



CASCADE CONNECTIONS

A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP



YARD WASTE PICK UP PROGRAM

FALL 2011

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 October 17th through November 21st

- 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 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 on **October 28-30 and November 19-27.**

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.

FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Cascade Township is offering a fall clean up day this year in conjunction with Ada Township. The fall clean up day will be held on Saturday, October 15 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.

In The Image will have a truck available at Leonard Field for the collection of household goods and Shred Docs will have a truck available for document shredding.

If you have any questions regarding fall clean up, feel free to contact Sandra Korhorn at 949-1500 or by email at sandra@cascadetwp.com.

Cascade Fire Department Halloween Party

Bring your ghosts! Bring your goblins! Cascade Township Fire Department invites you to the annual Halloween party on Monday, October 31st at Cascade Township Fire Station #1 located at 2865 Thornhills Avenue S.E. The Halloween party at the Fire Department will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Activities will include clowns, a costume contest with prizes, and a bag of goodies for all the children. Complimentary cider, hot chocolate, coffee and doughnuts will be served. Come early or late, but if you choose to have your costume judged, please be here at 7:30 p.m. for the group judging.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact the Cascade Township Fire Department at 949-1320.

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

Join us for the dedication of Cascade Burton Park...

**6805 Burton St.
Friday, October 7, 2011
12:00 p.m.**





September 27, 2011

The Cascade Community Foundation invites you to come and sample the gourmet cuisine of competing student chefs from the Grand Rapids Community College Secchia Institute for Culinary Education

Emcee:

Shelley Irwin, *WGVU Morning Show (88.5/fm)*

Guest Judges:

Executive Chef Josef Huber, *Amway Grand Plaza*

Mike and Kathy Lloyd, *Broadway Grand Rapids*

Peter and Joan Secchia

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

6:30 p.m.-9 p.m., grills fire up at 7 p.m.

Location:

William Bos Greenhouse & Farms Celebrating 98 years of business in Cascade, 1674 Spaulding Avenue SE

For more information including ticket prices visit: cascadecommunityfoundation.com/iron_chef
Or call 616.285.6745 ext 202

Don't miss out on all the Fun!



FROM THE
SUPERVISOR

By the time this issue of the Cascade Connections arrives in your mailbox another great summer in Cascade will have just ended and become pleasant memories. Although some of it was very warm and humid there were also numerous beautiful days and nights that make Michigan a wonderful place to live.

Many residents of Cascade, along with numerous visitors from all over enjoyed the annual festivities in Cascade on the 4TH of July. This yearly event has become a tradition and rite of summer for many people and is only made possible through the hard work and planning by many volunteers and the staff of various departments of Cascade Township. Cascade Fire Department Chief John Sigg headed up the 4TH of July Planning Committee that met throughout the year to

bring you another spectacular day of festivities. Meetings have already started for planning the events for next year. Hats off to all the Township employees and volunteers that worked to make it another great success.

With summer ending and fall beginning don't forget to take advantage of all the services that Cascade offers its residents. There are a wide variety of programs at the Cascade Library that are of interest to all ages. Be sure to stop in and explore for yourself what they have to offer. While you are at the library stop in the Cascade history room and learn a little about the past in Cascade.

The change of seasons means falling leaves and while Cascade has a ban on leaf burning there are other options that Cascade offers for leaf removal. Dumpsters will be in the rear of the parking lot at the Township office on Thornhills Avenue the weekend of October 28-30 (Friday morning to Sunday night) and November 19-27 for residents to bring their yard waste.

Leaf bag tags are also available for purchase at the offices for a nominal cost (free to seniors 62 and older). Bags with tags will be picked up on Mondays from October 17 to November 21, but you must notify the Township you want this done. More information is obtainable on the website www.cascadetwp.com or at the offices. This service is only available in the restricted burn area.

The annual Fall Clean Up in conjunction with Ada is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 from 8 am to 2:30 p.m. It's a great way to get rid of not only leaves and yard waste but all sorts of other junk and clutter (no hazardous waste products or tires).

If you're planning a future trip out of the country don't forget that Passport Services are available right here at the Township offices. Stop in, call or check the website www.cascadetwp.com for more information.

Enjoy the changing colors and season, it helps make Cascade and Michigan the unique place it is.

