



CASCADe CONNECTIONS

A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADe CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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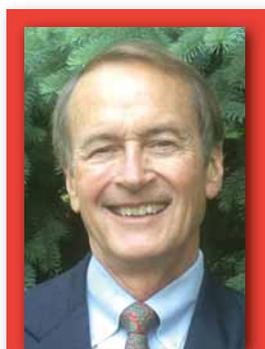
July 4th Celebration:

Grand Marshal

This year for 2012 our Grand Marshall for the parade and festivities is **Kathryn (Buttrick) Wingeier**. Kathryn was born in Grand Rapids and moved to Lowell in her early childhood where she met her husband Grover Buttrick from Cascade. After marrying and moving to Cascade, she and Grover operated the Buttrick General Store for many years until 1960. The store was located at Thornapple River Drive and Cascade Road, the current site of The Gathering Place Restaurant. Kathryn and Grover lived next door and raised their daughter. The Buttricks were very active in helping start the Cascade Fire Department and Grover served from 1930 to 1974, the last nine years as Fire Chief. In the early years of the department, Kathryn filled many supportive roles, even directing traffic so the trucks could leave the station safely.



Raising a family in the village has given Kathryn a unique perspective on the growth of the area. Grover has since passed on as has Kathryn's second husband but Kathryn once again resides in the village on Orange Street, a block away from the original fire station and their general store.



FROM THE
SUPERVISOR
ROB BEAHAN

I would like to take this opportunity and extend an invitation to all the residents and their families to come and enjoy the 4th of July festivities. This celebration begins with the children's bike parade in the morning at 10 am. The day's events have become a tradition for many of us in Cascade to gather and celebrate the anniversary of our Nation's Independence in a safe and festive manner with our families, friends, and neighbors.

While many communities have eliminated services and festivities the current Township Board and staff have been able to maintain the services and amenities the residents have come to expect. This has been done by careful attention to detail not only of the day-to-day operations but also of our long-term obligations. Our experienced Board and staff have strived to live up to their responsibility to give the residents and taxpayers an efficient and responsive local government.

I would like to thank the Cascade Township employees and Board members for their continued efforts and success in helping to maintain the community we all love to call home.

July 4TH Parade Float Contest

It's time for families, churches, businesses and neighborhoods of Cascade to be creative as we get closer to July 4th. Come up with a unique and fun float to entertain our Cascade Township residents and visitors who watch our parade.

The float contest has two (2) categories – **Family and Neighborhood** floats are in one category while **Churches, Businesses and other Organizations** are in another. The parade contest has inspired many new neighborhoods to join together to build a float. It has also encouraged Churches to use their floats as an outreach tool and it has inspired just plain fun for all friends and neighbors to attend our parade.

You are probably wondering what do I win if I come in first? The winners in each category win a trophy to keep plus you get to put the "Winner" banner on your float during the parade.

Once again Pat Vredevoogd Combs of Coldwell Banker AJS Schmidt Realty is sponsoring the Float Contest. No sign ups are necessary, just show up at the parade staging area (parking lot of the Forest Hills Schools Administration Building on the corner of Cascade Road and Burton Street) at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of July 4th.

This is your Township – Your parade – Let's make it a great parade with lots of new and exciting floats

Volunteers Needed for July 4TH

Cascade Township is planning our annual July 4th parade and celebration. This year the event will be held on Wednesday July 4th.

There is a lot that happens the day of the event so things run smoothly. This cannot be done without the help of township staff, Kent County Sheriff Department and volunteers from our community.

Cascade Township would like to invite individuals, groups, businesses and other organizations to volunteer your time to help during the celebration. There are numerous areas where you could help at various times during the day. Listed below are areas you can volunteer:

Parking Detail: 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Direct traffic in various parking areas prior to the library book sale

Parade Marshals 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Work alongside the parade route to keep the parade moving and alleviate large gaps, safety of all participating in the parade.

Parade Route Clean up 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Clean up trash along parade route

Street Fair roamers 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Work in zones on the grounds to keep area clean

Event break down 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Help break down tables, chairs and clean up at end of event

If you are able and willing to help your community a few hours on this day, please call John Sigg at 949-1320 or e-mail at jsigg@cascadetwp.com. Please indicate where you can help with the event and reply by June 22.

Thank you for your consideration.



