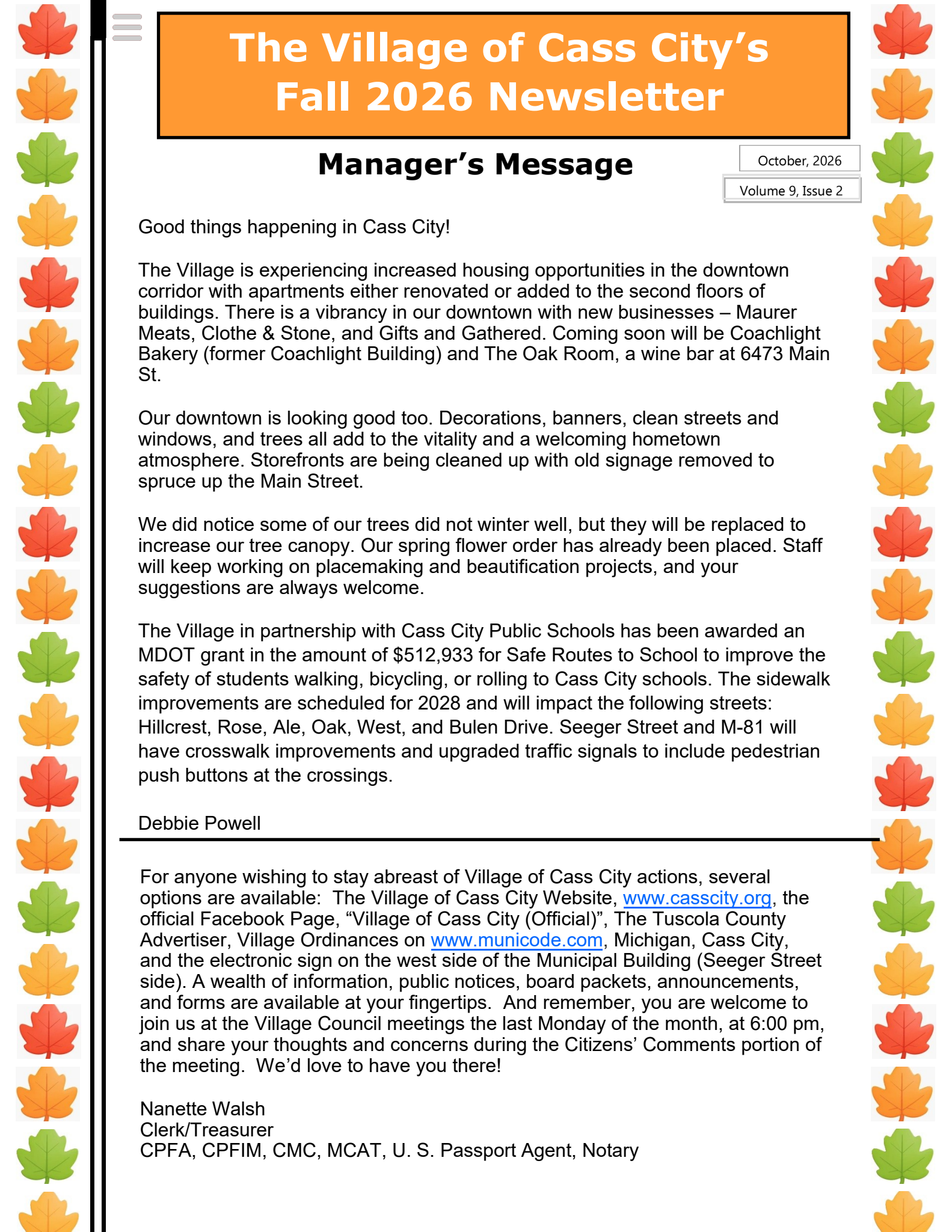




The Village of Cass City's Fall 2026 Newsletter

Manager's Message

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Good things happening in Cass City!

The Village is experiencing increased housing opportunities in the downtown corridor with apartments either renovated or added to the second floors of buildings. There is a vibrancy in our downtown with new businesses – Maurer Meats, Clothe & Stone, and Gifts and Gathered. Coming soon will be Coachlight Bakery (former Coachlight Building) and The Oak Room, a wine bar at 6473 Main St.

Our downtown is looking good too. Decorations, banners, clean streets and windows, and trees all add to the vitality and a welcoming hometown atmosphere. Storefronts are being cleaned up with old signage removed to spruce up the Main Street.

We did notice some of our trees did not winter well, but they will be replaced to increase our tree canopy. Our spring flower order has already been placed. Staff will keep working on placemaking and beautification projects, and your suggestions are always welcome.

The Village in partnership with Cass City Public Schools has been awarded an MDOT grant in the amount of \$512,933 for Safe Routes to School to improve the safety of students walking, bicycling, or rolling to Cass City schools. The sidewalk improvements are scheduled for 2028 and will impact the following streets: Hillcrest, Rose, Ale, Oak, West, and Bulen Drive. Seeger Street and M-81 will have crosswalk improvements and upgraded traffic signals to include pedestrian push buttons at the crossings.

