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YARD WASTE PICK UP PROGRAM – SPRING 2014

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 7 through May 2

- 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 25th – 27th.

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 3 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 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 Sandra Korhorn at 949-1500 or by email at sandra@cascadetwp.com.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

The Veterans of Cascade Township are planning a Memorial Day program on Monday, May 26th at the Cascade Library, 2870 Jacksmith Drive. Join them at 10:00 a.m. to honor Veterans of all wars and conflicts.

OPEN HOUSE

Happy Birthday Cascade Township!

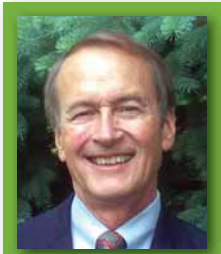
This April marks the 166th Birthday of Cascade Township.

In Recognition, the Cascade Historical Society will host an Open House at the Cascade Township Museum.

Hours are from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 13, 2014.

We are calling it "Yesterday in Cascade" and we hope to have a number of Cascade residents in attendance who will relay and relive "Yesterday in Cascade".

Please Join Us...



FROM THE SUPERVISOR
ROB BEAHAN

FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Severe temperatures combined with extreme snowfall made it the roughest season since the winter of 1951-52. Through it all, the Kent County Road Commission did an incredible job keeping the roads as clear as possible. Our own Buildings and Grounds Department also did an unbelievable job maintaining our 17 plus miles of pathways and sidewalks one snowfall after another.

As things start to green up and even more people get outside, it's a great opportunity to utilize even more of the pathways and parks in Cascade. Along with the connecting pathways, we have a wonderful system of parks to enjoy. Burton Park at the end of Windcrest and Burton streets, Peace Park and McGraw Park near the Grand River and Bolt area, the Recreational Park on Thornapple River Drive and I-96, Tassell Park and the Museum Gardens at Cascade Road and Thornapple River Drive offer a variety of experiences to enjoy the outdoors.

Soon you'll see work being done at these parks improving the facilities. We have just completed a five year Parks and Recreation Plan with input from staff and residents. A request for a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund has been submitted and the Township is also partnering with the Cascade Community Foundation's Capital Campaign for help with these improvements.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is also looking at improving the general Cascade business areas this year on Cascade Road and 28th Street with traffic calming measures, increased pedestrian and cycling safety and beautification of the streetscapes.

For more information on what's in store for the parks and DDA, please utilize the resource you have in the Township website (www.cascadetwp.com) or stop in the Township offices to look at the available plans.

THE GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON – JUNE 8, 2014

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



GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON 2014

Huntington Amway

GARLIC MUSTARD

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 Township, please contact Meribeth Bolt at 616.450.3001.

This spring, bagged garlic mustard can be sent to the incinerator instead of the landfill. On **May 16, 17 & 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. Drop off is available from 4:00 p.m. on Friday through 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.**

Please take advantage of this valuable free service.

Please join us for a Garlic Mustard Pull at PEACE PARK
8300 Grand River Parking Lot, 9:00 a.m. – Noon, Saturday, May 17th, 2014.



EAST PRECINCT NEWS

Fraud Presentation

I will be at the Cascade Township library in the Wisner center for a Fraud presentation on April 16 at 3:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. This event is open to the public, at no cost. The presentation is directed toward seniors.

If you are a senior or care for one, please come and learn about some of the most common forms of frauds and what to expect if you become a victim.

The presentation is about an hour. I will have some handouts to take with you, and if time is available, I will answer questions. Seating is limited.

Deputy Ryan Roe

Kent County Sheriff Department

ryan.roe@kentcountymi.gov

DOG LICENSING

You can buy a dog license at the Cascade Township office any time during the year. We need to see a current record of rabies vaccination and proof of neutering. We have 1-year and 3-year licenses. Your dog is eligible for a 3-year license only if it received 3-year rabies vaccination within the last month. Your veterinary clinic might provide licensing as well. Don't forget to ask them during your next vaccination visit. Michigan Law requires that all dogs over the age of 4 months, or within 30 days of acquiring are licensed.

FEES:	1 YEAR		3 YEAR	
	<u>INTACT</u>	<u>SPAYED/NEUTERED</u>	<u>INTACT</u>	<u>SPAYED/NEUTERED</u>
REGULAR	\$26	\$12	\$72	\$30
SENIOR RATE	\$13	\$6	\$33	\$15

VOTE AUGUST 5

Tom McDonald has been appointed to fill the Trustee position that was vacated by the resignation of Trustee Cindy Fox-Janes. There will, however, be an election to fill the two remaining years of that term in the August Primary election.

