

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

The Village of Carpentersville will be holding a Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of Village Hall at 1200 L.W. Besinger Drive. The Dundee Crown Choir will be singing holiday songs, and there is a rumor that Santa Claus may stop by. Any questions, please contact Fire Chief John Schuldt at 847-426-2131.

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Fall/Winter 2012

WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND TOWN...

From the Desk of President Ritter

The past months have seen great strides within the Village of Carpentersville in many areas. Some of the most significant are listed below:

- Wal-mart has started the process to build a new Supercenter on Route 25.
- Big Lots will open a remodeled store on Route 31.
- Village Hall has been remodeled to have a more customer-friendly setup.
- The Carpentersville Police Department has added about 3,400 square feet of new space and reorganized all of its space to make operations as smooth as possible, provide better security during bookings, and provide victims with more privacy while they are being interviewed.
- The Village Board has enacted a series of new or revised ordinances to make opening a new business easier and quicker and to allow existing businesses ways to improve their signage.
- The Village Board is looking at revisions to our Building Code that will recognize the difficulties of improving older residences in Old Town and on the east side make remodeling and additions much easier to do.
- The Maple Avenue Reconstruction Project is on track to begin in 2013.
- Major improvements to the Route 31 and Huntley Rd./Main St. intersection will begin in 2014.
- A new and improved parking setup will be constructed at Carpenter Park.
- Removal of all parkway ash trees affected by Emerald Ash Borer is underway. This involves over 2,000 trees.
- The Village Board has developed a set of short and long-range goals for the Village.
- The words "customer service" and "business friendly" have become a major factor in every decision made by both the Board and the Staff.

On behalf of the Village Board and Staff, I wish you a happy and safe Holiday Season!

As always...Don't Blink...or you will miss something good happening in Carpentersville!

WELCOME TRUSTEE KEVIN REHBERG

At the October 16, 2012 Village Board Meeting, resident Kevin Rehberg was appointed to the position of Trustee, which was recently vacated by Doug Marks. Trustee Rehberg is a 13 year resident of Carpentersville and is an auditor by profession. "I love my town, have deep loyalties to the area and want to do what I can to help make it prosper." Trustee Rehberg's experience and qualifications will be a great asset to the Village's continued success.

**BE SURE TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION
ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

CARPENTERSVILLE OKTOBERFEST AND 2012 CHICAGO CYCLOCROSS CUP

Despite a day of inclement weather, 600 racers competed in this year's Cyclocross Cup, held October 14 at Carpenter Park. Cyclocross Cup races, the main event of Oktoberfest activities, were supported by a petting zoo, children's inflatable amusements, a beer garden, and various business and not-for-profit exhibitors.



Although the Park was cleared during a portion of the event because of a tornado warning, Cyclocross racing was resumed and completed.

Oktoberfest is presented by the Village of Carpentersville, Main Street Bicycles and Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce. Special gratitude is expressed to primary sponsors Stanley Machining and Tool Corporation, Village Fresh Market, BMO/Harris, and Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins. Appreciation is also expressed to the following contributors: Walgreen's, PCCR, Acme Industrial Company, Chiro One Wellness Centers, Safari Childcare, El Sombrero Restaurant, Shaklee Wellness Center, Women of the Moose, FISH Pantry, Life Connection Radio, and Chicago Area Mountain Bike Riders.

Perhaps the day was best described by race organizer Jeff Provisor, of Main Street Bicycles, "It was a great day. Racers had nothing but positive things to say, despite the weather."

For information related to the Carpentersville Oktoberfest, please contact Joe Wade at jwade@vil.carpentersville.il.us

For information related to the Chicago Cyclocross Cup, please contact Director Jeff Provisor, Owner of Main Street Bicycles, at 847-783-0362.



Photos Courtesy of Gene Cassella

ENGINEERING DIVISION 2012-2013 PROJECTS

2012 MFT SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Construction was scheduled for summer/fall for sidewalk and roadway improvements to Green Lane, Hook Road, and Del Rio Road. As this project has received CDBG grant funding through Kane County, the Village is currently waiting for the grant agreement before this project can go out for bid. Kane County has not received the federal grant funding from HUD that is disbursed to the CDBG grant recipients for this year. Kane County cannot prepare the grant agreement until the federal funding through HUD is received by the County. As a result, this project has been postponed to a late winter 2013 bid and an early spring 2013 construction start.

