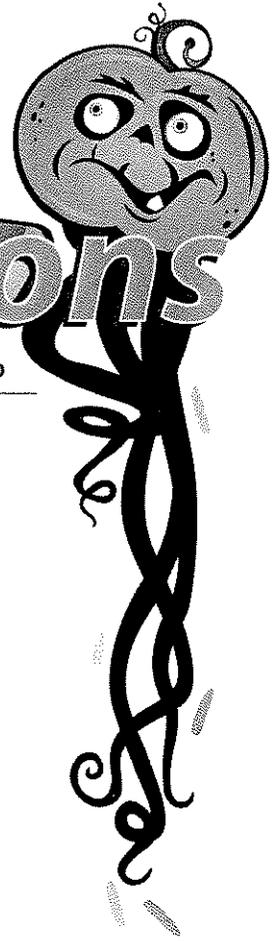


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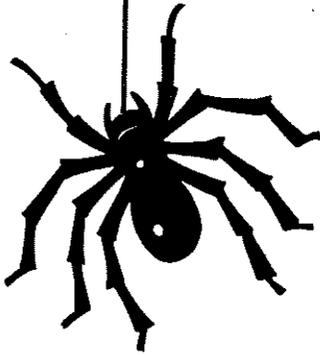
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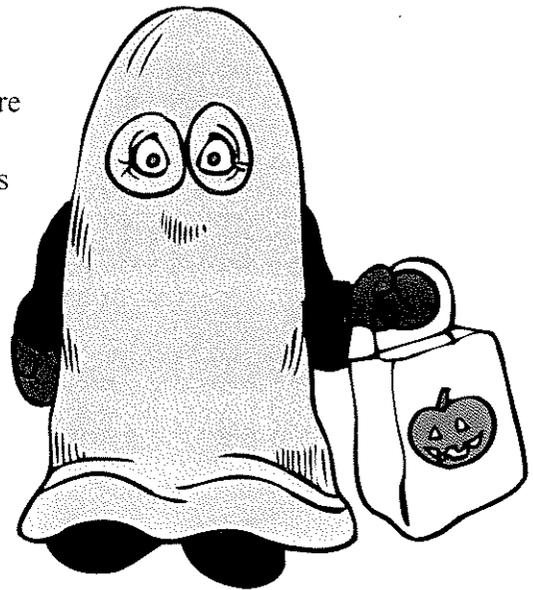
Halloween in Cascade

Cascade Township, along with other area communities, is encouraging trick-or-treating on Saturday, October 30th.



Cascade Fire Department Halloween Party

Bring your ghosts! Bring your goblins! Cascade Township Fire Department invites you to the annual Halloween party on Saturday, October 30th at Station #1 located at 2865 Thornhills Avenue SE. Halloween will be observed on Saturday, October 30th. The Halloween party at the Fire Department will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Activities will include clowns, a costume contest with prizes awarded to all participants and a sack of treats and surprises for all the children. Complimentary cider, hot chocolate, coffee and doughnuts will be served. Come early or come late, but if you choose to have your costume judged, please be here by 7:45 p.m. for the group judging.



If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact the Fire Department at 949-1320.





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Halloween TIPS

School has begun and the fall season is upon us. We would like to give you some tips for Halloween to help keep you and your children safe.

First and foremost, motorists need to be especially alert on Halloween. Make sure you watch for children walking on the roadway, in the medians and on the curbs. Pay extra attention at dusk and after dark for children in dark clothes.

Make sure your kids are with an adult or an older responsible teenager and that they are traveling in an area that is familiar to them. Teach them to stay on the sidewalks if they are available and if not, to stay as near the edge of the road as possible. If you have a flashlight, it may not be a bad idea to give it to your child to make him more visible to vehicles. Tell your children to only go to houses that are well lit and tell them to never go inside unless they know the homeowner. Take extra precautions to make sure that your child's costume is not too long as to cause a tripping hazard.

Establish a time when your children should return home. Know where they are going to be so that if they are not home on time, you know where to look for them. Tell the children not to eat any of their treats until they get home. When your child returns home, inspect all candy for anything suspicious. If in doubt, throw it out!



