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Dear Village Residents,

This is a letter I wish I never had to write. However, due to the current economic climate. the village is making a major change to services provided. For decades our village has been fortunate to be able to provide garbage/recycle service to our residents. As of June 1, 2025, the Village of Caledonia will no longer have a garbage contract included in the taxes. We have researched surrounding communities and found that we are the last village in Livingston County to offer garbage service (with exception of a small contract in Livonia). Our contract with Casella expires on May 31, 2025 at an annual cost of \$199,880.

Like your households, we have seen expenses skyrocket over the past couple of years. This has pushed us to evaluate everything. After much consideration, the Village Board has voted to not renew a garbage contract.

With that being said, the question will be asked "Will my taxes go down?" The short answer is no. The funds previously allotted for garbage service will be reappropriated to other areas within our budget. Although we will not be able to complete everything in one year, we have enclosed a list of "Essentials" that will be worked into our future budgets. With multiple years of a stagnant tax base, we foresee this being a long-term benefit to the tax base; the opportunity to not pay interest and complete many overdue projects. Just this past year we replaced our 1995 street sweeper for \$291,600.

You will have the freedom to choose your new provider. The last week in May will be our final pickup. Casellas will be collecting their recycle bins and rented totes. If you rent a tote and are owed a credit, please contact Casella at 1-800-Casella. Our local law remains the same. Items can be put out to the curb 24 hours before pickup and must be removed the day of pickup.

Please begin your research on a provider for June 1, 2025. A few suggestions of options are enclosed. If you have questions, please contact the Village Office at (585) 538-6565.

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