CARPENTER PARK NORTH PARKING LOT EXPANSION

Construction was scheduled for summer/fall for the Carpenter Park Parking Lot Improvements. As this project has received CDBG grant funding through Kane County, the Village is currently waiting for the grant agreement before this can go out for bid. Kane County was informed by HUD that the county needed to complete two additional requirements prior to the Village bidding this project.

Kane County needed to complete a historic and archaeological survey and a 30-day HUD-required public comment period. (Both of these requirements have now been completed by Kane County.) Kane County is in the process of preparing the grant agreement. As a result, this project has been postponed to a late winter 2013 bid and an early spring 2013 construction start.

GLENEAGLE AREA RESURFACING PROJECT

Resurfacing improvements were completed on Prairie Path Lane, Gleneagle Drive, Gleneagle Court, Farmside Drive, Orchard Lane, and Van Dyke Lane. This work was funded with monies received through developer fees from Pulte Homes and included partial roadway milling, base patching, 2" of new asphalt surface, and minor sidewalk replacement to comply with ADA requirements.

CARPENTER CREEK FLOODPLAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Village's consultant engineering firm (HR Green, Inc.) has completed the Phase I study and analysis for Carpenter Creek from Maple Avenue to 1300 feet upstream. Final Phase II design is underway and will be completed in spring of 2013 for summer of 2013 construction. These improvements, pending Letter of Map Revision approval from FEMA, will remove 44 structures out of the existing floodplain map.

2012 MFT RESURFACING PROGRAM

Resurfacing improvements were completed on Meadowlark Lane, Sparrow Road, Sparrow Court, Jefferson Avenue (Golfview Lane to Monroe Avenue), and Jackson Avenue (Golfview Lane to Monroe Avenue). This work was funded with Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds and included partial roadway milling, base patching, 2" of new asphalt surface, and minor sidewalk replacement to comply with ADA requirements.

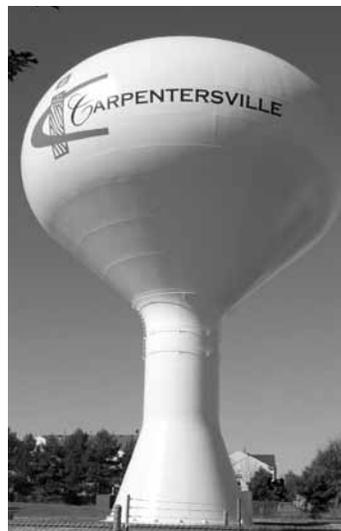
MAPLE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Village's consultant engineering firm (Baxter & Woodman, Inc.) is currently completing the final Phase II design for Maple Avenue from Washington Street to L.W. Besinger Drive. Design will be completed this winter. This work is 80% funded by a Federal STP (Surface Transportation Program) grant and 20% Village funds. Improvements include new roadway with curb and gutter, storm sewer, water main, bike path, and lighting. This project is scheduled for a spring/summer 2013 construction.

TULSA AVENUE/ KINGS ROAD LAFO PROJECT

The Village has completed the design for the improvements to Tulsa Avenue and Kings Drive. This work is 75% funded by a Federal LAFO (Local Agency Function Overlay) grant and 25% Village-funded and includes roadway milling, base patching, 2" of new asphalt surface, and minor sidewalk replacement to comply with ADA requirements. This project is scheduled for spring/summer 2013 construction.

Questions about these projects should be directed to Ed Szydowski, Engineering Manager, at the Village of Carpentersville Community Development Department at 224-293-1637.



