

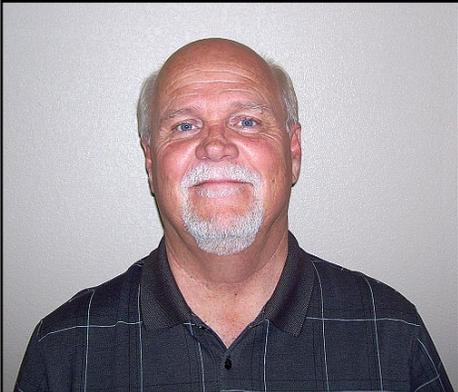
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## City Hires Economic Development Director



*Ron Reed, Economic Director*

The City of Cassville is excited to announce that Ron Reed has joined our staff as the Economic Development Director.

Ron, who has a Masters Degree in Business Administration and Management, retired as the Economic Development Director of Houston, Missouri after nearly 20 years. Due to loss of jobs in his

rural hometown of Houston, Ron was keen on growing an Economic Development Department. Ron oversaw a successful campaign recruiting new industries and retail businesses, strengthening the city in all areas.

In 2000 Ron was chosen as the Missouri Economic Development Council's most successful Professional Economic person of the year.

Ron shared, "Frequently in rural communities people have become used to losing things; jobs move overseas, retail shops close their doors. We need to change that mindset. We can be the winners. We can get the new industries and new business partners. If we, as a community, work hard together we will be successful."

Ron will be working out of City Hall two days a week, and has already been out and about meeting community leaders and members. Ron's vision for Economic Development in Cassville is to raise the quality of life in all aspects, to all residents of the City of Cassville and the surrounding areas; we are all in this together.

The intent of our Economic Development program is to be as inclusive as possible, gathering information from as many areas as possible to represent all branches of our community from manufacturing and retail to education, financial services, medical and all other local businesses.

Please contact Ron at City Hall with your ideas or questions, or email [rreed@cityofcassville.com](mailto:rreed@cityofcassville.com).

## Barbara Cowan honored by Barry County Master Gardeners

On March 8th of this year, Cassville resident and Barry County Master Gardener Barbara Cowan passed away. Six months later on September 8th Barbara's family, friends and the Barry County Master Gardeners (BCMG) came together to dedicate a park bench in her memory. This memorial came about from the family's request that contributions be made in her memory to BCMG, of which Barbara was a 2015 charter member.

The family and BCMG collectively decided that a park bench on the greenway trail in Cassville would be something Barbara would have suggested and appreciated.

The Master Gardeners coordinated with Cassville's public works department to select a location and the City contributed the concrete approach and base for the bench. With landscaping added by the Master Gardeners, the bench provides a tranquil

spot to enjoy the natural beauty of the area and reminisce about loved ones present and past.



# Police Department DEA Event

The Cassville Police Department is participating in the D.E.A. Prescription Take Back Day scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10:00 am 2:00 pm. To drop off medications come to the back entrance (Municipal Court) of City Hall.

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.

## SAFE DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES



A 44 year old trash collector was stuck in the leg with a needle from someone's trash. A year later he started having stomach pains. His doctor told him that he had caught Hepatitis C, probably from being stuck by the needle. Doctors have not been able to help him, and he is now in chronic liver failure. He will likely die from this disease.

Used needles and lancelets are dangerous because they can injure people, spread germs and spread diseases such as HIV/

AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus and syphilis. ALL needles should be treated as if they carry a disease. In order to avoid harmful exposure to used needles, safe disposal is extremely important.

The City reached out to local trash service provider, Republic Services/Allied Waste and were advised there is a Sharps Disposal Program mail-back option available. If you would like more information on the program please contact Cherry Bailey at city hall. In addition, manager Chris Snyder advised, "If a resident has sharps they can place them in the trash if they package them in a coffee can, plastic laundry detergent bottle, orange juice bottle or something similar with a tight fitting lid and then tape the lid shut. We ask that they tape and label them to keep our employees safe and to prevent accidents if the lid was to fall off and sharps bounce out of the dumpster."

Please remember, never place containers with sharps in a recycling bin, and never place loose sharps in the trash.

This information applies to residential trash customers only. Commercial trash customers must use a disposal program.

To see more information on proper packaging, storage and disposal of sharps visit <https://dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2419.htm>.

### Sharps and Air Travel

Before you fly, check the TSA web site ([www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov)) for up-to date rules on what to do with your needles when you travel. To make your trip through airport security easier, make sure your medicines are labeled with the type of medicine and the manufacturer's name or drug store label, and bring a letter from your doctor.

