



CASCADE CONNECTIONS

A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

FALL 2012

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Monday through Friday
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Fall Clean Up Day

Cascade Township is offering a fall clean up day in conjunction with Ada Township. The fall clean up day will be held on Saturday, October 13 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 or tires will be accepted. For household hazardous waste and tire 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 fall clean up, feel free to contact Sandra Korhorn at 949-1500 or by email at sandra@cascadetwp.com.

Yard Waste Pick Up Program Fall 2012

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 15th through November 19

- 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).
- 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 26-28 and November 17-25.**

For more information, please call 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.

Cascade Historical Museum – Open House

Cascade Township has undertaken to have extensive exterior maintenance work done at the Cascade Historical Museum at 2839 Thornapple Drive SE. The work should be completed in early September.

In recognition of those efforts, the Cascade Historical Society will have an Open House at the Museum on Sunday, September 23, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cascade Fire Department Halloween Party

Bring your ghosts! Bring your goblins! Cascade Township Fire Department invites you to the annual Halloween party on Wednesday, 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

With the summer just behind us it's time to look forward to the arrival of the beautiful fall weather we typically have in West Michigan. A few years ago you could tell fall was in the air with the smell of burning leaves but that is a thing of the past. Because of issues with air quality, leaf burning has been banned permanently and brush burning is suspended from September to January. To help the residents dispose of yard waste, Cascade and Ada will have their annual fall clean-up day on Saturday, October 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. There will also be yard waste dumpsters in the Township parking lot, October 26-28 and November 17-25 for residents to bring their leaves and brush for disposal.

You may have also noticed some new retail businesses opening in Cascade along with expansions in the commercial industrial areas. Building permits for the area have increased along with existing home sales. It's encouraging to see signs of growth in Cascade and the surrounding communities and I urge everyone to think and shop locally first.

From the East Precinct...

Summer is coming to a close. The season is changing and kids are back in school. I urge you to be cautious of bus stops and kids walking to bus stops in your morning commute. I have put some safety tips together to help.

Bus Stop Tips for the School Year

Since there may be several buses picking up children in the same area, we recommend...

- Before the school year begins, you and your child visit the arranged bus pick-up location.
- Be sure your child knows the safest way to the exact location where the bus will stop.
- When taking your child to the bus stop on the first day, it is important to be at the pick-up location at least five minutes early.
- Your child should know the route number and the name of this year's school. This will insure that your child will board the correct bus. Each bus will have a sign located on the side of the bus in the second window on the door side for your convenience.
- You and your child should become familiar with your bus driver, but be aware that a different driver may substitute when needed.
- Make sure your children get to the school bus stop in plenty of time.
- The most dangerous area is at the loading and unloading areas. Instruct your children to avoid horseplay and to stay back away from the bus until it is okay to board.

Treasurer's Office

Summer 2012 property taxes are due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 14th, 2012.

Our office hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The office will be closed Monday, September 3rd, Labor Day. 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: cascadetwp.com

- Quick Links (left side of screen)
- Assessing Information
- Current Tax Search (left side of screen)
- Search selections, parcel number, name, or address
- Click "Search" (bottom of page)
- Then click on the parcel number (in blue) for the history of that property
- Click on (+) sign for detail of history.

If you have not received your 2012 summer property taxes, please check the web site or call the Treasurer's office at (616) 949-6944. We look forward to assisting you.

- Instruct your children to remain seated while on the bus, and avoid horseplay or being exceptionally noisy.
- It is up to seven times safer for children to ride the bus to school vs. riding in the private passenger vehicle. Encourage your children to take the bus.
- **Stop for school buses with red lights flashing... even in the school yard!**

Halloween Safety Tips

1. Take your kids or make sure they have a responsible chaperone when trick or treating
2. Do Not use your cell phone while driving
3. Drive slower than the speed limit
4. Take your time
5. Make sure your child has some illumination device; flashlight, glow stick
6. Make sure your child's costume has good visibility
7. Look over your child's candy before consumption
8. Enjoy this time with your kids

Be Safe and Aware,

Ryan Roe
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Election News

Vote November 6th

The next date for an election is November 6. The ballot contains selections in the races for offices of the President, United States and Michigan Congress, State Board of Education, University Boards, various Kent County positions, local School Board positions, Cascade Township Board positions, Judicial positions, along with several proposals to be decided.

