

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 Friday 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, music 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 Friday 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 follows 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 | Photo Booth |
| Bungee Run | Airbrush Tattoos | Vertical Rush |
| Giant Slides | Cannonball Blasters | All Sports Arena |
| Obstacle Courses | QB Blitz | Ahoy Matey |

...and much more!

FIREWORKS! at dusk Friday, July 4th

Located at 7590 East Fulton and Ada Drive.

SPONSORS

Rocket Sponsors:



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Fire Cracker Sponsors:



Sparkler Sponsors:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cascade Hospital for Animals • Family Friends Veterinary Hospital • Noah's Pet Cemetery • Quality Air • Kingsland Ace Hardware • Thornapple River Nursery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • esmiles • DeWitt Packaging • United Bank • The Goddard School • Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber • Chemical Bank | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R-Athletic • Clean Room International • Cascade Fellowship Church • Recycling Concepts • Betten Imports |
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Other Sponsors:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ada Bible • Forge Staffing • First Wok | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Rapids Griffins • Ever Kept Disposal • Paul Mitchell Pro |
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July 4th @ Township Library



Dual Ziplinel



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. Past years the parade contest has inspired many new and existing 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 Reality 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 arrive 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.

“Let's make it a great parade with lots of new and exciting floats for the whole community to enjoy!”

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JULY 4TH



Cascade Township is planning our annual July 4th Parade and Celebration. This year the event will be held on Friday 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:

Parking Detail:

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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

Parade Safety

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 (616) 949-1320 or e-mail at jsigg@cascadetwp.com. Please indicate where you can help with the event and your reply is needed by June 20.

Thank you for your consideration!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY – SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2014

In conjunction with Kent County's Household Hazardous Waste Program, Cascade & Ada Townships are sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, July 12. 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 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be held at the 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 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.

ANNUAL CASCADE TOWNSHIP LUNCH FOR SENIORS – AUGUST 12, 2014

We hope you will be able to attend our annual luncheon, hosted by Cascade Township, in cooperation with Jean Kubiszewski of the Forest Hills Senior Center.

This event is intended to provide an opportunity for our senior citizens to mingle, relax and reminisce. Lunch is provided by Cascade Township at no charge, but space is limited so we need your reservations as soon as possible (we can only accept the first 130 registrations).

To register, either call (616) 493-8950 or stop in at the Forest Hills Senior Center. Call Ron Goodyke, Cascade Township Clerk, if you have questions.

Here are all the details you need:

- Who:** Cascade Township Seniors
What: Annual luncheon (serving assorted breads, meats and cheeses, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, fresh fruit, coffee/punch and dessert)
When: August 12, 2014 at noon
Where: Wisner Center at the Cascade Library, located at 2870 Jacksmith just one block south off 28th Street.

We look forward to a fun time with entertainment again provided by Tom and Sherry Hagen; please make your reservations soon.

THE GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON – JUNE 8, 2014

Note: There will be road closures in the Ada/Cascade area on Saturday, June 7th and Sunday, June 8th. Find out more about this event and road closures at: www.grandrapidstriathlon.com or contact Andy Vidro at: andy@tris4health.com or call (616) 805-3059.



FOREST HILLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Membership to the FHBA is open to all entities interested in the Forest Hills area businesses and community. Membership runs from January through December and is priced at \$150. 2014 memberships are available now! Call (616) 977-0729 for more information or visit: www.fhba.org.

Upcoming events are highlighted below:

June 12 –

How to Hire the Right People and Avoid Hiring the Wrong People

Featuring: Mr. Kim Fettig of Fettig Team
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Location: Lake Michigan Credit Union,
5540 Glenwood Hills Parkway, SE
Sponsor: Embroidme

August 21, 22 –

Metro Cruise Warm – Up

Organizer: Laura McDowell
Location: Pal's Diner / D & W Plaza
Sponsor: FHBA and more!

September 11 –

West Michigan Whitecaps

Featuring: Lew Chamberlain
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Location: To be determined
Sponsor: Curtis Cleaners

October 9 –

Cascade Township

Featuring: To be determined
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Location: To be determined

