



# the Cannon Communicator

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## From the Supervisor's Desk...

What will be the best outcome for the sewer customers of the North Kent Sewer Authority (NKSA) and its five member communities – the Townships of Cannon, Courtland, Plainfield and Alpine and the City of Rockford?

In April 2005, the NKSA Board authorized an independent rate study plan to be performed by Mark Beauchamp of Utility Financial Solutions, and on Thursday, June 2, many of the questions that had been bothering some of the members were finally answered.

The first statement out of the consultant's mouth was that the Grand Rapids' contract is very complex. I would have to agree with that statement, but would add that it is also unfair and bad for Cannon Township's customers. Mr. Beauchamp explained that there are risks in both scenarios; signing the Grand Rapids' contract versus building a new sewer plant in Plainfield Charter Township. After many calculations the final conclusion was that it is about equal in cost to pursue either option. In the early years it is going to cost more to build a plant; and in the long run it is more costly to sign the new contract with the City of Grand Rapids.

There are still many assumptions in either case. The Board does not want to argue over assumptions. We need to base our decisions on the known facts. The risk with the Grand Rapids' contract involves interest rates, inflation and unknown future sewer maintenance projects that will come about. The risks with the new plant deal with construction costs and permitting.

Common sense tells us that building sooner rather than later will be less costly. NKSA has secured a fixed interest rate for bonding. The majority of the permits needed have been secured and the final DEQ authorization is almost finalized. Not having control over interest rates (Grand Rapids' rate is variable) and inflation could be acceptable, but NOT having control over Grand Rapids' future sewer projects and our future needs is NOT acceptable.

Mr. Beauchamp ran each and every calculation under the worst-case scenario when it came to the numbers used for building a new plant. In all cases the difference in cost was within the margin of error. Sometimes, it was a little more to build, and others times, it was a little more to sign the Grand Rapids' contract. The costs were projected over a 33-year period.

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As stated in previous Communicator articles, it is my opinion that the City of Grand Rapids has presented NKSA with a very complicated contract which penalizes our Township for what we are – low density development with beautiful, open vistas. It is my opinion that Grand Rapids would like to see Cannon more dense, curbing their view of urban sprawl. The townships are not the sole cause of urban sprawl.

Cannon will be much more self-sufficient with our sewage being locally controlled by NKSA, instead of the City of Grand Rapids. Township citizens will have a tough time holding Grand Rapids officials accountable for its older system and leaky infrastructure.

Building a new clean water plant will be intense, difficult and complicated, but I know it to be the best solution for our Township, the environment and our sewer customers.

*Pete MacGregor  
Supervisor, Cannon Township*

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## Road Report

As most of you know, many roads in the County are in bad condition and in need of repair. John Rice, the Managing Director, was quoted as saying that last winter was the hardest on the roads in 15 years because of the freezing and thawing and the lack of snow cover.

Plans have been made to repair (by crush, shape and repave) B.J. Street and Giles, 9 Mile from Myers Lake to Young, and Pettis from Cannonsburg Road to 4 Mile. The total cost for these repairs is estimated at \$680,000 with the Township contributing \$277,500. The Township budget for roads is \$288,200.

Other roads needing major repairs have been brought to our attention and they are Ramsdell to Cannonsburg Road, Egypt Valley from M44 to Cannonsburg Road and Cannonsburg Road. These have been discussed with the County Road Department and hopefully they can be repaired in 2006.

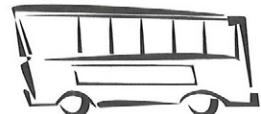
The problem of heavy traffic on M44 is being pursued with the Grand Valley Metro Council and MDOT. Bob Swenson has been volunteering many hours of his time attending meetings with these organizations and has presented his recommendation to the Citizens' Road Committee and the Township Board. The recommendation will then be presented to MDOT by Bob and myself so that we can start to put this in the planning process.

*Dick Davies, Trustee*

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## The Rapid Launches Countywide Transportation Service

The Rapid has kicked-off The County Connection, a new countywide transportation service. The County Connection service ensures that all residents of Kent County have access to public transportation. It is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, with the exception of major holidays. Rides are scheduled in advance and cost \$14.00 each way; same day rides can also be scheduled on a space-available basis with a \$5.00 surcharge per person/per ride. Children under the age of 5 are free. The service area is the borders of Kent County, approximately 22 Mile Road to the north, 108th Avenue to the south, Wilson/Kenowa to the west, and Boynton/Snow to the east. You can ride from any point in the County to any other point in the County using this service.



