



CASCADE CONNECTIONS

A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

*For your convenience we have included this pull out summer event schedule.
Please have a Safe and Happy Summer!*



Cascade Celebration!

It's time for the annual Cascade Township July 4th celebration. This year the parade, celebration and fireworks will be held on Wednesday July 4th. The day will start with a bike parade. Once it is completed the parade of vehicles, floats, fire trucks and much more will travel from Cascade Road and Burton to 28th Street and end at 28th and Thornhills. Following the parade join us for rides, games, food and more at the property by the Township Library.

Roads will be closed for these events from 9:30 to approximately 12:30pm. The roads effected will be Cascade Road from Burton Street to Thornapple River Drive, 28th Street from Cascade to Thornhills and all of old 28th Street.

* Reminder if you or your child will be in the bike parade and is 14 years old or younger, they must wear a bike helmet, as per Cascade Township Ordinance.*

Fireworks will be held Wednesday night July 4th at dusk. Location of the fireworks will be at 7590 East Fulton and Ada Drive.

Grand Rapids Triathlon – Sunday, June 10, 2012

The 2nd annual Grand Rapids Triathlon will take place on June 10, 2012.

Please note that roads will be closed as follows:

Closed to All Traffic - Buttrick Ave. between Thornapple River Drive and Grand River Drive will be closed from 6:00 p.m. Saturday June 9 through 6:00 p.m. on Sunday June 10.

Closed to Thru Traffic/Open to Local Residents - Thornapple River Drive will be closed from Buttrick Ave. to Cascade Rd. from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday June 10. You may have to go around some barricades and be prepared to show your ID. In case you are planning a graduation party, birthday, etc., please let Andy Vidro know ASAP (616-805-3059).

Churches will be open but you may need to take a detour. There will be delays and traffic will be re-routed.

Both Fire Trucks and Ambulances have been notified and have access thru the road closures.

You can view the course maps online at: www.grandrapidstriathlon.com.

Feel free to contact Andy Vidro if you have further questions: 616-805-3059 or andy@grandrapidstriathlon.com.

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Cascade Township July 4th Celebration – Celebration Events

Friends of the Cascade Library Book Sale – 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. – Township Library Parking Lot

Parade – 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. – Bike parade starts at 10:00 a.m. at Cascade Christian Reformed Church located at 6655 Cascade Road. Parade starts at 10:30 a.m. at Cascade and Burton and ends at 28th and Thornhills.

Games, Rides & Music – 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Vertical Edge Rock Wall
35' Screamer Slide
Sports 5-in-1
Bouncy Boxing
Pirates Revenge
Bumper Cars

Bonzi Bikes
Obstacle Course
Slide
Dixie Twister
Trackless Train
Music

Quad Bungee
Bungee Run
Castle Maze
Tubs of Fun
Full Court Press
and more...



Fireworks!! – at dusk – Fireworks at 7590 East Fulton and Ada Drive

July 4th @ Township Library (Jacksmith at 28th Street)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Saturday, July 14, 2012

In conjunction with Kent County's Household Hazardous Waste Program, Cascade & Ada Townships are sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **Saturday July 14th**. Township residents wishing to dispose of their unused or unwanted household chemical waste are encouraged to bring them to this one day event. Chemicals such as weed killers, bug sprays, antifreeze, gasoline, oil-based paint, wood preservatives, paint thinner, pool chemicals, deck cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs, and mercury thermometers & thermostats can all be brought in for disposal.

The collection will run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and will be held at Cascade Buttrick Station, 2990 Buttrick Ave. SE.

Latex Paint, medical waste, pharmaceuticals, ammunition and fireworks are not accepted through this program.

This Household Hazardous Waste Collection is for Ada and Cascade Township residents only. No materials from business, schools, institutions or commercial farmers can be accepted. Please be prepared to show your driver's license for proof of residency.

Additional questions on what's accepted for disposal may be directed to Kent County at 616-336-2570 or 1-888-217-2850 or go to the County's website at www.recyclekent.org and click on hazardous waste.

Thornapple River Expedition – Saturday, August 11, 2012

The **Thornapple River Expedition 2012** will be coming through Cascade on Saturday, August 11, 2012. The Expedition is a 6-day public journey of discovery to experience conditions and opportunities of Michigan's Thornapple River and its watershed in order to foster awareness and responsibility for the River.



The TR Expedition will start on Monday, August 6 in Charlotte, Michigan near the headwaters of the Thornapple River. Each day participating canoeist and kayakers will make their way along the Thornapple River, stopping for lunch breaks, portages, conducting water test and camping along the shores at night. The final segment of the TR Expedition will be on Saturday, August 11, where the participants will paddle from Alaska to Cascade and on into Ada. In Cascade they will portage the dam and have a quick lunch at Tassel Park. In Ada they will portage the Ada dam and then travel the final section of the river to where it flows into the Grand River just south of the M-21 Bridge.

The Expedition will come through Cascade between 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on August 11th. You will need to be near the river during that time to observe the boats. The expedition is open to the public to join in, whether you do the entire trip or just one day, you just need to pre-register ahead of time. To learn more about the Thornapple River Expedition, or to register to participate in it, visit the web site of www.thornappleriver.org or e-mail trwc@thornappleriver.org.

Annual Cascade Township Lunch for Seniors – Tuesday, August 14, 2012



We hope you will join us and your Cascade Township friends for a catered lunch compliments of Cascade Township. We will enjoy this day at the Wisner Center at the Cascade Library.

This annual event is hosted by Cascade Township, in cooperation with Jean Kubiszewski of the Forest Hills Senior Center, to provide an opportunity for our senior citizens to enjoy some good food and music, mingle, relax and reminisce.

The luncheon will be held **August 14**, beginning at noon and ending at 2:30. Please contact Cascade Township Clerk Ron Goodyke (949-1500) if you have questions.

To make your reservation, stop in at the Forest Hills Senior Center or call 493-8950. This lunch is offered to our senior Cascade residents by the township at no charge. Space is limited to the first 100 guests who register.

Details: The library is located at 2870 Jacksmith SE, just one block south off 28th Street.

Lunch (catered by Carole's Catering) and entertainment (Tom & Cherie Hagen) begin at noon.

Make reservations by August 9th. (493-8950).

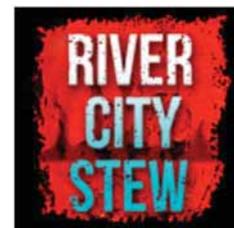
Metro Cruise Warmup – Thursday, August 23, 2012

SAVE THE DATE! This year's Metro Cruise Warm up, sponsored by the Forest Hills Business Association and the Cascade Community Foundation will be held on Thursday, August 23 at Cascade's D&W parking lot near Pal's Diner!

Classic cars, Vintage Top Fuel Dragsters, music by River City Stew, vendors, bouncy toys, & more!

Stay up to date with the association at www.foresthillsbusinessassociation.com

Save the Date and join the fun!



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