Voter Registration

The last day to register to vote in the November 6 General Election is **October 9; you may do this at our Cascade Township Office which is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.** The National Voter Registration Act also allows voter registration at any of the following locations:

1. Secretary of State Branch Office
2. Secretary of State "Renewal by Mail" when you renew your driver license
3. **Cascade Township Office** or the Kent County Office
4. State or federal mail-in registration form
5. Michigan Department of Social Services, which administer benefits for ADFC, Medicaid, and Food Stamp programs. Also county health department offices, which administer benefits for the Women, Infants and Children program (WIC)
6. Armed Forces Recruitment offices
7. Federal Post Card Application procedure. (FPCA)
8. Direct delivery of registration applications by persons associated with voter registration drives. Usually they use the state and federal registration forms developed to implement the Mail Registration Program

Please be sure you are a registered voter and can participate on November 6.

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

from the Township website (www.cascadetwp.com, click the Elections Tab under News and Events).

I.D. Requirement

Please remember that beginning in 2008 the requirement for picture identification must be enforced by precinct workers. If you do not present a piece of current I.D. with your picture, you will be required to fill out an affidavit, which we will provide at the precinct, attesting to your identity before you can vote.

August Primary Election

Thank you Poll Workers, Voters and Facility Providers

The Primary Election held on August 7th brought a good turnout from Cascade Residents.

To the faithful poll workers, we again send our hearty thanks for a job well done. The poll workers performed exceptionally well. Thank you all for keeping your good humor during a long 15-hour day!

To the Cascade churches and our Cascade Library who donate their space to the community for the two-day period from set-up on Monday through closing late on Tuesday, we also say thank you.

The polling places who generously host voters are: Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church, Precinct 2; Cascade Christian Church, Precinct 6; Thornapple Community Reformed Church, Precinct 5; Cascade Fellowship CRC Church (which hosts two precincts!) Precincts 1 and 7; and the Wisner Center at the Cascade Library (which also host two precincts) Precincts 3 and 4. We know it is an imposition with the traffic and disruption we create and we really appreciate the friendly manner in which you welcome us.

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

Cascade Township Receives High Credit Rating

Bill Cousins, Township Manager

Cascade Township's credit rating was confirmed by Standard & Poors to be AA+ /stable in a recent review of the township's finances. S&P's report stated that "The Township's financial performance remains very strong, due in part to strong levy support and conservative budgeting." S&P reviews the township's financial status every two years.

Cascade Township has reported positive financial operations in the last four fiscal years and continues to provide full service to its residents through sound financial management practices and review by staff and the Township Board. We have an excellent finance team that works hard to insure our residents receive maximum return on their tax dollars. Senior Accountant Mildred Pinder, Deputy Treasurer Oxana Sourine and Account Clerk Debbie Amos examine every detail of each transaction to be sure that our funds are being managed properly. The Township's Finance Committee, comprised of Trustees Jim Koessel (Chair), Treasurer Ken Pierce and Trustee Goldberg monitor the Township's financial practices closely to verify their continued excellence.

S&P reported that the stable outlook of the township's finances reflects their anticipation that the township will maintain its very secure fund balance due to a strong employment and strong tax base in Cascade. The fund balance provides a cushion against any unexpected budgetary challenges in the future. The Township has been through four 'down' years and managed to add to our reserves each year. We are in great financial condition!

The complete S&P report can be found on the township's website: www.cascadetwp.com

Special Ceremony held to dedicate three Civil War soldiers' markers

As part of the four-year commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, members of the Cascade Historical Society have been identifying the veterans from Cascade who are buried in Cascade cemeteries.

Ron Redman has been leading the search for the graves and has identified over 100. Cascade residents can be very proud that early residents had an extreme sense of patriotism. The soldiers' names will be recognized to many—Patterson, Beard, Danforth, Laraway, Buttrick and Teeple.

Nearly 150 years after the Civil War, it is surprising that some of these graves remain unmarked. After digging through many records, it was discovered that three Cascade soldiers were buried in unmarked graves—Pvt. Thomas Henefrey, Pvt. William Henry Marr and Pvt. Charles M. Nobbs.

A special ceremony was held May 28 to dedicate the newly-installed headstones on these three graves. The ceremony was held in Cascade Cemetery on 30th Street and was led by members of General John A. Logan Camp No. 1 of Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and Champlin Corps No. 41 of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Members of the Cascade Historical Society are pleased that the ceremony was held to keep alive the memory of those who wore the Blue in the Civil War. These men served their country proudly. We are now proud to honor them. Each Memorial Day the graves of all soldiers are marked with a flag. We hope residents will set aside some time to walk through the three Cascade cemeteries.



