

## ROAD UPDATE

In the spring we shared our road goals for the summer of 2024. Unfortunately, we were not able to achieve them. Our intention was to complete the resurfacing of Lucas Street from Pfeil Lane east to the Village limit minus the intersection. The best laid plans often go astray, and we didn't get it done. There were several circumstances that will delay the project until next June, after graduation. However, Mayor Johnson was able to secure a grant through the county that will enable us to complete Lucas Street and rebuild the intersection from its base in June.

In addition to Lucas Street, ODOT will be resurfacing State Route 101. Due to a state policy change, ODOT will pay for removing and replacing the surface layer of asphalt with any other subsurface repairs to be paid for by the municipality the State Route travels through. In order to properly fix State Route 101 the Village is being asked to front \$61,000, could be more and could be less, we won't know until the project is bid. ODOT's resurfacing project is expected to take place between June and August.

Still to come in 2024, Margaretta Township is starting crack sealing on Depot Street and Cement Streets, and milling and resurfacing a section of Bardwell Street. Hula Construction added a much needed culvert on Lester Street and replaced bad storm sewer lines and catch basins along Bardwell Street through the intersection at Lowell Street as well as replacing new catch basins on South Washington Street.

## VILLAGE'S NOVEMBER BALLOT ISSUES

The November Ballot is going to be filled with Levies and Bond issues funding the areas services, two are specific to the Village of Castalia.

1) The operating levy. Plain and simple this **Renewal Levy** is really important for us to continue to pay the bills and continue making improvements to the Village. A renewal levy is not a new tax, instead continuing to use property values from when the levy was initially passed. The recent revaluation of your property by the auditor does not change what you would owe.

2) Is an amendment to the Village Charter, changing the amount of a project that requires competitive bids. The amendment aligns the Village with Ohio Revised Code in regard to competitive bidding. In many cases, particularly with road work we get additional bids regardless of the amount to ensure best use of Village money, but in some instances, through past bidding we already know who the lowest bidder will be. This proposed amendment speeds up project timelines.

## FALL LEAF PICK UP

Fall Leaf Pick up in the Village will start on Monday November 4, 2024. It will continue every Monday in November. Last pick up will be on Monday November 25th. **ALL LEAVES MUST BE IN PAPER BAGS** at curbside by 7A on Monday morning. If possible place at curbside Sunday evening. **Leaf and yard waste pick up is a service provided to all Village residents. It is for LEAVES and YARD WASTE ONLY. Failure to follow the guidelines may cause the service to NOT be provided to any residents.**

**Leaf Pick up dates are as follows: November 4, 11, 18 and 25th.**

**E-newsletter sign up on the web-site.** In an effort to get you information faster and at less cost to the Village, we started offering the Newsletter electronically in the Spring of 2024. We highly encourage you to sign up to receive it in your email. Currently, the newsletter comes with a cost of approximately \$600 to produce and mail to all the residents. While electronic newsletters won't be for everyone, we appreciate those who choose the e-version. On the Village homepage, [www.villageofcastalia.com](http://www.villageofcastalia.com) you will find an announcement to sign up for the newsletter. There are just a few questions asking your name, address, and email address, which is how we'll generate the email list. If you use fake names or do not provide an address you will NOT receive the E-Newsletter. Please make sure to input a valid email address that works and one you check. There can be more than one per household. Thank you.

### 2024 Village Council

Mayor: Jim Johnson

Council Pres Pro Tem: Barb Weyer

Council Vice Pres: Silas Nicholson

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Jacob Smith

Cindy Crawford

**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.**

**MAYOR: Jim Johnson**

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**Natural Gas Aggregation :** Erie County has selected IGS Energy as the supplier of natural gas to residents in the Erie County Natural Gas Aggregation Program. A letter will be mailed out soon. The price under the Natural Gas Aggregation Program will be a fixed rate of \$0.589 per CCF, plus applicable state and local taxes effective November 2024 through your November 2026 billing period. You will continue to receive one monthly bill from your local utility. Residents who wish to remain in the program, simply do nothing, you will automatically be enrolled in the aggregation program. Resident's wishing to opt-out must contact IGS Energy at 1-877-353-0162 by October 25, 2024. Residents having any specific questions about the program, can call Valerie at Palmer Energy at 419-491-1040. (This statement taken from Erie County Ohio Website)

**Electric Aggregation Update:** Residents who are in the electric aggregation will receive a letter from Energy Harbor stating they have been purchased by Dynegy and moving forward Dynegy will appear on their utility bill. The contract remains the same. Participants will receive that letter and then shortly after will receive a switch notice from the utility. You will need to ignore that letter as normal when a new aggregation begins. If you have any questions contact Valerie at Palmer Energy. Her number is 419-491-1040.

**Snow/Ice Removal for Winter 2024/25:** Margareta Township will once again be salting and providing snow removal in the Village. If there are questions, concerns, or comments please contact Mayor Jim Johnson at 419-271-5815. The Mayor will then contact the Margareta Road Superintendent. Please do NOT call the Township or individual truck drivers.

**Speed Limit Change to Pfeil Lane:** Council recently passed an Ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Pfeil Lane to 15 MPH. Pfeil Lane is actually recognized as an alley, therefore the change. New signage will be posted.

**Trick or Treating:** Castalia's neighborhood Halloween Trick or Treating will be held on Sunday October 27, 2024 from 3:00P—5:00P. Those homes participating please turn on your porch lights.

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