



CASCADE CONNECTIONS

SUMMER 2015

A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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FROM THE SUPERVISOR
ROB BEAHAN

FROM THE SUPERVISOR...

There have been 4th of July festivities in Cascade for an untold number of years and this year will be no exception. Another great celebration is planned beginning with the traditional book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library. After the parade, the area around the library will be filled with rides and amusements for everyone to enjoy. It's a great opportunity to get out and visit with friends and neighbors from all over the area.

We are again partnering with Ada to put on another spectacular fireworks show at dusk in the heart of Ada. It's a great way to cap off a traditional community 4th of July.

Reconstruction on the two intersections at Cascade Rd and 28th Street and Cascade Rd and Thornapple River Drive will begin late July. Improvements will be made on the pedestrian walkways, signaling and will also include a dedicated right hand turn lane on Thornapple River Drive. The work will be completed by late October or early November. In addition, there are a number of other road maintenance projects in the Township. Please see the article in this newsletter for more information regarding these projects.

CASCADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cascade has a rich history and the Cascade Historical Society wants to tell the rich stories from the past. We want to ensure that present and future generations will know the significance of the history of the area but also will learn from the past and recognize the need to preserve this historical heritage.

We welcome input from anyone interested in helping us and encourage you to donate any photos, letters, newspaper clippings, journals, diaries, family histories or memorabilia which you may find in your attic or files.

We are compiling a database of all the items in our collections. If you would like us to search our records for your family's history, please e-mail your request to cascadehistory@cascadetwp.com or call us at (616) 949-1500.

We have a small collection of vintage clothing and need help in identifying, dating and preserving these items. We need a mannequin or dress form to use to display them. If you can help us, please contact us.

There are several gift items for sale at the township offices including afghans, notecards, postcards and Cascade Chronicles, a Cascade history. This book was written in 1987 to document our history and we want to update this history and need your help. If you have any information which would help us as we write a new history, give us a call.

We meet the first Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. at the old Cascade Township Hall located at 2839 Thornapple River Dr. near Cascade Rd. Come and experience Cascade history with us.

GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON 2015



REMINDER: The Grand Rapids Triathlon will be taking place on June 14th and this year will be hosting USA Triathlon 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.

CASCADE OF YESTERDAY

Living in Cascade in 2015, it is fascinating to read about what life was like here 137 years ago. *Memorials of the Grand River Valley* by Franklin Everett published in 1878 gives a peek into the world of those who arrived in the early part of the 1800's. Life was demanding for them and we admire the pluck it took for them to head into the unknown in the west and put down roots in this area. The following excerpts are from this book.

“Cascade was a part of Ada until 1848. The first town meeting was held April 3, 1848 at the house of William S. Gunn. Harry Clark, moderator; J. R. Stewart, Clerk. The first officers were Peter Teeple, supervisor; J. R. Stewart, Clerk, Asa Denison, Treasurer; Leonard Stewart, Zerra Whitney, Justices. Number of voters present, 50. One hundred dollars voted for town expenses.”

“Cascade did not claim an independent existence at so early a stage as many other towns; content to be a part of a town until there was some evidence of respectability to be a town officer. Its pioneer occupation dates from 1836—the year of the rush of land-seekers into the Valley. First came Lewis Cook, followed the same year by Peter and George Teeple and Hiram Laraway.”

“In 1837, the only person who is known to have settled in the town is Edward Lennon, a pioneer Irishman; soon followed by more of his countrymen. The next year several more took up land in the town: James May, David Petted, John Farrell, James and William Annis, Michael Matthews, Patrick Christopher and Michael Eardley.”

“From 1838 the town filled up steadily and slowly...settlers came dropping in...among whom we note: Zerra Whitney with his four sons—Peter, Ezra, Oscar and Chester—who arrive in 1841 and originated Whitneyville, long a noted stopping place on the wilderness road between Battle Creek and Ada.”

“1842 brought Edward D. Gove from Massachusetts...also Chauncey Sears with his two sons, Horace and Austin. ...About this time also came Eber Moffit...and the brothers Michael and Joseph Cronninger. The first post office was established in 1847 at Whitneyville; William White, postmaster... For several years the post office at Bowne took its mail from Whitneyville; it was carried in a little bag, suspended to a boy's neck.”

“At this time there were but three occupied houses for six miles south. Eastward for ten miles there was but one settler. The first school was near Cook's Corners and was taught by Miss Matilda Hill in 1840...The log house built for that school was burned down in a few years.”

“What is said in connection with the town of Paris, about the cold winter, is equally applicable to Cascade. Three feet of snow falling in November, and the remembrance of that buried by succeeding falls, made an impression on the bones and sinews of the settlers at the time; and on their memories afterward. But they lived through it and saved most of their cattle.”

“Asa W. Dennison with his brother Gideon W. came in the spring of 1845. Dennison was a leading official in the town and was killed by a kick from a horse in 1857. In 1849 Rev. Eli Prince opened a small store in Cascade village. Cascade village was a small hamlet, clustered around the mills, the central place of the business of the town. The Thornapple River here gives a good water-power.”