Members of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War participated in the Memorial Day ceremony. They are (from left) John Uplinger of Grand Rapids, patriotic instructor; Alan Teelander of Lowell, grave registration officer; Bill Truss of Howard City, Camp Commander; Bruce Butgereit II of Grand Rapids, member of History Remembered, Inc.; and Tim Kolean of Rockford, Camp Senior Vice-Commander.

Historical Society News...

The Cascade Township Historical Society has developed an initiative to identify Cascade Township Heritage Sites. The Cascade Historical Society will evaluate applications for the designation of "Cascade Heritage Site" and issue a proclamation if the application is accepted and approved.

Considering the noted criteria listed below, the application should be submitted to the Cascade Historical Society, who will discuss and consider the application within the next two regularly scheduled Society meetings. The application should be in the form of a letter and supporting photographs. Heritage site plaques can be purchased from the Society for a visual display of the designation. The cost of a Heritage Site plaque is \$50.00.

Criteria for designation as a Cascade Township Heritage Site:

1. The site has significant character that is relevant to Cascade Township and the larger community.
2. Character is defined solely or in part by age, interest, the value as part of the development heritage or cultural characteristics of the Cascade township community.

3. Is the site of a historical event.
4. Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historical heritage of the community.
5. Embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural or engineering type or contains elements of design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship.
6. Owing to its unique location or physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood or the community as a whole.
7. The Cascade Historical Society retains the authority to make decisions based on these or other criteria as deemed appropriate.

Applicants must acknowledge that the property or site description may appear "Publicly" in printed or an electronic format.

The mailing address of the Cascade Historical Society is:

Cascade Historical Society
2865 Thornhills Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Cascade Community Foundation Community Leader Recipients



On Tuesday, September 25 at the 2012 Cascade Iron Chef Tom and Joyce Wisner will receive the Cascade Community Leadership Award. For tickets and more information please go to www.cascadecommunityfoundation.com.

Tom & Joyce Wisner are passionate about Cascade! During their 33

years on living on the shores of Quiggle Lake they have constantly demonstrated commitment and concern for their fellow citizens. The Wisners are part of the family that founded and operated auto parts manufacturer Lescoa, which employed over 2000 people locally. After selling the company in 1999, they dedicated themselves to improving and growing the greater Cascade Area. Their generosity can be seen everywhere- from the Wisner Center at the Cascade branch of the Kent District Library and the Wisner Pavilion at Tassell Park to the Circle of Friends statue that dances in front of the library and multiple education venues in the Greater Grand Rapids area. Their philanthropic efforts in support of the Cascade Community Foundation have proven over and over again their dedication to the area. The Cascade Community Foundation is proud to honor Tom and Joyce Wisner as the very recipients of the Cascade Community Leadership Award.

Cascade Community Foundation Launches New Website



Cascade
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The Cascade Community Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of its new website:

www.cascadecommunityfoundation.com. The purpose of the site is three fold: to learn more about the community, specific ways in which you can support funding and also apply for grants. "We have expanded our reach into the greater Forest Hills area and this is a wonderful way to connect with people throughout the area", says Michelle Bottrall, President.

About the Cascade Community Foundation

Since 2002 the Cascade Community Foundation (CCF) has believed that it takes more than assets alone to create a strong community. The Cascade Community Foundation serves Cascade and the greater Forest Hills Area. The CCF awards grants to organizations that assist in fulfilling its mission: to assure community cooperation and participation that supports a healthy, vibrant community. The fund supports the community in three ways: nurturing neighbors, enhancing places and connecting the community. For more information visit: www.cascadecommunityfoundation.com or call Michelle Bottrall, President at 616-540-4496.

Cascade Part Of New Economic Development Initiative

Bill Cousins

For the past year, Cascade Township has been involved in the creation of a new entity that will improve marketing of various properties near the Gerald R. Ford Airport, along with others in the Kent & Muskegon County region. Kent and Muskegon Counties, The Gerald R. Ford Airport, the cities of Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Kentwood and Muskegon joined Cascade Township to create the "West Michigan Economic Partnership" (WMEP).

The partnership is a new public corporation that was authorized when the State Legislature adopted Public Act 275 in 2010. The Act permits the local units of government to collaborate for the purpose of marketing designated properties that are served by two or more modes of transportation. In addition, the new law provides for special marketing and tax incentives for the development of the chosen properties.