Garlic Mustard Pull

Molly Weiblen (yellow shirt) and Rachel Cornell, from Goodwillie Environmental School are shown here picking Garlic Mustard at Cascade Peace Park. This was part of their Environmental Action Project. Both girls are 6th graders at G.E.S. Thank you girls for your efforts!

Also, thanks to everyone who helped with the mustard pull on Saturday, May 12 at Peace Park. Special thanks to the Cub Scouts of Den 3 of the Pine Ridge Pack 3364.

Garlic Mustard/Invasive Plants

Please watch for further details in the winter newsletter regarding an upcoming informational seminar on garlic mustard and other invasive plants in our area.

Cemetery News



Burial sites at the three Cascade Township Cemeteries are available at no cost to current residents of Cascade Township. Two sites will be given at the time of need. The charge for opening and closing of the gravesite is \$500.00 for full interments and \$75.00 for burial of

cremains. Additionally, a foundation is required before a headstone can be placed at the site. The foundation charges are coordinated through the monument company chosen by the family. The fee for an unused site, which is reserved for a previous resident who now lives outside Cascade Township, is \$10.00 annually. A niche in the columbarium costs \$400.00. A brass plaque must be purchased through Lowell Granite Company.

Appropriate decorations are acceptable:

- Annual or perennial flowers planted within one foot of the headstone
- Urns or metal baskets placed at the ends of the headstone (not in front or behind)
- Artificial flowers placed within one foot of the headstone or in urns or baskets.

Inappropriate decorations would include:

- Benches
- Trees, shrubbery or roses
- Evergreens
- Fences, railings, edging or walls
- Gravel, brick, stone, marble or wood chips around the headstone
- Anything in the walkway

The seasonal decorations must be removed if you wish to save them. Summer decorations will be taken out if not removed on October 1. Winter decorations will be removed on April 1 each year.

Dogs running off leash are absolutely forbidden. Loved ones visiting the cemetery are understandably upset by their droppings and the disturbance they cause. If you bring your dog to the cemetery, the pet must be on a leash and kept only on the paved drives.

Please contact the Clerk's Office (616/949-1508) if you have questions or concerns.

From The Clerk's Office...

Vote August 7

The next date for an election is August 7. The August Primary selects candidates for State and Local Offices from opposing parties to be placed on the General Election ballot in November. If there are no opponents from other political parties, the only opposition in November would come from candidates running as Independent or Write-in candidates.

At stake at the local level will be all the elected positions for the Cascade Township Board. Candidates for Trustee are incumbents Cynthia P. Fox Janes, Fred Goldberg, Jim Koessel and Jack Lewis. R. Jayne Currier is also on the ballot for a Trustee position.

Incumbent Rob Beahan is running for Supervisor. He will be opposed by John Shipley.

Ken Peirce is running unopposed for Treasurer and Ron Goodyke is running unopposed for Clerk.

Voter Registration

The last day to register to vote in the August Primary election is **July 9; you may do this at our Cascade Township Office which is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily or the Kent County office or any Secretary of State office.**

Please be sure you are a registered voter and can participate on August 7th. First-time voters: if you register by mail, you must vote in person. Absent Voter Ballots can only be issued to first-time voters whose identity can be verified by appearing in person at the Cascade Township office or a Secretary of State office.

November 6th 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 9.

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.

Summer 2012 Tax Information

Summer 2012 tax bills and informational notices will be mailed July 1st. Summer taxes are due on or before September 14th, 2012. If you do not receive a tax statement during July, please check the township's website or call the Treasurer's office at 949-6944. 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 timely delivery.

The Summer Tax Deferment allows qualifying taxpayers to pay summer taxes after they receive a property tax credit refund from the State of Michigan. To qualify for this deferment, your household income must not exceed \$40,000, and you must be either 62 years or older; a paraplegic, quadriplegic, totally disabled; blind; a serviceperson, veteran or widow or widower of a veteran. Deferment application forms are available in the Treasurer's Office through September 14th. *The deferment period covers only one year, so you must reapply each year.*

Attention Travelers! If you will be away this summer, please call our office with your email, fax, or temporary address. We will forward the tax statement to you if it is returned to our office by the U.S.P.S. The treasurer's office is not responsible for postal deliveries and taxes are due whether a statement is received by the taxpayer, or not.