Anyone interested in running must pick up a nominating petition at our Township office. A candidate must be a registered and qualified elector of Cascade Township. **Filings for this position must be made by April 22, 2014.** Candidates are urged to file early. If the petition signatures are not acceptable and the approved number falls below the minimum required, you will be contacted to advise you of the shortfall. If the number falls below the number required after the filing deadline, you will not be permitted an extension, and your name will not appear on the ballot.

Also, all candidates are required to have or create a Candidate Committee and file with the County Clerk within 20 days after becoming a candidate. Candidates are responsible to contact the County Clerk (632-7650) to determine what requirements you may be subject to regarding campaign finance. This must be done prior to expending funds, advertising or placing signs in support of your campaign.

VOTER REGISTRATION

The last day to register to vote in the August Primary election is July 7; you may do this at our Cascade Township Office which is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily or the Kent County Clerk's office or any Secretary of State office.

Please be sure you are a registered voter and can participate on August 5th. First-time voters: if you register by mail, you must vote in person.

First-time voters can be issued an Absent Voter Ballot if their identity can be verified by appearing in person at the Cascade Township office or a Secretary of State office.

Absent Voter Ballots will be available at the Cascade Township office beginning on June 21.

ELECTION NEWS

- There will be an election for Cascade residents who live in the Caledonia School District on May 6.
- All voters will go to the polls on August 5 for the Primary vote.

PRECINCT CHANGE

State law requires us to limit the number of voters in any one precinct to 3,000 voters. Precinct 1 is now very close to that number and the Cascade Township Board has voted to divide Precinct 1 into two nearly equal precincts. This will only affect voters who have voted in the lower level (the gym) at the Cascade Fellowship CRC Church beginning with the August 5th primary election. Precinct #7 voters, who also vote at Cascade Fellowship in the upper level, are not affected by this change.

Precinct 1 voters who live north of Cascade Road will now be in the new Precinct 8. These voters will go to the same building (Cascade Fellowship Church) but will vote in a new room at that facility. All other voters are not affected by this change and will vote in the same locations as they have in previous elections.

New voter cards and more information will be sent out before the August election.

SIGN UP FOR eNews!

Cascade Township added an icon to the home page (www.cascadetwp.com) allowing residents, business owners, etc. to sign up for eNews. This is a news update service from Cascade Township. It is available to anyone wishing to receive periodic e-mail updates from Cascade Township on items related to Township services, government and events in the community.



2014 GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING PROGRAM

For going on 16 years, Cascade Township has participated in a local program to spray for gypsy moth caterpillars, and plans are underway to once again spray for these potentially devastating pests. The 2014 spray program actually began last fall, when the township hired a firm to survey the Township for gypsy moth egg masses. This process allows us to limit the spray areas to those places most likely to see an infestation. This year, the Township will be spraying 372 acres, which are detailed on the inset map.

In order to treat the gypsy moth, the designated areas will be sprayed with a non-toxic biological agent called *Bacillus thuringiensis* or “Bt.” Below are some frequently asked questions about gypsy moth caterpillars and the treatment program.

What does a gypsy moth caterpillar look like?

Gypsy moth caterpillars are typically around two inches in length, and can be identified by their distinctive markings. They typically have a yellow head with black markings, followed by prominent blue and red spots along the length of their body. They can be found in over 250 species of trees, though they are especially found where Oak trees are abundant. They do not spin silk tents, unlike the native and relatively harmless Eastern Tent Caterpillar.

