

The City News

Quarterly Newsletter,

City of Caseville

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HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2015!

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CITY

Mayor:

Council:

OFFICIALS:

Patricia D. DesJardins

Debra A. Estep

Wayne Hazzard

Jerald Ignash

Nancy Moss

Kenneth Rathje

Todd Talaski

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at **6:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Hall and are open to the public.

Office Holiday closings: There are no city holidays (except New Year's Day) in the months of January, February and March. We are open!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP: The DPW will pick up trees **Wednesday January 7, 2015.** Place your tree curbside with the trunk to the street.

DPW SNOWPLOWS STREETS: Do not park on the street between 2:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. or during declared snow emergencies.

WHILE ON THE TOPIC OF SNOW REMOVAL: We all clear our driveways and walkway to our houses of snow, but PLEASE DO NOT PUSH THE SNOW INTO THE STREET. Besides making it harder for the guys plowing, it is against the law.

TRASH: Curbside collection is Monday. Pick up is delayed one day in the event of a holiday or major storm occurring on a Monday.

Daylight Savings Time, March 8, 2015: Set your clocks forward 1 hour.

SHANTY DAYS FESTIVAL, FEBRUARY 13-15

SPRING BEGINS March 20, 2015!

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

POLICE & FIRE 911

Caseville Police Office 856-3304

Poison Control 1-800-222-1222

WATER / DPW

Weekdays (after 3 pm) 963-0124

Weekends / Holidays 963-0123

PAY ½ OF THE JANUARY UTILITY (WATER)

BILL by Jan. 26, 2015 and the remainder by Feb. 25, 2015 without any late fees attached. We accept payment on accounts ANYTIME.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE HOURS:

Terry Kelly is in the Office Friday mornings (9 a.m.–12 Noon) OR by appointment. See or call him for Site Plan Reviews or zoning issues before starting a project.

Building Permits require a City Zoning Site Plan Review & D.P.W Clearance Sheet.

A Review is required before any ACTION - remodel, new construction or a new / change of business. The filing fee doubles if work is started before obtaining review.

CAMPING:

Contact either the Huron County Road Commission's Parks Department or the State of Michigan for camping information and or reservations.

The CITY does not own any campgrounds or parks with overnight facilities.

TAXES WERE MAILED in NOVEMBER. Call the office if you have not received your tax notice yet.

ALL TAXES DUE: MARCH 2, 2015

WINTER TIME REMINDERS:

- **SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL:** The owner or occupant of any lot or parcel shall be responsible for the removal of snow and ice from any sidewalk located adjacent & in front of such lot or parcel.
- **LOSS OF WATER** Caused by Failure to Turn Off Service: It shall be the responsibility of every property owner who will be absent from their property for an extended period during the winter months to contact the City and have the water to their property turned off.

If a property owner fails to notify the City to turn off their water and a line break occurs between the curb stop and the house meter due to freezing temperatures, then in such event, costs may be assessed by the City Council against the property owner.

- **FLUSH YOUR SYSTEM** Regular periodic maintenance includes cleaning the screens on faucets & appliances to remove grit collected from the water.
- **ON THE TOPIC of FLUSHING Toilets:**
P-L-E-A-S-E do not flush any type of diaper, mop or cleaning rags down the toilet!!!!

THERE IS NO CHARGE to turn your water off or on by the DPW during the workweek. Call the Water Plant at (989) 856-4407 Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

No one need be present to turn the water off. You will be billed if they are called in after hours or on weekends.

To turn water on: someone has to be present with access into the house (a key). We won't turn water on unless the house is checked for leaks.

2015 IS FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS. This November 3rd the City Election will be held in the Caseville Public School (our poll site). On the ballot:

- 1 Mayor (2-year term) and
- 3 Council seats (4-Year terms)

Other months when elections may be held are: February, May and August.

The PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST is maintained by the Clerk's Office. To be on the list to automatically receive applications for Absent Ballots, submit a letter of request to the City Clerk's office.

We need your name, registered address, mailing address and a reason. Include the correct mailing address. For those who use a PO Box, please include that information in your request.

HOUSE NUMBERS Are to be posted facing the addressed street.

