



The Village of Cass City's Fall 2023 Newsletter

Manager's Message

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A famous Greek Philosopher Heraclitus once said "The only constant is change." Change is constantly happening as we have seen in the Village, evolving, transforming, and changing. We've seen new construction with the Family Dollar/ Dollar Tree store, ground breaking on a new Taco Bell, a grant awarded to remediate and repurpose the former Nestle milk plant building, new businesses in our M-81 corridor, and a new owner of an existing business. More change is yet to come. The Village will be holding our first Business Builders event which will enable a business to invest in our Downtown with a grant award of \$10,000. The event will be held on November 9th and we will know that night who the winner is and learn about their business. There is a developer interested in building townhomes on Beechwood Drive across from Northwood Meadows, which will greatly help with our housing shortage. The historic cultural center is in the running for a grant that would enable the exterior renovation and some improvements to the interior to renovate and repair this building so that it can be repurposed. A lot of projects are in progress, a lot of change is in the works to make Cass City the place to call home.

Debbie Powell
Village Manager

ENTREPRENEURS IN CASS CITY!

Our Downtown Development Authority in conjunction with the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation, have created an initiative called "**Business Builders**", a pitch-style competition designed to start or expand a business in the Cass City DDA District. This event will be held on Thursday, November 9, starting at 6 pm at Hills and Dales Healthcare Corporate Offices. One lucky entrepreneur will walk away with **\$10,000** to help the start-up or growth of their business. Limited tickets are on sale now by contacting the Village Office at 989-872-2911 or stop by the Municipal Building for more details. **YOUR TICKET EQUALS YOUR VOTE ON THE BEST PITCH, SO LET'S SUPPORT THESE LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS AND GET YOUR TICKET TODAY!**

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection will begin in October and will run until snowfall. The Village has two leaf collectors so there should be no problem getting leaves collected village wide. Therefore, we will not be using quadrants as we have in the past. Place your leaves by the curb anytime for pickup. The village equipment does not work well when the leaves are wet, frozen, or covered in snow. If there is an early snowfall, leaves can be placed in yard waste bags for Spring collection by Emterra.

Village Trick-or-Treating

The Village Council has proposed the Village-wide Trick-or-Treat time to start at 5:30 pm and end at 7 pm on October 31st. Stay safe and watch for cars when crossing the street!

Brush Pickup

Village Brush collection is the first Monday of the month April through November. Emterra will continue curbside yard waste collection until November 30.

Don't Throw \$\$\$ Down The Drain

Throwing money down the drain is exactly what you could be doing if you have faulty plumbing. Dripping faucets and running toilets may not seem like it would add up on a monthly utility bill, but it does. Time and time again our utility customers are shocked by a bill that could have been avoided. Some food coloring in the tank that leaks into the bowl overnight will alert you to a problem. If you have concerns or questions, please call our DPW office at 989-872-5643.

Cass City Police Department

The Police Department will do Wellness Checks on residents. With the cold weather approaching, many interactions with our neighbors are limited. If you are concerned about neighbors or family members and would like for a police officer to check on them, please call 911 dispatch.

Emergency Shelter

Remember, the Municipal Building is available should there be a power outage, that lasts more than six hours, to use as a shelter. The Municipal Building has a generator allowing electricity for staying warm and charging cell phones if needed.

Safety Alert

When shoveling snow this winter, please do not shovel or blow snow into the roadway. This creates a traffic hazard for motorists, AND is against the law. Thank you for your consideration.

Bark Park

The "NEW" Cass City Bark Park continues to add to its equipment and features at its location at the northeast corner of the Municipal Park behind the softball fields. A water bottle refilling station/water fountain/dog bowl fountain has been installed in the area outside of the Bark Park near the trails/disc golf course. Our beautiful, iron arch sign is up at the entrance gate, and we are just waiting for our sponsor and rules signs to be finished up and installed. A beautiful young Eastern Hornbeam tree has been planted nearby and several benches and some agility equipment are already in place. Patrons will also find hand sanitizer stations near the pet waste receptacles (please kindly remember to clean up after your own pet). Stay tuned for a "Grand Opening" coming later in October once all the agility equipment has been received and installed, and in the meantime, have a PAWESOME time with your canine at the Bark Park!

Winter Parking

No parking on Village streets from 2:00 am to 5:00 am December 1, 2023 thru March 31, 2024. Village crews will plow streets for early morning commuters.

Before you travel . . .

If you are planning a vacation, please know that Passport Processing times have been moved up to 8-11 weeks for routine service, and 5-7 weeks for expedited service. The Real ID (gold star on your driver's license) deadline for domestic air travel has been moved back to May 7, 2025.

If your travel in 2024 is to the European Union, travelers will need a passport, and ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorization, https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias/what-etias_en) approval. The application fee is 7 euros, and entitles visitors to stay in European countries that require ETIAS for up to 90 days within any 180-day period and travelers must be in possession of a valid ETIAS during their entire stay.

Christmas in the Village

Christmas in the Village will be December 2nd including a Craft Show, Chili Cook-Off, Breakfast with Santa, Lighted Parade and Community Gathering. Stay tuned for more info as we get closer to December!

Christmas Trees

Before we know it, it will be Christmas. After the holidays, place your Christmas tree by the curb for regular pick up. Christmas trees are not recycled so they can be placed at the curb with other trash for collection.

Winter Bliss

Families and friends had so much fun last February in the Park during the Winter Bliss event, that we will make it an annual event. The kiddos enjoyed the s'mores station, cardboard sled racing competition, snow angel painting, the snowman building competition, along with many other activities. Look for more details.

Strategic Planning Goals for 2024

- 1) Municipal Park Lighting and Expanded Festival Vendor Electrical Outlets—Scotty McCullough Drive will have LED lighting along the roadway, and there are plans to increase electrical outlets for Freedom Festival vendors.
- 2) Street Forestry Management—includes downtown streetscape and trees, plans are to look at replacement options for the trees, and other trees in the right-of-way along village streets.
- 3) Downtown Street Parking Options—looking into diagonal parking on M-81 to increase parking, discussions with MDOT concerning the parking change and public comment required.
- 4) New Branding and Marketing for Cass City—logo, etc.
- 5) Update Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) - 6-year plan for village street repair to be updated.

RV Storage

With the camping season winding down, we'd like to remind everyone that per ordinance, recreational equipment: *"may only be parked or stored within the confines of the rear yard and shall further respect any requirements related to distances from principal structures, lot lines, and easements."* Recreational equipment includes, but is not limited to: boats, boat trailers, travel trailers, fifth wheels, and utility trailers. For additional recreational equipment and further information, please refer to the Village of Cass City Ordinances via www.casscity.org/government tab.

Important Contacts

989.872.2911-Municipal Building
989.872.2911-CC Police
989.872.5643-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

Time Change—Remember to set your clocks back an hour on November 5 at 2 am.

Website

Visit www.casscity.org and like our Facebook page to stay up to date!

Facebook- "Village of Cass City (Official)"

Email us at ccvillage@casscity.org

Days the Village Offices will be closed

Veterans Day Observed (11/10)

Thanksgiving (11/23-11/24)

Christmas (12/22-12/25)

New Years (12/29-1/01)

Village Council Meetings (6 p.m.)

10/30/23 01/29/24

11/27/23 02/26/24

12/11/23 03/25/24

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