

# The Village of Cass City's Spring 2024 Newsletter

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## Manager's Message

Greetings and Happy Spring! This Manager's Message is about TREES. Trees can be a very controversial topic, some love them and others prefer not to have them around and the clean-up that goes with them. One of the 2024 Village Strategic Planning Goals concerns Forestry Management in the Village. The catalyst for this goal is the condition of the trees along M-81 in our downtown corridor. Many of the trees are struggling and at the end stage of life. They are all one species, the Bradford Pear. Planting one species of trees is not recommended by the Department of Natural Resources as disease can wipe out all your trees at once.

Our DPW crews will be removing the downtown trees and the Village will replant new trees in three different species with different colors of foliage more suitable to streetscape on M-81.

The Village has budgeted funds in the 2024 budget for this project and will be seeking grants to replace more trees in the Village. The grant funds may allow Cass City to enhance our downtown streetscape also.

In addition, the Village will be putting together a plan to address trees in our right-of-way (ROW) and their trimming, removal, and planting. More information will be forthcoming as the plan is finalized this year. Residents are reminded not to plant trees in the ROW without permission from the Municipal Building to make sure appropriate trees are planted.

If you should have any questions or concerns about the trees on Main Street or in your neighborhood, please contact the Municipal Office.

### Parks & Recreation

As the temperature grows, so does our excitement in planning a plethora of activities and events in our Parks Department this summer! We plan to open the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool/Splash Pad by Memorial Day weekend, and check our website, [www.casscity.org](http://www.casscity.org), for the full schedule of swim lessons coming soon. The Day Camp program information is online now and registration forms are also available at the Village Office. We are also excited about two large baseball tournaments coming to Cass City Municipal Park on the weekends of June 28-30 (Red Hawk Rumble-travel teams) and July 26-28 (Fun in the Thumb-rec/local ball teams). You'll also notice some new concrete gaming equipment near the Day Camp building which includes a cornhole set, ladder ball and checkers table (thanks to the Tuscola County Community Foundation-Claude D. & Etta H. Andrews Fund). And finally, you'll be seeing street lighting along Scotty McCullough Drive, which will add another safety element to our parks.

## **Farmers Market**

The Chamber of Commerce will once again be hosting the Farmers Market in Cass City. This year, the Farmers Market will be located in Rotary Park every Thursday, starting June 6th thru August 29th, except for the 4th of July. For more details you can visit the Chamber's website ([www.casscitychamber.com](http://www.casscitychamber.com)), Facebook page or call (989) 872-4311 for details and vendor applications.

## **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 28—"Random" Rotary sensory park dedication ceremony and food

July 5—"Dynasty" Freedom Festival Car Show

July 12—TBD

July 19—"Josh Ramses Band"

July 26—"Tom and Jerry" Lutheran Church to provide food

August 2—Muzyka!

## **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.

## **Annual Water Report**

The Annual Water Quality Report for 2023 is available on our website: [www.casscity.org](http://www.casscity.org). You may also stop by the Municipal Building for a copy.

## **Freedom Festival**

The Cass City Freedom Festival will be held Thursday, July 4th through Saturday, July 6th

July 4th: Golf Tournament, Bingo

July 5th: Craft Show, Food Vendors, Home Run Derby, Car Show

July 6th: Parade, Craft Show, Fireworks

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

## **Street Projects**

The 2024 Street Projects scheduled for this year include mill and pave asphalt on Church Street from Sherman to Scotty McCullough Drive, and Sherman from Main to Huron. Also, chip and seal on Huron from Seeger to Ale.

## **Village of Cass City 2024 Strategic Planning Goals**

1. Municipal Park Lighting and Expanded Festival Vendor Electrical Outlets
2. Street Forestry Management
3. Downtown Street Parking Options
4. Branding and Marketing Cass City
5. Update Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP)

## **2024 Elections**

On November 5, 2024, Village residents will have the opportunity to elect and/or re-elect its Village President (a two-year term), three 4-year trustee positions and a 2-year trustee position. Current Council members with expiring terms and the public are invited to file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition to place their name on the November 2024 ballot as a candidate for Cass City Village Council.

These forms are now available at the Cass City Municipal Building, Elkland Township Clerk or County Clerk's Office. Deadline for placing a candidate's name on the November 2024 ballot is **Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 4:00 pm** to the Elkland Township Clerk or the Tuscola County Clerk.

## **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 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, June 8th 2024** 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. You may also bring up to eight (8) old tires for the tire collection at the same time. (No tires over 48" in height or 12" in width please).

## **Website/Facebook**

Stay connected with us! Visit our recently improved website, [www.casscity.org](http://www.casscity.org), or find us on the following Facebook pages for important, up-to-date information: Village of Cass City (official), Cass City Parks and Recreation, and Cass City Bark Park.

**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!

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**Days the Village Offices will be closed**

- Memorial Day (5/27/24)
- Independence Day (7/4/24)
- Labor Day (9/2/24)

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

05/20/24	08/26/24
06/24/24	09/30/24
07/29/24	10/28/24

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