



CASCADE CONNECTIONS

A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP



Happy Holidays

FROM YOUR TOWNSHIP BOARD, COMMISSION AND STAFF

SNOWPLOWING

Snowplowing contractors and the residents they serve should be aware that State law prohibits the disposing of “snow, ice, or slush onto or across a roadway in a manner which obstructs the safe vision of the driver of a motor vehicle”. The law further states that no snow, ice, or slush can be deposited on any roadway or highway (see MCLA 257-677a).

Please make sure the snow from your driveway is deposited on your own property, not in the roadway, the road right-of-way or a neighboring property.

For those residents who live along the pedestrian pathways, please do not pile snow across the path as it creates an unnecessary and hazardous obstacle for pedestrians.

If you call the Township with problems or concerns regarding a snowplow contractor, it is helpful if you can identify the contractor.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Dumpsters will be available behind the Buttrick Fire Station (Buttrick & 30th) to deposit your Christmas trees from December 27th through January 9th. Please remember to remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, & tree stands. Happy Holidays!



ANGEL TREE

Cascade Township is proud to participate in the Angel Tree Program. The Angel Tree program allows a person to select a tag from the tree that represents a child in need. The tag is placed on an unwrapped toy and returned to the selection site and then collected for that child to have at Christmas time.

If you would like to participate in the Angel Tree program, please stop at the Cascade Township Office, located at 2865 Thornhills Ave. to select a tag from November 18 through December 20.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Cascade Township Fire Department is accepting toys for the Toys for Tots Program. You may drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Fire Station, located at 2865 Thornhills Ave. SE from November 22 through December 17.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Please note...

The Cascade Township Office will be closed Thursday, December 23rd and Friday, December 24th. The office will be open on Friday, December 31st to accept tax payments.

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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From The Supervisor...



**SUPERVISOR
ROB BEAHAN**

The 198 acre Cascade Peace Park was formally dedicated September 11, 2010 with close to ninety people in attendance. Helen Taylor, State Director of The Nature Conservancy and Rebecca Patrick of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, along with myself and Charley and Sara Homeyer spoke about the treasure of this spectacular natural preserve now available for enjoyment by everyone in the area. Existing trails in Cascade Peace Park have been expanded and improved making many areas of it ready for exploration. With winter snows approaching the trail system will make an ideal place to get out and enjoy cross country skiing or snow shoeing. The trails cover a wide variety of terrain and many of them are hilly so please use caution when on them. The trails won't be groomed for skiers but if you are hiking the snow covered trails please keep to the sides of the trail and leave the center of the trails for the tracks of the skiers. Also, please remember that dogs must be on a controlled leash and dog waste should be picked up. Parking is available at both trailheads on Grand River Avenue and Bolt Drive.

Burton Natural Park is open for the same winter activities with access through Windcrest or Burton Street. There is also a new path along the north side of Burton Street for walkers and bikers. The Burton Natural Park should be formally dedicated in the spring of 2011.

The soccer field at the Cascade Recreational Park has been reconstructed and will be ready for use in the coming spring. Improvements were made possible not only by Township funding but also a grant from the Cascade Community Foundation. The soccer field and the two softball diamonds have been named The Cascade Community Foundation Fields in recognition of their generosity.

While all the parks and facilities are maintained by the Township's Buildings & Grounds Department, there is always more that needs to be done. In the past there have been garlic mustard pulls at Cascade Peace Park to help eradicate invasive plant species. These have been done entirely with volunteers. Projects like this need to be continued but we need to rely on individual volunteers for help. If you're interested in giving back and helping out on future improvements at any of the parks please let us know.

DOG LICENSING INFORMATION

Michigan law requires that all dogs who are four months of age or older should be licensed. Dog licenses will be available at the Township Treasurer's office beginning December 1, 2010 through March 1, 2011. Proof of rabies vaccination and neutering from your veterinarian and your reminder postcard from Kent County are required to obtain a license.



2011 Dog License Fees

Male or Female dogs:	For Senior Owners:
Altered - \$11.00	Altered - \$6.00
Un-Altered - \$24.00	Un-Altered - \$12.00

The cost of a dog license doubles after March 1, 2011, and these licenses may only be purchased at the Kent County Animal Shelter (616-632-7300) by person or by mail: 740 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Your dog must be licensed to avoid a substantial penalty and citation from the Kent County License Inspectors.



