



# News from America's Real Hometown

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## Cassville Police Department Citizen Awareness

Numerous bicycles are found and turned in to the police department. Please contact the Cassville Police Department at 847-4700 if you have lost a bike.

As we go into spring/summer storm season we urge all citizens to have a weather radio. Use of social media such as Facebook (Cassville Police Department *does* have a page) and weather alert apps are great tools as well. Please immediately heed warnings.

Remember weather sirens are tested the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Take into account the sirens are outdoor alerts. If you are inside with television or other background noise you may not hear these warnings.

The Cassville Police Department would like to make you aware of some pertinent nuisance ordinances.

### Cassville Grass/Weed Ordinance: Section 215.070 and 215.080

Springtime is the time of year when grass/weeds seem to grow quickly. When the grass/weeds reach 12 inches or higher it becomes a nuisance. Please be aware of the height of your lawn.

If the grass/weeds reach 12 inches or higher the first offense for the year will result in a letter from the Police Department. You will then have 10 days to correct the problem. If the issue is not corrected in that time, or if this becomes an issue again there will be a summons issued to the home owner or landlord and renter to appear before the Municipal Court Judge.

We all want our community to look its very best, but another key reason for this ordinance is to help keep down unwanted pests such as rodents and snakes.

### Chapter 217 Abandoned Property

Another ordinance the Police Department is dealing with this spring is:

Section 217.025 Junk or abandoned Vehicle which states:

A. For the purpose of this section, any motor vehicle which is not currently licensed and in serviceable condition shall be deemed to be a junk or abandoned motor vehicle.

B. No person shall maintain on public or private property within the corporate limits of the City a junk or abandoned automobile, truck or other motor vehicle.

The ordinances for the City of Cassville may be found on the City's web page.

The Cassville Police Department wishes everyone a fun and safe spring and summer.



Dwayne Moller, Public Works Foreman, and Whitey Nipp, Crown Power & Equipment

## Parks Department Acquires New Tractor

As part of the City's capital spending plan the Parks Department recently acquired a new 38 horsepower utility tractor. The new Kubota Model L3901 replaces a 1991 Ford tractor. Decommissioning worn out vehicles and equipment reduces long term maintenance and oper-

ating costs and improves employee safety and morale. The new tractor is equipped with a loader bucket and five foot brush hog. The equipment was purchased using a formal bidding procedure from Crown Power and Equipment Company in Monett at a total cost of \$24,400.

# Wastewater Plant Advice—Avoiding Drain Pain

## **Avoid Drain Pain - Don't Flush These Things**

Just because the package says flushable does not mean it's true. Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper, and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and causing messy sewer backups into homes, streets and businesses

Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products can result in blockages. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste. Sewer pipes are often no wider than four inches.

### **What Not to Flush**

- \* Diapers - cloth, disposable, flushable
- \* Facial tissues
- \* Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- \* Toilet bowl scrub pads
- \* Swiffers
- \* Napkins - paper or cloth, paper towels
- \* Dental floss
- \* Egg shells, nutshells and coffee grounds
- \* Fats, oils, and greases
- \* Food items containing seeds and peelings
- \* Hair
- \* Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any non-organic material
- \* Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- \* Wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)

- \* Clothing
- \* Sheet plastic or plastic of any kind

### **So what Can I do?**

- \* Avoid purchasing flushable items.
- \* Clean with a sponge or a rag that you can reuse.
- \* If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage.

### **What should be flushed?**

Just toilet paper and human waste.

### **What about wet wipes?**

If you must use a "wet wipe" product rather than just toilet paper, dispose of them in the garbage, not down the toilet. While packaging on some "flushable wipes" says the product will disintegrate like toilet paper, that generally is not accurate and these items can cause messy sewage backups into your home or neighbors' homes, local businesses or the street. If you are concerned about odors, try a lined garbage can with a well-fitting lid, a "diaper genie" style of container, wrap your wipes in pet waste bags or reused plastic grocery bags, or perhaps look into installing an after-market bidet on your toilet.

### **The Flushability Test**

Take two bowls of water. Place toilet paper in one, and place the item in question in the other. Swish both items in the water. Wait an hour, then swish again. The toilet paper should have significantly disintegrated by then, while the other item (for example, facial tissue, wipes, nap-

kins, etc.) will likely remain intact. Unless the item disintegrates at the rate of toilet paper, it should be placed in the garbage and not down the toilet. Otherwise, you risk a blockage in your own pipes as well as clogging a pump station and causing a sewage backup for other homes and businesses.

