



# CASCADE CONNECTIONS

A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

# FALL 2016

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632-6100

## YARD WASTE PICK UP PROGRAM – FALL 2016

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 **October 17 through November 14**

- Tags are \$1.00 each
- Pick up will be every Monday
- From October 17 through November 14
- 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 on **October 21-23 and November 4-13**.

For more information, please call (616) 949-1500.

**Note:** 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.

## ADA/CASCADE CLEAN UP DAY

For Ada and Cascade residents, we are again hosting the Fall Clean-Up Day.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.  
Note: The gates will close promptly at 2:30 – no items can be accepted after that.

**WHAT:** Non-hazardous yard and household waste, electronics recycling (computers, TV's, etc.), appliances, metal, used household items for recycling will be accepted. No hazardous material will be accepted.

**WHERE:** The Kent County Road Commission Garage at the end of Fase Street and the parking lot at Leonard Field.

**HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING AND DONATIONS:** The Salvation Army will be in the parking lot at Leonard Field Park by the Covered Bridge to accept used items. Please drop off all household items there instead of Fase Street.

**DOCUMENT SHREDDING** will be in the parking lot at Leonard Field Park by the Covered Bridge. "Shred-It" will do "on-site" shredding (up to 100 lbs.) of your personal sensitive documents.

Identification is required to verify your residency within the townships of Ada or Cascade. If you live in Grand Rapids Township but your mailing address is Ada, you do not qualify.

**For questions call;** Ada Township Hall (616) 676-9191 x. 29 M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. or Cascade Township (616) 949-1500.

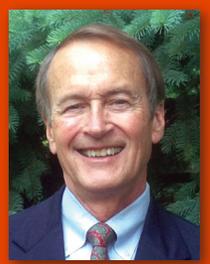
## CASCADE FIRE DEPT. HALLOWEEN PARTY

Bring your ghosts! Bring your goblins! Cascade Township Fire Department invites you to the annual Halloween party on Monday, October 31st at Cascade Township Fire Station #1 located at 2865 Thornhills Avenue S.E.

The Halloween party at the Fire Department will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Activities will include clowns, a costume contest with prizes, and a bag of goodies for all the children. Complimentary cider, hot chocolate, coffee and doughnuts will be served. Come early or late, but if you choose to have your costume judged, please be here at 7:30 p.m. for the group judging.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact the Cascade Township Fire Department at 949-1320. Join us for a safe night of Halloween fun at the Fire Station.





FROM THE SUPERVISOR  
ROB BEAHAN

## FROM THE SUPERVISOR...

Cascade Township recently started a 3 year pilot program to provide additional public transportation in January of this year. This program now provides more public transportation to and within Cascade Township. The Rapid now operates a fixed bus route which travels east on 28th Street, north on Patterson, east on Burton past the new YMCA, south on Kraft, east on 28th Street to Cascade

Rd where it turns around and heads back west on 28th Street past Patterson.

Regular bus service is available weekdays from 6:00 am to 12:00 am, Saturday from 7:00 am to 10:30 pm and Sunday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Ridership has steadily increased and already is comparable, if not better than other established routes in the Rapid system. The expansion of the 28th Street bus route has had a positive impact, especially for the businesses in Cascade. Prior to having bus service many of the businesses had trouble getting and retaining employees. With the new bus service now operating they have commented that not only has it helped them fill employment vacancies but it has also brought additional customers who are patronizing their business operations.

One of the comments often heard is what can Cascade Township do to promote economic development in our community. Bus service provides another option for transportation, not only for our residents but also for non-residents and visitors who work and shop in Cascade Township and can only have a positive impact on the economic stability and growth in Cascade.

In addition to the Rapid 28th Street route, public transportation is available to Cascade residents over the age of 60 or with disabilities through programs with The GO Bus or Hope Network. For more information on any of these programs please visit [www.cascadetwp.com](http://www.cascadetwp.com) or call the Cascade Township offices at 949-1500.

## TREASURER'S OFFICE

Summer 2016 property taxes are due by 5:00 pm Wednesday September 14th, 2016. Postmarks are not accepted. Our office hours are 8am – 5 pm Monday thru Friday. The office will be closed Monday, September 5th, Labor Day. If you mail your check, it would be helpful to include your telephone number on the check in case there are any issues with the payment. Information is available on the Cascade Charter Township web site to help you verify the amount of summer property tax paid or the balance due.