Cascade Iron Chef Event

The Cascade Iron Chef event at Bos Greenhouses was a great success!

Thanks to everyone who came and our sponsors. Make plans now for next October. It just keeps getting better and better!

Congratulations to the White Team from the Secchia Culinary Institute for winning the coveted 2010 Iron Skillet! And to Colleen Vorel for winning a \$500 scholarship with her Sweet Dumpling Squash and Goat Cheese Fritters!

Many thanks to our sponsors!

Tom and Joyce Wisner and Colburn-Hundley.

Gordon Foods and Mika Meyers, Beckett & Jones.

Cynthia Kay & Co., Founders Bank and Trust, Lacks Enterprises, Meijer, Pak Mail, Parrish Consulting, Williams Kitchen & Bath, and Watermark Insurance Services.

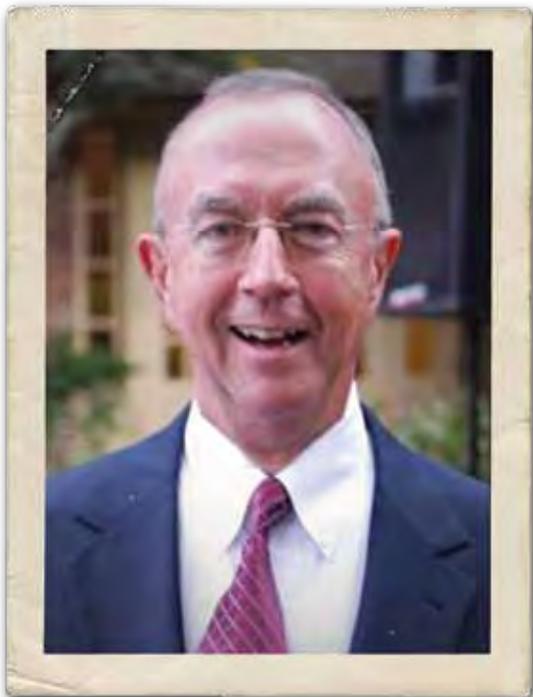
Thank you also to our honored guest judges: Chef Eric Chaitin of the Watermark Properties, Monica Mitideri of Monica's Best Gourmet Cookies and Executive Chef Josef Huber of the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.



Township Treasurer

Ken Peirce

After his 2009 appointment by the Township Board to serve as Treasurer, Ken Peirce ran and was elected in November by the residents of the Township to serve as Township Treasurer. Ken's term will expire in 2012. Thank you Ken for your hard work and willingness to serve!



Winter 2010 Tax Information

Winter 2010 tax bills and informational notices will be mailed December 1, 2010. Winter taxes are due on or before Monday, February 14, 2011. If you do not receive a tax statement during December, please check the township's website or call the Treasurer's office at 616-949-6944. The Township is not responsible for delays in the postal system. Please use the return envelope provided with your tax statement. Payments are receipted on the same business day they are received. We recommend that you allow 7 days to ensure a timely delivery.

On March 1, 2011 all unpaid property taxes will be forwarded to the Kent County Treasurer for collection. Postmarks are not accepted.

You may check property taxes 24/7 with a link from the Township's website www.cascadetwp.com.

Instructions for the link on the website are:

- Tax Bills (from Quick Links)
- Assessing, Building, and Tax Information
- BS & A "please click here" link in the first paragraph
- Current Tax Search
- Click in the box marked Parcel Number (you may also search by name or street). Click "Search" when the criteria is entered for your inquiry.
- Click on Parcel Number (This will give you the payment history of the parcel. Click on (+) sign for a detailed history.

We look forward to any inquiries and serving you this year!

Winter Safety Tips...

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Holiday decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Other Holiday Safety Tips

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. It is a safety hazard and can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event of a fire. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of obstacles so it can be easily located.

*Have a Blessed Holidays
Cascade Inspection Services*

East Precinct News...

On November 3rd I met with the Quail Crest Condo Association about home safety. A few things that I discussed with them were general rules and ideas that can be applied to everyone.