The west side's newly-painted water tower.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE

- Water and Sewer rates increased on August 1, 2012 to \$4.43 and \$4.60 respectively for every 1,000 gallons of water used. The new rates will be reflected on October 2012 bills and thereafter.
- The basic minimum bi-monthly rate for water/sewer bills to residential customers increased from \$14.00 to \$15.00.
- The basic minimum quarterly rate for commercial customers increased from \$28.00 to \$30.00.
- The water tank painting & repair project has been completed. The removal of the tank fee will be reflected beginning on the October 2012 bills.
- There are no changes to the senior citizen and disability discounts.
- The Village offers several options for making water/sewer bill payments:
 - ✓ In person with cash or check at the Village Hall.
 - ✓ 24-hour drop box in front of the Village Hall.
 - ✓ 24-hour drive-through drop box at Fire Station 3 (off Miller Rd).
 - ✓ By mail to P.O. Box 335, Carpentersville, IL 60110.
 - ✓ Online with our website with Mastercard, American Express, Discover cards.
 - ✓ Auto debit, an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account.
- Visit <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us> for more detailed rate information, online payment options, and our auto debit program.

KEEP THE WREATH RED



In 1980, the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association adopted a new program called "Keep the Wreath Red". This program was founded by the Naperville (IL) Fire Department in 1954. Carpentersville started participating in 1970 and the campaign to Keep the Wreath Red has become an annual event, with fire departments all across

Illinois participating. The program is designed to focus on safety while decorating our homes for the holidays.

How the program works is quite simple; the local fire department places a wreath on the front of their building and lights it with a string of red lights. The wreaths remain lit twenty-four hours a day from the day after Thanksgiving to January 2nd. Whenever a fire occurs that is a result of holiday decorations, a white bulb replaces a red bulb on the wreath. This serves as a constant reminder to practice safety while installing and displaying holiday decorations.

Some suggestions to help make this holiday season safer are:

- Keep the use of extension cords to a minimum.
- If extension cords must be used, make sure they are free of cracked or split insulation, and have appropriate grounding plugs in place.
- Keep all electrical wiring out of walkways or places where they may become pinched or worn.
- Read the packaging for all lights to be sure you are not overloading your electrical circuits.
- Check the electrical wiring often for possible problems.
- Do not use candles on or near combustible decorations.
- Do not leave burning candles unattended.

ONE DAY PERMIT REVIEW

Minor Residential Construction Projects May Qualify

The Village of Carpentersville is pleased to announce a new process, called "One Day Permit Review", that will make it easier to obtain a residential building permit. This new review option provides quicker turnaround times, is more streamlined, and allows more consistent application of rules.

One Day Permit Review will be offered by appointment from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. every Wednesday and began on August 8, 2012. Applicants must complete all the necessary application forms and handout checklists, update the Plat of Survey for the property, and prepare complete construction drawings. To obtain the required forms, please contact the Community Development Department at 847-551-3478, or visit the Village website at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us>.

Completed submittals and applications will be reviewed while the applicant waits during the course of a single review session. If minor corrections are needed, Village staff will work with applicants to make those changes immediately. The goal is to issue a permit during a single visit to the Village Hall.

Eligible residential projects include:

- Air Conditioners
- Decks
- Porches
- Pergolas
- Insulation
- Patios
- Stoops
- Simple plumbing repairs or plumbing fixture replacements
- Swimming pools and spas/hot tubs (above-ground only)
- Brick veneer and siding
- Electrical service upgrades
- Furnaces, hydronic heating
- Irrigation systems
- Service walks
- Sheds (if larger than 48 square feet)
- Windows and doors

The Village invites homeowners and contractors to take advantage of this new process so that projects can quickly move to construction. To schedule an appointment, please contact the Community Development Department at 847-551-3478, or visit Room 206 in the Village Hall at 1200 L.W. Besinger Drive, Carpentersville, IL.

SEASONAL FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Summer has past and fall is here, bringing cooler weather and falling leaves.