### **What happens if I have a blockage?**

The City is responsible for cleaning the City's pipes and they frequently clear blockages; however, home owners are responsible for maintaining side sewers which connect from your home to the City's main lines in the streets. If you have a blockage and are not sure where the problem is, please call City Hall. A Public Works employee will come determine if the blockage is in the City's pipes or the home owners side.



## **After Hours Calls**

For after-hours assistance from the Cassville Public Works Department contact Central Dispatch at 847-3121.

Although all City staff are committed to serving the community, calling an individual employee may not result in a timely response. Public Works employees are on a rotating on-call schedule for after hours, weekends and holidays.

Central Dispatch will be able to contact the specific staff member on call at the time.

# Landscaping — Invasive Species



## ECOLOGY IN THE SPOT LIGHT

Most residents will recognize Wintercreeper, a perennial evergreen vine, but did you know it is an invasive species that outcompetes native plants and smothers and kills shrubs and trees?

This vine was first introduced into the United States from China in 1907 as an ornamental ground

cover plant. Nurseries still commonly sell it. Wintercreeper can spread from plantings into natural areas and undisturbed woodlands and forests. It grows quickly and in a variety of soils which makes it good ground erosion control on sloping hillsides, but is threatening trees along the streets and roads and in our parks.

### To control this vine:

In areas that have only a small amount of Wintercreeper, pull up individual vines by the roots and remove. This method can be labor intensive and requires that the entire plant, including all roots, runners and seeds be removed or re-sprouting will occur. Mature stands of Wintercreeper can be very difficult to control. In areas of heavy infestation, cut vines by hand and spray each cut stem with 25 percent glyphosate or triclopyr solution. Cut stump

treatment is best applied after the last killing frost and prior to spring wildflower emergence to prevent harm to non-target species. Cutting without the application of herbicides is generally not recommended because this will lead to root sprouting. Foliar spraying with a 2 to 5 percent solution of glyphosate or triclopyr with surfactant is an alternative control measure in areas with extensive growth. Applications of 3 percent glyphosate with a surfactant in September while Wintercreeper is still actively growing have shown to be very effective; however, be careful to avoid non-target species.

For more information, visit the Missouri Department of Conservation's website at [www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov) and search for Wintercreeper.

## Sewer Department Purchases New Jetter



*New Sewer Jetter*

The City's Wastewater Division has taken delivery of a new sewer

cleaning trailer that will improve our efforts to prevent and re-

spond to clogged sewer mains throughout Cassville. The equipment sends a high pressure nozzle through the pipes to clear blockages and cut away root intrusions. The new unit replaces a 1994 model that can no longer climb the steepest sections of pipe in town. The new sewer jet was manufactured by John Bean and the vendor was Red Municipal and Industrial Equipment Company. The \$52,900 purchase is one element of a master capital spending plan and is being financed by Commerce Bank over a three-year period.



## OUR VISION:

To make the City of Cassville a hub for living, working and playing in America's real hometown.

## OUR MISSION:

The City of Cassville is committed to ensuring a safe, beautiful, thriving community for residents, visitors and businesses, creating strong futures built from rich histories.

## OUR CORE VALUES:

- \*Customer Service
- \*Excellence and Learning
- \*Togetherness
- \*Integrity
- \*Respect
- \*Innovation
- \*Stewardship

## OUR GOALS:

To build and maintain a strong foundation while delivering, improving and expanding City services,

To make Cassville a destination for visitors to experience the beauty of the Ozarks while making memories for a lifetime

To support, grow and create opportunities for economic growth while maximizing our technology and networking advantage



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# City of Cassville 2018 Recycle/Holiday Calendar

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Recycle dates are highlighted in yellow, holidays are highlighted in red. Accepted recycling materials are paper & cardboard, aluminum/metal, cartons and plastic. Glass is NOT accepted. Remember, if your trash pickup day falls on a holiday your trash will be picked up one day later than normal.

Thank you reader Julia Homesley for your suggestion to publish recycle information! If you have comments or suggestions for future publication please contact Cherry Bailey at City Hall.

If you would like to have a recycle cart please call Jennifer Privett at City Hall, 847-4441.

## Reminders for recycling:

- \* Please put your cart out the evening before collection day
- \* Carts must sit within 3 feet of the road edge and 3 feet away from obstructions
- \* Cart handle should be facing away from the street
- \* One dirty item can contaminate thousands of pounds of collected materials. Make sure your items are empty, clean and dry.

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