1. How safe is your home? Do you have deadbolt locks securing your home to the outdoors? Are you using lighting at night to illuminate the outside of your home? Is your home alarmed?
2. Exterior Lighting. Where is this lighting? Is it working properly? Do you utilize motion lights? Lights are a great deterrent! Criminals hate to be seen!!
3. Landscaping. Is it overgrown? Are windows and doors visible? If not, clear away brush...these are great places for people to hide. Can you see out?
4. Snow removal. Are you going away? Does your house look like it is being used?
5. Exterior locks/doors. Are your locks working? Do you have dead bolts? Do you have/use a peep hole? Are locks being used?? AT ALL TIMES!! Even if you are home. Don't make it easy for criminals.
6. Windows. Make sure they are locked at night and not left open when you are gone. Close curtains at night.
7. Address Numbers. Are they easily visible? Lighted? Reflective? On the Mailbox? This really helps emergency responders. Can they be seen from the road??
8. Alarms. Smoke alarms working? Carbon Monoxide? Home alarms? Cancellation codes? Knowledge of your home alarm.
9. Strangers. Avoid letting them into your home. Make phone calls for them while they remain outside. Call police if they appear suspicious.
10. Neighborhood watch programs are an excellent deterrent for crime in your area. It helps bring back the neighboring in your neighborhood. Neighbors look out for one another by observing and reporting suspicious activity to the police department.

The Sheriff Department offers a house watch program to check your home while you are away on vacation. If you are interested in this program you can fill out the form online at www.accesskent.com/HouseCheck/ or if you don't have access to a computer you can call the community services unit at 616-632-6220.

Citizens Police Academy

Starting Thursday February 11, 2011 @ 6:30pm. Class will run for 11 consecutive weeks (every Thursday) from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Here is the link for the sign up or call 616-632-6220 for more information:

www.accesskent.com/CourtsAndLawEnforcement/SheriffsDepartment/pdfs/Citizens_Police_Academy2010.pdf

Winter Weather Operations at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport

by John Van Laar

Chair, Kent County Aeronautics Board

As we head into another West Michigan winter weather season, I would like to share with you an overview of the current practices and our commitment to proper long-term management of runoff liquids that result from deicing activities at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GFIA).

In order to ensure safe winter operations for the traveling public at GFIA, aircraft and appropriate paved surfaces must be cleared of snow and ice. All aircraft at GFIA are deiced by airline personnel, or companies hired by the airlines (the airport itself does not perform this function). Aircraft are deiced using propylene glycol-based products that meet strict U.S. government and international specifications. General deicing fluid application procedures and specifications are set forth by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Within those general procedures, each deicing application is dictated by individual airline policies, the actual weather conditions, and the judgment of the aircraft pilot, who is ultimately responsible for the safety of the crew and passengers. The airport is responsible for clearing snow and ice from the paved surfaces.

Recent media reports have highlighted the presence of an organic “slime” in a tributary that receives runoff from the airport and flows into the Thornapple River. This slime is composed of naturally occurring bacteria that can grow when there is an abundance of organic food in the water. Aircraft deicing fluids that enter the airport’s drainage system provide one type of organic food that can contribute to these “slimes.” Unfortunately, the exact stormwater conditions that result in nuisance slimes are not well understood. We are working closely with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) to identify options that will help to control or eliminate GFIA’s contribution to slime development and growth. GFIA also has promoted a national research project to help further our understanding of why these slimes may grow near airports, and the mechanisms available for controlling that growth.

For nearly 20 years, Michigan has regulated GFIA’s stormwater discharges through Clean Water Act permits. For the past 10 years, GFIA has been investing in various controls to collect and recycle as much deicing fluid as possible to eliminate its discharge and to better protect the local environment. GFIA’s stormwater runoff control program consists of various Best Management Practices (BMPs) that focus on conservation practices to avoid overuse of deicing fluids, and isolating and collecting concentrated deicing runoff. We use inserts in our stormwater catchbasins that keep the deicing runoff on the surface of the pavement, allowing us to collect as much as possible using specially designed vacuum machines.