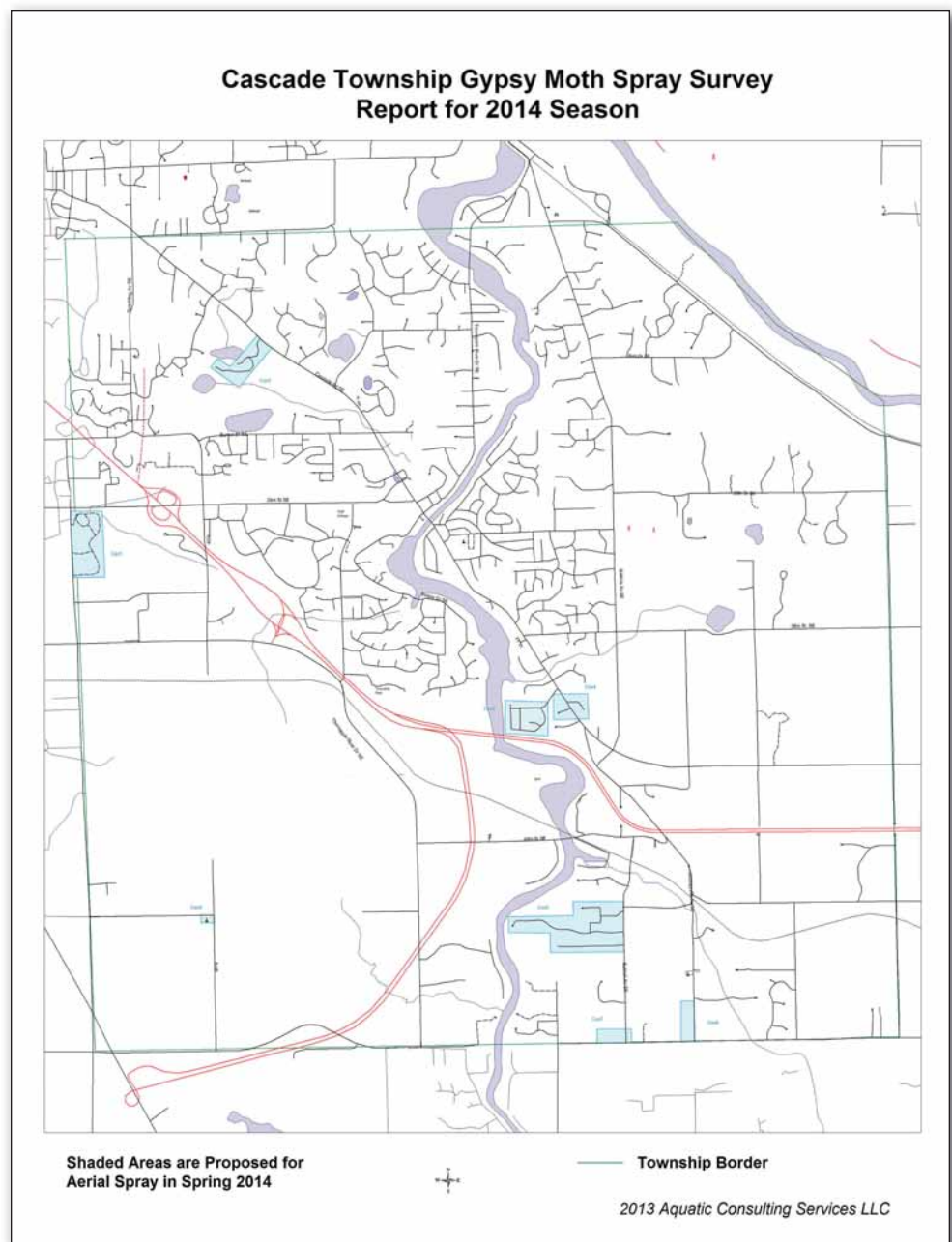
How does “Bt” affect the gypsy moth caterpillars?

“Bt” is a naturally occurring bacterium common in soils throughout the world. When a gypsy moth caterpillar eats leaves sprayed with “Bt” the bacterium produces a protein that reacts with the cells of the digestive tract lining of the gypsy moth caterpillar. The “Bt” proteins essentially paralyze the digestive track of the caterpillars, which will then cause them to stop feeding and eventually kill them. The gypsy moth caterpillars will typically die en masse two to three days after spraying occurs.

Is “Bt” dangerous to people, pets, wildlife or other beneficial insects?

The primary benefit to the use of “Bt” in controlling the gypsy moth population is that it is naturally occurring bacterial disease of insects and is non-toxic and safe for people, pets and wildlife, and some formulations can be used on essentially all food crops. Additionally, unlike most insecticides, “Bt” does not have a broad spectrum of activity, so they do not kill beneficial insects including natural enemies of insects (predators and parasites) as well as beneficial pollinators, such as honeybees.

For 2014, it is anticipated that the gypsy moth caterpillar spraying program will take place between May 1st and June 15th. The application is done by helicopter, and typically takes one day to complete. Residents who reside within the spray zones will be receiving direct notification of the program through the mail. As the spray periods gets closer, please check back to the Cascade Township website (www.cascadetwp.com) for further updates and a finalized date for spraying. On the website you will also find additional information on gypsy moths and the spray program.



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 2013, the exemption will be removed for 2014.

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 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 Office.