Cascade Library

USED BOOKS at the CHAPTER TWO USED BOOKSTORE

**LOCATED AT THE CASCADE BRANCH,
KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY**

Great prices on gently used books, videos, books on tape and music

Proceeds benefit the library

Memorial Concert

9/11

**Celebrate the Strength
and Courage of the
American Spirit!**

**Presented by:
Cascade Community
Foundation**

**Forest Hills Fine Arts Center
Sunday, 9/11/11
4 pm**



*Chicago Concert Pianist and
Forest Hills Graduate*
SAM STRYKE

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VOICES OF FREEDOM



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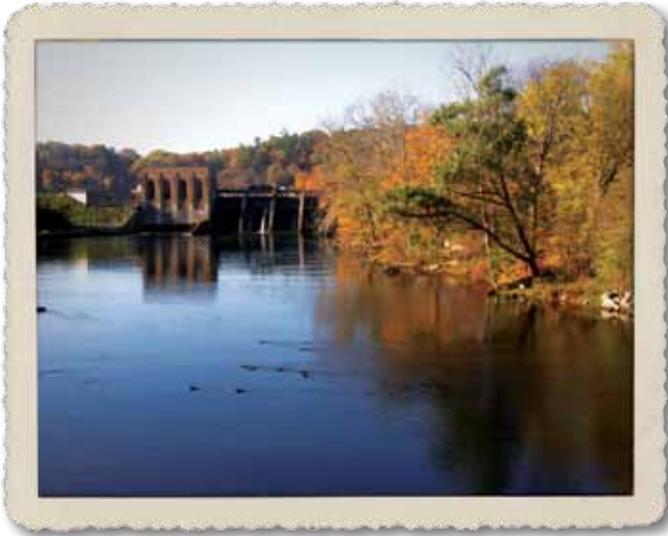
**Tickets Available Now at Cascade Independent Bank, Sorella Hair Design
and Watermark Insurance Services Or At The Door
\$5 General Admission**

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As summer turns to fall, it's a good idea to refresh your memory on fall fire safety tips. Some safety tips are the same regardless of the time of year, but many safety concerns are seasonal, particularly those that involve keeping your home warm.

Time Changes Mean Battery Changes

Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time. It is also a good idea to make it standard procedure in your household to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order when you adjust the clocks each season.

Home Heating Tips

No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips. Many things can go wrong with heating equipment during the spring and summer months. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season.

Central Heating System Safety Tips

- Get your central heating system cleaned, inspected and serviced by a certified HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) contractor every year before using it.
- If you have a gas heater, make sure that you have a sufficient quantity of fully functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

Space Heater Safety Tips

- Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet of empty space.
- Never place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry.
- Do not place space heaters near furniture or drapery.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed.
- Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters.

Any questions feel free to give our office a call at 949-3765.
Cascade Inspection Services

FOREST HILLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Upcoming meetings are open to the public at a \$25 fee:

September 22, 7:30 a.m.

J.K. Symancyk, Exec. VP, Meijer

Location: Centennial Country Club,
3361 Charlevoix Drive SE

October 27, 7:30 a.m.

Economic Update; George Erickcek,
Upjohn Institute

Location: The Wisner Center, 2870 Jacksmith

November 10, 7:30 a.m.

Membership Symposium

Location: Rehmann Offices, 2330 East Paris Avenue SE

December 15, 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Networking;

Location: Noto's Old World Dining, 6600 28th Street

Membership to the FHBA is open to all business entities doing business in the Forest Hills Business area. Membership runs from January through December and is priced at \$150 for a 3-person-office. Prorated memberships are still available in 2011 at \$15 per month. Call for more information on memberships; 616-481-5274.

Stay informed with Forest Hills information on the Forest Hills Business Association Facebook page!



Treasurer's Office

Summer 2011 property taxes are due by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 14TH, 2011. Our office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The office will be closed Monday, September 5TH, Labor Day. Information is available on the Cascade Charter Township web site to help you verify the amount of summer property tax paid or the balance due.

Please visit the web site for tax information at: cascadetwp.com

- Quick Links (left side of screen)
- Assessing Information
- Current Tax Search (left side of screen)
- Search selections, parcel number, name, or address
- Click "Search" (bottom of page)
- Then click on the parcel number (in blue) for the history of that property
- Click on (+) sign for detail of history.

If you have not received your 2011 summer property taxes, please check the web site or call the Treasurer's office at (616) 949-6944. We look forward to assisting you.

The Grand River: Yours to Protect

When it rains, storm water flows over lawns, streets, and parking lots carrying with it road dirt, fertilizers, oil, and grease into storm drains. Storm drains carry this storm water to the Grand River without any type of treatment. Follow these steps to keep storm water clean and help protect the Grand River.

Your Home

Protect your family's health. Dispose of unwanted paints, solvents, and cleaners at your county collection center.

Pump your septic system every 3 to 5 years to avoid costly system overflows.

Your Lawn and Garden

Avoid scorching your lawn. Use slow-release types of fertilizer only 2-3 times per year. Non-phosphorus fertilizers are best for the environment.

