

# The Village of Cass City's Fall 2019 Newsletter

## Manager's Message

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As the seasons change, so does the look of Main Street Cass City. In 2017, when I started working for the Village, there were many vacant store fronts that looked desolate and abandoned. Property owners took it upon themselves to change the look and stage the windows for a more appealing presentation of the Downtown. Then, in 2018 and 2019 there were some more changes, new businesses, exterior repairs and improvements, and a new look for Cass City. The Village Council, Downtown Development Authority, Economic Development Corporation, and Chamber of Commerce are all working together with community stakeholders to create retail and housing opportunities and investment in Cass City. Plans are in place for next year to assist existing businesses. What can you do? You can support the local businesses in Cass City, by shopping, dining, seeking services, enjoying, and promoting Cass City. Money spent locally will keep local businesses here. Local business owners spend their money locally which contributes to economic growth and development. If you want a thriving and vibrant community, everyone one of us must be a part of the revitalization. We are all called to civic action by supporting local businesses; together we can achieve great results!

### Thank You DTE



On Friday, September 20, DTE volunteers were in the Municipal Park staining the Gazebo at the corner of Church and Ale Streets. Looks great! Thanks go out to DTE volunteers!

### Now accepting Credit/Debit Cards



The Village has accepted debit and credit cards online for utility payments with a 3% pass-through charge from our service provider. NEW, we are now able to accept debit/credit cards at the Cashier Counter in the Municipal Building. We do not accept payments over the phone, but customers do have the option of paying online, using the drop box at the front of the Municipal Building, or mailing payment.

### Fire Hydrants



This Summer, work release prisoners assisted the village staff in painting our fire hydrants. If your hydrant has not been painted, it will be on our list for next year. A little Trivia, many of our fire hydrants are over 50 years old. We have undertaken a plan of action to replace 3 – 4 hydrants per year.

### Street Repairs



The 2019 street repairs were completed in October for Hill and Hunt Streets and other areas of the Village. The Village has a six (6) year plan for road repair and is busy making plans for the 2020 road work. We will let you know those streets as soon as the locations are decided. In 2021 South Seeger and in 2022 North Seeger are scheduled for underground utility and road work.

## **Leaf Collection**



Leaf collection will begin in mid-October and will run until snowfall. The village equipment uses a brush roller to collect leaves and it 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. Emterra yard waste pickup typically runs April through November.

## **Brush Pickup**



Village Brush collection is on Mondays and runs from April 1 – November 1.

## **Wastewater Treatment Plant**



Our Wastewater Treatment Plant is feeling its age. The plant is 37 years old and experiencing failure of key processing systems; and in need of repair or replacement. The plant has been well maintained with some processing duplication and has served the Village well. However, recently we have experienced the need to invest in critical components: 2017 Switchgear (\$147,000) and 2018 Grit Master System (\$138,000). The Village Council and Staff are looking at our options, all are very expensive.

## **Speaking of Wastewater**



This Fall the Village has had an increase in sewer problems. There are products that should NEVER BE FLUSHED in the toilet because they plug sewers and cause backups. Some examples are: rags, diapers, feminine hygiene products, and wipes. Remember, only 2 things should be flushed: No 1 and No 2.

## **Rental Ordinance**



A sub-committee of the Village Council, which includes business owners and landlords, has been meeting to establish a new ordinance that will address safety, security, health and well-being concerns with rental properties in the Village. A public meeting will be scheduled later this Fall when a draft ordinance is available for review.

## **Ben's**



Jim Zyrowski, owner of Ben's Supermarkets, gave the following update on the Cass City store. There has been much progress on the interior of the building, the floors are done and they are ready to paint walls. They have experienced a delay in putting in a sprinkler system; however, the pipe should be delivered the first week in October. Once the fire suppression system is installed, then they will install lights and move in equipment. Work continues on the façade of the building, and a new sign should be installed soon.

## **Time Change**



Remember to set your clocks back an hour on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 a.m. Fall is always a good time to check batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide monitors too.

## **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 curb with other trash for collection.

## Vacancy

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There are vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation. To apply, pick up an application at the Municipal Building or online at [casscity.org](http://casscity.org)

## Snow Boots for Little Feet



Our Village Clerk/Treasurer made contact with Cass City's Elementary School to start this project for our little residents. We are looking to collect snow boots and snow pants for those in need! We will accept donations here at our Municipal Building until November 15th. If you have any questions or concerns, call us at 989-872-2911.

## Village Trick-or-Treating



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

## Pink-or-Treat



Pink-or-Treat will be held on October 22nd from 5-6:30p.m. Participating businesses will be handing out candy to the little ones!

## Girls Night Out



Pinktober fundraiser for Love for Lexi Fund will be October 5th at 5p.m. at Sherwood on the Hill!

## Christmas in the Village



Christmas in the Village will be December 7th including a Craft Show, Chili Cook-Off, Lighted Parade and Community Gathering. Stay tuned for more info as we get closer to December!

## Cass City Police Department



Like us on Facebook "Cass City Police Department"

Winter Parking: 12/01-03/31 no parking on Village streets from 2-5a.m.

## Emterra Waste & Disposal



Reminder: Our contract with Emterra for waste collection and disposal does not include any construction materials, or move-out/move-in clean ups. Individual household items over 50 pounds will be considered a special pick-up item (mattresses, appliances, etc.). Emterra will not pick up items that result from rental property evictions. The landlord may contact Emterra and make specific arrangements for the removal.

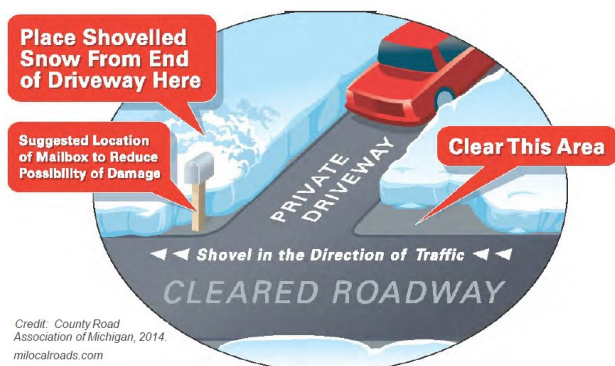
## Avoid the "Second Shovel"

People can play a part in ensuring the ends of their driveways remain clear of snow even after their local snowplow comes through. Shoveling a "corner" of the right-of-way free of snow in the area several feet before the driveway will help keep that same snow from being pushed into the driveway in an icy, heavy pile. Clearing an area large enough to hold the snow coming off the plow may help reduce the "second shovel"

## Snow



Soon it will be the season for snow, and time for shoveling. Property owners are asked to clear their driveways and sidewalks. Please do not place snow in the roadway. As temperatures drop, please remember to check on your neighbors, pets, and let the Municipal Building know if you have concerns. The Cass City Police Department will do "wellness checks."



**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**

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**Facebook**- “Village of Cass City (Official)”

**Email us** at [ccvillage@casscity.org](mailto:ccvillage@casscity.org)

**Days the Village Offices will be closed**

Veteran’s Day (11/11)  
Thanksgiving (11/28-11/29)  
Christmas (12/24-12/25)  
New Years (12/31-1/01)

**Village Council Meetings (7 p.m.)**

10/28/19	*01/27/19
11/25/19	*02/24//19
12/30/19	*03/30/19

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