Through these methods, GFIA staff collects the deicing fluid as soon as possible after an aircraft is deiced and has left the terminal for take-off. The collected deicing runoff is taken to a recycling facility that separates the propylene glycol for use in other industrial applications. The collection process is coordinated with snow plowing operations in the deicing areas to minimize the amount of deicing fluid that gets lost in snow piles.

GFIA currently is working with the DNRE on a new five-year permit. Together, we are ironing out details on a long-term program to control the discharge of deicing fluids in airport stormwater, along with a requirement to implement a pilot program to collect and send low concentrations of deicing runoff, which cannot be recycled, to a wastewater plant for treatment. Notwithstanding the final details, the Aeronautics Board has approved a contract to start both of these efforts ahead of time. The pilot program is being finalized for implementation this winter season. We are also refining our BMPs in an attempt to increase the amounts of deicing runoff we can collect for recycling.

The long-term program will begin with a deicing management study that will look at appropriate options to control deicing runoff. The airport will evaluate options based on their efficiency in controlling deicing runoff, capital and operational costs, environmental benefits, and how long it will take to implement each option. At the end of this process, a recommended program will be identified and the airport will begin designing the necessary improvements.

While our current deicing control program has shown significant improvement over the past 20 years, we always strive to improve our environmental protection policies and practices, and be a good neighbor in the community. The Aeronautics Board is committed to working with the DNRE and our neighbors throughout this program.

News from the Fire Chief...

Outdoor Warning Sirens

Severe Weather

When the outdoor warning sirens are activated it means there is severe weather. If the sirens are activated for severe weather (tornado warning) they will be activated every 15 minutes during the warning. There is no all clear siren, if you do not hear the siren activated after the 15 minute interval then it is all clear. If you hear the sirens activated you should take shelter immediately in your basement with a portable radio and or weather radio to monitor the conditions. If you do not have a basement then go to an interior room with no windows. You may also want to have a flashlight available in case you lose power. If you are not home and the sirens are activated go to a building close by and find shelter in a room with no windows and is in the interior of the building.

Outdoor sirens are only one part of notification for severe weather, you should also have a weather radio that will activate in severe weather in case you are not by an outdoor siren or not able to hear it inside your house.



2011 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Prior to Proposal A, property taxes were based upon State Equalized Value (SEV). With the implementation of Proposal A, property taxes are now based upon Taxable Value. Each year, the Assessing Office must calculate the SEV for every property based upon the period as outlined by the State Tax Commission. A property's taxable status is determined as of December 31, which is called Tax Day.

Additionally, each property has a Capped Value. Capped Value is calculated by multiplying the prior year's Taxable Value, with adjustments for additions and losses, by the CPI as calculated by the State of Michigan and cannot increase by more than 5%. **For 2011, the CPI has been calculated at 1.7%.** Taxable Value (TV), which property taxes are based on, is defined as the lower of State Equalized Value or Capped Value. **Generally speaking, this means that unless the current year's SEV is less than the previous year's Taxable Value multiplied by the CPI, the current year's Taxable Value will increase by the CPI.**

SEV = 50% of True Cash Value

Capped Value = (Prior TV-Losses) x (1+ CPI*) + Additions

* CPI = Percent of change in the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is less, expressed as a multiplier

Taxable Value = The lesser of State Equalized Value or Capped Value unless there is a transfer of ownership.

The Equalization Timetable

With the significant changes in market values over the past few years, the State Tax Commission has mandated local assessors use a 12-month sales study to determine values for the 2011 assessment cycle.

For 2011 assessments, the 12-month sales study begins October 1, 2009 and ends September 30, 2010.

Use of a 12-month study allows 2011 assessments to more accurately reflect current market conditions; however, some areas may have a limited number of current sales.

Actual Sale Price is not True Cash Value

The law defines True Cash Value as the usual selling price of a property. The

Legislature and the Courts have very clearly stated that the **actual selling price of a property is not a controlling factor in the True Cash Value** or State Equalized Value as calculated by the Assessor

Foreclosure Sales

Inherent in the definition of usual selling price is the assumption that the sale does not involve any element of distress from either party.

For this reason, all distressed sales, such as sales involving **mortgage foreclosure** or sales involving transfers to or from relocation companies, are usually not considered as typical sales in the valuation of property for assessment purposes nor are they necessarily reliable indicators of value when making market comparisons for current assessed values or appeals.

