



The Village of Cass City's Fall 2025 Newsletter

Manager's Message

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What's New in your Village? Here's the latest . . .

New Construction

There's construction on Doerr Road. DJ's Portable Toilets & Septic Service is building a dewatering plant for their septic service. The plant will be totally enclosed and should not impact neighboring businesses. The adjacent parcel at the corner of North Schell and Doerr Road has a new owner who plans to install storage units.

New Apartments in Downtown

Several property owners have been creating and renovating second floor apartments for one and two bedroom units. The Village does allow housing on the first floor; however, it must be less than 50% of the space and in the back of the building. We are building the population in Cass City one person, one family at a time.

New Businesses Downtown

In case you have not heard, 2026 will bring some new businesses to Cass City. They include plans for a meat market, bakery, wine bar, and service providers.

Safe Routes to School

Cass City Public Schools is partnering with the Village and preparing another "Safe Route to School" grant application for sidewalks. The grant will focus on connector routes to sidewalk currently in place that provides students with a safe route to school. A new sidewalk on Hillcrest, by the Water Tower, is being proposed for a safe route to Seeger Street to get to school.

Former Nestle Building

Environmental remediation is occurring at the former Nestle Milk Plant so that it may be renovated, repurposed, and reused. Through the generosity of an EGLE grant, interior remediation and exterior removal of lead windows and contaminated soil has occurred. The next step will be to install a vapor mitigation system for internal air control, and lastly lead paint abatement on the inside of the building.

Debbie Powell
Village Manager

Turning Over a New Leaf

You may have noticed that the aging Bradford Pear Trees lining our streets downtown were removed earlier this year to make room for the new Zelkova City Sprite trees, which were planted a few weeks ago. As part of a DNR grant the Village received, we were presented with a tree inventory and canopy assessment of nearly 2,000 trees in the right of ways and public spaces throughout the Village. This data will allow us to identify trees that need to be removed, pruned and potential new planting sites. We have plans for some alternate holiday decorations downtown as the new trees will not support lights for a while. Stay tuned!

The Park Report

With 2026 right around the corner, some potential projects within the Parks Department for next year include improvements to the Rail Trail and new fencing for Ball Field #2. As always, if you would like to make a donation to support a project in our Parks, we'd love to talk to you. Donations are tax-deductible and there are many Parks projects that would benefit from local support. For more information, contact Melanie Radabaugh, Director of Community Development, Parks, and Recreation at (989) 872-2911, or mradabaugh@casscity.org.

Community Planning Workshop

Join us on Tuesday, October 21st from 6-8 pm for the 2025 Community Planning Workshop! This interactive event will give community members the chance to provide input on various development project ideas for Cass City — including pocket parks, art/murals, the walking trail, needed businesses, and much more. Families are encouraged to attend, with a dedicated youth activity available for children. Light refreshments will be provided, including a hot cocoa bar. This event will take place at the Aspire Beechwood Conference Center (formerly Northwood Meadows) located at 6086 Beechwood Drive in Cass City. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Business Beat

Economic development, utilization of the downtown district and business recruitment/retention continue to be a part of the Village's strategic plan. Currently, our staff is working behind the scenes with several local investors on multiple building projects including the former Coachlight Building, the former Cultural Center and the Nestle building. Several other downtown storefronts have been purchased, and we are excited about the potential growth of these spaces.

Brush and Yard Waste Pickup

Village Brush collection is the first Monday of the month April through November. Emterra will continue curbside yard waste collection until November 27th.

E-Billing

Did you know you may sign up to receive your utility bill via email? Simply complete an E-Billing Enrollment Form and drop it off at the Municipal Building. These forms are available on our website www.casscity.org or at the Municipal Building.

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection will begin in October and will run until snowfall. Place your leaves by the curb any time for pickup. Please do not place twigs, sticks or grass clipping with leaves. 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 and held for spring collection by Emterra.

Winter Reminders

There is no parking on Village streets from 2:00 am to 5:00 am December 1, 2025 thru March 31, 2026, so Village crews are able to plow streets for early morning commuters. Watch for snow plowing vehicles and use caution. Please be a good neighbor and keep your sidewalks clear, especially for school routes.

Pink-or-Treat

Pink-or-Treat is scheduled for Thursday, October 16th from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the Downtown Business District. Local businesses will be passing out candy to the kiddos.

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 Friday, October 31st. Stay safe and watch for cars when crossing the street!

Hydrant Flushing

Please keep in mind the DPW will be flushing fire hydrants starting Tuesday, October 21st through Thursday, October 23rd.

Christmas in the Village

Christmas in the Village will be Saturday, December 6th and will include a craft show at the high school, Breakfast with Santa, lighted parade, festive caroling/karaoke, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus and more! Stay tuned for more information.

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.

Property Taxes

Sometimes we have questions regarding property taxes. When you own property within the Village limits, you should receive three different property tax bills. Around July 1st, you should receive a bill from Tuscola County (green color) and also a bill from the Village (yellow color). We accept tax payments through September 14th and then we turn them into the County Treasurer. At that time, you must make your payment at Tuscola County. In December you should receive a bill from Elkland Township (blue color). Once in a while items get lost in the mail and you may not receive your tax bill. If you realize you have not received your tax bill, please reach out to us or the appropriate office. You are still responsible for your tax payment even if the bill is lost in the mail. You may also pay your bill online by going to our website and clicking on the "Bill Pay" tab at the far right and following the instructions. There is no fee if you use your banking information.

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.

Tuscola Recycling Trailer

The Tuscola County Recycling Trailer is in the Municipal Parking Lot every Friday (except for inclement weather and Holidays) from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm for you to drop off items for recycling.

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.

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 (by appointment)
Notary

Time Change—Remember to set your clocks back an hour on November 2 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 (11/11)
Thanksgiving (11/27-11/28)
Christmas (12/24-12/25)
New Years (12/31-1/01)

Village Council Meetings (6 p.m.)

10/27/25	01/26/26
11/24/25	02/23/26
12/15/25	03/30/26

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