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YARD WASTE PICK UP PROGRAM SPRING 2015

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 April 6 through May 4

- 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, per household.
- This service is only available in the restricted burn area.

The yard waste dumpsters will be available behind the Thornhills Fire Station April 24th – 26th. There will also be a 15 cubic yard container of finished compost. This material is free and offered on a first come first serve basis.

For more information, please call 949-1500.

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.

***Please Note: The curb side pickup and dumpsters are NOT for the disposal of Garlic Mustard. Please place Garlic Mustard in a separate, sealed bag and put it in your regular trash.**

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Cascade Township is offering a spring clean up day in conjunction with Ada Township. The spring clean up day will be held on Saturday, May 2 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 (616) 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 spring clean up, feel free to contact Steve Peterson at (616) 949-1500 or by email at speterson@cascadetwp.com.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

The Veterans of Cascade Township are planning a Memorial Day program on Monday, May 25th at the Cascade Library, 2870 Jacksmith Drive. Join them at 10:00 am to honor Veterans of all wars and conflicts.



FROM THE SUPERVISOR
ROB BEAHAN

FROM THE SUPERVISOR...

As you drive on the roads throughout the state you quickly realize the deplorable condition they are in after another severe Michigan winter. To help solve this continual problem, the State Legislature has set a May 5th, 2015 date for a state wide election for funding road repair throughout the state.

If passed, the ballot measure is anticipated to generate \$1.6 Billion in new revenue by increasing the sales tax from 6% to 7%. Sales tax will no longer be charged on fuel. It will change the per gallon fuel tax to a wholesale tax from \$0.19/gallon on gasoline and \$0.15/gallon for diesel fuel to a wholesale tax or an approximate \$0.41/gallon equivalent. There will also be a vehicle surcharge of \$75 for electric and \$25 for hybrid vehicles, and an increase for heavy duty trucks.

Where will the new revenue go? \$1.2 Billion for roads, \$130 Million for mass transit, \$300 Million for the School Aid Fund, and \$95 Million for local governments according to figures from MLIVE.

Every year the Township Board has committed to working with the Kent County Road Commission to improve and maintain the local roads within Cascade Township. This year the Board has allocated \$350,000 from the General Fund toward this with the Kent County Road Commission matching around an additional 50%.

ELECTION NEWS – VOTE MAY 5TH

The next date for an election is May 5, 2015. The ballot contains the State proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

Also voters in the Forest Hills and Caledonia School Districts are asked to vote to allow the renewal the Statutory rate of 18 mills on property, which is set to expire at the end of 2015.

Please be sure you are a registered voter and can participate on May 5.

Anyone who is qualified to vote but not registered in Cascade Township must register before the deadline which is Monday, April 6, 2015. To qualify to vote, you must be a citizen of the United States, residing in Kent County and at least 18 years old on or before May 5 2015. You may register at the Cascade Township Office, the County Clerk's office or the Secretary of State Office.

If you want to vote by Absent Voter Ballot and are not on our permanent A.V. list, you must request an application for a ballot. You may do that by stopping in the office.

MAY 16, 17 & 18 BAGGED GARLIC MUSTARD INCINERATOR DROP OFF

Garlic Mustard is a highly invasive and destructive plant. It drops thousands of seeds, poisons the soil and out competes many native plants and tree seedlings.

There are a few means of disposing of garlic mustard. Invasive plants like garlic mustard are exempt from the ban on yard waste going into municipal landfills when they are properly bagged and labeled. The best solution is to burn invasive plants, yet many local ordinances do not allow burning on private property.

You can contact The Stewardship Network at www.stewardshipnetwork.org to find out more (plus find out more about the state-wide garlic mustard competition.) For more information about garlic mustard or other invasive plant species in Cascade please phone Meribeth Bolt, (616) 450-3001.

This spring, bagged garlic mustard can be sent to the incinerator instead of the landfill. May 8 - May 18, The West Michigan Cluster of The Stewardship Network will have a Garlic Mustard Disposal Site at the Cascade Township Office, 2865 Thornhills Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-7192. Please take advantage of this valuable free service.

I.D. Requirement

Please remember that 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.