In Cascade, there are properties near the airport, railroad and the freeways (M-6 & I-96) that will be included in the development agreement. Properties in other member communities such as the GM property (freeway & rail) in Wyoming and certain waterfront properties (deep-water port, rail & freeway) in the City of Muskegon will also be included in the partnership. By grouping these properties, we will be able to market them to a wider range of prospective companies that have the specific transportation needs of our area.

The new corporation is subject to the Open Meeting Act, so you will easily be able to follow the activities of the partnership. Cascade will post the activities of the WMEP on its website, along with posting meetings dates on our bulletin boards at the Township Office. The first meeting of the new partnership is expected to occur in September, 2012. The first items on the agenda will be to set a budget and map the properties to be marketed, then look for grant opportunities for the marketing of those properties. I expect the WMEP to set up a web presence; as soon as they do, Cascade will put the link on our website.

The WMEP will be able to grant renaissance zones (tax free zones), tax increment financing and tax abatements on the properties being developed. The goal of the partnership is to further enhance the economic development efforts of the Right Place and Muskegon Area First (the existing economic development corporations in our area).

Both groups were responsible for moving the WMEP for forward. This new effort is another option for the Right Place and Muskegon Area First in their efforts to bring jobs to West Michigan. Rick Chapla of the Right Place and Ed Garner of Muskegon Area First spent a lot of time to put this effort together. They deserve the credit for the creation of the WMEP. Good Work guys!!

If you have any questions about this new endeavor, do not hesitate to contact me at bcousins@cascaadetwp.com or by calling 949-1500.

Fall Fire Safety Tips



Even though the summer heat is still here and the kids have just started another school year, it is never too soon to take some preliminary action to prepare for cooler weather. Not only will it save you money on your utility bills it will help ensure your safety and comfort during cold weather.

Home Heating systems

Should be professionally inspected, cleaned, and serviced at least every year. Many companies offer discounted rates for a maintenance call versus an emergency repair.

Space Heaters

Can be dangerous if not used following general safety guidelines. Check your owner's manuals for general maintenance and cleaning instructions. Each season before using space heaters inspect them for proper operation and damage, including the power cord. It is more economical to replace older units than to have them repaired. Newer units are safer and more economical to operate. Discard old, faulty space heaters in a way that they cannot be used by someone else.

Gasoline Powered Equipment

Flammable liquids should not be stored inside the home or in an attached garage or shed. This includes any unused fuel still in the motor's fuel tanks. Store this equipment away from your home or drain excess fuel out of the tank before storing. This simple safety precaution will help prevent accidental fires due to escaping fuel vapors.

General Home Fire Safety

Most fires in the U.S. occur in the kitchen. Don't allow yourself to

be distracted when you are cooking. If you must leave the kitchen, carry something with you as a reminder.

Smoke Detectors

Don't assume these life saving appliances work just by looking at it. They require some basic maintenance to make sure they will work properly. Nuisance or false alarms are the number one cause for battery removal and are usually caused by installing units too close to the kitchen and or heating vents. Relocate units closer to, or inside sleeping areas to prevent false alarms.

- Replace the battery when necessary or twice a year.
- Clean dust and cob webs from around the cover to let air flow inside.
- Replace units that are ten years old or if its reliability is in question.
- Push the test button once a month to make sure it works properly.

Home Fire Escape Plans

Involve everyone in the home, especially children in the design and practice of your plan. Physically practicing the plan helps to identify any unforeseen difficulties anyone may have when trying to escape.

- Designate one meeting place for everyone to gather after evacuating.
- Children need to know how to save themselves when no one can help them.
- Practice the plan once a year or anytime living arrangements change in the home.
- **Call 9-1-1 from a phone away from the home. Get everyone out first!**

And don't forget to check your fire extinguisher!

Cascade Inspection Services

News from the Kent District Library

Understanding BISAC or, why did the library move my stuff?

You might be passably familiar with the Dewey Decimal system, but the chances your kids and grandkids know about the library materials classification system that's been around since the late 1870s are getting slimmer by the year.

It's a fact: bookstores and online searches (even grocery stores!) are organized by category, not a string of numbers. So in an effort to make finding what they need as simple as possible for patrons, a number of U.S. libraries including Kent District Library – are aligning themselves with the "search by subject" method.

It's called BISAC – book industry standards and communications – and by the end of the year all 18 KDL branches will be organized according to this system. As of August 1, eight branches will have been completed.

