

The Village of Cass City's Spring 2026 Newsletter

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Manager's Message

This year America celebrates its Semiquincentennial (pronounced se-me-kwin-sen-ten-e-el) which is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Plans are underway to show our patriotism with the addition of commemorative banners in the downtown. A mural will be installed on the Municipal Building, painted by members of the community, depicting an American eagle and our flag. You won't miss it as it is 7 ft by 12 ft. and will hang above the Veterans Memorial. And a surprise is in store for Friday, July 3. As the Chamber of Commerce and volunteers work on the Freedom Festival events and activities, the Downtown Development Authority has invited the Brush Monkeys back to paint the town. The artists will be here on July 3 decorating downtown business windows in Cass City with red, white, blue and more. Yes, there is more, get your spot picked out early for the Spectacular Semiquincentennial Fireworks Display on the 4th of July. Tell your family, friends, and those who do not live in the Village, that Cass City is the place to be as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary during our Freedom Festival in a BIG WAY!

Parks & Recreation

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! Your Parks department staff is busy prepping for what's sure to be another GREAT season of recreation. Our lifeguards are anxious to kick off the pool season on Saturday, May 23, at the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool & Splash Pad. Swimming lessons to start the week of June 8. Our Village Day Camp program also returns the week of June 8, and will run Monday through Thursday again this year, 8am-3pm. Be sure to like and follow our Facebook page (Cass City Parks and Recreation) as well as the village website, www.casscity.org, for additional information and details on how to sign up. Registration forms for swimming lessons and Day Camp will also be available at the Municipal Building. Here's a snapshot of news & events happening at your Municipal Park this summer:

- Installation of 16 new, vibrant, pole banners throughout the park, courtesy of a *Frankenmuth Credit Union Foundation for our Communities* grant
- May 9, PDGA-Sanctioned Amateur Disc Golf Tournament presented by the Cass City Rotary Club
- June 26-28, "Red Hawk Rumble" travel baseball tournament hosted by the Cass City High School Baseball Program
- July 2-5, annual "Freedom Festival", including the 'Fire in the Sky' 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and celebrating America's 250th birthday, hosted by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce
- July 24-26, "Fun in the Thumb" youth recreational baseball tournament, hosted by Cass City Area Summer Athletic Program
- "Phase I" improvements to the "Rail Trail" from River Road to Division St., including bridge maintenance, benches, signage, etc.
- Fencing improvements to ball Field #2, courtesy of the Pinney Foundation and the Village of Cass City.

Farmers Market

The Farmers Market in Cass City has been run by a group of volunteers. The challenges of holding the market have increased in the last few years. Therefore, their decision has been made to **NOT** hold a Farmers Market in 2026.

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.

July 3—“Dynasty” Freedom Festival Car Show

July 10—“Sonas”

July 17—“Random”

July 24—“Grindstone Cowboys”

July 31—“Movin’ On”

August 7—“Josh Ramses Band”

Brush Collection

Reminder—brush collection is only the first Monday of each month (April thru November). Brush does not include sticks and twigs which can be put in yard waste containers for Emterra. Free yard waste bags for your sticks and twigs are available at the Municipal Building.

Freedom Festival

The Cass City Freedom Festival will be held Thursday, July 2nd through Sunday, July 5th

July 2nd: Bingo

July 3th: Craft Show, Food Vendors, Car Show

July 4th: Parade, Craft Show, Fireworks

July 5th: Free Swim at Pool, Community Church Service at Football Field

For more information, contact the Cass City Chamber of Commerce at 989-872-4618.

Street Projects

The Village has a six-year Transportation Asset Management Plan for our street repair. It is a plan that is subject to change based on current conditions. This year’s project is new roadway, curb and gutter for Dale Street from Hospital Drive to Huron Street. In addition, the Village will be able to contract for large asphalt patches in the street where there are problem areas and the road is breaking up.

Hydrant Flushing

Please keep in mind the DPW will be flushing fire hydrants starting Tuesday, May 19th through Thursday, May 21st.

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 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 **Saturday, May 9th** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Municipal Parking Lot. You may bring couches, mattresses, carpet, scrap metal, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners to put in a dumpster. All appliances containing freon must be tagged that freon has been removed. Also, old tires may be brought for disposal.

Home Repair Assistance Available for Cass City Homeowners!

The Village of Cass City has received \$200,000 in grant funding from MSHDA to help qualified homeowners make needed repairs to their homes. If you own and occupy your home in Cass City as your primary residence, you could be eligible for up to \$20,000 in assistance for projects like roof repairs, weatherization, energy efficiency upgrades, heating systems, and accessibility improvements. The program aims to increase home safety and preserve our community's housing for future generations. Interested homeowners should submit an interest form to get started—no obligation required. **Visit the Village website or stop by the Village office to pick up an interest form today.** Income verification and other eligibility requirements apply.

Did You Know . . .

- You may set up a payment plan for your utility bills
- Emterra requires mattresses to be bagged. Mattress disposal bags are sold at retail stores. Emterra's phone number is: 1-877-609-6753
- Village Ordinance states weeds or grass should not be more than six inches high
- You may receive your utility bill via email and also set up your utility bill for automatic payment

Important Contacts

989.872.2911-Municipal Building
989.872.2911-CC Police
989.872.4584-DPW
989.673.8738-Dispatch (Non-Emergency)
989.872.4618-Chamber of Commerce
989.872.2673-H. Steven’s 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
989.872.2121- Aspire/Hills and Dales Hospital

Village Services

Passports
Notary

Website

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

Facebook pages - “Village of Cass City (Official)”, Cass City Parks and Recreation, and Cass City Bark Park

Days the Village Offices will be closed

Memorial Day (5/25/26)
Independence Day (7/3/26)
Labor Day (9/7/26)

Village Council Meetings (6 p.m.)

05/18/26	08/31/26
06/29/26	09/28/26
07/27/26	10/26/26

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