- Never park your car or truck over a pile of leaves. The heat from the vehicle's catalytic converter or exhaust system can ignite the leaves below. The resulting fire could destroy your vehicle.
- Check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they work, and change the batteries.
- Have heating appliances serviced and chimney flues examined for defects.
- Have fireplaces and fireplace dampers checked.
- Fireplaces should be equipped with an appropriate screen or glass enclosure to prevent sparks from flying out.
- Wood-burning stoves should be examined and the flue and chimney checked for creosote buildup.
- Use only seasoned woods, and avoid soft woods like pine, etc.
- Never use a flammable liquid to start a fireplace.
- Never overload the hearth with wood or artificial logs; the resulting fire may be too large for the unit.
- Put all ashes outdoors and away from the house in a metal container.
- Have a useable fire extinguisher available.
- It is illegal and dangerous to burn leaves and brush.

Snow and Ice Control

With the winter season approaching, the Carpentersville Street Department would like to educate our residents on a few items. The Village prides itself on having one of the top snow removal programs in the area. Our goal is to have all streets plowed and salted within 10 hours after the snow stops falling. When snowfall begins, our program starts with the plowing of main arteries and hills throughout the Village. (This continues throughout the storm.) We then move to secondary and residential streets and finally to the cul-de-sacs and short dead-end streets. After the streets are plowed, salt is spread at all intersections, hills, and curves. Please keep in mind that even after the plows have been through your area they will continue for a couple of days to check the roads for drifting, slick spots, and areas where cars were parked during the initial plowing operations.

Keep a Safe Distance

It is highly recommended that a distance of 75-100 feet be maintained when following a snow plow. Remember that these trucks are large and have blind spots. You may be able to see the truck, but the snow plow operator may not be able to see you.

Trash Days

To prevent your garbage can from being knocked over or hit by a snow plow, place it approximately three feet behind the curb line. Garbage trucks are equipped with extendable arms allowing them to reach your garbage can if needed.

Mailboxes

As hard as we try to stay away from mailboxes, they do on occasion get damaged from our plows. The postal code installation guideline for roadside mailboxes states that the front of the mailbox must be a minimum of 12 inches from the back of curb. In many cases, mailboxes are damaged as a result of snow coming off of the end of the plow. In these instances, the Village is not responsible for the repair or replacement. If a mailbox complies with the postal code installation guidelines and a plow comes in physical contact with a mailbox, the Village is then responsible for repairs. Temporary repair will be made as quickly as possible with a full repair to follow.

Winter Weather Tips

- Residents are reminded to disconnect garden hoses from outside faucets during the winter months. Hoses that are not removed will damage the faucet and possibly cause a leak within your home.
- Snow should be cleared from fire hydrants to assist the Fire/Rescue Department.
- Pushing or blowing of snow into Village streets is prohibited.
- Residents are asked not to park on Village streets at night. Overnight parking is prohibited from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Snow should be shoveled to the right-hand side of the driveway (as viewed from the house) to help reduce the amount of snow pushed back into driveways.
- Fringe snow pushed back into driveways cannot be avoided, as all streets must be snowplowed from curb to curb to allow for proper drainage and mailbox access.
- Residents with questions about the snow and ice control program may contact Street Superintendent Jack Clifton at 847-551-3494 or call the Road Condition Hotline at 847-551-3495.

Street Lights

Please report all non-functioning street lights to the Public Works Department at 847-836-2464.

Pothole Hotline

To report a pothole, please call the Pothole Hotline at 847-836-2464.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has unveiled the Illinois Yellow Dot program, a life-saving, traffic initiative that provides first responders with critical information to improve emergency care for persons involved in vehicle crashes. IDOT, along with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Illinois Department of Aging (IDOA), and county health departments across the state are working together to increase awareness of the voluntary, federally-funded program, and to provide distribution centers and information for interested residents.

“Roadway safety is always a top priority at IDOT and the Yellow Dot program can help improve roadway safety by providing first responders the crucial medical information they need to treat injuries and save lives, beginning at the scene of a crash,” said Acting Transportation Secretary Ann Schneider. “This important program gives IDOT and our partners another important way to improve our exceptional record on traffic safety. I encourage all motorists to participate in this unique and effective program, which could make the difference between life and death for individuals involved in crashes.”

