

# News from America's Real Hometown

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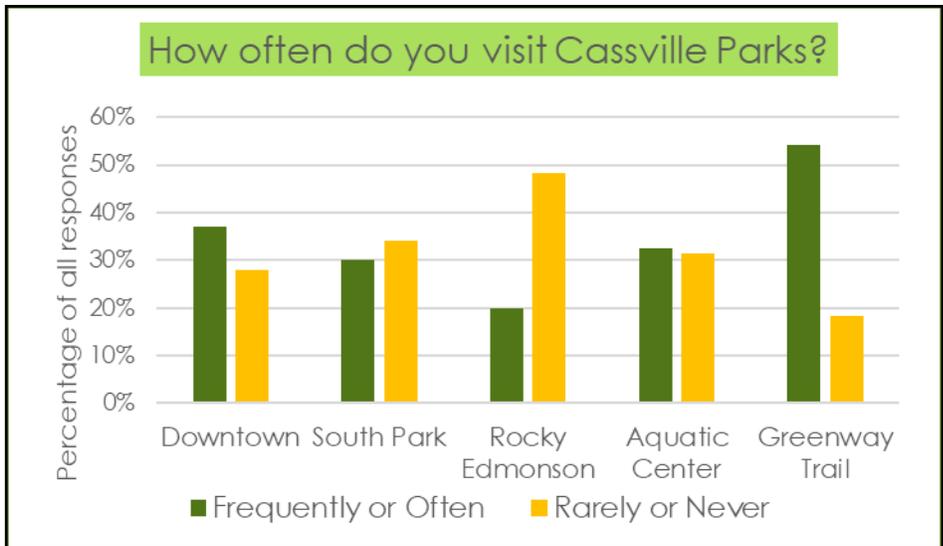
## Cassville Parks Survey and Improvements

Thank you to all who completed the city parks survey. After being available for just over one month, a total of 308 responses were received from individuals living, working and visiting Cassville.

According to the survey results, the most popular reasons to visit Cassville parks were to walk or bike for exercise (74%) and to enjoy the outdoors/nature (65%). Participating in family activities also scored highly (42%) as a reason to visit Cassville parks. Accordingly, the Greenway Trail ranked as the most frequently visited park.

Satisfaction with maintenance and general upkeep was mostly positive with over 50% of the replies indicating this issue as good or excellent and less than 10% feeling it is poor or terrible.

65% of respondents indicated that a dissatisfaction with park infrastructure kept them from visiting, with the most common responses citing the condition or



lack of restrooms (43%) and playground equipment (14%). Behavioral concerns of other park users (safety, vandalism) was cited in 35% of the responses. Illicit or illegal activities was also a frequently mentioned theme in open ended replies.



Mill Street Playground

baseball fields surfaces with new clay added on an as needed basis every two to three years, repairs to tennis, basketball and pickle ball courts, repair lighting at horseshoe pits, replace bathrooms to provide ADA accessibility, adding restroom facilities open year round to each trail head if possible, relocate baseball field #2, restore pedestrian and/or vehicular access to the park from 7<sup>th</sup> Street—alternative consideration given to improving Park Road and Mineral Springs Road.



Downtown City Park

The City has applied for a parks improvement grant through the Department of Natural Resources. Should the grant be awarded, a formalized improvement plan will be developed. Improvements being considered include: Rework



Greenway Trail

# Fats, Oils & Grease

Fats, oils and grease known collectively as FOG represent the most serious enemy of our sewer lines.

- \*Butter
- \*Cooking Oil
- \*Grease
- \*Food Scraps
- \*Lard
- \*Margarine
- \*Meat Scraps
- \*Shortening

When FOG is dumped down the drain, it forms large, thick grease balls that clog pipes. Clogged pipes can result in sewer backups and spills, create environmental problems, cause traffic tie-ups or even flood homes and businesses. Commercial food-handling facilities contribute greatly to FOG buildup in sewer lines because of the amount of grease used in cooking and other food prep work. Preventing sewer backups from FOG blockages also saves money.

## Proper Disposal

**Can it-Cool it-Throw it Away**



*Pipe clogged with FOG*

### Things so do:

\*Can the grease. Allow grease to cool before throwing it in the trash.

