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Cascade Historical Society to Host Holiday Tree Lighting Event

Cascade Township, Michigan, Nov. 16, 2017 – Following the Thanksgiving holiday, Cascade Historical Society will host a tree lighting event on Sunday, Nov. 26, with a special appearance by Santa Claus who will arrive by fire truck.

This year's main event will take place at the Cascade Historical Museum and will begin at 5 p.m. In addition to the tree that will be located on the museum's porch, its rooftop will also be decorated in holiday lights. Brand new this year will be a second holiday tree, approximately 16-feet tall, located at the intersection of Old 28th Street and Cascade Road.

Additionally, several River Birch trees and the rooftops of three structures in Tassell Park will be strung with lights. All locations will be lit at approximately 5:30 p.m.

“What better way to get into the holiday spirit than coming to a community tree lighting event that offers fun for the whole family?” said Vic Gillis, Cascade Historical Society president. “Between the beautiful lights, a visit from Santa and holiday goodies, like cider and candy canes, it's certainly an event that will jumpstart the holiday fun.”

In conjunction with the main attraction, Santa Claus will arrive on a Cascade fire truck around the time of the tree lighting. He will be stationed inside the museum and available for visits with kids throughout the event, which is expected to conclude at 7 p.m. There is no charge for visits or pictures with Santa. Light refreshments will be provided.

In effort to make this event possible, the Cascade Downtown Development Authority received a \$5,000 grant from the Cascade Community Foundation and a \$1,500 grant from the Forest Hills Business Association. In light of its gift, the Community Foundation choose to sponsor this event as it aligns perfectly with the groups mission to make the Greater Forest Hills area a better place to live, work and play. Similarly, the Forest Hills Business Association provided its grant to the Township, as it would not only benefit Cascade residents, but the areas' business community, as well. Both organizations have supported DDA and Township events with grants in the past.

“We are so appreciative of the Cascade Community Foundation and the Forest Hills Business Association for their contributions to help make this event possible,” said Sandra Korhorn, economic development director for the Township. “The gifts provided by each of these organizations demonstrate a strong commitment to our community and our residents. We are grateful to be home to these two organizations and several others who help to make Cascade a better place to live.”

The event is free and open to the public.

About Cascade Township

Home to more than 18,000 residents, Cascade Township is committed to serving the public by providing the finest community services possible with respect, efficiency and integrity. With the Thornapple River at its heart, Cascade Township is recognized as an excellent place to live, work, recreate and raise a family. For more information, visit <http://www.cascadetwp.com/>.

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