Please visit the web site for tax information at: [www.cascadetwp.com](http://www.cascadetwp.com)

- Quick Links (left side of screen)
- Property/parcel lookup
- Enter Parcel No., Address, or Name in search bar
- Click on the parcel number and the tax information tab.

If you have not received your 2016 summer property taxes, call the Treasurer's office at (616) 949-6944. We look forward to assisting you.

Your 2016 Kent County Dog License is also available at the Treasurer's counter.

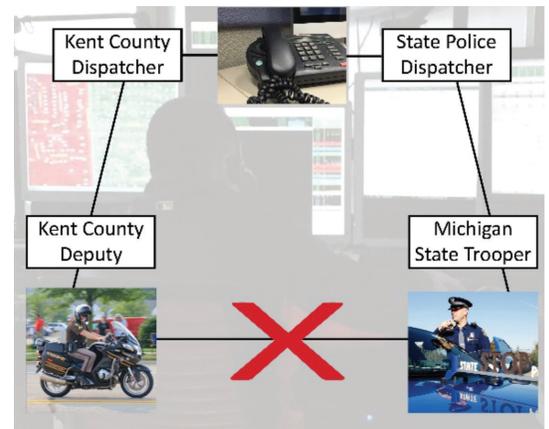
## ABOUT THE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SURCHARGE

The Kent County Board of Commissioners has placed the following question on the November 2016 General Election ballot:

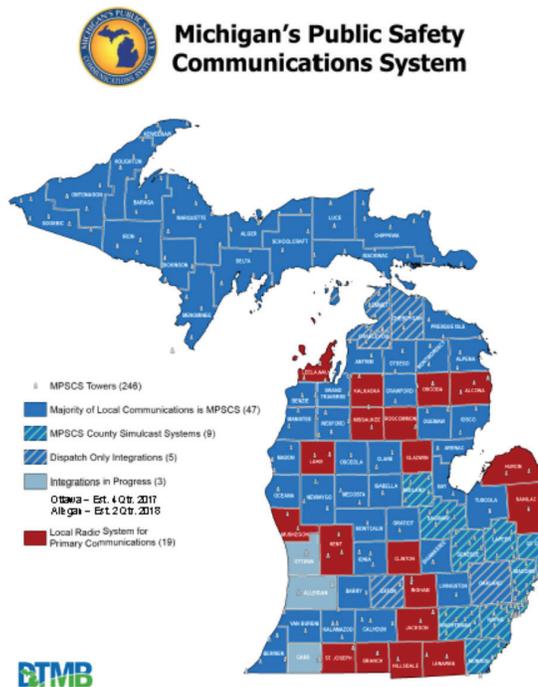
“To provide dedicated funding to pay for an enhanced 9-1-1 Public Safety Dispatch system including (a) technology upgrades (including communication towers and new equipment for dispatch and existing police, fire and public safety agencies), and (b) annual funding for fire dispatch as provided in the county 9-1-1 service plan, shall Kent County be authorized to assess an additional \$0.70 monthly surcharge on communication service suppliers' billings to service users within Kent County for the period beginning July 1, 2017 and continuing through June 30, 2036? If approved, the additional surcharge would raise an estimated \$4,500,000 per year.”

**1. What is being requested?** The ballot question asks to increase the current 9-1-1 surcharge you already pay for phone service in Kent County. An additional \$0.70/month per line for a total of \$1.15/month would address 9-1-1 Dispatch technology improvements and fire dispatch operations.

Residents with one phone would pay approximately \$13.80 a year per phone \*See question 8 if you have more than 10 phone lines.



**2. What is the issue?** 911 dispatch in Kent County operates on eight different radio systems, all of which cannot directly communicate with each other. Often during emergency situations, first responders (police, deputies, firefighters and emergency medical technicians) from different agencies can't communicate directly with each other, even though they are all responding to the same call for help. Some first responders carry multiple devices in order to talk to various responding agencies. This has led to lapses in communication, especially if information is transmitted on a wrong device. In addition, Kent County and City of Grand Rapids dispatchers can't communicate via radio with dispatchers or first responders on the 800 MHz Michigan Public Safety Communications System. This includes Michigan State Police, Ottawa County, Allegan County, Ionia County, and Newaygo County. In incidents involving these agencies, our dispatchers use telephones to communicate with other dispatch agencies, who must then relay the message to their first responders, which takes more time to complete.