New Tax Payment Option is now available for the residents. Customers may pay their bill right out of their checking or savings account. Unlike credit card payments, which charge a convenience fee, this option is free to the taxpayers. Please follow the link on our website to make a payment.

Check your property tax status 24/7 with a link from the Township's website: www.cascadetwp.com.

- Departments
- Treasurer's Office
- Assessing, Building & Tax Information (in green)
- **BS & A** "please click here" link
- Current Tax Search
- Click in box marked Parcel Number (you may also search by name or street). Click "Search" when criteria entered for your inquiry.
- Click on Parcel Number (This will give you history of the parcel. Click on (+) sign for detail of history.

Have a safe summer.

*Kenneth B. Peirce
Cascade Charter Township Treasurer*

Important Change in the Principal Residence Exemption Rules

The legislature has changed the deadlines and procedures for the Principal Residence Exemption. There are two significant changes:

It establishes **two** deadlines by which a Principal Residence Exemption may be filed.

It creates a new conditional rescission for "foreclosure entities."

Affidavit Deadline. The deadline for a property owner to file a "Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) Affidavit" (Form 2368) for taxes levied after December 31, 2011, changed from May 1 to June 1, and a second deadline of November 1 was added. As a result, property owners that occupy a property as a principal residence and submit Form 2368 to the local tax collecting unit on or before June 1, 2012, may qualify for a PRE beginning with the 2012 summer tax levy. If a property owner occupies a property as a principal residence at any time from June 2, 2012 to November 1, 2012 and submits Form 2368 to the local tax collecting unit on or before November 1, 2012, that property owner may qualify for a PRE beginning with the 2012 winter tax levy. This dual deadline will continue throughout future tax years, but is not retroactive to previous tax years. **If the property is owned and occupied some time from May 2 to November 1, Public Act 114 does not allow the owner to go to the Board of Review if Form 2368 is not timely filed.**

Foreclosure Entity Conditional Rescission. The second change is to allow a land contract vendor, bank, credit union, or other lending institution (foreclosure entity) to retain a PRE on foreclosed property by filing a foreclosure entity conditional rescission with the local tax collecting unit on or before June 1 or November 1 provided the property meets other statutory requirements. The entity must annually verify to the assessor on or before December 31 that the property continues to qualify for the foreclosure entity conditional rescission.

This new "foreclosure entity conditional rescission" has separate and distinct requirements and should not be confused with the current "owner's conditional rescission."

The opportunity for a foreclosure entity to apply begins with the 2012 tax year and is not retroactive to previous tax years. **Boards of Review have no authority with regard to a conditional rescission.** The payment required of the foreclosure entity is equal to the school operating tax and is collected by the local tax collecting unit at the same time and in the same manner as taxes that would have been collected were the property not subject to a PRE.

If you need immediate assistance related to Public Act 114, please call the PRE Unit at (517) 373-1950 or e-mail at PTE-Section@michigan.gov. We will address the issues as expeditiously as possible.

The Laraway Family

The completion of the Erie Canal in 1825 and the lure of inexpensive land drew thousands from the eastern part of the United States to Michigan. From 1820 to the beginning of the Civil War, the population of Michigan increased from 8,765 to 749,113. Among those early arrivals were the Cook, Teeple and Laraway families.

Hiram Laraway and his wife, Mary Teeple Laraway came to Cascade from Washtenaw County about 1836, with their children: Lydia born in 1828, William born about 1832, John H. born in 1835 and James R. an infant. The couple purchased about 40 acres in section 9 of the township, in the area of Cascade Road and Laraway Lake Road. Hiram, discouraged by the hardships of pioneer life and by the Panic of 1837, moved his family back to the east side of the state for about two years before returning to their Cascade property. During the winter of 1839 or 1840, Hiram lost his way in the forest between Ada and Cascade and froze to death leaving Mary to cope with the farm and her growing family. Family and neighbors helped her through this difficult time. She was well respected in the community and known fondly as "Aunt Mary" Laraway.

Through the years, the Laraway family grew and prospered. By 1850, all three sons, John H., James R. and William "worked out" as farm laborers to help support the family, while attending school and living with their mother. Lydia had married Peter Lawyer December 5, 1842 and by 1857 were the parents of at least six children. By 1860, John was working as a mason for Orleans Spaulding in Paris Township. His brother, James R., helped his mother manage their farm, doing much of the clearing and heavy work. He planted a peach orchard, which became highly profitable. In 1863, he married Sallie Patterson with whom he had two children. After his mother died in 1869, after a fall from a cherry tree, James continued to live on the farm, eventually increasing their acreage to 180 acres. William had a stone cutting business in Grand Rapids where he married Harriet Fisk on November 4, 1867.