If your lot is a corner lot with your house entrance to the side street, the numbers should face the street of address. You may still place numbers by your front door (wherever it is located on your building) in addition to posting numbers as required.

This is to aid rapid response by **FIRE, POLICE, E.M.S./RESCUE & 911 SERVICES.**

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS for City boards and commissions. The city supplies the training and materials needed for all volunteers.

JIM BRENNAN is the City Assessor. He is in the City's Office on Wednesdays, between 8 a.m. and 4 pm or by appointment. Call the office (989) 856-2102 to talk to him. You may leave a message or voice mail for Jim, he checks in frequently when not in the office. Personal Property Statements are due to our Assessor, Jim Brennan, by February 1, 2015.

BOARD OF REVIEW:

Tentative dates for the City Board of Review are March 9, 10, and 11, 2015 to hear all property appeals and to adjust the assessment roll. A Notice with dates and times will be published and posted on our website in mid-February.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK for City updates.

DOG LICENSES ARE AVAILABLE!

We sell dog licenses through February 28, 2015. They cost \$15 (male or female) or \$10 if the pet is unsexed. The licenses are also sold by the Township and the Caseville Small Animal Clinic.

After that, licenses are available only at the Huron County Treasurer's Office for \$30.00.

TAXES

As a resident and or property owner in the City of Caseville, you will receive **2** Tax bills in the year 2015:

1. Summer Tax July 1
State Education Tax (S.E.T.)
County Operating Tax
2. Winter Tax December 1
Includes millages for Huron County, Caseville City, Caseville DDA, Caseville Public School, Huron County ISD and Special Assessments.

The CITY collects winter taxes beginning December 1: All taxes are to be paid by the end of February. Since that is a weekend, the last day to pay taxes is March 2, 2015 by 4:00 p.m.

POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED as payment dates.

Unpaid taxes as of March 3rd are deemed delinquent and turned over to the Huron County Treasurer who adds a 4% administrative fee on the tax.

Late taxes accrue a penalty of 1% per month.

If you haven't received a tax bill by now, CALL US (989) 856-2102.

ALL TAXES are DUE by 4 p.m. Monday, MARCH 2, 2015

Emterra Environmental USA is the contractor for residential curbside trash collection in the city.

Bulk Item Pick-up: To schedule any large item collection or for questions about service, call Emterra on the **Toll Free Phone Number: 1-877-609-6753.**

Daylight Savings Time: March 8, 2015

SEWER & WATER RATES

(OMR= Operation, Maintenance & Repair)

Water Bond & OMR:

- Residential: \$75.00 base
\$2.50 / 1,000 gal OM&R
- Commercial: \$103.00 base
\$3.73 / 1,000 gal OM&R
- Combined: \$178.00
\$3.73 / 1,000 gal OM&R

Sewer Bond & OMR

- Residential: \$37.00 Bond Debt
- Commercial \$52.00
- Combined: \$84.00

- OM&R \$15.00 base +
\$4.50 / 1000 gallons

Sewer Tap-In Fee Installment

\$18.02 per REU

Curbside Trash: \$36.00 Residential

Shut off fee (non-payment of bill) \$25

WATCH FOR INFO re: upcoming May election for State Sales Tax proposal

SHANTY DAYS 2015

Festival dates: **FEBRUARY 13-15, 2015**

Activities include indoor and outdoor games and contests.

For a list of activities go to the website, www.casevillechamber.com

Kuddos for the time and excellent efforts of the Chamber! Did you know that the Shanty Days, Cheeseburger and Ribstock Festivals are planned and operated by the Chamber of Commerce? Call 989-856-3818 for more festival information.

COMING EVENTS IN 2015:

- Shanty Days: February 13-15
- Memorial Day Weekend May 22 – 25
- Ribstock Festival: June 26-28
4th of July (Saturday)
- Cheeseburger Festival: Aug 14-23
- PARADE OF TROPICAL FOOLS Aug. 19
- Labor Day Bridge Walk, Sept 7
- PumpkinFest: October 3 - 4
- Holly Berry Fair, November 7

Happy New Year!