Debbie Powell

For anyone wishing to stay abreast of Village of Cass City actions, several options are available: The Village of Cass City Website, www.casscity.org, the official Facebook Page, "Village of Cass City (Official)", The Tuscola County Advertiser, Village Ordinances on www.municode.com, Michigan, Cass City, and the electronic sign on the west side of the Municipal Building (Seeger Street side). A wealth of information, public notices, board packets, announcements, and forms are available at your fingertips. And remember, you are welcome to join us at the Village Council meetings the last Monday of the month, at 6:00 pm, and share your thoughts and concerns during the Citizens' Comments portion of the meeting. We'd love to have you there!

Nanette Walsh
Clerk/Treasurer
CPFA, CPFIM, CMC, MCAT, U. S. Passport Agent, Notary

The Park Report

The Village Parks Department wishes to thank the community for approving the Parks millage, which will begin in 2027. A few of the identified “priority projects” include resurfacing of the pool and the renovation of the tennis courts to include more pickleball courts. Several other projects being considered are continued rail trail improvements, new playground equipment, and bathroom updates. This fall marks the return of the youth soccer league, co-ed softball on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy your Cass City parks! For more information, contact Melanie Radabaugh, Director of Community Development, Parks, and Recreation at (989) 872-2911, or mradaugh@casscity.org.

Cass City Police Department

The Police Department provides police and related municipal services to the community. The Village has not increased its operating millage in over 25 years. In light of increased operating costs and the desire to maintain existing service levels, the Village is proposing a police millage on the November 3, 2026 ballot. Cass City proposes an increase of 0.9932 mill (\$0.9932 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for four years, 2027 – 2030, for police activities, including road patrol, School Resource Officer, community policing, and emergency response with the Village.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

In 2025, the Village of Cass City was awarded \$236,000 in CDBG funding to assist moderate to low income homeowners with eligible home improvements. The program generated significant interest from residents, and we are pleased to report that the project has been progressing as anticipated. We appreciate the community's enthusiasm and look forward to continuing this effort to help improve homes and neighborhoods throughout the Village.

Motorized Wheeled Transportation

As e-bikes, scooters, pit bikes, etc. become more common in our community, the Village encourages riders and motorists to use caution and share the road safely. We recommend that any “motorized” wheeled transportation not be used on the sidewalk for the safety of our pedestrians. E-bikes can travel at higher speeds than traditional bicycles, making it important for riders to remain aware of their surroundings and for motorists to watch carefully for cyclists. Riders are encouraged to wear a properly fitted helmet, follow applicable Michigan traffic laws, and use safe speeds based on the area and conditions. Motorists should remain alert and provide bicyclists with adequate space when passing. The Village is continuing to monitor the growing use of e-bikes and related safety concerns in our community.

Streets/Construction

The 2026 street projects are the reconstruction of Dale Street, and mill and pave Sherman Street from Garfield to the end of the road. The M-81 water main is being moved from Seeger to West Street and placed in the alley behind the buildings with improvements to the alley roadway. The 2027 street projects proposed are: 6th Street from Vulcan to West (crush and shape); Kennebec Drive from Huron to Seeger (full depth mill and overlay); and Church Street from Nestle to Oak (chip and seal with fog coat).

Industrial Park Update

- New construction of a wastewater dewatering plant for sanitary sewer on Doerr Road under construction.
- New storage center under construction off Division Street.
- Fort Knox Storage Containers coming soon on Comment Drive.

2027 Strategic Planning

The Village Council met on September 9, 2026 to do strategic planning for Cass City for fiscal year 2027. Discussion centered around budget, code enforcement, millages, and infrastructure. The Strategic Planning Goals for 2027 are:

1. Public Safety Optimization
2. Infrastructure Asset Management Plan
3. Downtown Revitalization
4. Prioritize Park Improvements

Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treat will be Saturday, October 31 from 5:30 to 7:00pm.

Pink-or-Treat

Pink-or-Treat is scheduled for Thursday, October 15 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Downtown Business District. Local businesses will be passing out candy to the kiddos.

Election Day

November 3, polls are open from 7am to 8pm. Cass City residents can vote at the VFW Hall located at 4533 Veterans Drive.

Christmas in the Village

Christmas in the Village will be Saturday, December 5 and will include Breakfast with Santa, craft show at the high school, BINGO at the VFW Hall, a lighted parade, live reindeer, the annual chili cook off and much more! Watch the Cass City Chamber of Commerce Facebook page or contact them at 989-872-4618 for more details.

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection will begin in October and will run until snowfall. Place your leaves by the curb anytime 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.

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 27. Free yard waste bags are available at the Municipal Building.

Winter Reminders

There is no parking on Village streets from 2:00 am to 5:00 am December 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027, 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.

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.

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
989.872.2158-Cass City Elementary
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 1 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 (11/26-11/27)

Christmas (12/24-12/25)

New Years (12/31-1/01)

Village Council Meetings (6 p.m.)

10/26/26	01/25/27
11/30/26	02/22/27
12/14/26	03/29/27

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