The County Connection program is funded through a competitive federal job access and reverse commute grant matched by state money. The Rapid worked closely with the Workforce Development Board and the Area Community Service for Employment and Training (ACSET) to design a program that supports work or work-related trips throughout Kent County. Priority is given to clients of ACSET and the Michigan Department of Human Services (formerly FIA), but it is available to all residents of Kent County.

County Connection has brought transportation alternatives to many areas of Kent County that previously had no access to public transportation. The service also assists those choosing to live in rural areas in finding a cost-effective, reliable way to get to work. The County Connection significantly enhances the quality of life for Kent County residents and is quickly on its way to becoming a major success story for The Rapid, and ultimately, the people it serves. To schedule a ride or find out more about the service, call The Rapid at 800-849-1191.

### Mark your calendars now for the Community Clean-up Days coming this fall.

There will be four days this year:

Wednesday, September 28th

9 AM to 6 PM

Thursday, September 29th

9 AM to 6 PM

Friday, September 30th

9 AM to 5 PM

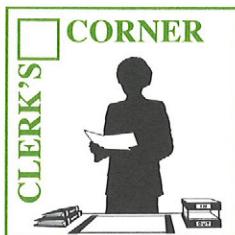
Saturday, October 1st

8 AM to 1 PM



Please bring items during these times only. You will not be allowed to drop off items at any other time.

**ORDINANCES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE.  
WWW.CANNONTWP.ORG**



### Election Comments:

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that May would be a month of firsts for the Clerk's Department. We would be using new voting equipment while running the school elections for the first time in new Cannon Township precincts. I believe everything went very smoothly during these elections.

The turnout for this election was as follows:

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2/3	Precinct 4	Precinct 5	Precinct 6	Total
Total Voters	168	381	235	247	246	1277
Total Reg. Voters	1541	3117	1723	1400	1584	9365
Percent Turnout	10.90%	12.22%	13.64%	17.64%	15.53%	13.64%

This is close to the Rockford Schools' turnout in June 2004 when there were similar issues on the ballot.

The Township really appreciates the use of the local churches – Bella Vista, West Cannon Baptist, Bostwick Lake Congregational, and Crossroads Wesleyan – for four of its polling places. Churches are ideal because, as a rule, they are handicapped accessible, have large parking areas, and have only light use on Tuesdays (election days). We have found the staff at these area churches to be very accommodating to our needs.

### Ordinance Adoption:

Over the past few years, I have been involved with the adoption of several ordinances that protect the environment of Cannon Township. These ordinances were designed to not only protect overall water quality, but also to protect property owners from the effects of their neighbors' actions. The Storm Water and Wetland ordinances ensure protection from drainage problems by keeping storm water runoff on the property where it originated and maintaining the natural wetlands that absorb excess water and pollutants.

In addition to these ordinances, the Township is working on a Phosphorus Fertilizer ordinance that will control the type of fertilizer used on properties that drain into lake basins. It is hoped that controlling the use of phosphate fertilizer in these areas will help control algae and weed growth in our beautiful lakes.

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## Natural Features:

It's important to us to preserve the features that draw residents to our area – such as the steep slopes, breathtaking vistas, forested areas, and the lakes, streams, and wetlands scattered throughout the Township. Instead of another ordinance, the Bear Creek Watershed Committee has been working on a policy that will encourage people to protect these features and preserve them for the future.

The Township is also working with the Izaac Walton League to focus on education of our residents and providing fun, positive activities that will encourage protection of our environment and the enhancement of wildlife habitat. Be sure to watch for upcoming announcements of workshops and activities that you can participate in, such as the Open House on June 25th. (see related article)

*Bonnie L. Shupe, Township Clerk*

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## Speed Boards

Is "speeding" a problem in your neighborhood? Please stop and read this article.



Do you think speed boards work in reducing the speed of those over the limit? Speed boards are the large white boards that remind you of the speed limit and then tell you your speed. Do they work? This question seems to spark interesting discussions.

Kent County has speed boards for the townships to share. They have limited hours of operation and tend to have a waiting list as they rotate through the townships that request them. The Board is currently discussing purchasing a speed board and other tools to help officers encourage residents to follow the speed limit.

Is speeding a problem on your street? Would a speed board help? I would love to hear from you with the answers! If you can't attend a meeting (every second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.) then please send me a letter.

Also - summer starts for many of the children in Cannon Township on June 13th. Please pay close attention to your speed as you drive.