**3. What will the surcharge be used for?** Public Safety Dispatch. Kent County would purchase communications towers and 800 MHz equipment which would put all dispatchers and First responders in the County on the Michigan Public Safety Communications System. This eliminates the need for multiple radio systems. Part of the surcharge will cover costs associated with countywide fire dispatch, which is more complex technologically and more labor intensive than in the past. Most of the cities and townships in Kent County adopted resolutions urging the County place a surcharge question on a ballot in 2016.

**4. What other funding options are there?** Some communities levy a property tax millage, but after study, the Board of Commissioners determined that a surcharge would be more appropriate for Kent County because it is more of a "user-based" fee, directly charging devices that use 9-1-1 service.

**5. How does this surcharge request compare to what other counties are doing?** Even with a surcharge increase, County residents will continue to pay on the low end for dispatch services compared to other, like-sized counties within the State. Below is a cost per capita comparison of Kent County with other counties looking at the existing \$0.45 surcharge and after the proposed \$0.70 surcharge increase.

Cost per Capita Comparison - (Current- \$.45)
<b>Kent County - \$12.59</b>
Genesee County - \$17.46
Ottawa County - \$18.00
Washtenaw County - \$19.74
Oakland County - \$22.85
Ingham County - \$25.77

Cost per Capita Comparison (Technology and Fire - \$1.15)
Genesee County - \$17.46
<b>Kent County - \$17.66</b>
Ottawa County - \$18.00
Washtenaw County \$19.74
Oakland County - \$22.85
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**6. How are other counties paying for their dispatch operations?** Out of 83 counties in Michigan, 66 levy a surcharge (of which 50 counties levy more than the \$0.45/month surcharge). The average surcharge levied is \$1.46/month. In addition, 22 counties levy a property tax millage. Twelve counties levy both a surcharge and a property tax millage.

**7. Don't I already pay a surcharge on my phone bill?** A \$0.45 surcharge was put in place in 2008. This provides approximately \$3 million a year to the Kent County Dispatch Authority, and covers a portion of operating costs for the Kent County and City of Grand Rapids' dispatch centers. Technological and operational demands for dispatch and emergency communication among first responders, have continued to grow over this time, but the County's \$0.45 surcharge has remained the same. The current \$0.45 surcharge is not sufficient to pay for the upgraded technology and increased operational demands that come with a growing population.

**8. What if my home or business has multiple phones or lines?** Every phone number will be assessed. For landline users with multiple lines (such as a business), the surcharge is only assessed on the first ten lines individually, and then for every ten lines (or portion thereof) owned thereafter. For example, if a business owns 100 phone lines, the surcharge is (and would be) assessed based on 19 phone lines (the first 10 lines are counted, leaving 90 lines remaining; 90 divided by 10 = 9 lines; 9+10 = 19 total lines assessed).

For additional information, please see the Kent County website at <https://accesskent.com/Sheriff/surcharge.htm>

## EAST PRECINCT...

Good day Cascade residents, this article is regarding speeding in our community. The Kent County Sheriff's Office receives several calls a day related to vehicles speeding all over Kent County, and many of these complaints come from neighborhoods. Speeding is a concern and until we all have self-driving cars that can navigate the morning commute, we must pay better attention to how fast we are going.

Numerous factors are considered when determining a speed limit, one of which is the speed that the majority of traffic drives. It was surprising to me that most of us, without paying attention to how fast we are traveling, will drive a reasonable speed. With that said another, and I believe the biggest factor in determining a speed limit is if the location is a residential platte or subdivision. Take a residential subdivision for example: the speed limit is set at 25 MPH. This is because of the close proximity of the homes and driveways, other roadways, as well as foot traffic in the area is taken into consideration. The speed limit is set to be sure it is slow enough to stop quickly.

I have had the opportunity to use a driving simulator that many insurance companies have for distracted driving programs. It is always interesting to watch people participate in operating the simulator and text or make a phone call. The reaction time is the biggest factor. While in the simulator, the person is hyper focused on staying in their lane and not speeding, but when they need to stop suddenly or swerve, that is when everyone notices that the person does not respond fast enough.

I understand driving distracted doesn't necessarily mean speeding, but I believe we all are driving distracted. Whether it is kids in the car yelling in the back seat or making that call to the office, our mind is not focused on driving. Driving is a task that demands focus and attention.

I know we all can agree that we don't want our child involved in a crash. If everyone drives with that thought in mind, I know we can slow down, especially in our neighborhood communities.

Be Safe and Aware,

**Deputy Ryan Roe**  
Kent County Sheriff  
Department

[ryan.roe@kentcountymi.gov](mailto:ryan.roe@kentcountymi.gov)



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS...