\*After pouring grease out of pan wipe the pan with a paper towel prior to washing.

\*Seal the oil. **Limit liquid to one-half gallon.** Mix liquid vegetable oil with an absorbent material (kitty litter or coffee grounds) in a sealable container before throwing it in the trash.

\*Keep drains clean by pouring 1/2 cup of baking soda down the drain followed by 1/2 cup of white vinegar. Wait 10-15 minutes and then rinse with hot water.

### Things NOT to do:

\*Do not pour fat, oil or grease down drains or garbage disposals.

\*Do not use hot water to rinse grease off cookware, utensils, dishes or surfaces.

**Important!** When sewer pipes back up on private property, the homeowner or business owner is responsible for the cleanup.

# Storm Water Improvements

The Public Works Department recently installed an industrial sized flap gate on a drainage pipe that serves south Main Street and discharges into Flat Creek. The flap gate will keep water in the creek channel from flowing into the pipe and surcharging at the inlet. The flap gate is made out of aluminum and cost \$3,665. Revenue from the City's parks and storm water sales tax were used to make the purchase.

Installation on the existing pipe went very smoothly and took crews less than 30 minutes.



# We Welcome Your Input

The City is excited to launch our quarterly newsletter. Our goal is to keep citizens informed of events performed by the City employees and engage residents in

taking pride in our community. Please help us by submitting questions, comments and suggestions for future newsletters to [cbailey@cityofcassville.com](mailto:cbailey@cityofcassville.com)

# Police Department Drug Take Back

The Cassville Police Department is participating in the D.E.A. Prescription Take Back Day scheduled for Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 am 2:00 pm. To drop off medications come to the back entrance (Municipal Court) of City Hall.

The event is held to help people properly dispose of unused medications. Cassville police want to encourage people to take the time to clean out their medicine drawers and cabinets and properly dispose of their unused medicine. Over-the-counter medications will also be accepted.

Please note inhalers, illegal drugs or sharp objects (i.e. syringes/needles) cannot be accepted. In addition, this event is held for individuals; hospitals, pharmacies and veterinarians should find an alternative to drug/medication disposal.

## City Business – Get Involved

The regular meetings of the City Council are held on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. Meeting packets may be obtained from our website; [cityofcassville.com](http://cityofcassville.com). If you would like to address the council please stop by city hall and complete a request to address city council.

GET INVOLVED

The Board of Adjustments consists of five city residents who hear and decide appeals and authorize variances in accordance with public interest, safety and justice.

Planning and Zoning Commission consists of eight members including the Mayor, a City Alderman selected by the board annually, the City Public Works Director or similar City Official and five citizens appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board. All citizen members serve for a term of four years, and are appointed so that terms are staggered. If you would like to be considered for a board position please contact City Clerk Jennifer Evans at [jevans@cityofcassville.com](mailto:jevans@cityofcassville.com).



## Staff in the Spotlight

Meet City of Cassville staff member Kenny Schieler. Kenny has worked for the City of Cassville since April 1, 1991. He has worked in multiple departments within the Public Works department, and currently serves the citizens of Cassville by working in the Sewer Collections department. Kenny has been instrumental to the City in many ways. Kenny was a key player in the development of the greenway trail system back when he was the Parks Foreman. More recently, he has been a vital part in mapping the sewer system for the City's GIS (Geographic Information System).

Kenny enjoys riding his motorcycle with his wife, Connie, who he has been married to for 32 years. He also enjoys spending time with his family - son Kenny, daughter Kimi, future son-in-law, Ryan and 2 grandchildren. Thank you, Kenny for serving the City so well!

**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

# City Hall—what’s new and Coming Soon

The City of Cassville has joined social media! Visit us on Facebook where we will post current events, updates and important service announcements such as well maintenance, water line breaks, street repairs and other topics that impact our citizens.

We are extremely excited to announce our website is due for a makeover. Revize, LLC has been retained to assist us in updating our site. The website is an excellent source to learn more about the various departments, personnel and contact information, utility billing information—including online bill pay, airport information and a complete list of city codes. You may also view the current council meeting packets and find information on your City Council members.

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