To the Cascade churches and our Cascade Library who donate their space to the community for the two-day period from set-up on Monday through closing late on Tuesday, we also say thank you. The polling places who generously host voters are: **Thornapple Covenant Church, Precinct 2; Cascade Christian Church, Precinct 6; Thornapple Community Reformed Church, Precinct 5; Cascade Fellowship CRC Church (which hosts three precincts) Precincts 1, 7 and 8; and the Wisner Center at the Cascade Library (which hosts two precincts) Precincts 3 and 4.** We know it is an imposition with the traffic and disruption we create and we really appreciate the friendly manner in which you welcome us.

As usual with every election there are a lot of township employees who put in extra effort, so sincere thanks to Denise Biegalle, Deputy Clerk, Evelyn Kwekel and Debhra Amos, Election Specialists, and the Building and Grounds crew for setting up and tearing down the precincts.



FEMA

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) database is on our website at: <http://www.cascadetwp.com/ReferenceDesk/StormwaterOverview.asp>. We have provided this database for your assistance.

If you need additional information on any of these amendments, it can be obtained from the Township offices. Please call (949-0224) or email (speterson@cascadetwp.com) with the address and year of the amendment for further assistance. Other useful links are also provided on our website.

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.

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Founded by the International Code Council (ICC), Building Safety Month (BSM) is celebrated by jurisdictions worldwide during the month of May.

Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign offered each year to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create and sustain safe and sustainable structures. The campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system.

The campaign is presented by the ICC and its 57,000 members worldwide along with a diverse partnership of professionals from the building construction, design and safety community. Corporations, government agencies, professional associations, nonprofits and more come together to support Building Safety Month because they understand the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work and play.

Theme

This year's theme is *Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes*. Each week of Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety. For more information visit <http://www.iccsafe.org/BSM>.

Building Department Events

Please RSVP at (616) 949-3765.

Michigan Residential Code Review – *common code violations presentation followed by Q&A with inspectors*

April 29th, 2015 • 7:00 p.m. – Wisner Center

Permit Process – *what requires a permit, useful tips on common projects like decks, pools, accessory buildings and basements*

June 3rd, 2015 • 7:00 p.m. – Wisner Center



4 CASCADE CONNECTIONS

2015 DDA CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The Cascade Township DDA Board has been working on some infrastructure projects. Recently, a Complete Streets plan was developed for the Village area (Thornhills Ave. to just east of Cascade Rd. on 28th St. and from the Thornapple River to just South of Burton St. on Cascade Rd). Complete Streets legislation was adopted a few years ago and allows road agencies, engineers, etc. to design and operate the entire roadway with all users in mind - including bicyclists, public transportation, vehicles and riders, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.

The Complete Streets plan, along with goals of the DDA, were developed by comments received from business owners, residents, Township representatives, representatives from other agencies, etc. to provide direction to consultants and staff. The village development area goals include enhancing the Village to make it welcoming and a destination for shoppers, make it pedestrian friendly, provide activities/destinations for people of all ages, including children and seniors, create public gathering areas and improve traffic flow and traffic safety.

The following projects will take place beginning in June, 2015:

- 1. Old 28th St. Realignment** - The focus of the Old 28th St. realignment (Old 28th/Cascade Rd. intersection) is to reduce the speeds at which eastbound drivers approach and enter Cascade Rd. We heard during the Complete Streets process that a number of drivers use this intersection as a rolling stop. It is also a difficult angle to see oncoming traffic on Cascade Rd. This intersection will continue to be a right turn only. The plans show an adjustment to the approach angle to be closer to a 90 degree turn. Some new sidewalk will also be included in the project.
- 2. 28th St./Cascade Rd. Intersection Improvements** - The enhanced intersections included new concrete pavement intersections with colored and stamped concrete to highlight the crosswalks, wider crosswalks, upgraded ADA ramps and traffic signal mast arms.
- 3. Thornapple River Dr./Cascade Rd. Intersection Improvements** - The enhanced intersections included new concrete pavement intersections with colored and stamped concrete to highlight the crosswalks, wider crosswalks, upgraded ADA ramps and traffic signal mast arms.
- 4. Mid-Block Crossing (near the Citgo gas station)** – The focus of the mid-block crossing is to allow for a safer pedestrian crossing in an unsignalized area. This will include a small island in the current center-turn lane to provide pedestrians a safer area will crossing the 4 lanes of traffic.
- 5. Redevelopment of the Museum Gardens** – The garden area will be redesigned to encourage more interaction with three large trees in the center area, updated plantings, a sculpture pad, musical interaction pieces, soft lighting and new seating.
- 6. Dedicated Right Turn lane on Thornapple River Dr. at Cascade Rd.** – This will be a Kent County Road Commission project which will be done in conjunction with the DDA project. The focus is to modify and improve the right turn movement onto Cascade Rd. from Thornapple River Dr.
- 7. Sewer Project near Old 28th St.** – This will be a City of Grand Rapids project done in conjunction with the DDA project while some of the lanes on Cascade Road are closed for the intersection work. We are going to upgrade the sewer lines in the Old 28th Street area to address a sewer apacity issue and replace an aging sanitary forcemain.