*Diane Jones, Cannon Township Trustee*



# WATERSHED PAGES



## A Citizen's Guide to Boat and Vehicle Care

How we take care of our boats, personal watercrafts, mobile homes, cars, and other vehicles greatly influences the health of the Grand River and its tributaries. You can do your part to prevent pollution at the source by checking up on your marina and following a few simple tips at home.

### Car Washing and Boat Cleaning

- \* Look for non-toxic and phosphate-free cleansers.
- \* Use alternative cleaners, such as baking soda and lemon juice. Avoid those with bleach, ammonia, lye, or petroleum distillates (see chart).



Product	Better Alternative
Bleach	Borax or hydrogen peroxide
Chrome cleaner	Apple cider vinegar to clean, baby oil to polish
Drain cleaner	Boiling water and plunger or plumber's snake
Engine cleaner	Steam clean the engine in a dedicated service area
Fiberglass stain remover	Baking soda paste, scrub pad, "elbow grease"
Paint stripper	Physically remove old paint without chemical use  Avoid products containing methylene chloride, trichloroethylene, benzene, trichloroethylene, xylene, or toluene
Scouring powders	Baking soda and "elbow grease"
Window cleaner	Vinegar and lemon juice mixed in lukewarm water
Wood polish	Olive oil or almond oil for interior wood; use water-based or borax-based products

References: Marine Environmental Education Foundation's National Clean Boating Campaign 2000 Action Kit and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's "Tips to Protect the Environment"

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## Fuel and Oil

- \* When fueling, avoid topping off! Remember that fuel expands as it warms up in your tank.
- \* Store fuel only in approved containers.
- \* Routinely check for and fix oil and fuel leaks.



## Engine Care

- \* Keep boat and car engines properly tuned for efficient fuel consumption and clean exhaust.
- \* Use a drip pan when doing engine maintenance. Drippings left on the cement get washed into nearby drains and end up in our streams.



## Sewage Control

- \* Use onshore restrooms when docked, and encourage everyone to use the facilities before casting off.
- \* Empty portable toilets only at pump-out stations or at home.
- \* Clean up after your pet to prevent pet waste from washing into storm drains.

**Many marinas statewide have pump-outs and allow non-members to use them.  
Keep sewage out of storm drains and lakes!**

## Office of Water Launches New Webpage for Kids

EPA's Office of Water has launched a new Kids' Page featuring a new character called "Thirstin." This site contains games, activities and narrated/animated classroom experiments. Some of the new activities include an animated water cycle; word scramble; word search; water trivia and "Thirstin's Wacky Water Adventure." Teachers and students can work on-line or download some of the information for classroom use. The new pages are located at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/kids/index.html>. For more information please contact Charlene Shaw at 202-564-4635.



## A Letter of Thanks to the Residents of Cannon Township

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the great people I have met while working for Cannon Township. I have enjoyed working and talking with many of you and I have learned a lot during my time here. But, the time has come for me to move on to a new adventure. I have accepted an invitation to volunteer for the Peace Corps in Micronesia. I will be leaving in September for 3 months of training and then will spend 2 full years of service helping a Micronesian community with the Agricultural and Environmental issues that they are dealing with.

I hope to apply my experience working for Cannon Township and make a difference in this beautiful and pristine area of the world. Micronesia is a group of about 2000 small islands located to the north of Australia in the South Pacific Ocean. I do not know exactly where I will be in Micronesia, but I am sure that it will be a wonderful experience that I will never forget.

Bonnie Shupe is currently working on my replacement and I am sure whomever it is will do a good job in continuing what I've worked on. My last day will probably be in mid-July, so if anyone would like to contact me before I leave, please feel free to email [rteelander@cannontwp.org](mailto:rteelander@cannontwp.org) or call the Township at 874-6966. If anything is needed after I leave, please contact Bonnie at 874-6966 or email at [bonnies@cannontwp.org](mailto:bonnies@cannontwp.org). I am currently doing some organizing so that the next person here can find everything relatively easily, and can, hopefully, have an easy transition.

I have enjoyed driving around the Township and seeing people with buffer areas, fences for the geese and other things I've covered in my articles. I have really had a good time with the home-school class that I helped and being involved in Waterfest. I hope that it continues to be a success and the waters continue to run clear in Cannon Township.

*Sincerely,  
Ryan Teelander  
Watershed Assistant 2003-2005*

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## Resources

Resources are available at the Township office for people interested in water quality and other environmental issues.