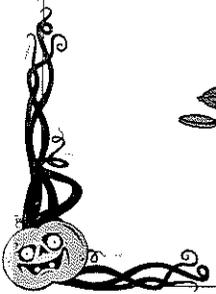
Cascade Historical Society October 2004

Cascade Historical Afghans, The Cascade Chronicles and a fun Cascade map are all available at the Township offices. The afghans are loomed cotton measuring approximately 50" x 70". Five different color choices are available. Afghan displays are located at the Township office and the Cascade Library. The afghan cost is \$75 and includes a signed description of the nine historical structures. The fund raising proceeds will help fund construction of the future History Room in the Cascade Library.

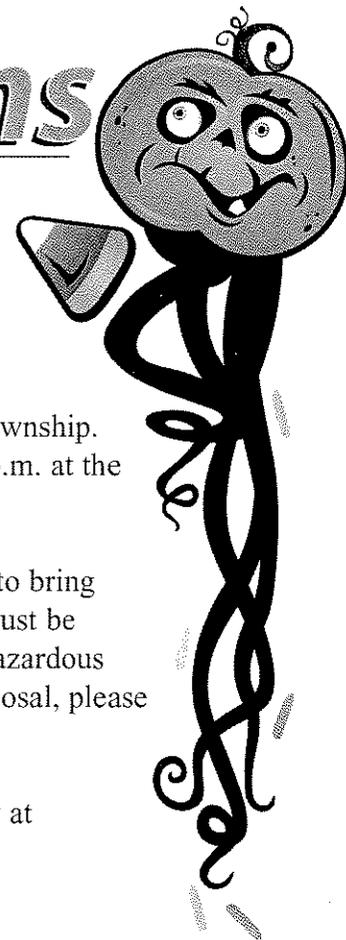
Are you interested in preserving the Heritage of Cascade? Please consider becoming a member to show your support. Several different membership levels are available. The next Cascade Historical Society meeting will be held at the Cascade Museum on November 4th at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Mary J. Carpenter at 949-6944 for more information.

Gypsy Moths

Since 1995, the Township has provided aerial spraying services to areas of the Township infested with the Gypsy Moth caterpillar. This service will once again be provided in 2005. This year however, no surveys will be needed from the residents of the Township. The consultant the Township has hired for the last nine years indicated he has a strong feel for the Township and where the gypsy moth infestation areas are. The consultant will map out the infested areas and provide the information to the Township in early 2005. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Township at 949-1500.



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FALL CLEAN UP DAY

Cascade Township is offering a fall clean up day this year in conjunction with Ada Township. The fall clean up day will be held on Saturday, October 30th 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 hazardous waste products or tires will be accepted. For household hazardous waste and tire disposal, please contact the Kent County Department of Public Works at 336-2501.

If you have any questions regarding fall clean up day, feel free to contact Sandra Otey at 949-1500 or by email at sotey@cascadetwp.com.

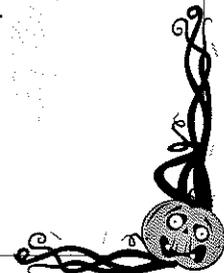
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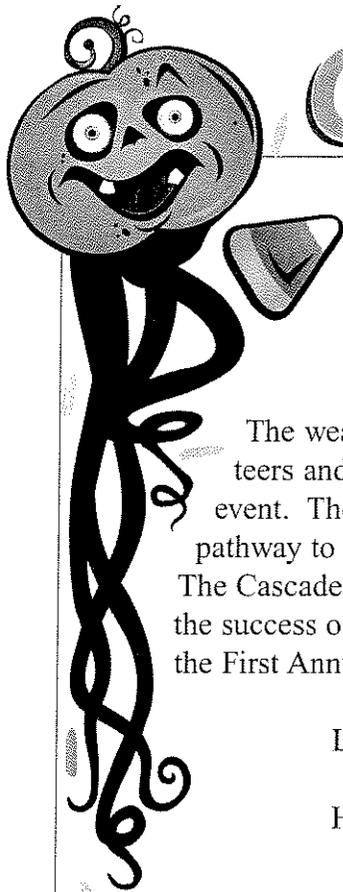
Cascade Charter Township offers citizens a variety of opportunities to participate in local government. The following is a list of the different boards and committees with Township citizens serving on them.

Planning Commission
Zoning Board of Appeals
Parks Committee
Downtown Development Authority
Historical Committee
Community Foundation
Library Advisory Board
Assessment Board of Appeals

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please send a letter explaining your interest in that board(s) along with your resume. Send this information to the attention of the Township Supervisor or e-mail the Township Manager's office at: manager@cascadetwp.com.