So what does it all mean?

How can I expect my assessment to change in 2011?

As stated in the Equalization Timetable, for 2011 the time period of the sales study for assessment review is October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. Sales occurring after October 1, 2010 will not be reviewed until the 2012 assessment cycle.

Using more current sales data means that some SEV's in the area will be reduced again in 2011. Some areas will have small increases. Areas with limited sales data in the current 12 month study may have little or no sales for the Assessor to use for the 2011 assessment roll. Therefore, some assessment adjustments will be based on market activity in the surrounding neighborhoods, general market trends or be frozen until market levels can be determined. Without sufficient sales to make proper calculations, you may find that your 2011 assessment may not go down as much as you think it should.

How can my Taxable Value go up when my SEV goes down?

Remember that the definition of Taxable Value is the lesser of SEV or last year's Taxable Value (adjusted for physical changes) times the CPI. (1.7% for 2011). Since the beginning of Proposal A in 1994, overall increases in SEV have generally been greater than the increase in Taxable Value capped at the CPI.

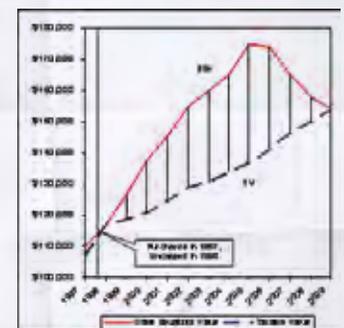
The longer a property has been owned and capped, the greater the gap between SEV and Taxable Value. Even with a decrease in SEV for 2011, **if there is still a gap between SEV and Taxable Value and the 2011 SEV is greater than the Taxable Value in the previous year, the Taxable Value will increase to the limit of the CPI cap.**

If, however, the 2011 SEV is **lower** than the calculation of last year's Taxable Value multiplied by the CPI, then the 2011 Taxable Value will be the same as the 2011 SEV.

Example of Declining State Equalized Value and Increasing Taxable Value.

This example illustrates a property, purchased in 1997 and uncapped in 1998. In 1998 the SEV becomes the new Taxable Value and then the property is subsequently recapped at the CPI. The SEV will increase or decrease based on market conditions. The Capped Value is adjusted by the CPI in the following year. Taxable Value is determined by using the SEV or Capped Value, whichever is less. In this example, the property experiences a loss in the SEV from 2005 to 2009. Although the loss was due to market conditions, the Taxable Value continues to increase by the CPI during 2005-2009. The Taxable Value will continue to increase at the CPI until the SEV falls below Capped Value.

Year	State Equalized Value	Capped Value	Taxable Value	CPI
1997	\$110,000	\$106,910	\$106,910	2.80%
1998	\$116,650	\$109,797	\$116,650	2.70%
1999	\$126,500	\$118,516	\$118,516	1.80%
2000	\$137,500	\$120,768	\$120,768	1.90%
2001	\$146,290	\$124,633	\$124,633	3.20%
2002	\$154,750	\$128,821	\$128,821	3.20%
2003	\$160,000	\$130,660	\$130,660	1.50%
2004	\$165,000	\$133,653	\$133,653	2.30%
2005	\$175,000	\$136,825	\$136,825	2.30%
2006	\$174,000	\$141,133	\$141,133	3.30%
2007	\$165,110	\$146,355	\$146,355	3.70%
2008	\$168,000	\$149,721	\$149,721	2.30%
2009	\$154,000	\$156,309	\$154,000	4.40%





The Cascade Business Association is one of Kent County's oldest business groups, founded in 1956. We are dedicated to improving the Cascade business experience by meeting the dynamic needs of the community.

The Cascade Business Association is in early planning stages for its participation in the annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, scheduled for May 20-21, 2011.

Anyone interested in helping or joining the local business group, can visit www.cascadebiz.com.

The Cascade Business Association meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The meeting times vary from morning, noon and after hours. Current meeting topic information and membership roster can be found at www.cascadebiz.com.

To stay informed, become a fan of Cascade Business Association on Facebook!

Cascade Community Foundation

November 11, 2010

Dear Neighbor

The number one question we hear is "Exactly what is the Cascade Community Foundation all about?"