Cannon Township has videos, and many brochures and other literature if residents are interested in learning about how to conserve water, prevent runoff, and reduce pollution. The Township also

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has a lot of information available on native landscaping, landscaping for water quality, raingardens, invasive species (aquatic and terrestrial), groundwater, wetlands, lakes, and many other topics. Any interested persons should come to the Township Center and ask for information or you can call 874-6966 or email [bonnies@cannontwp.org](mailto:bonnies@cannontwp.org)

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## Easy Ways to Keep Pollution From Entering Public Waters

It isn't something you really think about, but it's just as easy to do. When you wash your car, do it on the grass instead of your driveway. There are many benefits to doing this. One, you can park under a tree and stay cooler in the shade. Being on the grass prevents most of the water from directly entering the nearest water body and allows it to filter through to the groundwater table. While you are cleaning your car, you are also watering your lawn, so you don't have to do it later. And, if your car leaks oil or any other fluids, then it gets filtered with the rest of the water as it works its way through the grass toward your groundwater table.

In addition to not washing the car in the driveway, another thing that can be done is sweeping or using a blower to clean off the driveway or walkway instead of spraying it with water. The reason for not using water is that when it runs down your driveway into the road, it goes to storm drains that go directly to the nearest lake or stream.

Allowing vegetation to grow along waterways creates a buffer area that filters water before it reaches a water body.

*Ryan Teelander, Watershed Assistant*

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## Wild Garlic Mustard

Invasion by non-native species—including zebra mussel, purple loosestrife, Eurasian water-milfoil, glossy buckthorn, and wild garlic mustard—is one of the most serious threats to natural areas in West Michigan. Wild garlic mustard, well-known to conservation groups south of us, is spreading throughout Michigan.

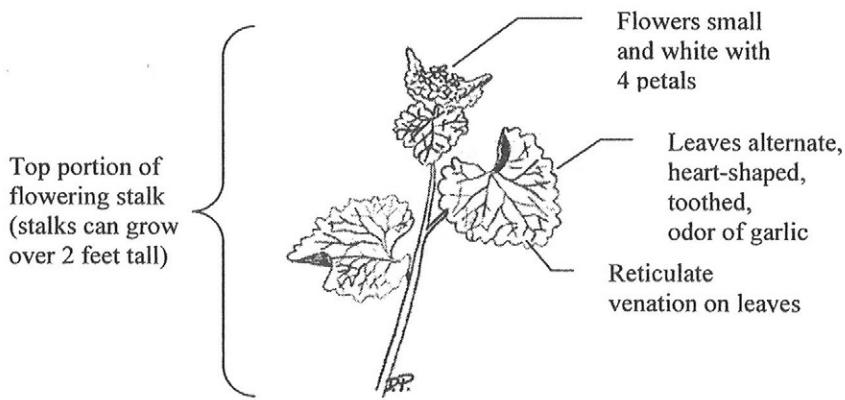
This invasive plant is a serious threat to our native spring flora in forested natural areas throughout West Michigan—and it continues to spread. Garlic mustard was introduced to Long Island from Europe in 1868, and reached Chicago by 1918. It now has a foothold in some of West



Michigan's most-beloved natural areas including Saugatuck dunes State Park and Sanctuary Woods Preserve near Holland and Aman Park near Grand Rapids, and it has spread to many parks, nature preserves, and private woodlands throughout southern Michigan.

Garlic mustard is very invasive and will dominate a forest if left uncontrolled. Each plant is capable of producing thousands of seeds—each seed capable of dormancy for at least five years. Garlic Mustard is known to crowd out spring ephemerals such as toothwort and rob them of light, nutrients, and water. Knowledge and control of this plant is vital to conservation of our Native spring wild flowers. Eradication of garlic mustard when it first appears in a woodlot or forest is vital to control the spread of this invasive plant in West Michigan.

### Wild Garlic Mustard



#### Identification:

A biennial, garlic mustard stays small and green for the first year after germination. As the plant matures, the leaves become dark green and heart-shaped with rounded, coarse-toothed edges. The first-year plants look somewhat similar to violets, ginger and a few other forest plants; but when crushed, garlic mustard smells like garlic. In the second year, garlic mustard bolts to over two feet tall and blooms from May through July and can remain dormant in the soil for at least five years.