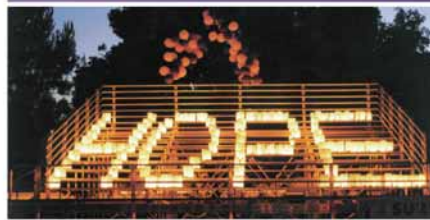
Property owners who discover their exemption status is wrong may request the July or December Board of Review correct it. The Board may add or remove an exemption for the current year and three prior years. If you do not have a Principal Residence Exemption and believe you qualify, contact the Assessors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

NOTICE TO CASCADE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS REGARDING THE 2014 CHANGE OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES

The 2014 Change of Assessment notice had a space where the increase or decrease in taxes due the change in Taxable Value is estimated. We did not load any data for this entry so the amount is listed on all the Real Property notices as \$0. You should assume that if your Taxable Value has increased that your taxes will also increase. We apologize for any confusion this has caused.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE



Hate Cancer? Join us in Fighting Back! Relay For Life of Forest Hills

June 6-7, 2014 from 2:00pm-2:00pm
Ada Christian School
Ada, Michigan

What is Relay?

- Organized, overnight community fundraising walk
- Teams of people camp out around a track
- Members of each team take turns walking around the track
- Food, games and activities provide entertainment and build camaraderie
- Family-friendly environment for the entire community

Because it's a team event, individual participants are not required to be there the entire time. But it's so much fun, you'll find it hard to leave!

For more information and questions, please contact ACS Staff Partner Elizabeth Balder at Elizabeth.balder@cancer.org

Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.®



RelayForLife.org | 1.800.227.2345

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 permit, please call the Kent County Sheriff Department (616) 336-311 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.

A copy of the ordinance is available on our website at www.cascadetwp.com. Click on Reference Desk, then Ordinances.

FOREST HILLS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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



Upcoming events are highlighted below:

April 10 – Gilda's Club

Featuring: Ms. Wendy Wigger
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Location: Rehmann Group

April 19 – Electronic Recycling, Document Shredding & Highway Cleanup

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Location: Integrated Architecture

May 8 – Metro Health East

Featuring: Ms. Wendy Wigger
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Location: Rehmann Group

June 12 – How to Hire the Right People and Avoid Hiring the Wrong People

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

Mark your calendar for the next general meetings on Aug 21, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13 and Dec 11. Please join us!

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

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 (610 mm) deep at any point. This includes in-ground, above-ground and on-ground pools; indoor pools; hot tubs; spas; inflatable pools 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 give parents additional time to locate a child before the unexpected becomes a reality.
- Barriers include a fence or wall, door alarms for the house, and a power safety cover over the pool. Barriers also may be used to protect children from accessing hot tubs and spas. Use the following recommendations as a guide:

Fences and Gates

- Install a fence or other barrier, such as a wall, 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. Alarm and cover details are below.
- The fence or other barrier should be at least 4 feet high. It should have no foot or handholds 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.
- Install an alarm that can be temporarily turned off by an adult for a single opening of the door by using a keypad or switch that is out of a child's reach.

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.

If you have any questions regarding swimming pool safety and code requirements, feel free to give our office a call at 949-3765.

Cascade Inspection Services

A CASCADE STORY HAPPY 166TH BIRTHDAY, CASCADE !

The following is an excerpt from the Cascade Chronicles, the 1987 history compiled by the Cascade Historical Commission to mark the country's Sesquicentennial. It is certainly fascinating to learn what life in Cascade was like 166 years ago.

Originally part of Ada which had been settled earlier, Cascade Township sought separation in 1848. The first town meeting was held April 3, 1848 at Ezra Whitney's Public House. There were 50 voters present. Most candidates were unopposed, and the first elected officers were as follows: Peter Teeple, Supervisor, J. R. Stewart, Clerk, Asa Denison, Treasurer, James A. Woodworth and Thomas I. Seeley, School Inspectors, Ezra Whitney and F. A. Marsh, Highway Commissioners, Leonard Stewart and Ezra Whitney, Justices of the Peace, Morris Denison, G. R. Carson, William Cook and Peter Whitney, Constables.

At the annual meeting following the elections, two Pound Masters were also voted into office. These officers were charged with impounding livestock which strayed due to damaged fences. Also approved was a school tax and the sum of \$100 for general township expenses. Voters also approved the raising of \$100 to begin construction of a bridge across the river at Cascade. The State Legislature in 1848 granted Cascade 1,000 acres of state land with proceeds from the sale to be used for the bridge.

Peter Teeple was so respected that he was returned to office five times in the township's first ten years. Initially township officers were elected for one-year terms. Starting in 1880 they served for four-year terms. Edgar Johnson appears many times in the early records. He was elected supervisor 12 times between 1860 and 1880. He also served five years as township clerk.

