!*



The dates for the 2008 River Beat Series have been chosen! Please mark your calendars for **Thursdays, June 26, July 10 and July 24 and August 14.**

The next **FREE** Movie Night is **Tuesday, June 17** at the Cascade Branch of the Kent District Library. Please look for the movie selection in the next Cascader.

We are looking for volunteers to help with both of these summer events and several others, including a weekend of Round-Up Day'ze full of activities and events celebrating the American pioneers, Native Americans and those crazy Cowboys on August 14, 15 and 16.

For more information on these and all of our fun packed summer events please go to our new website at [www.Cascadecommunityfoundation.com](http://www.Cascadecommunityfoundation.com)



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## Fire Department

### –Paid On Call Firefighters Needed

Cascade Township Fire Department is looking for men or women to join the fire department as paid on call firefighters. Interested people must be at least 18 years old, possess valid Michigan Drivers License with less than 4 points, high school diploma or equivalent and pass a physical agility test and department physical.

If you are interested in giving back to your community and would like to join the department, stop by the main station at 2865 Thornhills Ave. for an application or call 949-1320 for further information.

## Fire Prevention Code Board of Appeals

The Cascade Township Fire Department is accepting resumes to be board members on the Fire Prevention Code Board of Appeals. This volunteer position is established to rule upon appeals made through an order of the Fire Code Official. There are five members on this board and are appointed to the following terms: two shall be appointed for a term of one year, two for a term of two years and one for a term of three years. Members must be qualified by experience and training to matters pertaining to fire prevention.

Members should have experience in one of five areas: 1) Design Professional, 2) Fire Protection Engineering Professional, 3) Industrial Safety Professional, 4) General Contractor, 5) General Industry or business representative.

Meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

If you are interested in serving on this board, contact Fire Chief John Sigg at 949-1320.



## Spring Activities at Kent District Library Cascade Branch

The Friends of the Cascade Branch will be hosting their Spring Luncheon on April 24th. We're excited to present President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, in "Now... From the White House" by Fred and Bonnie Priebe. Please call the branch for reservations.

The Friends are also sponsoring two author visits this spring: Teen fantasy writer Tamora Pierce will visit on May 7th, and Caldecott Award winning illustrator Eric Rohmann will visit on May 9th.

Teens will have an opportunity to test their skills at our first Wii Tournament on April 12th.

In fact, we'll be hosting a number of programs for students during Spring Break week.

And for aspiring authors who are looking to discuss and share their work, our Writer's Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

The Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities will host a number of book discussions this spring.

For registration or more details about these or many other programs, please call the Cascade Branch at 647-3850 or [www.kdl.org/events](http://www.kdl.org/events).

## East Precinct News...

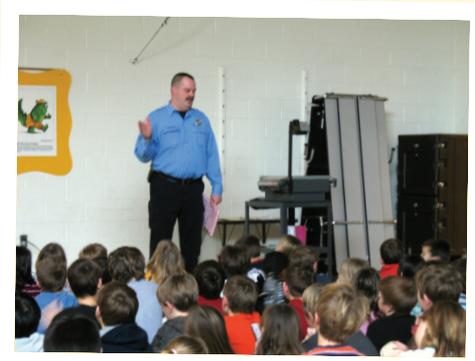
Recently there have been some daytime home invasions in some of the neighboring communities. While these incidents were a crime of "opportunity", where a door was left unlocked, there was one incidence of a sliding door being completely removed from the tracks in order to gain entry. Please remember to lock your doors and take any precautionary steps you deem viable in order to ensure the safety of your home.

This is also the time of year when we begin to experience problems with solicitors. If a solicitor comes to your residence and they are not displaying the proper township identification or are not registered at all, please call the Kent County Sheriff Department dispatch at 632-6357. Please review the Cascade Township Solicitation Ordinance for full details.

In an effort to reach more families, the dates for the fourth annual "Children's Identification Week" hosted by the Kent County Sheriff Department East Precinct, have been changed. Instead of the typical spring break week, we have changed the dates to June 10, 11, and 12. The times have yet to be determined.

Should you have any questions regarding anything mentioned above, please feel free to contact me at 632-6435 or by e-mail at [Ryan.Coil@kentcountymi.gov](mailto:Ryan.Coil@kentcountymi.gov).