Plant native plants in your garden. Native plants naturally need less water, fertilizers, and pesticides saving you time and money.

Your Vehicle and Garage

Recycle used oil and automotive fluids. Just one gallon of used motor oil dumped down a storm drain can contaminate one MILLION gallons of water.

Wash your car at a commercial car wash or on your lawn. Otherwise, dirty, oily water on your driveway will flow to your storm drain and eventually to the Grand River.



East Precinct News...

The Kent County Sheriff Department has partnered with CrimeReports to provide the public with on-line crime mapping. By connecting to www.CrimeReports.com, the public can see a daily updated crime map showing when and where the sheriff's department has responded to calls for service. Primarily, township residents will be able to view a crime map showing activity in and around their neighborhoods.

Providing reliable, timely information to our citizens is one of our top priorities. The CrimeReports service gives us the ability to keep the public informed on a regular basis as to what is going on in the community. The public can access the crime map 24 hours a day through the website, www.crimereports.com, or through the CrimeReports iPhone app, available for free download in the Apple iTunes store. There is also a link on the Kent County Sheriff Department website:

http://www.accesskent.com/CourtsAndLawEnforcement/SheriffsDepartment/sheriff_index.htm

The CrimeReports service lets local citizens sign up for free customizable email alerts, so they can stay on top of crime in their neighborhood and allows citizens to submit tips about area crimes directly to Silent Observer. We hope that giving the community this information will help them prevent and solve crime in their neighborhoods.

Tips for a safer fall season

As the kids go back to school and the weather changes, we offer these important reminders for a safer fall season for back-to-school. If your child comes home from school before you get home from work, instruct him or her to never open the door to a stranger or let a phone caller know he or she is home alone. Also, make sure your child knows the code for your security system, so that his or her departure or arrival won't set off the alarm.

If your child walks to school or waits for the bus stop, wearing clothes that are brightly colored makes them more visible to drivers. Children that ride bicycles to school should always wear a helmet.

For Halloween

Leave a light on at the front door, and sweep your walkway clear of dead leaves or debris which might cause your guests to slip. Also, remove hoses and sprinklers from the lawn—children don't always use the sidewalk! (These tips are important anytime!!) Use battery-powered lights instead of candles for jack-o'-lanterns. And keep your jack-o'-lantern clear of people's paths.

Safety Tips for Fall Driving

With the fall season comes shorter days making it more difficult to see children playing or people walking and riding bicycles. It is also harder to see motorcycles and other cars. Children love to play in piles of leaves. Use extra caution where leaves are piled at curbside. Always drive carefully making sure to be aware of poor visibility during certain weather conditions and times of the day. Keep a safe distance from the car in front of you. Wet roads make it more difficult to stop. Use your dimmed headlights in bad weather with decreased visibility.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please Contact the Sheriff Department with any concerns, questions, crimes, or suspicion. It really does help us and makes YOUR community safer. The Sheriff Department NON-emergency numbers are 616-632-6100 and 616-336-3113. The emergency number is always 911.

My contact information is as follows:

Phone: 616-632-6435,

E-mail: julie.vogelzang@kentcountymi.gov

I can also be located on Facebook. My friend page is "**East Precinct**". I am regularly updating community issues and events that occur in the East Precinct.

Cascade Historical Society

Linson Beard Jr.

1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics



Linson Beard Jr. was an early resident of Cascade and a soldier in the Civil War. About 1845, he and his brother, Edgar, a Methodist minister, left their home in Monroe, Connecticut for the wilderness of Cascade, Michigan. The two brothers bought about 160 acres in the vicinity of Cascade Road and Laraway Lake.

The present day subdivision of Beard Farm occupies a part of that land. Ministerial duties often took Edgar away from home, so much of the clearing of the land fell to Linson. He was also working as a clerk in Grand Rapids, where he met and married Miss Mary A. Fisk in 1856. The young couple had a daughter, Ella.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Linson promptly answered the call to arms by enlisting in Company C of the 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics. He served for about a year from December 1861, before being honorably discharged with a disability. The 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics served an important service to the Union Army in the Western Theater. It enabled the great armies of General Rosecrans, Sherman, Thomas and others, to move and attack. Possibly more than any other organization, the regiment worked in detachments, often at widely different places. Their skillful services were required

in mechanical construction of bridges, pontoons, boats, forts, blockhouses, saw mills and in the destruction of the enemy's railroads. Their efforts throughout the war to self sufficiently build bridges across wide rivers and over deep chasms from materials growing nearby in the forests shows their craftsmen were truly geniuses.