# Gaming Safety Tips

Parental involvement is critical when it comes to helping children game more safely. Take an active interest in the games your child plays and wants to buy. You can research games' ratings and content on [www.esrb.org](http://www.esrb.org).

**KNOW** which safety features are available on the gaming equipment your child uses—a headset may have voice-masking features for example.

**KEEP** gaming consoles in an easy-to-supervise location and be aware of other places your child may be accessing games.

**TELL** your child never to give out personal information while gaming or agree to meet anyone outside the game.

**SET RULES** about how long your child may play, what types of games are appropriate, and who else may participate.

**HAVE** your child check with you before using a credit or debit card online.

**CHECK** to see if the games your child plays have reporting features or moderators.

In addition ask your child:

- \* Can we play some of your favorite games together?
- \* How do you respond if someone bothers you while you are gaming?
- \* How much do you let people know about you while gaming?
- \* What kinds of people do you game with?
- \* Do you feel safe while you are gaming online? Why or why not?

For more resources visit [NetSmartz.org](http://NetSmartz.org)

# Yard Waste Disposal Site



The City of Cassville offers its citizens a convenient way to dispose of yard and lawn waste. Located at the end of the lane south of the aquatic park is a disposal site for leaves, limbs and grass clippings.

This site is intended for Cassville residents only, and restricted to individuals, not contractors.

Please note, this site is intended

for yard waste only and strictly prohibits items such as trash, appliances, electronics, building supplies, etc. This is not a dump or landfill. Should you need to dispose of items like these please contact local recycle companies or Republic Services/Allied Waste at 800-627-1717. Also, there is a landfill north of Verona, WCA New Day Transfer Station. WCA is a full service, non-hazardous solid waste company providing waste collection, recycling and disposal services to commercial, industrial and residential customers. For more information call 417-498-6921.

Thank you reader, Terry Heinz, for your suggestion to publish yard waste disposal information. If *you* have comments or suggestions for future publication, please contact Cherry Bailey at City Hall.

# Battle of the Badge



*Sergeant Donald Privett and SRO Officer Troy Wenzel*

On October 27 the Cassville Police Department will defend its 2017 Battle of the Badges win at the annual Chili Cook-off. Billie Garner will once again be serving as master chef. Come by and support the Cassville Police Department!

# Cassville Receives Scrap Tire Grant



The City of Cassville has received a \$30,000 grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to construct a new playground surface using recycled tires. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Solid

Waste Management Program administers this grant program to divert scrap tires from landfills and illegal dumps by promoting end-uses for scrap tires.

Cassville's project will replace a wood mulch surface at the playground next to the Aquatic Center with a poured in place recycled rubber tire product to improve safety and accessibility. The engineered surface will provide greater protection for the fall heights of the playground equipment. The new surfacing will be superior to wood mulch in many ways; it will

not migrate from the site and is not susceptible to weed intrusion, mold, fungus growth or impact patrons with applicable allergies. The firm, stable and level surface meets accessibility standards for disabled children and their guardians. From an environmental standpoint the project is expected to re-purpose over nine tons of Missouri scrap tires. For more information on this project or Cassville municipal parks contact the Public Works Director at 847-4441.

**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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# Paving Projects 2018—2019

In early summer the City of Cassville completed the first phase of a three-year street resurfacing plan. The multi-year strategy is based on condition assessments and is intended to address those streets with the worst condition ratings. Although it is more typical for resurfacing plans to divide resources between addressing the worst and preserving the best, the assessment found that the quantity of poorly rated streets needed to be tackled first. The street work completed in 2018 included:

- \* Sycamore from Kenny to West Gate (this project included the addition of 260' of new concrete curb and gutter)
- \* McFarland from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to end
- \* Melton Way from McFarland to end (to include reconstruction/improvement of the cul-de-sac)
- \* Mineral Springs Road
- \* Forest Circle

In addition to these improvements, the City partnered with the Flat Creek Special Road District to share the expense of resurfacing 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Old Highway 37 (FR 2180). The contractor for all of the street improvements was Hutchens Construction.

Streets scheduled for resurfacing in 2019, but dependent upon budgeting and annual appropriation approvals, are:

- \* Kenny Drive
- \* Blackjack Street
- \* 9<sup>th</sup> Street
- \* Fair
- \* 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- \* Robinhood Drive
- \* Nottingham
- \* Tudor



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