“Since the mineral spring fancy took hold of Michigan, Cascade has been one of the places, to which the sick have resorted to use the “healing waters.” The springs have established a reputation for curing many diseases, and are resorted to by seekers of health.”

SUMMER 2015 TAX INFORMATION

Summer 2015 tax bills and informational notices will be mailed July 1st. Summer taxes are due on or before September 14th, 2015. If you do not receive a tax statement during July, check the township's website or call the Treasurer's office at (616) 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, especially for Internet check payments. The township does not accept postmark dates for timely payments.

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.

Online Tax Payment Option is 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.

- U Quick Links
- U Assessing, Building & Tax Information (first choice)
- U Search Municipal Records By (top of page)
- U Drop-down arrow to select data search (Address, Name, Parcel Number)
- U Double Click on Selected Parcel
- U **Click Tax Information Tab**

Have a safe summer.

Kenneth B. Peirce
Cascade Charter Township Treasurer



Cascade Celebration!!

It's time for the annual Cascade Township July 4th celebration. This year the parade, celebration and fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 4th. The day will start off with a bike parade at 10:00 a.m. 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 music at the property by the Township Library.

Roads will be closed for these events from 9:30 to approximately 12:30 p.m. The roads affected 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 Saturday 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 – 3:30 pm

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

PARADE 10:00 am – 11:30 am

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

GAMES, RIDES & MUSIC

11:30 am – 3:30 pm

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 Saturday, July 4th

Located at 7590 East Fulton and Ada Drive.

SPONSORS

Fire Cracker Sponsors:



Sparkler Sponsors:

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Other Sponsors:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forge Industrial Staffing • First Wok • Medawar Fine Jewelers, Inc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cascade Car Wash • Meijer |
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July 4th @ Township Library



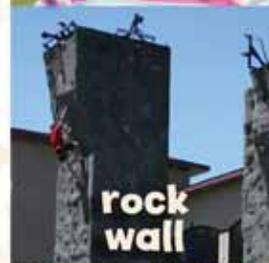
Dual Zipline!



fun train!



face painting



rock wall



bumper cars



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JULY 4TH

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

There is a lot that needs to happen the day of the event. 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 Marshals 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Work alongside the parade route to keep the parade moving and alleviate large gaps and 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 and your reply is needed by June 21.

Thank you for your consideration and your help!

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. 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.

Pat Vredevoogd Combs of Coldwell Banker AJS Schmidt Realty is sponsoring the Float Contest again this year. Pat has sponsored 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.

THE SAFETY AND USE OF FIREWORKS

With the approach of summer and summer holidays, this is a good time to review the safety and use of fireworks.

In 2012, Michigan adopted the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act which allows and regulates the use and sale of "Consumer" grade fireworks. Consumer grade fireworks are those that leave the ground such as Roman candles, bottle/sky rockets, aerals, reloadable shells up to 2 ½", and fire crackers.

The use of these fireworks must be on your own private property or private property that you have permission to use. The discharge of these fireworks must remain within your own property. You may not discharge fireworks on any public property, (including Cascade Township parks), school or church properties.

Low impact fireworks are those that are ground based, such as sparklers, cones, showers, smokes, and spinning devices, which are still legal as previous to the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act. Also "Novelties", such as Snaps or Pops, snakes, party poppers and smoke balls, are legal as they have always been. Low impact and novelties are not regulated by this act.

Commercial grade fireworks are those designed for large displays, such as the Ada/Cascade fireworks display, and are not regulated by the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act. These large mortar shells are tightly regulated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF).

The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, and its amendment in 2013 does allow for local municipalities to pass an ordinance to regulate some of the dates and times that people can display consumer fireworks. At this time, Cascade Township has not passed any such ordinance.

The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act is known as MCL 28.457, which is law. Cascade Township and Cascade Township Fire Department are not law enforcement agencies and therefore cannot enforce this law. If you have concerns regarding someone using consumer fireworks properly, please contact the Kent County Sheriff's Department at (616) 336-3113.

Cascade Township Fire Department

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) 676-9774 for more information or visit: www.fhba.org.

Upcoming events are highlighted below:

June 11, 2015 –

Topic: Salvation Army

Speaker: Major Norman Granger

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Location: Sandler Training, 2610 Horizon

Drive SE, Suite #110

Sponsor: Sandler Training

July 9, 2015 –

Event: Social Gathering

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

Location: Watermark / The Cork

August 13, 2015 –

Event: Social Gathering

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

Location: Watermark / The Cork

September 10, 2015 –

Topic: Diversity & Entrepreneurship

(To be confirmed)

Speaker: Bing Goei, Owner of Eastern Floral

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Location: Cascade Country Club (tentative)

Sponsor: To be determined

October 10, 2015 –

Topic: Networking Event!!