Please note that with the intersection improvements, there will be traffic shifts that will occur throughout the work zone. However, one lane of traffic will continue to be open at all times on Cascade Road, Thornapple River Drive and 28th Street, in all directions.

Left turn lanes for the major movements will also be available at the intersections. Left turns from Cascade Road into businesses between the major intersections may be interrupted at certain times but will be in place whenever safe and practical. Also, due to the concrete work being completed, there will be times when concrete is curing and it will appear as though there is no work being done.

The Contractor will be working in multiple areas throughout the project at the same time in order to shorten the overall duration of the project however this means that traffic shifts will be occurring on a regular basis throughout the project. There will be a time frame of a few weeks where traffic at Old 28th Street won't be able to access Cascade Road but would still have access from 28th Street.

A public open house will be held on **Tuesday, April 28 from 4-6 p.m. at the Wisner Center** if you would like more information regarding the above projects.

EAST PRECINCT NEWS FRAUD PRESENTATION

Good day Cascade residents, I would like to invite you to a senior citizen fraud presentation. I have had the opportunity to speak at several different venues about fraud concerns for senior citizens and thought it would be good to share this current concern with the Cascade Community. The presentation is focused on scams/ frauds that are targeted to senior citizens.

The presentation will be held Monday, April 27th at the Cascade Library Wisner Center, 2870 Jacksmith Ave. I will be speaking at 2 different times that day for easy scheduling. The first presentation is at 2:00 p.m. and the second at 7:00 p.m. The presentation takes about an hour and a half.

This event is free to the community. The material covered in this presentation is geared toward Senior Citizens, but any adult may benefit. I have put together current scams / frauds that have impacted many in our community. I speak of real people and real situations.

The seating is limited, which is why I have scheduled 2 meetings. If you need directions or have questions please call or email me. I hope to see you there.

Be Safe and Aware,

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



SURVIVING SOLICITORS

Cascade Township has an ordinance that requires solicitors have permits. Any person who travels from house to house attempting to take orders for the sale of goods must obtain a permit from Cascade Township. This permit consists of a picture identification badge, signed by Township staff, that the solicitor must wear on his or her person in full view, at all times.

If you encounter a solicitor who is not wearing a badge, please call the Kent County Sheriff Department (616) 336-3113 or the Township (616) 949-1500. As always, report any suspicious person in your neighborhood to the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Please note that while persons soliciting for nonprofit and religious institutions must register with the Township, they are not required to obtain a permit. Persons canvassing or petitioning for a public office are not required to register or receive a permit from the Township.

PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE REMINDER

The deadline for qualifying for the Principal Residence Exemption is coming up. If you own and occupy a residential property as your primary residence, it qualifies for the Principal Residence Exemption (PRE).

The Principal Residence Exemption reduces your taxes. It does not change your assessment or taxable value. Properties with an exemption do not pay the School Operating Millage tax. This reduces the millage rate by 9 mills on the summer and 9 mills on the winter tax bills.

Cascade residents who have moved in the past year should update their Principal Residence Exemption status. When you occupy a new home that is your primary residence, you should file a **HOMEOWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT** to obtain the exemption for the property. June 1st is the deadline to own and occupy the home to be eligible to claim the exemption for the entire current year. Property owners who move in after June 1st and before November 1st will have their exemption start on the Winter tax bill. Property owners who occupy the home after November 1st will have their request activated in their name the following year. If the prior owner already has an exemption, it will stay active for the rest of the year. You do not need to reapply each year. Once you have a PRE, it continues until there is a change in the status of the property.