It has been another busy summer helping residents with their construction projects. Many people are improving their homes by adding decks, pools and accessory buildings. Or perhaps, they are remodeling a kitchen, bathroom or basement.

Whatever the project, the building department staff of 8 inspectors and 3 office professionals are here to guide you through the permitting process. The department is tasked with ensuring safe homes, businesses and structures through the enforcement of statewide construction codes. We provide professional service and expertise to residents and contractors and offer a cost effective, streamlined permitting process.

The building department also provides services to neighboring communities including Ada Twp, Grand Rapids Twp, Lowell Township, The City of East Grand Rapids, The City of Lowell, Plainfield Twp and Vergennes Twp. Several of these mutually beneficial agreements have been in place for over 20 years.

If you are planning a construction project, contact the building department with any questions at 949-3765.

## ELECTION DATES FOR 2016

**OCTOBER 11, 2016:** Last Day To Register To Vote For November General Election

**NOVEMBER 5, 2016 -** Electors Who Wish To Receive An Absent Voter Ballot For November General Election By Mail Submit Voter Ballot Applications. (Township Hall Open From 8:00 A.m. – 2:00 P.m.)

**NOVEMBER 7, 2016 -** Electors Qualified To Obtain An Absent Voter Ballot For November General Election May Vote In Person In Clerk's Office Until 4:00 P.m.

**NOVEMBER 8, 2016 -** November General Election...Polls Open 7:00 A.m. – 8:00 P.m.

**PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE** [cascadetwp.com](http://cascadetwp.com) for information on Precinct locations.



## GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON 2016



The Grand Rapids Triathlon would like to thank the residents of Cascade Township for welcoming our athletes to your community this past June. Your beautiful township and community support is one of the reasons the Grand Rapids Tri has been chosen to host USAT National Championships three years in a row. We appreciate your support and look forward to being back next year.

Join us as an athlete or volunteer for the 2017 Grand Rapids Triathlon on June 11th.

[WWW.GRANDRAPIDSTRI.COM](http://WWW.GRANDRAPIDSTRI.COM)

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Autumn is fast approaching, which means it is time to retire the flip flops and gear up for football Sundays. Fall can be just as busy for Cascade residents as the summer, which is why it is a good time to start considering where you will be storing your recreational vehicles during the colder months. As many of you already know, we have a recreational vehicle ordinance that requires these items to be stored in the rear or side yard of your residence between **November 30th and May 15th**.

It is worth noting that regardless of the time of year, the ordinance also requires your recreational vehicles to be parked at least five feet from any property line. Our ordinance defines a recreational vehicle as "A vehicle or piece of equipment intended for recreational use, including but not limited to airplanes, boats, floats, camping or travel trailers, motor homes, detachable travel equipment of a type adaptable to light-duty trucks, boat trailers, utility trailers, snowmobiles, and other equipment or vehicles of a similar nature."

Keeping our recreational vehicles properly stored is just one of the many ways our residents can help to keep Cascade Charter Township a beautiful place to live. If you have any questions or concerns about this ordinance please contact me at (616)285-2327 or at [sfast@cascaadetwp.com](mailto:sfast@cascaadetwp.com).

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY...

During the late 1950's and into the late 1960's, Cascade Township was a much different place, and it was during this time that its possibility as a place to live, work and recreate became apparent.

The decision to locate the Kent County Airport in Cascade and the rise of Forest Hills School system are two major developments of that time. The small regional airport grew into an international airport that serves millions of people a year and the small suburban school district with a single high school grew to a large, acclaimed district with three high schools.

There are so many stories of those beginnings and clear sailing was not a given. There were disputes and strong diverse opinions on all sides. One such dispute involved the sale of Liquor by the glass, which was, at the time, illegal in Cascade Township, and that is the reason the airport terminal was annexed to the City of Grand Rapids.

Beyond major developments there were the fires, automobile accidents, and other everyday happenings that are simply interesting to read. During this growth there was a local newspaper entitled "Suburban Life" and it is a great mid-century historical account of Cascade and the surrounding area. The paper referred to the area as "ACE", representing Ada, Cascade and Eastmont.

The Cascade Historical society, working with Western Michigan University, has digitized those newspapers and made them searchable. Working with Kent District Libraries, we soon will put this material on a web site for all to access. That web site will have a link from the Cascade Township web site. If all goes as planned, that should occur within the next eight weeks. We are excited about this project and hope you will use and enjoy it too.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TWO BIG SALES!