Location: Sentinel Pointe Retirement Community,

2900 Thornhills Avenue SE

Sponsor: Kumon Learning Center of Cascade



FOREST HILLS
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY – SATURDAY, JULY 18

In conjunction with Kent County's Household Hazardous Waste Program, Cascade & Ada Townships are sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on **Saturday July 18th**. 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 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.

ANNUAL CASCADE TOWNSHIP LUNCH FOR SENIORS – AUGUST 11, 2015

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 11, beginning at noon and ending at 2:30 p.m. Please contact Cascade Township Clerk, Ron Goodyke (616) 949-1508, if you have questions. To make your reservation, stop in at the Forest Hills Senior Center or call (616) 493-8950. This lunch is offered to our senior Cascade residents by the township at no charge. Space is limited to the first 130 guests who register.

Details:

Where: Cascade Library Wisner Center –
2870 Jacksmith Dr. SE
(just one block south off 28th St.)

What: Lunch and entertainment

When: August 11, 2015 at noon

Make reservations by August 5 by calling (616) 493-8950.



2015 DDA CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – START DATE CHANGE

In the past few newsletters, we have discussed the DDA projects that are going to take place this summer. This is notice that the start date of the projects has changed, with the exception of the Museum Gardens, which will begin in June. The road projects will now begin July 27.

This project will begin in June, 2015:

1. **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.

The following projects will take place beginning July 27, 2015:

2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
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. Upgrade the sewer lines in the Old 28th St. area to address a sewer capacity 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 few week time frame where traffic at Old 28th Street won't be able to access Cascade Road but would still have access from 28th Street.

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY 2015

The term “Swimming Pool” means any structure, basin, chamber or tank which is intended for swimming, diving, recreational bathing or wading and which contains, is designed to contain, or is capable of containing water more than 24 inches deep at any point. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools; indoor pools; hot tubs; spas; inflatable and fixed-in-place wading pools.

Barriers

- Barriers are not childproof, but they provide layers of protection for a child who strays from supervision.
- Barriers include a fence or wall, door alarms for the house, and a power safety cover over the pool. They may be used to protect children from accessing hot tubs and spas.

Fences & Gates

- Install a fence or other barrier completely around the pool. If the house is part of the barrier, the doors leading from the house to the pool should be protected with an alarm or the pool should have a power safety cover.
- The fence or other barrier should be at least 4 feet high. It should have no foot or hand holds that could help a young child to climb it.
- Vertical fence slats should be less than 4 inches apart to prevent a child from squeezing through.
- If the fence is chain link, then no part of the diamond-shaped opening should be larger than 1-3/4 inches.
- Fence gates should be self-closing and self-latching. The gate should be well maintained to close and latch easily. The latch should be out of a child's reach.

Door Alarms

- If the house forms one side of the barrier, then doors leading from the house to the pool should be protected with alarms that produce an audible sound when a door is unexpectedly opened.

Above-Ground Pools

- Steps and ladders leading from the ground to the pool should be secured and locked, or removed when the pool is not in use.

Permits are required for the installation of a pool. Our office will verify that all safety requirements of the building code are met before the pool is used. Please call (616) 949-3765 with any questions.

Cascade Inspection Services



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CHILD SAFETY

The weather is warming! I know I have covered this topic before, but it is one that we continue to deal with: Children left unattended in cars. We all should know better. Every 8 days a child dies of heatstroke in a vehicle. These tragedies are preventable. Here are some tips to remind us:

- **NEVER** leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even for a minute. Keep the vehicles locked when not in use to prevent the children from getting in on their own.
- While transporting the children, especially infants, place something that you will need when exiting the vehicle, such as a purse, phone, or laptop, in the back seat. That way you will not forget and leave the child in the car if you get distracted or if the child falls asleep. Some people set a timer on their phone to go off when they arrive at work as a reminder to make sure they have dropped their child off at daycare.

I understand you may be reading this and thinking to yourself “that’s silly, no way could leaving my son or daughter in the car for a minute or two while I run into the store be that bad”. Well sometimes minutes add up quicker than you think. In only 20 minutes, the inside temperature of a vehicle can rise 30 degrees; even if you leave the windows open a little.

Be Safe and Aware,

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



PATHWAY NEWS...

I was looking over some old *Cascade Connections* looking for some material to plagiarize from something I had written several years ago. It not easy, as I have stated on more than one occasion, to keep coming up with new material about picking up trash. During my research, I discovered that Kathy and I have been doing this pathway gig for almost eight years now. We have enjoyed every minute spent picking up Cascade Road and trying to encourage residents of this wonderful community to do their part in keeping our beautiful township looking good.

We had a couple thank us when we went to vote in May for the work we do. It is, and has always been, our privilege to do what we do for our community. Your thanks, although appreciated, is not necessary. Actions speak louder than words. If we all do just a little every day to keep this area looking good, it benefits everyone.

I have to cut this short. Kathy and I are going out to pick up Cascade road. Remember all **KEEP CASCADE BEAUTIFUL.**

Kris Taylor
Pathway Coordinator