

Yard Waste/Brush Pick Up Begins 4/1/24

*** NEW THIS YEAR: NO TRASH CANS OR CANS OF ANY SIZE WILL BE EMPTIED ***

Everything must be in paper bags or small limbs tied in bundles.

Pick up will be on the **1st and 3rd Monday of every month**. There will be **no pick up on Labor Day week**. Starting Monday November 4th pickup will be every Monday. Last pick up will be on Monday November 25th.

Pick up dates are as follows:

April 1 and 15, May 6 and 20, June 3 and 17, July 1 and 15, August 5 and 19, September 16, October 7 and 21, November 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Spring 2024 ROAD UPDATE

It is time again for another road update. What comes next is a brief update on Village road work for 2024. First and foremost is a review of the Adams/Lester neighborhood roads prior to the year "warranty" on the work. We'll be meeting with the engineers and Gerken construction to work out problems with the road. As a reminder other work, like drainage issues, will be completed by the Village.

Our arrangement with Margaretta Township is going well. They did a nice job with snow removal and salt spreading, limited as it was this winter. They are planning to crack seal Depot and Cement Streets this spring/summer. Crack sealing roads will extend their lives. Margaretta Township has been great helping us identify areas for repair and improvement, and has the capabilities to complete the work.

This summer we are coming back to Lucas Street. Last fall we applied for an OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) grant with Margaretta Township for Lucas and Bardwell Streets. The grant application was denied. However, the Council is working with local contractors to complete resurfacing Lucas and Bardwell Streets. The work will be completed by section; Lucas from the Village limit to the light, the light down Lucas to Pfeil Lane, the intersection, and Bardwell to the Village limit. Until estimates are received, we are unsure of how much we'll be able to complete, but our goal is at least the two sections of Lucas Street. The condition of the intersection is such that it may take additional work, more than milling and resurfacing, to eliminate the washboard areas.

In 2025, ODOT will be resurfacing State Route 101 through the Village. We don't have any information on the project other than it will happen next year. As more information becomes available, we'll be sure to let you know.

Driveway Ordinance

A permit is needed for any new access connection or driveway or when use of property changes and results in a change in traffic using the driveway. Residents planning to upgrade a present driveway to concrete won't need a permit, but must contact Margaretta Twp Road Dept. at 419-684-5549 to verify setback is off of the road right of way.

Village of Castalia Website

Many items in this newsletter have been posted to the website. Some items were posted as far back as November 2023. We highly recommend for the most current information, check the website. In the fall newsletter we asked for residents to provide email addresses to receive our newsletter. In the future we'll try to send out Village updates via email to those who signed up. Please check out VillageofCastalia.com. You will find current announcements and last minute updates for residents. You will also be able to read the Minutes from our Council Meetings as well as new Village Ordinances among other items.

2023 Village Council

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Council Vice Pres: Silas Nicholson

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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.

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SPEED RADAR TRAILER AND NEW SPEED SIGNS: In an effort to remind residents and those driving through the Village of our posted speed limits you may have noticed a Speed Radar Trailer. Police levy dollars assisted the Sheriff in the purchase of this trailer which will be used around Erie County as needed. It will spend a majority of its time in the Village and can be moved as needed. It has spent a large amount of time on E. Lucas Street. The Village received an Erie County Community Foundation Grant to provide funding for the purchase of new speed limit signs also posted on E. Lucas Street. It is our hope to apply and receive more grant dollars to purchase some better quality flashing signs to install on other Village roads where speeding is an issue. The better quality signs are more expensive and will be added to our roads a few at a time. **A big thank you to Village resident Erie County Sheriff's Office Administrative Assistant Steve Westcott for helping Mayor Johnson apply for and secure this grant.**

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MARGARETTA TOWNSHIP: This announcement appeared on the Website in November 2023. The Village Council is pleased and excited to announce a cooperative agreement with Margarett Township for services in the Village. Until early 2021 the Village of Castalia employed a maintenance worker who was responsible for all the upkeep to the Village, including snow plowing, mowing, road maintenance, and many other tasks. Since his resignation, the Village contracted out this work, most notably mowing Village property and snow removal. The Margarett Township Road Department has been a big help in filling pot holes and helping with road signs. The natural next step was a cooperative agreement in which the Village provides financing to the Township in exchange for services in the Village. Beginning November 1, 2023 Margarett Township became the Village's primary maintenance provider. Our agreement ensures continued and increased Village services without being a detriment to Township residents. The Village will continue to use outside contractors for certain projects like road paving, twice monthly yard waste pickup, and storm sewer maintenance. **In order for this arrangement to work we insist Village residents contact the Mayor or other Council members for Village maintenance problems; do NOT call Margarett Township.** We need Township employees to focus on their work, please let the Mayor and Council coordinate with the Township crew. **We are very excited with the agreement between Margarett Township and the Village of Castalia and know it will provide the best service for Village residents.**

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