Because the first hour following an injury is the most crucial, the Yellow Dot program provides essential personal health information to emergency responders in order to promptly care for a crash victim. This “Golden Hour” is critical in the treatment of crash victims, and the medical information provided through the program could be a lifesaver. When a crash occurs, emergency medical first responders such as police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians are immediately dispatched to the scene. These responders usually have basic information such as the location of the crash and the number of victims. Frequently, minimal personal information is available during this early, most critical time period.

“This is a great opportunity for older drivers to update their medical information and have a voice in their emergency treatment in the event of an accident,” said John K. Holton, Ph.D., director of the IDOA. “The Yellow Dot program will serve as a lifeline to alert first responders of crucial medical information which can help the victims who may be unable to communicate at the crash site or may have forgotten to share the information.”

Yellow Dot participants are supplied with a simple, bright yellow decal for their car and a corresponding yellow folder. The decal is placed in a conspicuous and consistent place - in the lower left-hand corner of the rear window, driver’s side. The yellow dot signifies there is a folder in the glove compartment containing the following medical information about the motorists: participant’s name, close-up photo, emergency contact information, patient’s physician information, medical conditions, recent surgeries, allergies, and a list of current medications. Having access to this information allows the first responders to make important decisions regarding emergency treatment and can better prepare emergency hospital staff in the receiving room.

“Time is critical in an emergency situation. If paramedics and emergency medical workers know what medications a person is taking, if the person has allergies or a chronic condition, they can make better decisions about treatment,” said Acting IDPH Director Dr. Craig Conover. “Delaying treatment can mean the difference between life and death in some cases. Something as simple as having your medical information on a yellow card on your glove compartment can potentially make a big difference in the emergency care you receive.”

Yellow Dot packages can be picked up at Carpentersville Village Hall in the Finance Department during normal business hours.

NEW OLD TOWN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT

New Old Town Residential Zoning District Proposed by the Village of Carpentersville to Help Property Owners in the Old Town Area

The mature residential properties in the Old Town area have a development pattern that is distinct from the suburban style of residential development in most areas of the Village of Carpentersville. The older houses are typically constructed closer to the street and on smaller lots. However, the current residential zoning districts are based on the suburban style of large setbacks and lots. Therefore, the PZC has received many variance requests from property owners who simply wish to remove and reconstruct existing historic improvements. In an attempt to bring these existing structures into compliance with the code and reduce the number variance requests, staff has drafted regulations for a completely new Old Town Residential Zoning District to be called OTR. The OTR District will help maintain the historic pattern of development in the unique Old Town area, while also allowing context-sensitive redevelopment. Village staff examined the size of Old Town lots, the existing setbacks, and the common size of existing garages. Based upon standard professional planning practice, staff has drafted the proposed regulations to allow approximately 90% of the existing structures to comply with the new code. It should be noted that this is not a historic district, and no new architectural standards are proposed. Instead, the proposed regulations relax the existing lot size, setback, and lot coverage requirements. Essentially, the goal of the new zoning district is to make it easier for Old Town property owners to maintain and enhance their property in this rather unique area of the Village.

The proposed regulations were considered at public hearings held by the Planning and Zoning Commission on August 16, September 20, and October 18, 2012. It is anticipated that the proposed regulation will be considered by the Village Board of Trustees on November 6, 2012.

EMERALD ASH BORER

The Village of Carpentersville reported a confirmed Emerald Ash Borer infestation in 2011. Since then, the Public Works Department has surveyed all of the ash trees on public property and those that have more die-off than others have been marked for removal. The Public Works Department plans to remove approximately 700 trees this year and continue removing more next year. The Village has placed a high priority on dead or dying ash trees that threaten our public roadways, walkways, and parks.

VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Thanksgiving Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23, 2012
Christmas.....Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25, 2012

The Village Clerk's office at Village Hall will be open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on December 24th to accept Election Petitions ONLY.
Daily Village services will not be available.