## Cascade Township Firefighter Andrew Albright teaches Thornapple Elementary 3rd graders fire safety skills through the Safe At Home program.



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## Election News Precinct Location Change

Clerk Ron Goodyke announces a change in location for those voters in Precinct 1 who currently vote at the Forest Hills Public School Administration Building. Since this location is no longer large enough to meet our needs, those voters will vote in the Family Life Center at the Cascade Fellowship CRC Church, located at 6655 Cascade Road SE, beginning with the May 2008 School Election. The church is located around the corner from the FHPS Administration Building. There will be signs posted to direct voters to the correct location (Precinct 7 currently votes in the upper level). You can expect new registration cards prior to the May 6 School Election. This is a permanent change for Precinct 1 voters

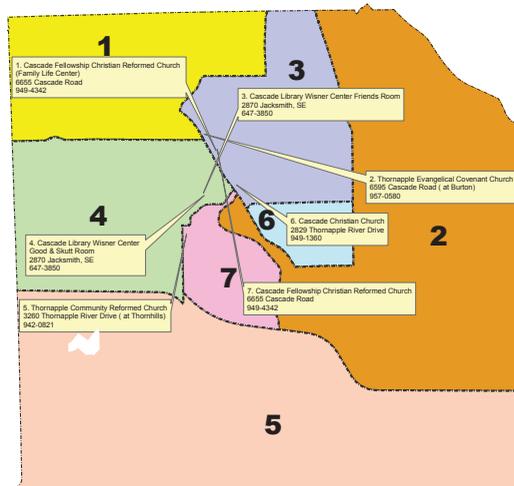
## Vote May 6th

The date for the School Election is May 6th. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) also requires consolidation of elections, resulting in no separate school elections. Voters will consistently use the same polling place for all elections—you will continue to vote in the same place you voted since 2005. The only exception is the permanent change of location for Precinct 1 from the Forest School Administration Building to the Cascade Fellowship Church.

## Voter Cards and Registration

The last day to register to vote in the May 6th election is April 7th; you may do this at our Cascade Township Office which is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. The National Voter Registration Act also 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 Office or the Kent County Office.
- 4 State or federal mail-in registration form.
- 5 Michigan Department of Social Services, which administer benefits for ADFC,



Precinct Locations	
Wards & Precincts	
Precinct Number	
1	Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed Church (Family Center)
2	Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church
3	Cascade Library Wisner Center Friends Room
4	Cascade Library Wisner Center Good & Skutt Room
5	Thornapple Community Reformed Church
6	Cascade Christian Church
7	Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed Church

**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.

*Please be sure you are a registered voter and can participate on May 6th.*

## August 5th Primary Election

The August Primary Election will be held on August 5. Of local interest in this election will be the decision as to who will be on

the ballot in November for the Cascade Township Board, including the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and four Trustees. The filing deadline for Nominating Petitions/filing fees and Affidavits of Identity is May 13th. There will be candidates for some State offices and perhaps other matters to be decided. The last day to register for the August Primary is July 7.

## November 4th General Election

This will be the Presidential election. We expect a large turnout and an extensive ballot. The last day to register to vote for this election is October 6th.

## I.D. Requirement

Please remember that beginning in 2008 the requirement for picture identification must be enforced by precinct workers. If you do not present a piece of current I.D. with your picture, you will be required to fill out an affidavit, which we will provide at the precinct, attesting to your identity before you can vote.

## Poll Workers Needed

Due to the anticipated large turnout for the August Primary and the November General Elections, Cascade Township is looking for persons interested in working as poll workers at these elections. Please contact Ron Goodyke (Clerk) or Denise Biegalle (Deputy Clerk) at 949-1508 for more information.

## Memorial day program

The Veterans of Cascade Township are planning a Memorial Day program on Monday, May 26th 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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## Gerald R. Ford International Airport Chairman's 2007 Year-End Report

Dear friends and associates:

It is my pleasure to share with you some of the many highlights from the past year at Gerald R. Ford International Airport.

### Aviation Activity

Gerald R. Ford International continues to experience the effects of airline decisions to control costs, raise fares, and reduce system domestic capacity, thus making air travel more expensive and less user-friendly for our Airport customers, as well as for travelers throughout the aviation system.

In 2007, the Airport recorded a total passenger count of 1,990,896 a 1.2% decline from 2006. However, high load factors (flights that are 80-85% full, on average) indicate continued strong air travel demand at GFIA, which supports our contention that West Michigan is under served by our airline partners.