### 1) CLEARANCE SALE USED BOOKS - ADULT FICTION

Thursday, September 15, 2016 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

### 2) CASCADE FRIEND'S BOOKLOVER'S USED BOOK SALE FALL HARVEST SALE

The Friends of the Cascade Branch of the Kent District Library will hold a Fall Harvest Used Book Sale on

Saturday, November 5, 2016 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 6, 2016 - 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**"Friends Members Only"** Preview Sale from 9:00 to 10:00 am on Saturday, November 5, 2016

- Join the FRIENDS at the door for only \$10, seniors \$5
- Hardcover books are \$1.00, paperbacks \$.50, or buy a bag full for only \$10.00
- Further price reductions on Sunday, November 6, until the sale is over!
- More than 8,000 adult and children's (hard and soft cover) books sorted into categories such as biography, reference, fiction, and non-fiction, leisure, home & garden, travel, art, religion, business, cookbooks, life science and self-help.

**In addition, for sale are specially priced collectible, first editions, signed and rare books, paper items, CD's, LP's, and sheet music.**

- Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted
- All proceeds of the sale support the Cascade Branch of the library.
- Location: Cascade Township Branch of the Kent District Library  
2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
Phone: 616-784-2007

[www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org)

[www.cascadefriends.org](http://www.cascadefriends.org)

## SILENT NIGHT CEREMONY AND PARADE OCTOBER 13, 2016

This year Cascade Township is excited to announce that we will be hosting the Silent Night Firefighter's Memorial Service and Parade. This event will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016. In the early 1990's the Thursday of Fire Prevention Week was dedicated as Firefighters Memorial Day and the Silent Night Ceremony and Parade originated in the Chicago Suburbs. Grand Rapids Fire Department hosted the first ceremony in 2001. The event has subsequently been hosted at various Kent County Fire Departments. The purpose of this ceremony is to recognize and remember any firefighter, active or retired, that has answered the last alarm in the past 12 months, no matter whether it was in the line of duty or not. More information will be posted on the Township website and in the media as the date gets closer.

## CASCADE TOWNSHIP BRANCH OF KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY

Come to the Cascade Township branch of Kent District Library, 2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE, for fabulous Fall programs for the whole family.

### A Community Conversation



Please join us for a Community Conversation about Restoring Public Trust in Michigan's State Government. This is your opportunity to participate in a non-partisan discussion on how to make Michigan's Government work better for the

people of Michigan. Topics will include state government services, management of the public purse, and oversight of Michigan's political system. We invite you to join us to share thoughts, insights, and ideas! This Conversation is sponsored by The Center for Michigan at <http://thecenterformichigan.net/>

**Tuesday, October 25 - 6:30pm to 8:00 pm**



KDL - Cascade Township Branch

### Sunday Afternoon Live

This fall we are proud to bring back our successful fall and winter concert series.

This year, we will host some of your favorite local musicians in an intimate concert setting featuring free refreshments. Concerts will take

place one Sunday afternoon a month from October through April. This fall, come listen to Olivia Mainville and the Aquatic Troupe and The Crane Wives.

**Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 pm, Olivia Mainville and the Aquatic Troupe.**

**Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 pm, the Crane Wives.**

### Teen Anime Festival

Snacks, crafts, games and your favorite anime shows! Come in costume and participate in our cosplay pageant, compete in the "Feast like No-Face" chopstick eating contest or just hang out and celebrate all things anime. Costumes and weapon props must be family-friendly.

**Saturday, September 24, 2016 - 12:00pm to 3:00pm for teens grades 6-12.**

### Attend a Day at Hogwarts

Join us for a day at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and explore the fascinating subjects Hogwarts has to offer. Get sorted into your rightful Hogwarts house and you may even discover which wand is perfect for you. Remember though, No Muggles Allowed!

**Sunday, November 20, 2016 - 1:30pm to 3:30pm for ages 6 and older.**



Be somebody who shares!

## Give Blood

**Wednesday, October 5, 2016  
12:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Cascade Area Donor Site @  
Kent District Library Freinds room

### APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

Questions? Contact (866) MIBLOOD (642-5663)  
or go to [miblood.org](http://miblood.org)



Now is a great time to give blood. Patients in Michigan hospitals need blood 24/7/365.

Attempt to donate and you could win a \$100 Meijer Gift Card!



FOR APPOINTMENT: [miblood.org](http://miblood.org) or 1-866-MIBLOOD (642-5663) A nonprofit blood bank serving Michigan hospitals since 1955



Give the gift of life.

