

# Cascade Village News



**July August September 2024**

## Update on Cascade Mill Pond Park

Submitted by Joe Shaffer

Last fall, the Village Board approved a plan to seek funding to remove the dam at Mill Pond Park, build a new smaller pond, and restore Nichols Creek to a natural course through the park. The project is being led by Milwaukee Riverkeeper and Stantec Engineering. Work on feasibility and concept development will begin in the next few weeks. If all goes well, the Village plans to host a community open house in the fall to show proposed designs. Meanwhile, MRK and Stantec continue to seek funding for the engineering, construction and restoration, and longer term monitoring and management of the stream, pond, park, and native plants along the waterways. There are no plans to break ground in 2024.

One of the priorities of the project is to protect the stream and bank areas downstream from the park during construction. Nichols Creek is one of the highest quality tributaries to the Milwaukee River, and has several types of mussels and water bugs (macro-invertebrates) that are highly sensitive to pollution and siltation. Over the next year, Milwaukee Riverkeeper will be studying Nichols Creek, both down through the Village, as well as above the park up to the source in the Nichols Creek Wildlife Area, to document the various critters that call it home, and identify ways to protect and improve the stream and adjacent wetlands.

## Village Garage Sales

Submitted by Kate Lopez

Hello everyone! I'll be running the 2024 Cascade Village-Wide Garage Sale again this year, and I want to encourage anyone who is interested in hosting a garage sale to sign up and be listed on the master sheet/map - the more houses people see on the master list and map, the more interest they will have in attending!

Between July 1st and August 2nd, we will again have digital sign-up forms available on the Village of Cascade Facebook Page, Village of Cascade Website, and paper sign-up forms at the Post Office. Please limit your ad to 20 words or less.

**\*NEW\*** In response to feedback received last year, The Village -Wide Garage Sale will be on Saturday, August 31st from 8am-3pm - rain or shine - BUT we will also be identifying on the master list who will have their garages open on Friday, August 30th, as well as the hours people will be selling. Please identify this respective information on the sign-up sheet.

If you have any questions, please email me at [CascadeRummage@gmail.com](mailto:CascadeRummage@gmail.com) or text/call at (920) 550-1192. Thank you!



## Water Meter Replacement Project

Submitted by Shawn Bigelow

The village of Cascade has awarded Plymouth Plumbing with the contract to replace all water meters in the Village of Cascade. Plymouth Plumbing will be requesting access to replace the meter in your residence by mail, door hangers or by phone in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to schedule a date or time that works best for you, please call Plymouth Plumbing at 920-893-3601. We are anticipating completion by November 15<sup>th</sup>. The meter is usually located in the utility room in the basement. Replacing the meter takes about 45 minutes at no cost to the homeowner. An adult, 18 years or older, must be present at the time of the installation. During installation of the new meter, it will be necessary to shut off your water. Before your appointment, be sure the area around the water meter is clear to allow working space for the installer. Make sure the water shut off valve before the water meter is in good working condition. If the valve does not operate properly, it's the owner's responsibility to have the valve replaced.

If you have any question regarding the replacement of your meter you can call the Department of Public Works at (920)980-5585

## Second Installment Property Taxes

**REMINDER!!** If you have a second installment for property taxes, it must be paid directly to the Sheboygan County Treasurer. The Village of Cascade does not handle second installments of property taxes.

## Lake Ellen Updates

Submitted by Bobbi Lane

Raffle tickets are now available in local businesses and from Lake Ellen Association members. The cost is \$1/ticket or \$5/6 tickets. The proceeds from the raffle ticket sales fund the annual Lake Ellen Association fireworks show. Ticket sales and donations are critical to the show's success. It will be held on the lake at dusk on Saturday, July 6. The raffle drawing will be held at Larson's Resort on Tuesday, July 16. Thank you for your support!

We received a DNR grant again this year to post an inspector at the public landing. The inspector's role is to educate all of us on invasive plants and animals, to help boaters avoid transporting these invasives, and to share environmental information to keep Lake Ellen beautiful. Remember that everything dropped into the lake detracts from its pristine condition. Be observant and cautious when enjoying the lake!

## Cascade Rec Club

Submitted by Steve Green

The season is under way! We will have home games on June 25th, July 9th, and July 23rd. All games start at 6pm. The concession stand will be open for all the games serving brats, burgers, hot dogs and lots more. The Cascade Rec Softball tournament will be held on July 12th, 13th and 14th, so stop down at the tournament to watch a game and grab some great food, including our famous Breakfast sandwiches and Hot Turkey



## Please Contribute!

If you have suggestions or a contribution for the newsletter, please email [clerk@villageofcascadewi.gov](mailto:clerk@villageofcascadewi.gov). We are always looking for:

- ⇒ Articles/specials about our local businesses
- ⇒ Information from local service groups
- ⇒ Fundraising activities to support our community
- ⇒ Historical information to share with new members to our village
- ⇒ Any other ideas or information that would be a great addition to the newsletter

## Cascade First Responders

Submitted by Kelly Green

The Cascade First Responders would like to thank everyone for their support, it was great seeing everyone at our breakfast on June 2nd; it was our biggest one yet! With the warmer temps coming, be sure to keep yourself hydrated, drink lots of water, and make sure to take breaks if working out in the hot sun. We hope to see everyone at the Cascade Firemen's picnic. As always, we will be serving up delicious food. Enjoy your summer!