In terms of air cargo, GFIA handled 91,890,660 pounds of airfreight and mail in 2007, representing a 5.3% increase over 2006.

### Safety, Security, and Operations

A \$2.3M upgrade to the airport's security system was completed in March. The project included installation and integration of a new card access control system and a closed-circuit television system with digital video recording capability. The new system features smart card technology and can be upgraded to include biometrics.

Work began on the communications system upgrade project. This project includes upgrade or replacement of the two-way radio communications system at the airport. This system currently consists of three UHF wide-band repeaters and approximately 55 mobile and 70 portable radios. FCC regulations require the transition to narrow-band equipment by 2013. Project completion is expected in the fall of 2008.

The Department of Aeronautics coordinated airport activities associated with the State Funeral of President Gerald R. Ford. The Airport accommodated 14 VIP and support aircraft operations between December 28th and January 4th.

### Operating Budget

Through November 2007, operating revenue was up 1% over 2006. We anticipate year-end operating expenses to be up approximately 8% because of additional costs associated with the start of construction on the Terminal Area and Parking Improvement Program, and overtime associated with snow and ice control activities during 2007.

### Terminal Area and Parking Improvement Program

In September, the Aeronautics Board, through Kent County, issued \$117,360,000 of Airport Revenue Bonds. This bond issue was sold utilizing the County's AAA rating, which saves Airport users a

significant amount in interest on the bonds. The interest rate on the bonds was 4.63%. The bond proceeds will be used to finance the Terminal Area and Parking Improvement Program.

A contract was awarded to The Christman Company in the amount of \$117,978,000. A ground-breaking ceremony was held in September, and work began that same month. A Value Engineering process resulted in cost savings of approximately \$3.7 million after the contract award was made. The project is on schedule, with an estimated completion of October 2009. Among the highlights to-date:

- In order to allow for construction work to occur in the area immediately in front of the terminal building, we successfully implemented a temporary curb front and passenger pick-up/drop-off area, and associated enclosed pedestrian walkways to the terminal. Throughout the transition, and now under the new, temporary arrangement, our goals of minimizing customer inconvenience, and maximizing customer safety and comfort, have been always in view.
- Deck footings and columns on the north half of the parking ramp are underway.

### Other Capital Projects

The following projects were completed in 2007:

- The addition of a new gate and holdroom (B-6). This project completes the full build-out of gates on the B concourse.
- The new rental car service facilities provide a larger service area and office space, and more parking compared to the previous facilities.
- The Rapid Air general aviation ramp reconstruction project provides pavement up to 100,000 pound design strength.
- Expansion of the Express Shuttle Lot added 1,022 long-term parking spaces and included the demolition of the previous rental car service center facilities.
- Construction of the final segments of the airfield perimeter road system.
- The Pavement Management Report was completed and identifies maintenance and reconstruction needs of all Airport pavements (airside and landside); it provides an estimate of the work, and a priority listing over the next 20 years.
- An analysis of all existing Airport roof systems, some of which are 40 years old. The final report recommended on-going maintenance needs, and recommended a multi-year program of upgrading or replacing roofs.
- Northern Air and Rapid Air, the Airport's two Fixed Base Operators, both invested significantly in either new or redeveloped facilities in order to better serve our West Michigan customers.

The following projects are currently in the design/planning phase:

- A study to review all passenger loading bridge (PLB) locations. Existing PLB locations will be reviewed in light of Master Plan

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passenger projections, aircraft fleet mix, and planned additional gates. If moving any PLB's is recommended, design of the improvements will begin after acceptance of the report.

- The preliminary design for relocating all checked bag screening devices out of the terminal building lobby to newly constructed space behind the ticket counters. It is anticipated that an application will be made to the Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for federal funding for the project. This project is estimated to approach \$30 million and will move ahead only when Federal funds become available.

## Air Service Development

Working in collaboration with our various community partners, airport staff continues to meet with both incumbent carriers and airlines not currently serving GFIA in an effort to attract additional/enhanced service to the Airport. We remain optimistic that, despite several significant challenges we face in this process – including a Michigan recession, the threat of a national recession, the airlines' continued reduction of domestic capacity system-wide, and significant local competitive factors and practices – we will see enhanced air service at GFIA. Air service development “is a marathon, not a sprint,” and I am confident we have the proper resources engaged in the effort, and that we are pursuing all appropriate opportunities for success. Importantly, there is increasing involvement by our community partners in the effort to attract and retain air service. This involvement is crucial to our mutual success.