We are about...

- creating opportunities to support strong families.
- connecting people through friendships and goodwill.
- making Cascade the very best place to live, work and play.

Thanks to your contributions last year, the CCF made great strides towards many of those things. This was our biggest year ever for making grants and we hope you share in our excitement. We started the year with a donation to the Historical Society so that they could purchase computer equipment to make recording our history easier and more efficient. We pledged \$5,000 to the Township to install a Swift Wind Turbine at our local library that will provide over 2,000 kWh of energy a year and demonstrate the positive impact of wind and solar energy on our planet. We ended 2010 with a \$10,000 pledge to install underground sprinkling at the Cascade Recreation Park ball fields, making these areas not only more attractive but more user friendly to the residents of Cascade.

Our township—Your neighborhood—is a more beautiful and friendly place because you put your wallet where your heart is. For all you do, we are so incredibly grateful. And yet, there is still so much more to be done.

We have every reason to believe that 2011 will be even busier. Because we have an all-volunteer board with a true passion for Cascade Township we continue to strategize ways to build the endowment fund and make Cascade a better place. But we can't do this without your continued support.

As you make your year end charitable giving decisions, please consider maintaining your support of the Cascade Community Foundation.

Because we are part of The Grand Rapids Community Foundation, you can rest assured your donations are invested wisely. In addition, your endowment directed donation qualifies for big savings through the Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit. (Please ask your tax consultant for specific details.)

We are grateful for your support and hope this holiday season finds you and your family healthy and happy.

Sincerely,
The Cascade Community Foundation

Halloween Party

On Saturday October 30th the Cascade Fire Department Station #1 became a gathering place ghosts, goblins and many other costumed creatures! Over 900 bags of candy were shared with visitors as well as doughnuts, apple cider, and coffee.

Later in the evening the costume contest took place with many great prizes being awarded to the winners. Age groups for the contest start with newborns and are broken into various groups up to and including the adults.

We greatly appreciate the involvement of the community, sponsors, and volunteers! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Thank you to the Halloween Party Sponsors

On behalf of Cascade Township and the Cascade Township Fire Department, we would like to send a special thank you to the following businesses and sponsors for their donations and contributions to the 2010 Halloween party. Without the help of these businesses, we would not be able to host this event. Please take notice of these businesses and express your appreciation of their help with the Halloween Party.

<i>Batson & Associates</i>	<i>Hampton Inn</i>
<i>Blackie's</i>	<i>Kingsland Hardware</i>
<i>Brann's Steakhouse & Grill</i>	<i>Koenes Auto Body</i>
<i>Cascade Automotive</i>	<i>Lake Michigan Credit Union</i>
<i>Cascade Barber Shop</i>	<i>Meijer</i>
<i>Cascade Car Wash</i>	<i>Napa Auto Parts</i>
<i>Cascade Firefighter's Association</i>	<i>ONeill's Body Shop</i>
<i>Cascade Hospital for Animals</i>	<i>ONeill's Transmission</i>
<i>Chemical Bank West</i>	<i>S. Abraham & Sons</i>
<i>ConAgra Foods</i>	<i>Sam's Club</i>
<i>Costco</i>	<i>Sentinel Pointe</i>
<i>Culvers</i>	<i>Spartan Stores</i>
<i>D&W Food Center</i>	<i>United Bank</i>
<i>Family Fare</i>	<i>Walgreen's</i>
<i>Funny Business</i>	<i>Wal Mart</i>
<i>Gordon Food Service</i>	<i>Wolverine Vending</i>



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Pathway News

A few weeks ago my wife and I were riding our bikes on Laraway Lake near Cascade Road when we spotted a man and what appeared to be his two sons picking up trash along the side of the road. I stopped and thanked him and his sons for all their efforts. He said that was not necessary as he and his two sons have been doing trash pickup on Laraway Lake for about 12 years now. Here I thought my news letter had finally reached someone and come to find out he and his sons have been ahead of the curve way before I entered the picture. To that man, his sons and all of you that pick up after societies mess makers, I again thank you for all your efforts. There is still time before the snow flies to get the trails one more time. Remember, Keep Cascade Beautiful.

Kris Taylor
Pathways Coordinator