This regiment was organized with the authorization of Governor Austin Blair, mustering into service at Marshall, Michigan on October 29, 1861. The War Department accepted the regiment with the same pay and allowances as the engineers of the regular army, unusual for a volunteer force. The regiment left Michigan on Dec. 17, 1861 with 1032 men for Louisville, KY, reporting to General Buell and the Army of the Ohio. The following spring combined forces marched with Buell to re-enforce General Grant at Shiloh, TN. They built several bridges, quickly, enabling Buell to reach Shiloh in time. It is likely that Linson Beard Jr. was among those troops, using his skills as an artificer to devise strategies to solve the problems they faced.

At home, his young wife, Mary, wrote in her diary, "...At the close of the year 1861 my dear companion and bosom friend dearer to me than life itself left home and family for the service and good of our country ...left our embrace in the bloom and flush of health and prosperity for the cold embrace of a soldiers life".

Later she writes of her anxieties and the difficulties of coping with the "burdens of common affairs." "But God kindly watched over us for good at nearly the close of the year 1862 God safly (sic) returned him to us. Thus I have learned to take the bitter with sweet but he returned worn to a shadow..." Sadly, the young couple didn't have many years together as Mary died January 13, 1866.

In 1867, Linson married Sarah Jane Niles of Onondaga Co., NY. Two daughters, Nettie H. who died in childhood, and Gertrude May completed their family. The couple settled permanently on his farm, making many improvements and being active in the Methodist church and in community affairs. Linson Jr., who suffered from heart trouble for many years, died April 30, 1891 and is buried in Cascade Cemetery.

Gertrude May married Cornelius Koetsier and had a son named Linson. Various members of the Koetsier family occupied the property until 1999.

The Cascade Historical Society meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Cascade Township Museum. Everyone is welcome.

July 4, 2011

It was another beautiful day with plenty of sunshine and warm temperatures for this year's celebration. As in years past, the day's activities started off with the Friends of the Library book sale. This year's sale was another success with lots of books being sold to those that attended the sale.

The parade started with the bikes leaving from Cascade Fellowship Church. This event cannot be run so smoothly without all of the help from the members of the church. As in the past there were lots of bikes and kids in the parade as they made their way up Cascade Road. Once all bikes completed their route, the rest of the parade started. Uncle Sam and the Grand Marshals Dan Wallace and Claude and Marion Robinson led the way. There were Boy Scout Troops, military vehicles, cars, trucks, floats and fire trucks and many other participants that made this another huge success for the Township. As in years past Pat Vredevoogd Combs supplied trophies and banners for the winning floats.

After the parade the street fair swung into action on the grounds by the township library. There were many games, rides, and other items for kids and adults. There were food vendors from local churches and businesses in the township as well as music for all to enjoy.

This event takes many hours of planning to make it a success. It starts many months prior to the event. This cannot be completed without all of the help from so many people. Church groups help set up tables and chairs the night prior to the event. During the event there are staff from the township, board, fire department and Building and Grounds working all day to make it enjoyable for those attending the celebration.

I would like to thank all of the Church groups, businesses that donated money, businesses that were at the celebration and Funny Business for rides and time spent helping with the event. All township board members, Building and Grounds, Fire Department and township staff for all of the hours spent prior to and during the event. Your work was appreciated and made the celebration a huge success.

If anyone would like to help, has a suggestion or comments for next year's celebration please call me at 616-949-1320 or e-mail me at jsigg@cascadetwp.com.

Special Thank You to the following sponsors for the 2011 July 4th celebration

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Pathway News...

As I told my throngs of readers in my last Pathway News section of the Cascade Connections, I wanted to describe some of the unusual items my wife and I find as we pick up Cascade road. We try to pick up both sides of Cascade road between Hall street to the west and Burton street to the east. It is a combined distance of about five or six miles.

From the “you have to wonder” category, we have found current license plates, driver’s licenses and credit cards. Perhaps some of those items have fallen out of the many wallets and purses we have found. For those of you who think that food and phones are the primary distractions of many drivers, we have the “you really have to wonder” category. This includes a vast array of undergarments, socks and shoes. One shoe approaching the length of a skateboard (size 13) must have been a little difficult to throw out the window.

The one thing that never seems to run out of traction is the amount of cigarette packs (many half-full) and working lighters that litter the landscape. Those are tossed out by people, I presume, who are trying to quit smoking.

I can only conclude that there are a lot of naked, chain smoking, unlicensed drivers out there traversing Cascade road. Thanks to all of you that take the time to help pick up our beautiful trail system.

Remember, Keep Cascade Beautiful.

Kris Taylor
Pathways Coordinator