New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1, 2013

The Village Board Meeting originally scheduled for January 1, 2013 will take place on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STRESSES HOME SECURITY

Now that the fall season is upon us and the onset of darkness comes much earlier in the evening, the Carpentersville Police Department would like to remind the residents of our community to take extra precautions to prevent the possibility of a Residential Burglary or Theft of Property occurring at their home. In a national survey, approximately 1.6 million Residential Burglaries were reported across the nation in 2010, equating to one Residential Burglary every 20 seconds. While the statistics may seem ominous, the vast majority of cases were committed as "crimes of opportunity." This means that the individual residences were not specifically targeted by the offenders, but by virtue of some external factor(s), the homes lent themselves to a greater probability of offenders going undetected while perpetrating their crime. By taking a few simple precautions, residents can add additional measures of security to their homes and significantly decrease the possibility of a burglary occurring at their residence.

Simple and effective security measures include:

- Make your home look occupied. Leave on the TV, a radio, interior lights, etc.
- Lock all doors and windows when you leave, no matter how long you anticipate being gone. A burglar can be in and out of your home in less than four minutes.
- When going away for an extended period, arrange for mail, newspapers, and other deliveries to be picked up by a friend or family member. Mail and newspaper stacking up indicate that no one is home.
- Keep personal property like bicycles and lawn equipment out of sight and secure.
- Trim bushes and shrubs to allow visibility of doors and windows. Burglars like to hide in overgrown bushes while gaining entry.
- Leave outside lights on at night. Use motion detectors when possible.
- If your home is equipped with deadbolt locks, use them.

Most importantly, don't be afraid to call the police if you see someone or something unusual in your neighborhood. Police officers are more than happy to check on "suspicious people" or "suspicious autos". Many burglars and thieves have been caught simply because a neighbor made the call to the police after noticing something unusual. Nobody knows who belongs in the neighborhood better than you, the resident!

By following the above tips and reporting suspicious activities through the 911 system, we can all work on making our Village an even greater place to live, work, and play.

2013 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

Election packets for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election are now available in Village Hall. Village Board seats up for re-election are the Village President, three four-year term Village Trustee positions, and one two-year term Village Trustee position. Signature petitions and necessary details are provided in the packets or available on the Village's website under Village Clerk/Election and Voter Registration.

Early voting will be available. Information will be provided on the Village's website as it becomes available.

For more information, please contact the Village Clerk's office at 224-293-1627.

GARBAGE COLLECTION REMINDERS

Christmas Tree Collection

All Christmas trees must be at the curb the day of collection. All lights, tinsel, and garland must be removed from the tree.

Garbage Day Pick Up

Wednesday
Thursday

First Day of Tree Collection

Thursday, December 27, 2012*
Friday, December 28, 2012*

Last Day of Tree Collection

Wednesday, January 30, 2013
Thursday, January 31, 2013

*Collection delayed by one day due to the Tuesday holiday.

Garbage and Recycling Carts

The garbage and recycling carts that Village residents are using belong to Republic Services and not the Village of Carpentersville. Because the carts belong to Republic, residents should not spray paint addresses on the carts. Carts should be left with the home if you leave Carpentersville. The cost to replace the 95-gallon garbage and the 65-gallon recycling carts is \$110.

On each cart there is a serial number. Residents are asked to write down that serial number and keep it in a safe place. This way you will know which cart is yours if the cart blows down the block. The serial number may also be used to track carts if they are stolen from your home and you are asked to file a Police Report before the cart can be replaced.

Did You Know...

Most residents have a 95-gallon cart for the collection of their regular garbage. These carts hold 12 to 13 of the 13-gallon kitchen garbage bags. Any garbage that doesn't fit into the cart on a weekly basis can be taken care of by purchasing a \$2.50 sticker and placing it on the extra box or bag. Better still, if the items are usable and in good condition, consider donating them to organizations like Goodwill or the Salvation Army.

You are entitled to throw away one bulk item per week. A bulk item is defined as a table, chair, mattress, toilet, sink, small cabinet, or box spring. Of course, if they are in good condition consider donating them first, but if they are not then they can be placed at the curb with your regular garbage.

Appliances, such as stoves and refrigerators, are considered a white good and cannot be disposed of at the landfill. Residents are encouraged to use the store's delivery/disposal service to dispose of your used appliance. Usually if you pay for delivery there is no charge to remove the old appliance; however, if removal of the old appliance is not included with the delivery, then residents can dispose of their old appliances by purchasing 10 of the \$2.50 stickers from the Village Hall and placing them on the appliance. Republic will pick up the appliance if the stickers are attached to the appliance.