John chose to serve his country by enlisting in the Third Michigan Infantry, Company A, on May 13, 1861, along with his brother-in-law, Peter Lawyer. One month later, 1411 Michigan volunteers were transported by train to Alexandria, Virginia to begin their duties.

The regiment's baptism into war came less than three weeks later in the action at Blackburn's Ford on July 18, 1861, a prelude to the First Battle of Bull Run on July 21. The troops subsequently went into a series of camps around Washington through the fall and winter of 1861-62. The Third Michigan participated in McClellan's Peninsular Campaign of 1862 and suffered its worst casualties to date at the Battle of Seven Oaks, and at Second Bull Run on August 29, 1862.

The next major action for the regiment was at Chancellorsville, Virginia on May 3, 1863 followed by Gettysburg where the Third found itself exposed in the Peach Orchard on July 2, 1863. There is a monument in the Peach Orchard honoring the Third Infantry.

John Laraway was awarded the Kearny Cross for his participation in the Battle of Chancellorsville. This medal was awarded to any Union soldier who had displayed meritorious, heroic or distinguished acts while in the face of an enemy force.



The Kearny Cross is a military decoration of the U.S. Army, first established in 1862 during the opening year of the Civil War and was originally known as the Kearny Medal named for Major General Philip Kearney of the Army of the Potomac. At first, the medal was awarded only to officers, but later designated to include enlisted soldiers who were subsequently commissioned. Later, the medal became known as the Kearny Cross and awarded to any soldier displaying exceptional bravery. Both the Kearny Medal and Kearny Cross are regarded as one of the oldest military decorations for the U.S. Army second only to the Badge of Military Merit and Fidelity Medallion. The inscription, "Dulce Et Decorum Est Pro Patria Mori" translates roughly as "It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country"

After Chancellorsville, John was hospitalized with intermittent fever. He eventually rejoined his regiment and re-enlisted Dec. 24, 1863 at Brandy Station, Virginia, crediting Grand Rapids. The re-enlisted members of the Third were consolidated with the Fifth Michigan Infantry for the remainder of the war. John was transferred as Corporal to the Fifth. During the Battle of Spotsylvania, he was shot in the right shoulder but was able to rejoin his regiment after being hospitalized. Suffering from dysentery, he was again in hospital until he was furloughed January 1865. John was mustered out as Sergeant on July 5, 1865 at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

After the war, John returned home to Kent County, resumed his occupation as mason and continued to live in the Grand Rapids area. He never married. He moved to Cascade in 1893 where he lived for many years, perhaps with his nephew, Charles Lawyer. In 1898 he joined the Old Third Michigan Infantry Association. He drew a military pension and was receiving \$12 per month by 1907. John died June 3, 1907 and is buried in the Cascade Cemetery.

The last descendent of the original family, Gordon Laraway, lived at 6464 Laraway Lake Road in the mid-1980's. He passed away August 28, 1999 and is also buried in the Cascade Cemetery.

From The Fire Department... Michigan Fireworks Safety Act

With the approach of the summer holidays, we thought it best to address some questions and concerns surrounding the new Michigan Fireworks Safety Act. Currently there are 3 classifications of legal fireworks and may pose some type of confusion.

The first is "Novelty" fireworks which are smoke balls, "Snaps" or "Drop Pops", "Snakes" or party poppers. These have always been legal and are not regulated by this act.

The second type is referred to as "Low Impact" which includes sparklers, spinning devices that do not leave the ground, smoke or sparkling cones. Again these have always been legal to purchase, but are regulated by this Act.

The third type is referred to as "Consumer" fireworks. These include Aerial devices, bottle rockets, firecrackers, "Roman Candles", "Missile" type devices, "Helicopters / Aerial Spinning" devices, single tube devices with reloadable shells. These sub types are the newest fireworks that have become legal to purchase and use; but there are guidelines to those uses. It is unlawful to ignite, discharge or use any consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or private property without that organization's or person's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises. Violation of this subsection is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a fine up to \$500. No fireworks will be allowed to be used on any Cascade Township owned properties, including the parks.