What this means for patrons: instead of finding materials on, say, weddings, all over the branch – wedding cakes in 641.8653, flower arrangements in 745.926 and wedding planning in 395.2, just to name a few – anything that has to do with weddings will now be in the Weddings section. Simple.

Here's another example: During the school year, librarians everywhere are inundated with requests from students to help them find someone famous to write a report about. Until BISAC, however, biographies could be found in multiple areas: entertainment, sports, literature, politics and more. Now, biography is its own enormous section – making it easier not only to find an interesting subject, but, as browsing tends to encourage, possibly an unexpected one.

"Bottom line is it makes searching easier for patrons," said Michelle Boisvenue-Fox, assistant director.

The Cascade Township Branch will be reorganized to the new subject based system in October. Staff will be happy to help you find your favorite topics, just stop in and ask!



July 4, 2012

This year was different from years past due to the wacky weather we have experienced. It was a beautiful day however; the temperatures were in the upper 90's with heat index over 100!! The weather played a factor in the celebration but we still had plenty of people participating, watching and attending the parade and celebration.

As always the day started with the Friends of the Library book sale at our township library. Participation was down but all that attended were able to find different types of books. The bike parade started the day with many boys and girls riding their bikes up Cascade Road to 28th Street. After they were done the parade followed with the motorcycles for the Kent County Sheriff Department and Uncle Sam, boy scouts carrying the flag and our Grand Marshal. The Grand Marshal this year was Kathryn (Buttrick) Wingeier. There were floats, cars, trucks and other businesses that participated in the parade. This year we were able to have a fly over of two (2) military A-10 aircraft which was a huge success for those attending.

For the last several years, Pat Vredevoogd Combs supplies our event with trophies for the best two floats in our parade. Pat purchases the trophies with her own money and has always been a supporter of our parade.

After the parade is finished the celebration starts in the grounds by the library and Noto's restaurant. We were able to have many fun rides and inflatables for kids to enjoy throughout the day. There was also food, music and a steady stream of water from Caledonia Fire Department's ladder truck to keep all attending cool on such a hot day.

This event takes many hours of planning to make it a success. It starts many months prior to the event. This cannot be completed without all of the help from so many people. Church groups help set up tables and chairs the night prior to the event. During the event there is staff from the Township Board, Fire Department and Building and Grounds working all day to make it enjoyable for those attending the celebration.

I would like to thank all of the Church groups, businesses that donated money, businesses that were at the celebration and Funny Business Agency for rides and time spent helping with the event. Thanks to all township board members, Building and Grounds, Fire Department and township staff for all of the hours spent prior to and during the event. Your work and support was 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@cascadetwp.com.

Forest Hills Business Association

FHBA meetings are open to the public for a \$25 fee. Call for more information on memberships; 616-481-5274 or visit our website: www.foresthillsbusinessassociation.com

Upcoming meetings are highlighted below:

September 13 – 7:30am @ Aviation Academy of West Michigan - Education Through Aviation

October 11 – 7:30am @ The Wisner Center - Political Forum; Candidates TBD

November 8 – 7:30am @ Cascade Hills Country Club – Rick DeVos

Stay informed with Forest Hills information on the Forest Hills Business Association Facebook page & LinkedIn!



Special Thank You to the following sponsors for the 2012 July 4th celebration

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Pathway News

It's difficult to write a Pulitzer Prize-winning article about trash every three months, but I'll keep trying. In this literary piece, I'm going to focus on a couple of trash ironies.

The first is the plastic water bottle. To avoid drinking municipal water people pay good money for purified or natural spring water to put into their bodies. I always thought that a person who cares that much about their body would also care about the environment that their body lives in. Considering the hundreds of plastic water bottles my wife and I pick up throughout the year on Cascade Road, I'll have to trash that notion. Pun intended.

At the risk of dating myself, the second is the "Peace Tea" can. You know, those colorful 24-oz. cans with the word "Peace" printed all over them along with the iconic symbol from the late 60's to early 70's. Those are showing up in vastly increasing numbers on our roads and highways. I always thought that a person who drinks to peace on earth would care a little about the environment. On second thought, considering the images I remember of Max Yasgur's farm in the aftermath of Woodstock, I think I'll throw that notion out the window. It can lay there amongst the empty cans. At least I won't have to pick that up later.

Remember, Keep Cascade Beautiful.

Kris Taylor
Pathways Coordinator

