

# The Village of Cass City's Spring 2023 Newsletter

## Manager's Message

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Greetings and Happy Spring! It is the time of year when temperatures warm up and people are getting outside more. What do you look forward to in Spring/Summer in Cass City? It's a time when our Farmers Market opens, there is Music in Rotary Park starting June 23, fun and fireworks at the Freedom Festival beginning June 29, and our flowers are put out on Main Street to welcome all to Cass City.

I am happy to share with you that the Cass City Rotary Club has plans to reimage Rotary Park with a new Sensory Garden for the community equipped with new landscaping, textile pathways, and musical features. Rotary also plans to make improvements to the Disc Golf course located in the woodland trails in the Municipal Park.

You will be hearing more about a plan to award an existing or new business in the Downtown District a grant to grow a business. This new program is called Business Builders and will stimulate economic development on Main Street. Staff will work with Tuscola County EDC to create and implement this program. Look for more information to come on Business Builders in the near future.

### **Parks & Recreation**

As the temperatures warm up, the excitement grows for the summer days when we can open the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool and Splash Park. We plan to offer swimming lessons again this year. The Day Camp Program is scheduled for this summer too. More information on these programs is available by contacting the Municipal Building.

### **The Bark Park**

The Bark Park Committee is continuing to fundraise for a dog park in the Municipal Park, and they are halfway to the goal of \$54,146. The proposed dog park would have a fenced area for large dogs, a separate area for small dogs, and an entry area. Plans are to have a water fountain on the premises along with other amenities. One of the most important components will be the dog waste station. Users will be asked to clean up after their pets, and the other park maintenance such as mowing the lawn will be provided by the Village staff. Donations for the Bark Park can be made at the Municipal Building or on-line at [www.patronicity.com/ccbarkpark](http://www.patronicity.com/ccbarkpark)

### **Fleet**

The Village has two dump trucks that are in need of replacement. These dump trucks are the "work horses" for the DPW. They are showing their age with excessive repair and maintenance. The 1989 Ford F-700 truck is on order and scheduled to be replaced in 2023. The 1998 F-700 dump truck with blade and scraper is scheduled for replacement in 2024. The 2023 Capital Improvement Plan includes \$150,000 for this purchase. The Village has been saving for these expenditures and funds are available in the Motor Vehicle Fund.



## **Recycling**

The Village has a new supply of recycling bins from Emterra available at the Municipal Building. Recycling should be placed at the curb on regular trash days. For more information on what can be recycled, please call Emterra at 1-877-609-6753. Tuscola County Recycling Center also collects recycling every Friday from 9 am—12:30 pm, in the parking lot behind the Municipal Building.

## **Music in Rotary Park**

Mark your calendars this summer for Friday nights at 6:30 pm to hear a variety of music in Rotary Park. Bring your family and friends along with a lawn chair and enjoy the family fun.

June 23—Les Cronies

June 30—Reliks

July 7—Tom and Jerry

July 14—Mysterians

July 21—Josh Ramses Band

July 28—Random

## **Downtown Development Authority (DDA)**

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will be working with Main Street businesses and property owners to “spruce up” the downtown. Plans include window washing and designer films on windows for visual appeal to create a more vibrant and welcoming Downtown District.

## **North Seeger Street**

Spring can be a messy time of year, but especially after a construction project. The lawn restoration performed in the fall on North Seeger needs some attention, and is planned for this Spring. It may not look pretty right now, but give it time.

There are no major road projects planned for 2023. The Village Council will evaluate urgent repairs for this summer. The MDOT funds and road millage cannot fund major projects annually, and with the economy, the Village will pause infrastructure investment this year to save up funds for next year’s road project(s).

## **Farmers Market**

Every Thursday starting May 18th through September 28th the Farmers Market will be held on Main Street near the Municipal Building from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. Stop by and support the local economy by purchasing fresh produce, baked goods, and crafts from your neighborhood vendors.

### **Freedom Festival**

June 29th: Golf Tournament, Bingo

June 30th: Craft Show, Food Vendors, Home Run Derby, Car Show

July 1st: Parade, Craft Show, Live Music, Fireworks

Contact the Chamber of Commerce with questions at 989-872-4618

### **Village of Cass City 2023 Strategic Planning Goals**

1. Finalize Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Plans
2. Rental Housing Inspection Program
3. Alley, Sidewalk and Streets Infrastructure
4. Marketing the Downtown

### **Transportation Survey**

Thank you to all who responded to the Transportation Survey included with utility bills in February. The results, in summary, follow.

**Is there a need for public transportation 71 yes — 56 no**

Would you be able to afford \$3-5 per trip 76 yes — 32 no

**Would you support a transportation millage 62 yes — 63 no**

Should there be contiguous sidewalks in Village 87 yes — 44 no

**Should there be improvements to walking trail 77 yes — 49 no**

Should the Village pave the trail 50 yes — 77 no

**Does your family bike in the Village 65 yes — 71 no**

Should there be bike lanes 51 yes — 76 no

**Would you support a millage for sidewalks/trail 67 yes — 63 no**

### **Spring Projects & Permits**

If you have any spring/summer projects planned, please contact the Municipal Office to make sure you get any required permits.

### **Ordinances Regarding Golf Carts and ATVs**

With the warmer weather here and an increase in the operation of recreational type vehicles, we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of some of the key requirements within the two ordinances. When operating a golf cart or ATV/ ORV, the driver must have a valid operator's license, they cannot be driven on Main Street (M-81), but they may cross M-81.

### **Community Clean-up**

This year's Village Cleanup Day will be postponed until Saturday, September 16th. This is to coincide with a tire recycling trailer that we were awarded from Tuscola County Recycling.

### **Important Contacts**

989.872.2911-Municipal Building  
989.872.2911-CC Police  
989.872.4584-DPW  
989.872.3153-WWTP  
989.673.8738-Dispatch (Non-Emergency)  
989.872.4618-Chamber of Commerce  
989.872.2673-H. Steven's Memorial Pool  
989.872.2148-Cass City Jr./Sr. High School  
989.872.2158-Cass City Elementary School  
800.275.2673-Cass City Post Office  
989.872.2856-Rawson Memorial Library

### **Village Services**

Passports  
Notary

### **Website**

Visit [www.casscity.org](http://www.casscity.org) and like our Facebook page to stay up-to-date!

For fun activities to do in Cass City—

Check out: [www.casscityfun.org](http://www.casscityfun.org)

**Facebook**- "Village of Cass City (Official)"

### **Days the Village Offices will be closed**

Memorial Day (5/29/23)

Independence Day (7/4/23)

Labor Day (9/4/23)

### **Village Council Meetings (6 p.m.)**

05/22/23                      08/28/23

06/26/23                      09/25/23

07/31/23                      10/30/23

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