"Cherry Bombs", "M-80's", or made-at-home devices are not legal. The sale, use, or manufacturing of these types of devices are considered pipe bombs, and are a federal offense in regards to Department of Homeland Security and come with federal charges. If you see the sale, use or manufacture of these devices, please contact the ATF, or Michigan State Police.

"Commercial" or "Display" fireworks are those type that are large displays like that of the Ada / Cascade July 4th display, or those type done at 5/3 Ball Park or Tiger's Stadium. These are NOT legal for the regular consumer to purchase or possess and are strictly regulated by the ATF and not regulated by this Act. Again, violations of sale/purchase, or use of these devices carry federal charges.

Finally, the sale and use of fireworks under this act is solely regulated and enforced by the Michigan State Bureau of Fire Services, not by the local municipalities. We in the fire department strongly urge extreme care in the use of these fireworks and adult supervision should always be in place. Please use common sense when using any fireworks. Safety should be the utmost concern for both personal safety as well as property safety.

Open Burning

Recreational campfires are an enjoyable part of spending time with friends and family, whether at home or on camping trips, but safety still needs to be a primary focus. Recreational campfires are just that, for the purpose of cooking food and relaxing, not for burning or disposing of yard waste. In Cascade Township, there is no limitation on when you may have a recreational fire, but there are some guidelines. The fire pit must be no larger than 3 feet in diameter or 3X3 square, and it must be made with no-combustible materials. Either a commercially built fire place, or built on your own using rocks or bricks to surround the fire pit is acceptable.

You are *not required* to call the fire department for a permit for a recreational fire, but you are encouraged to do so, just so we are aware in case we receive a phone call or are dispatched for an unknown fire. Please use the direct / non-emergency number 949-1320. Also, they are complaint driven. If we receive complaints of smoke bothering your neighbors, we will respond and ask you to extinguish the fire. So please keep in mind when constructing your fire pit, locate it not only in a safe place given your surroundings, but also the prevailing winds. Some of the other thoughts to help are NOT to burn rubbish, yard waste, leaves or green wood. Only dry sticks and fire wood is allowed to be burned.

Always stay in attendance of your fire. Countless times we are called and find people have left fires burning and gone back inside or have left the premises. Keep a bucket of water or a fire extinguisher in close proximity in case things get a little more intense than expected. If things do get out of hand, do not hesitate to call 911! We would rather come out and find it has been put out than to delay had have a fire more out of control and spread into a wildfire or to a structure.

Always completely extinguish your fire when you are done. Completely douse the fire with water until there is no smoldering left. A strong breeze can rekindle a fire even when you believe you have extinguished it and lead to a bigger, more serious fire.

Brush permits are required and are available over the phone **after 8am the day you're going to burn only**. Please use the Station 1 direct line at 949-1320. We do not issue brush permits before the day requested to burn or before 8am. You may choose a 5 hour time frame to burn between 8am and 6pm.

As a reminder, Cascade has two areas for brush permits, restricted and unrestricted. The restricted area is basically anything north of and east of I-96 and west of and including the west side of Buttrick Ave. In the restricted area, you may only burn by permit on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, December through August. Remember, there may be 5 Saturdays in a month; it is NOT every other weekend. There is no burning for yard waste in the restricted area at all during the months of September, October, and November.

The Non-restricted areas are east of and including the east side of Buttrick Ave and south of I-96. Non-restricted does not mean there are no rules. You may burn any day except Sundays during the months of September through November. There is NO open burning in commercial or industrial zoned areas. You *must* call the fire department at 949-1320 after 8am the day you would like to burn.

Again, your privilege to burn may be complaint driven. If we receive a complaint that smoke or smell is bothering your neighbors, you will be asked to extinguish it. Please be respectful of your neighbors, if you have a problem with your neighbor, try resolving it yourself first. All fires will need to be completely extinguished by the end of your 5 hours or by 6pm, whichever is sooner.

There are times when we may refuse to issue a permit and ask you not to burn. In general we follow the DNR burning ban during dry seasons or when we have determined that winds may be too strong to allow safe burning. Please be respectful to us for these decisions. They are for the safety of you, your neighbors and property.

You may visit our website @ www.cascadetwp.com/ordinances to view all the rules regarding open burning.