## Cascade Fire Department

Submitted by Todd Triebensee

Summer has finally arrived and with it comes outdoor activities such as swimming, boating, cookouts and campfires. Please remember to never leave young children unattended around water. I know this is common sense but a lot can happen in just a few seconds! Always wear a life jacket around water or when boating- this goes for young & old alike. Please use caution and consideration when having a campfire as smoke & sparks from fires can be an annoyance to some. If you don't already do so, please consider closing your bedroom doors at night to keep your room air clearer and to prevent fire spread, and make sure to keep practicing fire drills in your home all year long. If you have a camper or go to a cottage, review these steps there as well.

Coming up on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department will be holding its annual picnic. Come enjoy a fishboil on Friday night, wrestling on Saturday afternoon, and a chicken dinner Sunday afternoon. Advance tickets sales are available for the chicken dinner, and raffle tickets will be available for purchase throughout the weekend. For details about the picnic, visit our web site: [www.Cascadefiredepartment.com](http://www.Cascadefiredepartment.com) or find us on Facebook!

REMINDER- WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR DEPARTMENT. MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH! STOP BY AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT!

## Cascade Ladies Auxiliary



Happy summertime from the Fire Dept Auxiliary! We hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. It was nice to see so many of you at the easter egg hunt in March. With summer in full swing, that means the Cascade Firemen's Picnic is right around the corner and we are looking forward to seeing you all there. Be sure to stop at our pie stand for some delicious desserts. We are always looking for people who may want to work a few hours in the stand or maybe even donate a dessert to sell. If interested, please contact Kelly Green at 920-838-3969.

## Cascade Lions Submitted by Madonna Schneider

The Cascade Lions would like to thank the community for its continued support of our many various functions and fundraisers.

Join us on Thursday's. The hall will be open from 6:00PM until 10:00PM weekly. Please follow us on Facebook, in the event we would close for a Thursday evening, we will post an update.

The Blood center has not reached out to the Cascade community to schedule any upcoming blood drives. To schedule an appointment at a local blood drive, please visit the Versiti website.

The Cascade Lions will be holding our Annual Chicken BBQ in October. Please look for posters with more information.

The Lions are always looking for new members. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at the Lions clubhouse. Social hour is at 5:30 with a meeting to follow. If you are interested in joining a fun and active club, please contact Madonna Schneider at 920.207.4338.

Do you know someone who needs to borrow a wheelchair, walker or crutches? Reach out to the Lions. We have post operative aids available for your use.

The Lions Clubhouse is a great place to hold your events!! The hall has a large meeting room, refrigeration, and a large yard to provide room for games, gathering and any necessary social distancing. Renters are responsible for providing their own shade tents, chairs and tables. For rental information please contact Lonny Schneider at 920.980.4107.



## Proposed Water Rates Submitted by Ehlers

Below are the proposed rate increases for water. These numbers are subject to change and final PSC approval. There is a public hearing scheduled for **July 10th at 3pm**. The community may attend this meeting virtually via Zoom. Please contact the Village Hall for the link and login information.

|        | Current Rates | STEP I   | Difference | STEP II    | Difference | Total Increase |
|--------|---------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| 5/8"   | \$15.00       | \$24.00  | \$9.00     | \$45.00    | \$21.00    | \$30.00        |
| 3/4"   | 21.00         | \$33.60  | \$12.60    | \$63.00    | \$29.40    | \$42.00        |
| 1"     | 30.00         | \$48.00  | \$18.00    | \$90.00    | \$42.00    | \$60.00        |
| 1 1/4" | 39.00         | \$62.40  | \$23.40    | \$117.00   | \$54.60    | \$78.00        |
| 1 1/2" | 48.00         | \$76.80  | \$28.80    | \$144.00   | \$67.20    | \$96.00        |
| 2"     | 75.00         | \$120.00 | \$45.00    | \$225.00   | \$105.00   | \$150.00       |
| 3"     | 105.00        | \$168.00 | \$63.00    | \$315.00   | \$147.00   | \$210.00       |
| 4"     | 135.00        | \$216.00 | \$81.00    | \$405.00   | \$189.00   | \$270.00       |
| 6"     | 180.00        | \$288.00 | \$108.00   | \$540.00   | \$252.00   | \$360.00       |
| 8"     | 225.00        | \$360.00 | \$135.00   | \$675.00   | \$315.00   | \$450.00       |
| 10"    | 282.00        | \$453.00 | \$171.00   | \$852.00   | \$399.00   | \$570.00       |
| 12"    | 339.00        | \$543.00 | \$204.00   | \$1,020.00 | \$477.00   | \$681.00       |

|                                      | Current Rates | STEP I | Difference | STEP II | Difference | Total Increase |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|------------|---------|------------|----------------|
| First 100,000 gallons used quarterly | \$2.68        | \$5.18 | \$2.50     | \$9.70  | \$4.52     | \$7.02         |
| Over 100,000 gallons used quarterly  | \$1.60        | \$2.20 | \$0.60     | \$5.64  | \$3.44     | \$4.04         |

## DID YOU KNOW??

30 to 60% of domestic drinking water is used to water yards and gardens, and often large portions are wasted by over-watering, evaporation, and misdirected sprinklers that water sidewalks and driveways.

The average U.S. per capita water use is 170 gallons per day (gpd). In Australia it is 36 gpd. Thanks to water efficiency, Australia uses far less water, but still enjoys the same high quality of life. If Metro Atlanta embraced water efficiency solutions they could save up to \$700 million and between 130 and 210 million gallons a day – that's up to one-third of their current water supply.

## Please note:

**The Village of Cascade Consumer Confidence Report is completed and available to view during normal business hours at the Cascade Village Hall.**