For more information contact the Township office at 949-1500.





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Cascade Community Foundation Pathway Parade

The weather was perfect on the morning of Saturday, July 10, and the board members, volunteers and participants were all in high spirits for the First Annual Pathway Parade fundraiser event. The walk started at Leslie E. Tassell Park, 2900 Thornapple River Drive, followed the pathway to the Buttrick Fire Station, and ended back at Tassell Park.

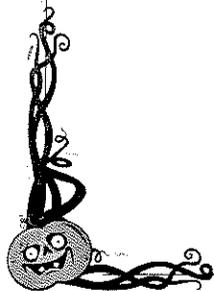
The Cascade Community Foundation Board Members spent hours of volunteer time preparing for the success of this first annual event which received tremendous community support. Sponsors for the First Annual Pathway Parade were:

Lead Sponsor	VanWyk Risk & Financial Management
Happy Trails Sponsors	Lacks Enterprises Meijer Inc. The Leslie E. Tassell Foundation
Skippin' Along Sponsors	Forest Hills Foods Williams Kitchen & Bath D & W Food Centers Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wisner
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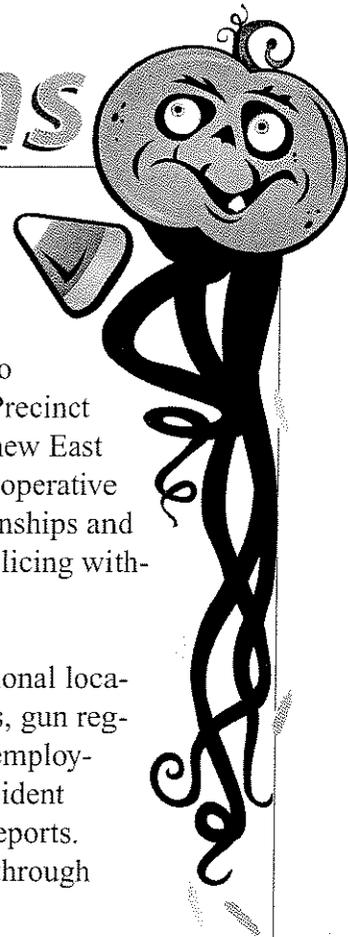
There are many others who made contributions to the event. A very special thank you to all of the sponsors and participants of the Pathway Parade. We appreciate their continued support of Cascade!

As the Cascade Community Foundation moves forward, it has a strong vision of the role it should play in the future of our Township. The Foundation plans to participate in continuing to make Cascade Township a truly remarkable place to live, work and do business.

Mark your calendar for next year's Pathway Parade which will be the weekend after July 4th.



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EAST PRECINCT BECOMES REALITY

The Kent County Sheriff Department is proud to announce the official opening of the new East Precinct office, located at 877 Forest Hill Ave. SE. The new East Precinct concept was established through the cooperative efforts of Ada, Cascade, and Grand Rapids Townships and will serve as a partnership for more effective policing within the three participating townships.

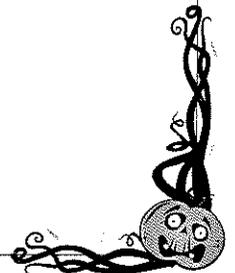
The Precinct will provide citizens with an additional location for services including gun purchase permits, gun registrations, CCW packets, sex offender registry, employment and background checks, filing walk-in accident reports and the purchasing of police / incident reports. The East Precinct office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

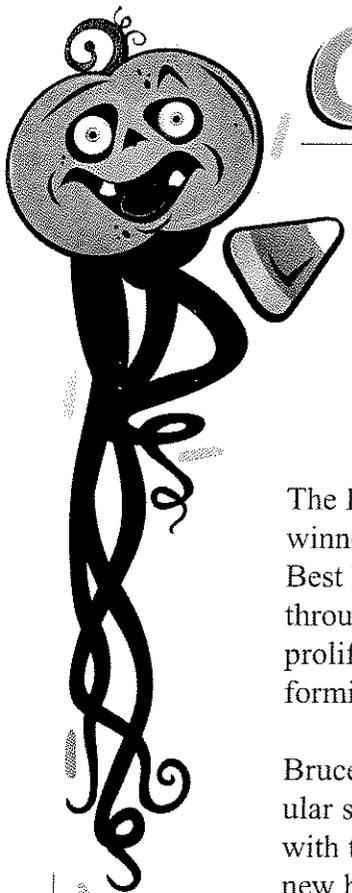
The staffing of the East Precinct will include a Records Clerk, two area Detectives, two Community Police Officers, two School Resource Officers and a combined total of twenty township and district patrol officers assigned to the area. Lt. Bill Weston, currently assigned as the East Precinct Commander, will be working in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department and Ada, Cascade, and Grand Rapids Townships.