When a property is no longer your principal residence, you must file a **REQUEST TO RESCIND HOMEOWNER'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION** form with the City or Township you had the exemption in. The exemption will be rescinded for the year following the change. For example, if a property stopped being your principal residence in 2014, the exemption will be removed for 2015.

Some homeowners may have two homesteads for a period of time. If you have moved to a new residence for which you have received a PRE, you may be able to request a **CONDITIONAL RESCISSION of PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTION** to continue the PRE on the old home for up to three years while you sell it. For details, check the Michigan Department of Treasury website or stop down to the Assessor's Office.

The Principal Residence Exemption Program is a State program administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury. Cascade Township sends the PRE forms it receives to the Treasury Department PRE section which monitors for duplicate exemptions. The Department of Treasury has the ultimate decision as to the validity of an exemption.

There are several ways to confirm whether you have the exemption. The tax bill will indicate the PRE percentage and show if school-operating millage is being charged. The **CHANGE OF ASSESSMENT NOTICE** you received in February listed whether you had an exemption. You may also check on our website or stop down to the Assessor's Office.

Property owners who discover their exemption status is wrong may request the July or December Board of Review to correct it. The Board may add or remove an exemption for the current year and three prior years. If you do not have a Principal Residence Exemption and believe you qualify, contact the Assessors Office at (616) 949-6176.

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. 2015 memberships are available now! Call (616) 977-0729 for more information or visit: www.fhba.org.

Upcoming events are highlighted below:

April 9, 2015 –

Topic: Team Building

Speaker: Leslie Fiorenzo of Employee

Assistance Center

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Location: Rehmann, 2330 East Paris Ave SE

Sponsor: The Chiropractic Doctors

April 25, 2015 –

Event: LMCU Document Shredding*

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Lake Michigan Credit Union,

5540 Glenwood Hills Parkway SE

Sponsor: LMCU & FHBA

*Note: We will be doing highway cleanup on East Paris from Cascade Road to Burton during the same time. Please lend a hand!

May 14, 2015 –

Topic: I-96 & Cascade Road Interchange Work

Speaker: John Richard of MDOT Communications

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Location: Lake Michigan Credit Union,

5540 Glenwood Hills Parkway SE

Sponsor: Lake Michigan Credit Union

June 11, 2015 –

Still in the planning stages. Stay tuned!

July 9, 2015 –

Event: Social Gathering

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Watermark (tentative)



FOREST HILLS
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Cascade Community Foundation

Cascade Community Foundation is taking Board applications from residents throughout the greater Forest Hills area through April 15.

Those interested can fill out an application at <http://cascadecommunityfoundation.com/our-board/board-member-application/>

Questions contact us at:

(616) 499-2060



GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON 2015

Huntington Amway

GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON 2015

REMINDER: The Grand Rapids Triathlon will be taking place on June 14th and this year will be hosting USAT Clydesdale & Athena National Championships. We are grateful you've allowed us to be part of your community for the past five years. We'd love to have you join us on the course this year as either a volunteer or a spectator if you're not participating in the event.

Please be aware of road closures in the area of the Thornapple River on both June 13th and June 14th.

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Vidro at (616) 805-3059.

For volunteer opportunities go to:

WWW.GRANDRAPIDSTRI.COM/VOLUNTEERING

A CIVIL WAR LETTER FROM CASCADE TO OUR SOLDIERS

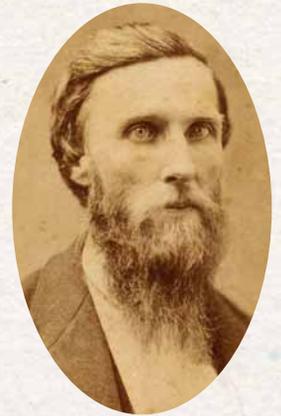
Edgar R. Johnson spills out his intense feelings in a letter to his brother-in-law, Charles Holt, who was still in the 1st Michigan Light Artillery. Other Cascade boys in Mr. Holt's company include Everett A. Beckley, James M. Hulbert and James Lewis, who are all buried in Cascade Cemetery. Edgar was a school teacher and also served as Township Supervisor numerous times. Charles created the Cascade Magnetic Springs Hotel and Bath after the war. William H. Seward survived his attempted assassination.

This article completes the series presented by the Cascade Historical Society to commemorate the Civil War sesquicentennial. If you would like the society to search our records for your family's history, please email cascadehistory@cascadetwp.com. We meet monthly at 9:30 a.m. on the first Thursday at the Cascade Township Museum located at 2839 Thornapple River Dr. near Cascade Road. Experience Cascade history with us.

