



# CASCADE CONNECTIONS

A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP



## Cascade Celebration!

It's time for the annual Cascade Township July 4th celebration. This year the parade, celebration and fireworks will be held on Thursday July 4th. The day will start off with a bike parade. Once that 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 Thursday night July 4th at dusk. Location of the fireworks will be at 7590 East Fulton and Ada Drive.

## Cascade Township July 4th Celebration!

### CELEBRATION EVENTS

**BOOK SALE** 8:30 am – 3:30pm

Presented by the Friends of Cascade Library. Located in the township library parking lot.

**PARADE** 10:00 am – 11:30am

Bike parade starts at 10:00 am at the Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed Church (6655 Cascade Rd). Parade starts at 10:30am at Cascade & Burton and ends at 28th & Thornhills.

### GAMES, RIDES & MUSIC

11:30 am – 3:30pm

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| Zipline             | Fun Train Station   | Pirate Revenge Ride |
| Rock Climbing Walls | Dragon Slide        | Dixie Twist         |
| Bonzi Bikes         | Bounce House        | Turbo Tubs          |
| The Edge Slide      | Face Painters       | Food Booths         |
| Purple People Eater | Trackless Train     | Kid's Castle Maze   |
| Bungee Run          | Airbrush Tattoos    | Vertical Rush       |
| Giant Slides        | Cannonball Blasters | Boulder Dash        |
| Obstacle Courses    | QB Blitz            | Ahoy matey          |

...and much more!

**FIREWORKS!** at dusk Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>

Located at 7590 East Fulton and Ada Drive.

### SPONSORS

Rocket Sponsors:



Fire Cracker Sponsors:



Sparkler Sponsors:

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| Brann's Steakhouse & Sports Grille  | Noah's Pet Cemetery        | Betten Imports           |
| Hungerford, Aldin, Nichols & Carter | Quality Air                | Ever Kept Disposal       |
| Centennial Securities Company       | Kingsland Ace Hardware     | Recycling Concepts       |
| Cascade Hospital for Animals        | Lake Michigan Credit Union | Thornapple River Nursery |
| Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber    | Law Weathers               | Waterfall Shoppes        |
| Family Friends Veterinary Hospital  | DeWitt Packaging           | esmile                   |
| Renewal Skin Spa                    | Recycling Concepts         |                          |

July 4th @ Township Library



Dual Zipline!



fun train!



face painting



rock wall



bumper cars

## July 4 Parade Float Contest

It's time for the families, churches, businesses and neighborhoods of Cascade to get creative as we get closer to July 4th. You are invited to come up with a unique and fun float to entertain the Cascade Township residents and visitors who come to watch the 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. Over the years the parade contest has inspired many new neighborhoods to join together to build a float. The parade contest has also encouraged churches to use their floats as an outreach tool and it has inspired just plain fun for all friends and neighbors.

You are probably wondering, “What do I win if I come in first?” The winners in each category win a trophy to keep, plus they get to put the “**Winner**” banner on their float during the parade.

Once again, Pat Vredevoogd Combs of Coldwell Banker AJS Schmidt Realty is sponsoring the Float Contest. Pat has been sponsoring the float contest for many years and her commitment to the Township is greatly appreciated.

No signups 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 Thursday July 4th.

There is a lot that needs to happen the day of the event so things can 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 their time to help during the celebration. There are numerous areas where help is needed and at various times during the day. Listed below are areas and times that we need volunteers:

<b>Parking Detail:</b> Direct traffic in various parking areas prior to the library book sale	<b>7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Parade Marshals</b> Work alongside the parade route to keep the parade moving and alleviate large gaps, safety of all participating in the parade.	<b>9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Parade Route Clean up</b> Clean up trash along parade route	<b>12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Street Fair roamers</b> Work in zones on the grounds to keep area clean	<b>11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Event break down</b> Help break down tables, chairs and clean up at end of event	<b>3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>

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](mailto:jsigg@cascadetwp.com). Please indicate where you can help with the event and your reply is needed by June 21.

Thank you for your consideration and your help!



## Forest Hills Business Association

After great success in previous years, the Association has changed the annual Metro Cruise Warm up event to be a 2 night outdoor party! Mark your calendars and join us on Thursday evening, August 22nd and Friday, August 23rd from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The band, SeaCruisers, will entertain the public. Candy Clark of American Graffiti will be here for both nights to sign autographs. FHBA vendors will be available with

food and beverages for sale. Classic cars are encouraged to get the annual 28th Street cruise started! Dash plaques will be handed out to the first 200 classic cars each evening. The public is asked to park at Noto's and walk to the crosswalk at Thornhills & 28th Street. Stay tuned for more details on the Forest Hills Business Association Facebook page or our website: [www.fhba.org](http://www.fhba.org)

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. Call for more information on memberships; 616-676-9774.

## East Precinct Bike Rodeo

I have teamed with Safe Kids of Grand Rapids and we are planning a very fun and educational Bike Rodeo. Amway has given us access to a large parking lot at the Spaulding complex. We will have several different stations for the kids to ride through, with each station geared toward teaching the child a specific skill while riding their bike.

The child must bring a bike and have a helmet. We are planning on a representative from a local bike shop to check the bike over and we will be fitting kids for their helmet.

The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on June 26th at 5101 Spaulding Ave. S.E. in Ada. Registration starts at 10:00 a.m. The Rodeo is anticipated to begin at 10:30 a.m.

See you there,

Deputy Ryan Roe  
Kent County Sheriff Department  
[ryan.roe@kentcountymi.gov](mailto:ryan.roe@kentcountymi.gov)  
(616) 632-6435



## 3rd Annual Grand Rapids Triathlon



Mark your calendar June 9th, 2013 for the 3rd Annual GR Tri, an event that benefits the Kids Food Basket. This triathlon brings 1500+ triathletes and thousands of spectators to the Ada/Cascade area.

NOTE: There will be road closures in this area from June 8th 6 p.m. – June 9th 6 p.m. Review the link at [www.grandrapidsstriathlon.com](http://www.grandrapidsstriathlon.com) – info – road closures for more details.

Questions? Email Andy Vidro, Co-Director at [andy@tris4health.com](mailto:andy@tris4health.com) or call (616) 805-3059.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Kent County is offering numerous household hazardous waste collection dates for 2013. The closest site for Cascade residents is in Kentwood at 5068 Breton SE. **Kentwood collection dates are Saturday, July 20 and Saturday, September 7 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Cascade Township residents wishing to dispose of their unused or unwanted household chemical waste are encouraged to bring them to these events. 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.

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

Questions on what's accepted for disposal, or additional disposal dates, may be directed to Kent County at 616-336-2570 or go to the [Household Hazardous Waste website](#).

## Forest Hills Relay for Life

**June 7 & 8**

**From 2.p.m. to 2 p.m.**

**New location Ada Christian School**