Please remember you still need to dial 911 for all emergencies and 632-6100 for non-emergency calls.

We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year.

Lt. Bill Weston
East Precinct Commander





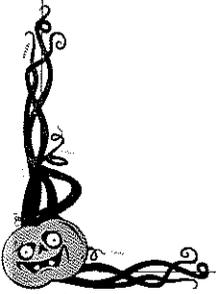
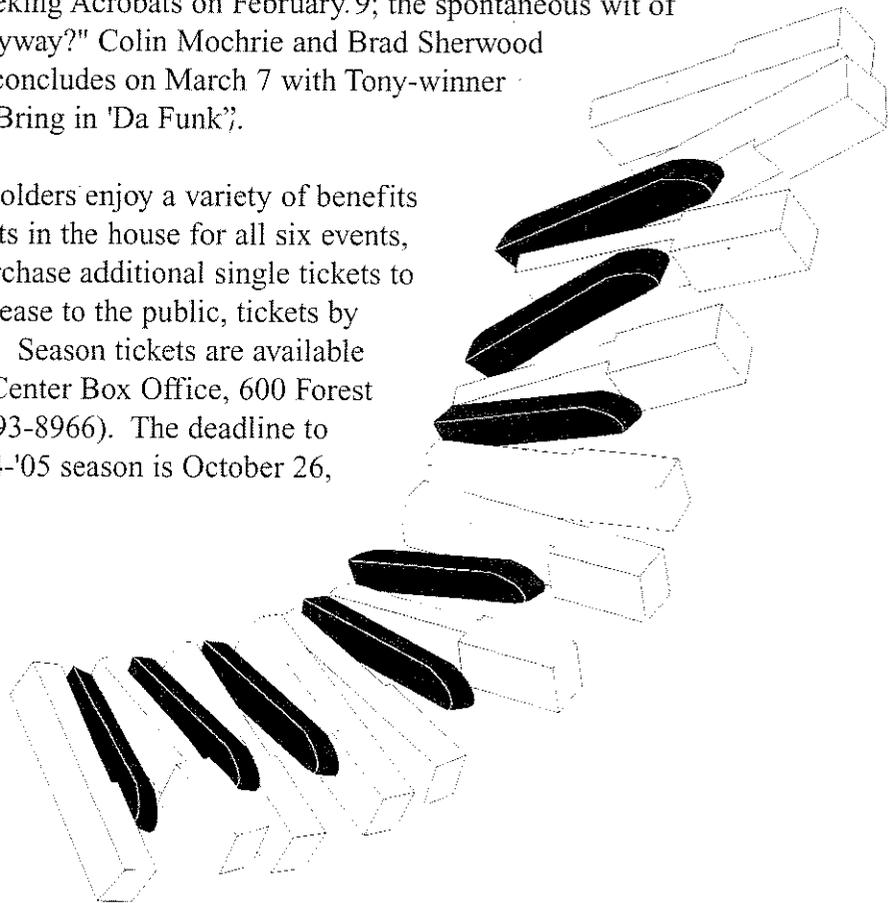
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Bruce Hornsby Added to Fine Arts Center's 2004 - '05 Subscription Series Line-up!