## Awards and Recognition

The Airport received the FAA – Great Lakes Region's Airport Safety Excellence Award. According to the FAA, “Gerald R. Ford International Airport takes a systematic approach to managing safety and maintaining compliance with FAA requirements. Amid major construction projects and extensive passenger and cargo airline activity, GRR has accomplished a notable record of discrepancy-free inspections for the past five years. The airport's management and staff have demonstrated a laudable commitment to safety, and the airport sets itself apart as a benchmark of airport operational safety.”

The Department of Aeronautics was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the Department's annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

The Department of Aeronautics was recognized for superior work conducted on the Taxiway J. Reconstruction Project with an award from the Michigan Concrete Paving Association.

Aeronautics Director James Koslosky, A.A.E., was named “Airport Manager of the Year” for 2007 by the Michigan Association of Airport Executives, a professional association of airport managers and administrators representing airports throughout the state of Michigan.

It has been my pleasure to share with you some of the activities and

achievements of 2007, as well as some of the many exciting plans and initiatives of this promising new year. On behalf of my fellow Aeronautics Board members and the 2,000 dedicated employees who make up the Gerald R. Ford International Airport family, I extend my sincere appreciation for your continued support. West Michigan and Gerald R. Ford International Airport are on a journey together, and I am delighted to be traveling with you.

Regards,

*John Van Laar, Chairman*  
Kent County Aeronautics Board



## PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE REMINDER

The deadline for qualifying for the [Principal Residence Exemption](#) is coming up. If you own and occupy a residential property as your primary residence, it qualifies for the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE).

Cascade residents who have moved in the past year should update their Principal Residence Exemption status. When you occupy a new home that is your primary residence, you should file a HOMEOWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT form to obtain the exemption for the property. May 1st is the deadline to own and occupy the home to be eligible to claim the exemption for the current year. Property owners who move in after May 1st will have their exemption request activated in their name the following year. If the property already has an exemption, the prior owners exemption will stay active for the rest of the year. You do not need to reapply each year. Once you have a PRE, it continues until there is a change in ownership or the status of the property.

When a property is no longer your principal residence, you must file a REQUEST TO RESCIND HOMEOWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION form with the City or Township you had the exemption in. The exemption will be rescinded for the year following the change. For example, if a property stopped being your principal residence in 2008, the exemption will be removed for 2009.

The Principal Residence Exemption Program is a State program administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury. Cascade Township sends the PRE forms it receives to the Treasury Department PRE section. They update their database and monitor for duplicate exemptions. The Department of Treasury has the ultimate decision as to the validity of an exemption.

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The Principal Residence Exemption reduces your taxes. It does not change your assessment or taxable value. Properties with an exemption do not pay the School Operating Millage tax. This reduces the millage rate by 9 mills on the summer and 9 mills on the winter tax bills.

There are several ways to confirm whether you have the exemption. The last tax bill will indicate the PRE percentage and show if school-operating millage is being charged. The CHANGE OF ASSESSMENT NOTICE you received in February listed whether you had an exemption. You may also check on our website or stop down to the Assessor Office.

Property owners who discover their exemption status is wrong may request the July or December Board of Review correct it. The Board may add or remove an exemption for the current year and three prior years. If you do not have a Principal Residence Exemption and believe you qualify, contact the Assessors Office at 949-6176.

## Cascade Adopt a Path Volunteer Program

The Cascade adopt a path program is about to begin its second season. I would like to kick off the new season beginning the week of May 5th. The clean up and continued policing of our wonderful trail system is not limited to just those fine individuals that have volunteered to do this labor of love. I encourage any and all of you that use the Cascade path system to pick up trash when you are out walking or riding the trails.

As I have said before, I believe it is incumbent upon all of us that use the Cascade path system to keep it clean and well maintained. Last years efforts were beyond even my expectations. I applaud your efforts and encourage you to keep doing the job. If you have any questions or need very large plastic trash bags just call me, Kris Taylor, at 942-1152 for answers and assistance.



*Kris Taylor*  
*Pathway Coordinator*

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