Building Inspections

Portable generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed, but they can be hazardous. The primary hazards to avoid when using them are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock or electrocution, and fire.



Cascade Inspection Services would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from improper use of portable generators.

To Avoid Carbon Monoxide Hazards:

- Always use generators outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents.
- NEVER use generators in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, or other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Install battery-operated or plug-in (with battery backup) carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home, following manufacturer's instructions.
- Test CO alarms often and replace batteries when needed.

To Avoid Electrical Hazards:

- Keep the generator dry. Operate on a dry surface under an open, canopy- like structure.
- Dry your hands before touching the generator.
- Plug appliances directly into generator or use a heavy-duty outdoor- rated extension cord. Make sure the entire extension cord is free of cuts or tears and the plug has all 3 prongs, especially a grounding pin.
- NEVER plug the generator into a wall outlet. This practice, known as backfeeding, can cause an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served by the same utility transformer.
- If necessary to connect generator to house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install appropriate equipment. Or, your utility company may be able to install an appropriate transfer switch.

To Avoid Fire Hazards:

- Before refueling the generator, turn it off and let it cool. Fuel spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.
- Always store fuel outside of living areas in properly labeled, non-glass containers.
- Store fuel away from any fuel-burning appliance.

Cascade Inspection Services

From The East Precinct...

Summer is here and going by fast. I want to remind everyone of some general items of concern over summer vacation.

The kids are out of school and playing outdoors. Please be cautious while driving. Many times drivers get distracted and a crash occurs. Please be diligent in areas that children frequent, including parking lots.

I encourage parents to talk to their children about bike safety. Children have to be aware of how important bike safety is. I encourage everyone that rides a bike to wear a helmet. When choosing clothing for biking, choose something bright and don't ride in conditions with poor visibility. I also discourage any type of listening device while riding. A cyclist needs to be able to hear traffic. I would also recommend using the many bike paths throughout Kent County.

The rising temperatures allow people to be active and outdoors. I ask that you consider your neighbors. The Sheriffs department has experienced an increase in noise complaints, ranging from barking dogs to loud parties. Remember sound travels especially in the evening. A rule of thumb may be if its dark outside noise should be kept to a low level.

HEAT, it is getting warmer and I want to remind residents to be aware of the temperature. Every year we have parents leave unattended children in the vehicle while they run into the store for "just a minute." I can tell you legally that is a crime. Under Michigan law 750.135A, children under 6 years of age can not be left unattended for an amount of time that may cause unreasonable risk of harm or injury. Under the law unattended means not being supervised by someone older than 13. You may think it is not that hot outside but with windows down 2 inches on a day that's 83 degrees it only takes 15 minutes for the inside car temperature to reach 109 degrees. That temperature is dangerous, especially for children, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Please enjoy the summer with family and friends, be safe and aware.

Ryan Roe
Deputy, Kent County Sheriff Department
Ryan.roe@kentcountymi.gov

Storm Water

The Township Board has recently approved an implementation plan for the Storm Water Management Plan. One of the objectives of the implementation strategy is to put in place a way for residents/ property owners to get assistance with storm water related issues. This program is not intended for the small property disputes about storm water trespass but rather the larger issues involving flooding and erosion. It is the intent of this plan that property owners will be active participants in this process. If you believe you need assistance with a Storm Water related issue please feel free to review our storm water information on the website at:

<http://www.cascadetwp.com/ReferenceDesk/StormwaterOverview.asp>.

If you have any questions you can call the Township Planner (949-0224) for assistance.



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Pathway News...

From my winter news letter basically entitled "Special" attention, I got quite a good response. I've been writing the Pathway News for many years now and the winter letter got the most response I have ever had. Sometimes I wonder if anyone even reads it. I was pleasantly surprised to discover that many people do read this letter.

I had a very nice woman call me and suggest that scout groups, boy scouts, girl scouts, cub scouts and students at Forest Hills Central take on the task of picking up trash along our pathways as a way to earn merit badges and as school eco-green-beautification projects. I believe that all these things can and should be done to keep our community looking like a place people want to come and live. I have six vests left and would love to give them away. Call me at 942-1152 and I will make arrangements to deliver them to you. As always I appreciate the effort of those that participate in helping to **Keep Cascade Beautiful.**

Kris Taylor
Pathways Coordinator