Cascade April 21st, 1865

Brother Charley,

We received yours dated March 27th and were glad to hear that you are well and also the other Cascade boys. There is quite a change in Mr. Shaw as I see by your letter I am very glad to hear it for he looked very bad when he was here. If you see him again tell him I have not forgotten him. Since I wrote you last, our town meeting has taken place, the result I suppose you have already heard. There was a very slim turn out not more than two thirds of the voters being present. Withey made a strong effort to be elected but failed. I hope it may be the fate of every Copper. Charley I tell you, if ever a people has had cause to Rejoice it is the loyal people of the North. Since Grant took command of our armies and more especially for the successes of the last two months. Hope and joy filled the heart of every true man to his country as we heard of the successes of Sherman in his devastating march through the Carolinas, the downfall of Charleston, the hot bed of Secession, and of Goldsboro or Columbia for we could hardly contain ourselves but when we received the news of the fall of Richmond, then our cup of joy was filled to overflowing. We could not contain ourselves any longer. Such rejoicings I have never seen before nor do I ever expect to again. Grand Rapids ran wild with rioting –men that never drank before were not quite sober and when a few days later the Telegraph brought the news of Lee's surrender the same scenes are enacted over again. Horns were blowed, bells were rung and even some of the most noted Copperheads seemed to rejoice. Even H. P. Walters said that it began to look as if he should live to see the thing wound up. Notwithstanding he told me last fall that he nor I would ever live to see the close of this war if we lived a hundred years.



But Alas! How short sighted we are. Could we have looked into the future for a few days how soon would our rejoicing have changed to that of Sorrow and Grief. As the news came flashing over the wires with the news of the awful calamity which had befallen us as a nation, the death of Abraham Lincoln, Wm. H. Seward and the manner of their death. It seemed for a time that we were hearing the death knell of our hopes. Alas, how soon were our rejoicings and joys changed to sorrows and almost to despair. We are led to exclaim verily two extremes have come together and to feel the full force of it. Charley, I cannot describe my feelings when I heard of it. I could not work any more that day. I could not have felt much worse if it had been one of the family. It seemed as if Nature from smiling and bright was covered with darkness and gloom. We all feel like exclaiming "Truly a good man has fallen." It may be for the best will the lord help us to be reconciled

to it. What may be our future destiny I do not know but I hope our new President will prove himself a man for the occasion. I feel that the South have been the loser by the operation that from what I can gather from Johnson's speeches he is inclined to deal more severely with the leaders of this Rebellion than Lincoln would have done. But Charley in the midst of our sorrow which were all we could bear a man living to Walters by the name of Hammond (I guess you know him) said when he heard of it that he was glad of it – only sorry that it was not more of them. It was a little more than we could stand, so we called a meeting Monday night for the purpose of helping the scamp out of town on a rail but he had got wind of it Monday and Skedaddled as I hear he has before to avoid the draft. Walters said he was glad of it and they were a going to serve him the same way but he denied it and now is a wonderful Union man. But, Charley I have prolonged this scribbling beyond what I should as Marion wishes to write some. She will give you the home news. Give my respects to Everett (Beckley) & to all the rest of the Cascade boys. Tell them I hope soon to see them at home safe and sound.

Yours most truly,

Edgar R. Johnson



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PATHWAY NEWS...

I've said this before and I will say it again, it's very difficult to compose a newsletter about picking up trash. It is made more difficult by the fact that I am doing the composition from our winter hang out in Scottsdale AZ.

We have come off one the coldest winters on record. That has caused any trash from humans and trash trucks to be stuck for some time in the snow and ice. I should think that by sometime in early June the snow and ice would melt and the little "treasures" would be revealed.

So, here is the deal. This would be a good time to get your Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Eagle Scout, Special Forces, and navy seals, out and active picking up the ravages of winter. I understand that Cascade has a yard waste pick up program and also a designated clean up day. This is a good time to coordinate our efforts and get it all done.

Start now to plan your moves. To all of you that participate in the trail clean up program, your efforts are very deeply appreciated. Keep up your good efforts, and remember **KEEP CASCADE BEAUTIFUL.**

Kris Taylor
Pathway Coordinator