## Give Blood

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016  
12:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

Cascade Area Donor Site @  
Kent District Library Freinds room

### APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

Questions? Contact (866) MIBLOOD (642-5663)  
or go to [miblood.org](http://miblood.org)



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## JULY 4TH, 2016



This year's Celebration, as in the past, was an enjoyable event for all that attended and participated.

The day began with the Friends of the Library Book Sale at our Township Library. Area boys and girls headed up Cascade Road to 28th Street on their bikes for the Annual Bike Parade and motorcycles from the Kent County Sheriff's Department, leading the way, started the Community Parade, with Uncle Sam and the Boy Scouts carrying the American flag right behind the Deputies. There were floats from many Community businesses and organizations, cars, trucks, and others participating in the Community Parade. For the last several years, Pat Vredevoogd-Combs sponsors the Parade and supplies trophies for the best two floats in the Community Parade. Pat purchases the trophies with her own money and continues to be a huge supporter of this event. Thank you Pat, for your many years of support to Cascade Township.

After the parade finished the Celebration began on the grounds by the library and Noto's restaurant. Throughout the day kids from the community were able to enjoy numerous rides and inflatables. There was food, music and a steady stream of water from Caledonia Fire Department's ladder truck, helping to keep all attending cool during the day.

This event requires countless hours of planning to make it a success. It starts many months prior to the event and cannot be completed without all of the help that is received from so many people - Cascade Christian Church helping set up tables and chairs the night prior to the event, staff from the Township Board, Fire Department and Building and Grounds working all day during the event to make it enjoyable for everyone. I personally would like to thank all that attended the Celebration, the businesses that donated money, the businesses that were at the Celebration, and Funny Business Agency for the rides and time spent helping with the event. Thank you to all Township Board Members, Building and Grounds, Fire Department and Township staff and the volunteers for spending your day at the event. Your work and support is appreciated and made the celebration a huge success.

If anyone would like to help, has a suggestion or comments for next year's celebration please call me at 616-949-1320 or e-mail me at [jsigg@cascaдетwp.com](mailto:jsigg@cascaдетwp.com).

### THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR JULY 4TH 2016 CELEBRATION SPONSORS

Lacks Enterprises, Inc.	Tsunami Development	D&W Fresh Market
Friends of the Cascade Library	Flexfab LLC	Goldfish Swim School
Cascade Hospital for Animals	Quality Air	Kingsland Ace Hardware
Thornapple River Nursery	es miles	The Goddard School
Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber	R-Athletics	Cascade Christian Church
Rothbury Farms	Chambers Dental	Noah's Pet Cemetery
Ada Bible Church	On Your Game	Party City
Family Friends and Veterinary Hospital	Sunrise Senior Living	Drury Inn and Suites
Recycling Concepts of West MI.	William Bos Greenhouse and Farms	Sentinel Pointe
Fox Powersports	EverKept Disposal	Forge Industrial Staffing
First Wok	Costco Wholesale	Cascade Car Wash
Meijer	Pepsi-Grand Rapids	Country Fresh
Menards Water Conditioning	Brann's Steakhouse & Grille	Cascade Automotive
Ken Carey	Supervisor Rob Beahan	Cascade Community Foundation
Thornwood Veterinary Clinic & Kennel	Oriental Martial Arts Center	Leslie E. Tassell Inc.



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### PATHWAY NEWS...

I'd like to talk a bit about a delicate subject...our poop. Don't start squirming. It isn't what you think. Let me preface this by saying that my wife and I spend some time wintering in Scottsdale, Arizona. We recently switched from an urban area to a predominately residential area. In the late afternoon heat we usually seek shady areas to take walks. We call them shadow walks.

All of the residential areas and the city sidewalks are supplied with ample pet-waste stations, but no one uses them. We did not find one square yard of earth (and I am not exaggerating) on either side of the sidewalks that did not have some tootsie rolls on it. Plus, the waste that was deposited in bags was thrown down randomly among the other bare piles. We don't call these shadow walks anymore. Fast forward 2000 miles to Cascade... our citizens do an amazing job of managing our pet waste. Be grateful.

Our community deserves a big thumb's up for keeping our sidewalks, trails and the surrounding areas pristine. Many years ago when the trails were first constructed it looked like a cattle drive went down them based on the waste that was deposited along them. Oh how times have changed. Thanks to all of you that take the time to keep our trails clean.

Remember **KEEP CASCADE BEAUTIFUL.**

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