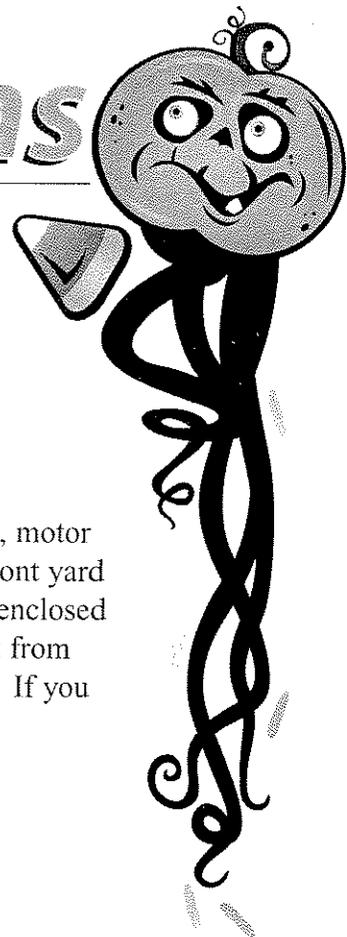
The Forest Hills Fine Arts Center is thrilled to announce that three-time Grammy winner Bruce Hornsby will perform here on Sunday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. Best known for his distinctive piano and mellow pop-rock sound made popular through hits like "The Way It Is" and "Fields of Gray", Hornsby is one of the most prolific singer-songwriters of the last two decades, writing, recording and/or performing with Bob Dylan, Sting, Elton John, Huey Lewis, Bonnie Raitt, and others.

Bruce Hornsby's appearance will be the third event in the Fine Arts Center's spectacular six-show 2004-'05 subscription season. The series will open on October 26 with the Gershwin extravaganza "Crazy for You", and continue with the charming new holiday musical "Mooseltoe" on November 26. The diverse season also features the legendary Peking Acrobats on February 9; the spontaneous wit of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood on February 18; and concludes on March 7 with Tony-winner "Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk".

Season subscription holders enjoy a variety of benefits including the best seats in the house for all six events, the opportunity to purchase additional single tickets to each show prior to release to the public, tickets by mail, and much more. Season tickets are available now at the Fine Arts Center Box Office, 600 Forest Hill Avenue (phone 493-8966). The deadline to subscribe for the 2004-'05 season is October 26, 2004.



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Recreational Vehicle Storage

Please remember that the storage of recreational vehicles, including boats, travel trailers, motor homes, sea doos, snowmobiles and other vehicles of similar nature is prohibited in all front yard areas from December 1st to May 15th. Recreational vehicles may be stored within any enclosed building or in the side or rear yard, provided they are located a minimum of five (5) feet from the property line. The RV stored on the property must be owned by the property owner. If you have questions, please contact the Township Office at 949-1500.

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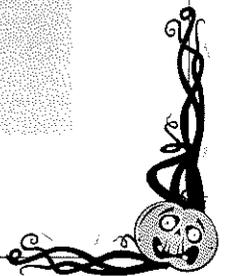
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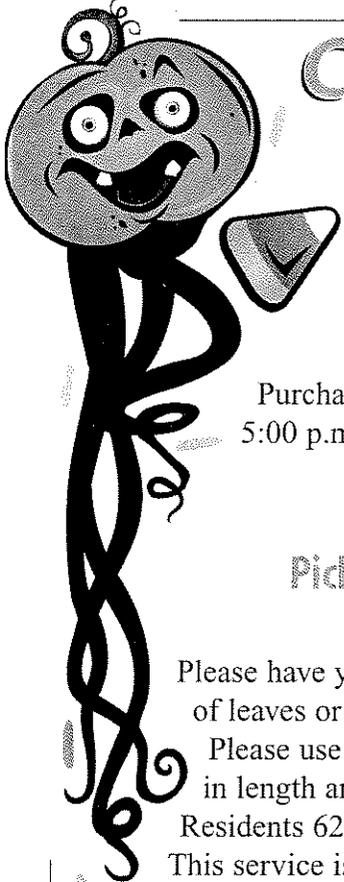
NOVEMBER 2ND!

Don't know if you're registered or where to vote?

The Secretary of State's web site now contains information on every registered voter in Michigan. Just go to www.michigan.gov/sos. Click on voter information center and you will be able to find your voting location with directions, the type of voting equipment you use (and instructions on using it) and a sample of the ballot you will be voting. This is a great addition to the Secretary of State's office.

The last day to register to vote in the November 2nd Presidential Election is October 4th.





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YARD WASTE PICK UP PROGRAM

FALL 2004

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 \$.85 each

Pick up will be every Monday, October 18 through November 22

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 and residents with disabilities will receive 20 tags FREE!

This service is only available in the restricted burn area. The yard waste dumpsters will be available behind the Thornhills Fire Station on October 22 - 24, November 12-14 and November 25-28. 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.

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