Thank you to Doug Powless at The Land Conservancy of West Michigan for this article,



## “DATES TO REMEMBER”

July 1      2005 Summer Tax Bills Mailed to Residents  
Quarterly Sewer Bills Mailed to Residents

July 1 & 4    **INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED – OFFICE CLOSED**

July 11      Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

July 12      Planning Commission Meeting – 6:00 pm

July 19      Board of Review – 9:00 am

July 25      Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

July 31      **QUARTERLY SEWER BILLS DUE**

August 8      Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

August 9      Planning Commission Meeting - 6:00 pm

August 16     Zoning Board of Appeals – 7:00 pm

August 22     Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sept 5        **LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

Sept 12      Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sept 13      Planning Commission Meeting – 6:00 pm

Sept 14      **2004 SUMMER TAXES PAYABLE WITHOUT PENALTY**

Sept 20      Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sept 26      Township Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sept 28      **COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP – TOWNSHIP HALL** 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sept 29      Community Clean-up – 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sept 30      Community Clean-up – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Oct 1        Community Clean-up - 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Remember to check for any cancellations or changes on the Township web site under Events. ([www.cannontwp.org](http://www.cannontwp.org))

**SUMMER HOURS – A REMINDER THAT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST.**



I would first like to take the opportunity to congratulate the newest officer of the Cannon Township Fire Department, Brian Morris. Brian was advanced to the rank of Lieutenant and will continue to serve as one of our full-time fire fighters and emergency medical technicians. He has served the Fire Department for almost 20 years and was our Township's first full time fire fighter. Please join me in congratulating Brian on his advancement.

As you are outside doing lawn work, take a minute and inspect your driveway for branch obstructions. In some of our recent calls, branches prevented many of our trucks from getting close to the scene when time was critical. Many people do not realize that our vehicles have equipment that is exposed and we cannot drive through these tight quarters. So please take a minute and cut back the branches so that, in the event you need us to respond, we can arrive quickly.

### Severe Weather:

During the next few months, the risk for severe weather will be at its annual highest. Severe weather means the atmospheric conditions are right for thunderstorms that can produce high winds, intense rainfall, large hail, lightning and even tornadoes. Take a minute and make sure you are familiar with the signs and warnings of springtime inclement weather. If nothing else, take this opportunity to discuss this with the other members of the family so that they know where to go and what to do when the weather turns nasty.

Know the differences between a watch and a warning when the National Weather Service issues an alert. The four most available weather-warning systems are your television, radio, a NOAA weather radio and your computer.

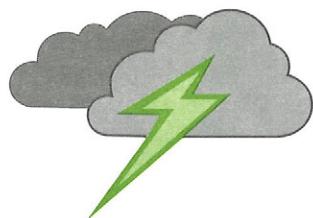
The watches and warnings are defined as:

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Conditions are conducive to the development of severe thunderstorms in and close to the watch area.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** A severe thunderstorm has actually been observed by spotters or indicated on radar and is occurring or imminent in the warning area.

**Tornado Watch:** Conditions are conducive to the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area.

**Tornado Warning:** A tornado has actually been sighted by spotters or indicated on radar and is occurring or imminent in the warning area.



Planning will help make sure your family has a severe weather action strategy when bad weather strikes. This is especially important during the summer months when many children are home alone when the possibility of severe weather is the highest. Make sure all members are familiar with the

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safest spot in your home, apartment or condominium. In most cases, the safest spot will be in the lowest floor of the home, in the smallest room without windows. It is also recommended that you have an emergency kit that contains a flashlight, a battery powered radio and extra batteries.

**As you start planning for those cookouts and fireworks, here are some tips to stay safe:**

**For fireworks:**

- If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
- Always read the directions and warning label on fireworks. If a device is not marked with the contents, directions and a warning label, DO NOT LIGHT IT!



**For cookouts:**

- Keep grills away from anything that can burn, such as your house, car or dry vegetation
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children
- Make sure everyone knows how to Stop, Drop and Roll
- Do not leave your grill unattended while it's cooking and keep children and pets away
- For charcoal grills, only use starter fluid designed for grills. Never use gasoline and never add fluid to an already lit fire
- Before using a gas grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes (where the air and gas mix) are not blocked.



Cannon Township residents are not required to have a burn permit for campfires less than 3ft in diameter.

Burn permits ARE required for all other controlled burns and all it takes is a quick call to our station at 874-9725 and it's FREE! Please be aware that during periods of droughts, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources may impose a burning ban for certain areas. When this occurs, we will also prohibit any controlled burns within our Township.

Until next time, have a safe and happy summer.

