

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

SPRING 2023

YARD WASTE/BRUSH PICK UP BEGINS 4/3/23

Gysan's Lawncare will again pick up within the Village of Castalia on the **1st and 3rd Monday of each month**. There will be NO pick up on the weeks of a holiday. The yard waste must be **placed curbside by 7AM on those Mondays**. This service provided to Village residents is for yard waste in paper bags, small trash cans clearly marked "YARD WASTE" loaded with less than 40 pounds and SMALL tree limbs and sticks placed in paper bags or cans or must be bundled with twine.

Dumping yard waste at the Village garage is **NOT** permitted. The Village garage and area is monitored by security camera, those who choose to drop off yard waste may be prosecuted.

Pick up dates are as follows:

April 17, May 1 and 15, June 5 and 19, July 17, August 7 and 20, September 18, October 2, 16 and 30, November 6, 13, 20 and 27, December 4. Dates are also posted on the website.

OHIO EPA: NO OPEN BURNING YARD WASTE/GARBAGE/REFUSE

Barbeques, campfires cookouts **ARE ALLOWED**. Wood stacks no larger than 2 ft. high and 3 ft. wide. Small fire pits. Use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent. More information: <https://epa.ohio.gov/static/Portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf>

2023 ROAD RESURFACING UPDATES

We announced in the Fall Newsletter the Village received a grant for repaving Adams and Lester Streets. The engineers have sent the specs out for bids which Council plans to open and accept in May. The project will then be scheduled for completion no later than September 30, 2023. Oak and Walnut Streets will be included in the project, however, were not part of the grant project and will be paid for with Village funds. In addition, the State of Ohio will pave SR 269 from the Main Street stop light North through the village to SR 6. Please check the Village of Castalia website over the upcoming weeks and months for updates, including project dates and additional road projects..

Mayor's Retirement Leaves Open Council Seat

Kevin Nemitz who recently served as Mayor has retired after serving on Village Council over 25 years. Thank you Kevin for your years of service to the Village of Castalia. James "Jim" Johnson was sworn in as Mayor and will fill out the remainder of the Mayor's 4 year term. This reorganization leaves the 3 remaining years of Jim's Council seat vacant. **Council will appoint someone to fill the open seat. We are seeking letters of interest from energetic forward thinking Village residents. Letters must be received no later than May 2, 2023.** Send to Fiscal Officer via Email to: kniehmc.castalia@gmail.com or USPS mail: Fiscal Officer PO Box 451, Castalia Ohio 44824. Qualifications: US Citizen, having lived in Ohio at least 6 months, of the county and Village 30 days, and be 18 years or older. Per Village Charter all council seats and Mayor are Non-partisan positions.

There will be 2 council persons running for re-election in the November 7, 2023 general election, Georgia Artrip & Barb Weyer. Any interested candidate for the upcoming seats must have signed petitions submitted to the Erie County Board of Elections by August 9, 2023.

Village of Castalia Website

Check out VillageofCastalia.com You will find current announcements and last minute updates for residents. You will be able to read the Minutes from our Council Meetings as well as new Village Ordinances.

2023 Village Council

Mayor: Jim Johnson

Council Pres Pro Tem: Barbara Weyer

Council Vice Pres: Silas Nicholson

Georgia Artrip

Jacob Smith

Village Council Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00PM in the village hall. The public is welcome to attend.

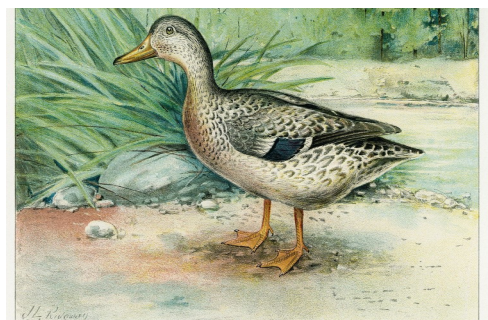
Village Residents Needed

There will be a Charter Review Committee formed later this year "A minimum of 5 village electors" (per Charter) are needed to serve on the review committee. If interested please contact the Mayor or Fiscal Officer

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Village of Castalia Planning Commission Update: The Planning Commission has been busy reviewing and updating our zoning regulations. They began in November and have been meeting monthly with the Director of Erie Regional Planning, the Village Zoning Inspector and the Village Solicitor. Presently, the rough draft is in process and later this summer we plan to have a public meeting to update Castalia residents of the various changes which will be presented to the Village Council for their review, approval and adoption as an Ordinance. The meeting will be advertised in the Sandusky Register and on the Village of Castalia Website home page. Once this process has been completed the regulations, fee schedule and additional information or forms will be on the website.

Main Street Side Walk and Parking Changes

The Village Council recently approved a project to change the steps in front of the Main Street businesses. The change will provide safer access for all residents and visitors patronizing uptown businesses. Two of our safety concerns are residents falling going up the existing high steps and near misses from vehicles due to obstructed views when backing into traffic. Therefore, we view this project must include a transition to parallel parking in front of the businesses, which means a couple less parking spaces. While losing parking spaces is never popular, as car and truck shapes have changed over time there is less space for traffic flow along Main Street. In addition, proper stairs include a larger footprint that would push angled parked cars further into the roadway. For residents to properly access the steps up to the businesses they need to be able to safely maneuver getting to the steps.

A BIG SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU to the Lions Club! The Ohio historical signs you see when entering the village have been fading. A Village resident inquired about how to update the signs. With some research they were able to get the “official paint colors” then proceeded to suggest the project to our Castalia Lions Club who willingly took it on. Thank you Lions Biglin, Beecher, O’Connor and Sessler for manhandling this project and to all Lion Club Members for your work and dedication to our Village! Council is very appreciative of all your efforts!

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