

NEWSLETTER

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Fall Fest

Please join us in our second annual “Fall Festival”. The event will be held in the downtown area behind the Village Hall on October 4, 2014. There will be entertainment, art and vendors. This is a planned family friendly festival intended to build strong bonds in our community as well as attract visitors to the community.

The Village of Cassopolis Main Street Committee of Monica Kennedy and Shakara Blount are spearheading the festival planning this year and we thank them for their service. Tom Rose is organizing a prestigious art display. If you are interested in participating applications for booth space, are located at the Village Hall.



Your Faithful Village Employees

Meet Cheri Martine

Cheri Martine has been an employee of the Village for over 29 years. She is a graduate of Cassopolis High School. Cheri started out her work career at the Heddon Bait Factory in Dowagiac. Cheri is responsible for the administration of the Cemetery and utility billings for the Village and the Cassopolis Area Utility Authority (CAUA). She has been a valuable resource for the village and the CAUA and has an impeccable memory for anything related to the village. Cheri is a lifelong resident of the Village and enjoys her time outside in her garden tending to her flowers and veggies. She is interested in birds, reading, baking, books and puzzles. Cheri has been a “cat-person” and even helps out stray cats whom have claimed her as their family. She has two sons; Tony and Todd and three grandchildren. In her free time she enjoys spending time with Richard Borne who has always been a great support system for Cheri.

Meet Chief Williams

Chief Williams has been an employee of the Village for over 38 years. He is a lifelong resident of the Village having graduated from Cassopolis High School in 1959. The Chief went on to go to the Police Academy at Lake Michigan College. Chief Williams went on to become a Police Officer and Investigator for the United States Navy. He worked for a short time for the Cass County Sheriff's Department after his term in the Navy. Chief Williams thought for a short time that he might want to try a different career path and worked as a Bank Loan Officer at the Michigan National Bank. The loan officer track was not the career for him and he had the opportunity to be appointed as the Police Chief on September 27, 1974 where he has remained ever since. Chief Williams loves Notre Dame Football, his family, especially his three grandchildren with 1 grandbaby on the way. The Village of Cassopolis has been blessed to have such an icon as the leader of the Police Department for such a long time bringing continued stability and professionalism to the department.



We appreciate the work that the Police Department does for the Village. Pictured (left to right), Chief Frank Williams, Don Obermesik, Darr Phillips, Thorn Lewis, and Brian LaValle.

KEEP UTILITY COST LOW

Saving money seems to be the thing right on the edge of people’s minds these days. One of the ways you can help keep the Sewer Department from wiping out your monthly budget is by being careful what you flush down your toilet.

Modern toilets can flush just about anything people choose to put in them, and most people don’t consider where things end up when they flush them. Everything you flush down your toilet rolls down hill as far as gravity will carry it; until it ends up in a sewer lift station, where it is pumped back up to a high point in the system where gravity can again be utilized to move the waste closer to the treatment facility. During this process mechanical pumps are used to move the water, however, pumps cannot handle all of the items people choose to flush. Pumps have moving parts that are designed to move water; when a rag gets bound up in a pump it could cost the Sewer Department thousands of dollars. When it does, that cost could be passed on to you.

In my years as a sewer department employee I have seen some very strange items throughout the sewer system such as T-shirts, socks, washcloths, bath towels, etc. In one station, customers were flushing baby wipes, that kept getting wrapped around the pump impellers and ended up costing the Sewer Department more than \$25,000 in one year alone just for pump repairs.

Don’t treat your toilet like a trash can. Please remember to only flush the three P’s – pee, poo, and paper (toilet paper). Thank you for your cooperation, Ben Anderson, DPW Superintendent.

MEETING SCHEDULE

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Village Council – 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00PM
Village Council – Workshop – 4th Monday of each month at 6:30PM
Cassopolis Area Utility Authority – 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00PM
Main Street Committee – 4th Monday of the month at 5:30PM