At one of the meetings in 1848, William R. Gunn presented a bill for one dollar, having paid that sum to the Grand Rapids Eagle for "Advertising for said town" (probably an announcement of the annual meeting and election of the new township). In January 1849 a Township Board of Health stabled two "burying grounds"—one in Whitneyville (still being used in 1986) and one on Lewis Cook's farm on 28th Street, popularly known for years as the Teeple Cemetery.

In 1850 a new office was created at the annual meeting "Overseer of the Poor." John Webster was elected. In 1853, after continued debate and a long period of planning, the first dam was completed in the river just above the village bridge. Water power could now be effectively harnessed. In 1854 the sum of \$135 was voted for township expenses.

Sheep raising came into popularity about this time and an almost incredible 3,000 sheep were reported in the township a few years later. Since many flocks were purebreds, owners wanted provisions set up so they could register their lambs.

[Editor's Note: In Miner L. Cook's Notes on the History of Cascade Township, it was noted that the township population in 1850 was 350 and in 1870 it was 1,157. In 1874, there were 363 cows, 415 horses, 539 other cattle, 600 hogs and 3,028 sheep.]

A milestone occurred in 1878, some ten years after the first town meeting--an Irish settler was elected to office for the first time.

Thomas Harmon became Overseer of the Poor. According to the late Hugh Slater, some creative individual suggested that a horse race would liven up election day even more. This was taken up with enthusiasm and a measured half mile was laid out on Cascade Rd. One memory of this exciting event comes to us from Mrs. Ralph Auble, who was proud of the fact that the horse she drove to town was one of the fastest runners.

Looking back, it seems logical to conclude that the township government was the instrument that held the entire community of Cascade together and kept it as an entity through the years. Politics served as a recreational outlet for many of the men. Remember there were fewer distractions then (no radio or TV) and if candidates were lively, they aroused interest. Men would step forward to run for the standard offices of the day and, when elected, would serve often again and again in the same positions.

Township offices, because of their local nature, drew the most attention but men would read the papers avidly to "keep up on affairs," then attend rallies—usually in Grand Rapids—for state and national candidates as well.

Township candidates would be chosen at caucuses a day or so before the annual elections. There were always two slates, although from the township records, it's not always clear how they aligned with political parties of the time. What is apparent, however, is that Irish candidates would usually be on the losing (Democratic) slate.

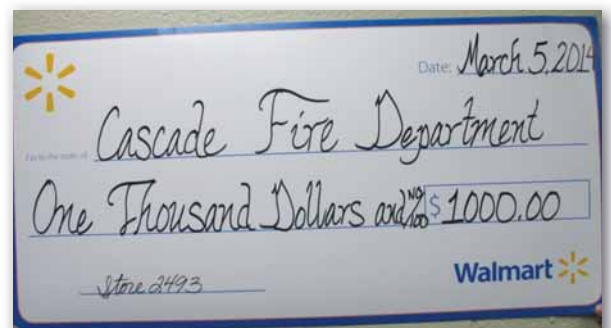
On election day men came early from every corner of the township to gossip, argue and tell tall tales—usually enjoying themselves on what was one of the most popular social occasions of the year. At some point during the day, polls would close for the annual town meeting after which they would re-open until closing time.

If you would like us to search our records for your family's history, please email your request to cascadehistory@cascadetwp.com. We meet monthly at 9:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the old Cascade Township white building located at 2839 Thornapple River Dr. near Cascade Road. You are invited to experience Cascade history with us.

WAL-MART COMMUNITY GRANT

Wednesday March 5, 2014, Cascade Township Fire Department received a grant check from Walmart. This is through their Community Grant Program. The monies will be used to purchase safety equipment for the firefighters when working on emergency scenes.

Cascade Fire Department wants to Thank Walmart for their support of the community and the improved safety of your firefighters.





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PATHWAY NEWS

OK, so here's the thing. It's time to come clean. As I write this I am looking at a pristine blue sky and basking in temperatures of 80 degrees and above in Scottsdale, Arizona as my wife and I visit every year. Truthfully, we're trying desperately to think of you back in Cascade with the egregious mounds of snow and ice that were present when we left. Hopefully, some of us will find remnants of our mailboxes when the snow melts. Oh, and if anyone finds the front bumper from my Camry, please give me a call.

On a more serious note, winter might come to an end sometime in June possibly July, and we will all have our work cut out for us. I can't begin to imagine what is under the ten foot snow mounds that line our roads and trails, but I can assure you it will be more than plentiful.

So gird yourself for battle and invite all your friends to help. Because remember **KEEP CASCADE BEAUTIFUL!**

Kris Taylor
Pathway Coordinator