Electronics

As of January 1, 2012, electronics such as computers, monitors, printers, TVs, microwaves, answering machines, telephones, video games, power tools, etc., can no longer be thrown away in the garbage. These items and many more must now be recycled. Kane County has a monthly collection on the second Saturday of each month, at 540 South Randall Road, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. A complete list of items that should be recycled can be located on this web page: www.countyofkane.org/pages/recycling/electronics.aspx.

Latex Paint

Latex paint can be disposed of in the regular garbage if you follow one of these two disposal methods.

- 1) Pop the lid open and let the paint dry out.
- 2) When paint is dried out place the lid back on the can.
- 3) Throw away the can in the regular garbage.

OR

- 1) Pop the lid open and dump kitty litter or sand into the paint.
- 2) When the paint is solidified into one large mass with no liquid able to leak from the can when the can is compressed then place the lid back on the can.
- 3) Throw away the can in the regular garbage.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Carpentersville residents have the ability to access a household hazardous waste collection service that will pick up at your home. If you have HHW that needs to be disposed of, please call 800-449-7587. Collection is scheduled once a month, and the person taking the call will let you know the date when they will pick up the HHW from your curb.

HHW items include: Aerosol products, antifreeze, lawn chemicals, solvents, mercury, motor oil, oil-based paints, etc. For a complete list of items that will be picked up, or to schedule a pick-up, please refer to the following web page: www.curbsideinc.com.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

The date of the last yard waste collection for the season is listed by pick up day below.

Regular Pick Up Day

Wednesday
Thursday

Last Yard Waste Pick Up Day

Wednesday, November 28
Thursday, November 29

Yard waste collection begins again on your regular pick up day beginning on April 1st.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

We have three garbage holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day) coming up. Listed below is the delayed pick up schedule.

Regular Pick Up Day

Thursday, November 22.....
Wednesday, December 26
Thursday, December 27
Thursday, December 27
Wednesday, January 2.....
Thursday, January 3.....

Delayed Pick Up Day

Friday, November 23
Thursday, December 27
Friday, December 28
Thursday, January 3
Friday, January 4

RABIES SAFETY INFORMATION

More than 55,000 people die every year from rabies worldwide. Even with vaccines available for both pets and humans, one to two people die from rabies annually in the United States. There were over 6,000 reported cases of animal rabies in 2011 in the United States.

The rabies virus is transmitted through saliva or brain/ nervous system tissue. You can only get rabies by coming in contact with these specific bodily fluids or tissues. It is important to remember that rabies is a medical urgency, but not an emergency. Decisions should not be delayed. See your doctor for attention for any trauma due to an animal attack. Your doctor, possibly in consultation with your state or local health department, will decide if you need a rabies vaccination. The rabies virus infects the central nervous system, ultimately causing disease in the brain and death.

Rabies is preventable. The best defense against rabies is an annual vaccine for your pet. This vaccine will protect your pet against rabies. Additionally, you should prevent exposure to rabies by family members and pets by keeping a safe distance from wildlife.

- Do not feed or put water for your pets outside.
- Keep your garbage securely covered.
- Teach your children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly. "Love your own, leave other animals alone".

People usually get rabies from the bite of a rabid animal. The majority of rabies cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention each year occur in wild animals like raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes. Several species of insectivorous bats are also susceptible to carrying the rabies virus.

Among the 19 naturally-acquired cases of rabies in humans in the United States from 1997-2006, 17 were associated with bats. Most bats do not have rabies. Of the bats submitted for rabies testing (those that could be captured), only 6% had rabies. You cannot tell a bat has rabies just by looking at it. Rabies can only be confirmed through the laboratory test. Any bat that is active by day or is found in a place where bats are not usually seen (in your home or on your lawn) may be rabid. If your pet has been bitten by a bat, contact the health department for immediate assistance. If possible, the bat should be collected or captured to test for rabies.

