

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

FALL LEAF PICK UP

Monday October 31, 2022 will be the start of Fall Leaf Pick up in the Village and will continue every Monday. Monday December 5, 2022 will be the last pick up. **ALL LEAVES MUST BE IN PAPER BAGS and curbside by 7AM on Monday morning.**

CASTALIA TRICK OR TREATING

Halloween Trick or Treating will be held on Sunday October 30, 2022 from 3:00—5:00P. Those homes participating please turn on your porch lights.

PLEASE DO NOT SPRAY THE CREEK

Property owners who live along the creek from Reed Court through Adams, Lester and Cement Streets please do **NOT** spray your sections. It appears someone sprayed their section this past Spring/Summer. The Village contractor would not spray the creek once it was discovered. Applicator licenses from the EPA can be revoked if water testing reveals certain chemical levels exceeding normal values. It is the reason we have excessive growth in the creek this year.

ROADS, ROADS, AND MORE ROADS

During 2022 Council has received more questions about the Village's roads than any other topic. We hope this update will quench your thirst to what is happening now with the roads and what is to come.

In the Spring's newsletter we informed residents about a grant Council applied for with the Ohio Public Works Commission. After several years of trying, we were successful in getting a grant for Lester and Adams Street. The grant covers about \$145,000 of the project. Along with the grant, we applied for, and received a 0% interest loan for \$97,000 to be repaid over 10 years. While that total is great, we envision the Village will have to pay approximately \$200,000 additional to complete Adams, Lester, Oak, and Walnut streets. Unfortunately, with the scope of the project we were unable to complete it this fall. However, the engineers are completing their site work and collecting boring samples necessary to design the project and bid the job this winter for a spring start. We'll continue to update you by a notice on our website or through another newsletter in the late winter or spring.

When the Village Council disbanded the Police Department in 2020 there is an annual savings of approximately \$160,000. A couple years of lower spending positioned the Council to complete the Adams and Lester neighborhood streets. Resident's support at the polls and continued savings from not having a Village police force will allow us to improve multiple roads each year. During the fall of 2022 there are three road projects to be completed totaling about \$105,000. By the time this newsletter reaches you several road projects will be complete.

- Reed Court, adjacent to Grace Lutheran Church was milled and repaved.
- South Avenue and South Water Street was milled and repaved. This project was completed with the assistance and cooperation of Margaretta Township including sharing costs and use of their equipment and time
- East Lucas Street from Pfeil Lane west will be milled and paved, to the intersection with South Washington Street/S.R. 269.

Next year, 2023 promises to be another busy road year. The main Village focus is the Adams and Lester neighborhood. Other Village roads will be resurfaced, but at this time we are not ready to commit to which ones. Also, in 2023 the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be resurfacing State Route 269 from the intersection of Main Street north and on past the Village limit.

Thank you for your questions. A portion of each newsletter will contain a "road update" of what has happened and what is coming next.

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Reminder to check the Village website announcements for up to date information on the Village. New items have been added since the last newsletter. It will continue to grow and offer the latest information about council decisions as well as become a resource for village residents.

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.

2022 Village Council

Mayor: Kevin Nemitz

Council Pres Pro Tem: Jim

Johnson Council Vice Pres: Silas

Nicholson Georgia Artrip

Jacob Smith appointed Jan/2022

Barbara Weyer appointed to Feb/2022

Village Residents Needed

We need to form a Charter Review Committee in 2023. "A minimum of 5 village electors" (per Charter) are needed to serve on the review committee. If interested please contact the Mayor or a council member.

MAYOR: Kevin Nemitz

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Why are there so many weeds around the duck pond?

Steve Sessler, General Manager of The Castalia Trout Club Company who owns the Duck Pond, recently attended a Council Meeting to update Council on the status of the Cold Creek Foundation's efforts to mitigate the Canada Goose population in the Duck Pond. In 2021 tall decorative grasses were planted along both sides of the duck pond to provide height and deter the resident geese from nesting, sitting, and walking on the adjacent properties and sidewalks around the pond. For an unknown reason the tall grasses did not come up as planned. Instead, weeds took over along the banks of the pond. Weeds were mowed off last fall and will be mowed off again this fall. While it is not the look the Trout Club had planned for around the Duck Pond, there is visible proof it is working. Overall population of resident geese has declined considerably. So much so we are seeing more of our "Castalia ducks" in the pond this year than in previous years. Local residents who walk our Village sidewalks have also noticed the lack of goose droppings to dodge while walking. These are the more noticeable results. Overabundance of the Canada Goose droppings in our pond also created a higher level of nitrogen content in the water which in turn increases algae growth. This algae growth is not only in the Duck Pond, but in Cold Creek, the Castalia Trout Club stream, and all of the club's downstream neighbors including the State of Ohio Hatchery. Cold Creek stream runs to Margaritaville in Venice. Castalia Trout Club will continue to implement additional measures to mitigate the Canada Goose population and decrease the algae growth. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Steve Sessler at 419-684-5303.

Dog Walking and "Poo Pick Up"

A friendly reminder...please be mindful of your responsibility to clean up from your dog during your walks around the Village on public and private properties. The acids from dog feces will damage grasses if it sits too long. Therefore clean it up as soon as you can to avoid un-wanted complaints and bad thoughts from property owners.

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