*Harry Morris, Jr., Fire Chief*

## KENT MSU EXTENSION “STUCK ON GARDENING” GARDEN TOUR, July 16 & 17, 2005

Garden enthusiasts will be delighted this July while visiting 10 exceptional Master Gardener gardens in Kent County. The garden tour is designed to be educational for those who participate, young or old. Kent MSUE Master Gardeners will be on hand at every site to answer your gardening questions on Saturday, July 16, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday, July 17, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM.

Garden visitors can expect to see a wide variety of site conditions and design styles including lush shade gardens, hot and sunny mixed borders, a small urban garden, water gardens, garden art, pool landscaping, herbs and a natural garden in a suburban setting. Proceeds from the garden tour benefit the Kent MSU Extension Junior Master Gardener Program. This volunteer program equips young gardeners with current, research-based gardening knowledge so that they can volunteer in their home communities.

**Tickets are available at Kent MSU Extension**  
775 Ball Ave., NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
616/336-3265  
Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

**CONTACT:** Rebecca Finneran OR Judy Sink  
Horticulture Educator Junior  
Master Gardener Coordinator  
at Kent MSU Extension

**Ticket Prices: \$10.00 Adult (no charge for children 15 & under)**

Tickets can also be purchased at any site on the days of the Tour. A list of addresses can be obtained at the Kent MSU Extension website at [www.msue.msu.edu/kent](http://www.msue.msu.edu/kent) then click on Jr. Master Gardener or [www.stuckongardening.com](http://www.stuckongardening.com) or by calling 616/336-3265.

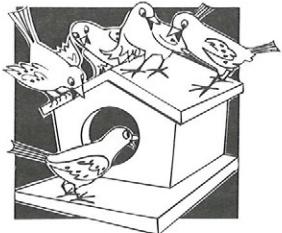


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**Cannonsburg Historical Museum** is open every Sunday from May to the end of September from 2 PM to 4 PM. They're still looking for pictures of people that were in the service in any of the wars. Please contact Margaret Janose at 874-6865.

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**Bluebird houses** – In late March, local resident Lee Peterson did a presentation at the Township Center about attracting bluebirds to your property. In May, Lee along with Pat and Gordie Herrington put up two bluebird houses on the Township property near the paper trailer. Some bluebirds began making a nest in one of the houses, but the neighboring swallows drove them away. Although we're enjoying the swallows, we hope to see some bluebirds nesting there in the future.



# Ike/Cannon Township Family Open House

Please plan to attend the second annual family open house sponsored jointly by the Izaak Walton League and Cannon Township. This year's event will have many exciting activities for young and "seasoned" alike! Come see the new plans for the property and building, the new Michigan plant habitat being planned and planted, the eradication of non-native species (especially Autumn Olive!), the Save our Streams program, the watershed project, composting in your backyard, rain gardens and rain barrels, Bluebird habitat restoration (kids! Build your own bluebird house!), our National Wildlife backyard links, gun safety and BB guns practice....and much more!

The event is all free, including the hot dog lunch! Bring your family and friends and come and enjoy our 37 acres of beautiful property!

**Saturday, June 25, 2005**

**Noon-4 PM**

**5641 Myers Lake Avenue**

**Belmont, Michigan**

If you would like to volunteer for any time during the day, or have questions, please contact:

Barb McGuirl 874-7740 or  
Linda Arnold Schuhardt 363-7001

## Clip and Save E-mail Addresses

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Fire Chief, Harry Morris . . . . .	Chief@cannontwp.org
State Representative, Tom Pearce . . . . .	tompearce@house.mi.gov
State Senator, Ken Sikkema . . . . .	ofcKenSikkema@senate.michigan.gov
Congressman Vern Ehlers . . . . .	Phone: 1-800-774-1174
Cannon Township Web Site . . . . .	www.house.gov/writerep
Kent County Web Site . . . . .	www.cannontwp.org
State of Michigan Web Site. . . . .	www.accesskent.com
	www.michigan.gov



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### Township Board

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Trustees. . . . .	Diane Jones
Trustees. . . . .	Dick Davies
Trustees. . . . .	Chuck Bloom
Trustees. . . . .	Jim Lapeer
Township Offices . . .	874-6966
(Hours 8am – 5pm, Mon – Fri)	
Fax. . . . .	874-8940
Fire Department . . .	874-9725
Emergency. . . . .	911

**Township Board Meetings**  
2nd & 4th Monday, Monthly  
7:00 pm, Township Hall