The two best defenses against rabies are:

- Keeping your pet's annual rabies vaccinations current, and
- Staying away from unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic.

AUTO DEBIT PROGRAM OFFERS CONVENIENCE

The Auto Debit Program is a free, optional service that makes your life easier by automatically paying your water/sewer bill directly from your checking or savings account. The amount due on your monthly water/sewer bill is automatically debited from your bank account on the date the bill is due.

To participate, please fill out the application below and return it to the Finance Department at the Village Hall. By signing this form, you authorize the Village of Carpentersville to initiate automatic payments from your designated checking or savings account to make water/sewer bill payment. Your signature also indicates your agreement to the terms and conditions of the Auto Debit Program. Please visit the Village's website at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us> for more information about this program.

Village Phone Numbers

Police or Fire Emergency
911

Village Hall
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847-426-2131

Finance/Water Billing
847-551-3476

Community Development
(Code Enforcement or Building Department)
847-551-3478

Anonymous Code Violation Tip Line
847-426-9600

Engineering Division
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Police Non-Emergency
847-551-3481

Anonymous Crime Tip Line
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Wastewater Facility
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Water Facility
847-551-3492

Underground Division
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Street Division
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After hours or weekend sewer backups
or water problems requiring Village response
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Village of Carpentersville 1200 L.W. Besinger Dr., Carpentersville, IL 60110 or fax a copy of these items to (847) 551-9278.

Customer Name (as shown on bill)

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Service Address

(City/State/Zip code)

Mailing Address (if different)

(City/State/Zip code)

Daytime Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

Bank Address

(City/State/Zip code)

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Bank Account No. _____

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FROZEN PIPES

What should you do if a water pipe freezes?

Unfortunately, a water pipe may freeze even if you have taken precautions. Perhaps you lost electrical power for several hours, the temperature inside your house fell, and the pipes froze. Or maybe you left on vacation, turned down the heat, and weren't expecting an early blizzard. Or perhaps your heat tape quit working, and you didn't find out until you discovered none of the faucets worked.

Bear in mind that a frozen pipe doesn't leak because the water is ice. You'll discover you have a leak only after the ice melts. If you're not home, a ruptured pipe can cause a great deal of damage.

Here are some methods to thaw out frozen pipes:

Caution: Before you try any of these methods, first open the faucet the frozen pipe supplies. The steam you create while heating the pipe can burst the pipe if it doesn't have an escape.

Method #1: If the frozen pipe is located in a crawl space or half basement, provide access to allow warm air to enter this area.

Method #2: Use electric heat tape on the pipe, and wait for it to thaw out. This is a good method to use because it slowly thaws the pipe, which means it reduces wear and tear on the pipe itself.

Caution: Remember to use only heat tape certified by a nationally-recognized testing laboratory for use within homes. Be careful never to wrap the heat tape back over itself. This could cause the heat tape to overheat and start a fire.

Method #3: Hold a hand-operated hair dryer to the pipe, and slowly move up and down the length of the frozen section. Make sure you are standing on dry ground. Because you are working this close to water, plug the dryer into a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter protected outlet.

Method #4: Direct a heat lamp on the pipe itself. Place the lamp at least a foot away from the pipe. Cover adjacent areas with a layer of aluminum foil so the heat does not scorch these materials. Make sure the heat lamp is on dry ground. Plug into a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter protected outlet. Be aware of surrounding conditions to prevent any chance of starting a fire.

Caution: Do not use any direct heating method if the frozen pipe is next to a gas pipe! Call a professional for help.

Method #5: Wrap the pipe with several layers of cloth or toweling and pour hot water over the cloth/toweling. Repeat several times until the pipe is unfrozen.

You will know the pipe is thawed out when water starts to trickle out of the open faucet. Let the water run for a while to completely clear the pipe. Then close the faucet and check the leaks.

Caution: Do not use a propane torch to thaw out frozen pipes, even if it has a fire spreader attachment. This is not only a fire hazard, but may cause pipes to burst with the rapid increase of temperature or destroy plastic plumbing pipes.

If unable to unthaw the frozen pipes with these methods, call a licensed plumber to correct the problem.