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## VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Memorial Day ..... Monday, May 29  
 Independence Day ..... Tuesday, July 4  
 Labor Day ..... Monday, September 4  
 Thanksgiving ..... Thursday/Friday, November 23 & 24  
 Christmas ..... Monday, December 25  
 New Year's Day ..... Monday, January 1

### FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Spring 2017

## CARPENTERSVILLE WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES

This year, Carpentersville has been experiencing new business openings on all three of its retail corridors.

On Route 31, **Southern Belle's Pancake House** opened January 24 at 152 S. Western Ave. Open for breakfast and lunch, the 6,000 square foot restaurant includes a juice bar serving smoothies and specialty coffee drinks. A banquet room for private events and meetings is also available.



Across the street from Southern Belle's, the former Rosati's building at 125 S. Western Avenue was demolished to make room for a 5,500 sf multi-tenant commercial building. **Jersey Mike's** and **American Mattress** are scheduled to open by June.

**Burger King** is set to open a restaurant at 2169 Randall Rd, just north of the Walgreens and Chase Bank, by the end of March. The new location will include a drive thru.



On Route 25, **O'Reilly Auto Parts** has acquired the outlet at 375 Lake Marian Rd. (in front of the Walmart Supercenter and adjacent to Walgreens). Construction is tentatively slated to begin this spring. The 7,225 square foot building will add to the auto parts niche along Route 25.

## VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Police or Fire Emergency  
911

Village Hall  
(847) 426-3439

Fire Non-Emergency  
(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  
(847) 551-3480

Police Non-Emergency  
(847) 551-3481

Anonymous Crime Tip Line  
(847) 551-3488

Public Works  
(847) 836-2464

Water Facility  
(847) 551-3492

Underground Division  
(847) 551-3493

Street Division  
(847) 551-3495

After hours or weekend sewer backups  
or water problems requiring Village response  
(847) 428-8784

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## YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Republic Services will provide weekly yard waste collection for all single family residents from April 1 through November 30. All yard waste must be placed in biodegradable paper bags (must not exceed 33 gallons in size and 50 pounds in weight). Residents may request a separate yard waste cart for a seasonal fee and a one-time drop off charge by calling Republic Services at **(847) 429-7370**.

## REFUSE COLLECTION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE REMINDER

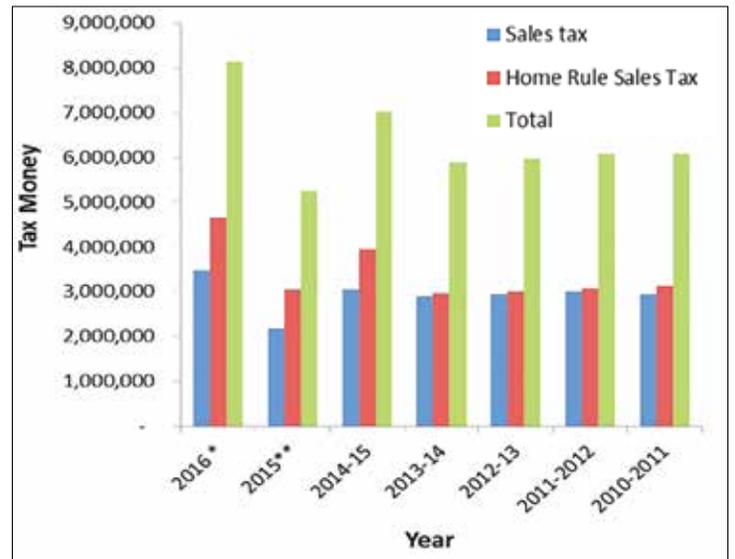
When your scheduled collection day falls on one of the six following holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas), your collection will be delayed by one day. All material must be placed out for collection by 6AM.

## SALES TAX REVENUES TRENDING UPWARDS

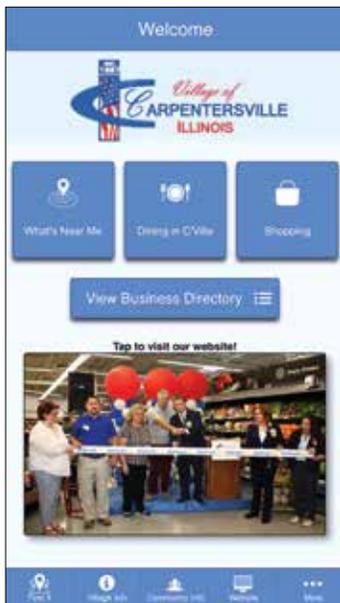
Economic Activity in the Village is up! This translates to increasing sales tax revenues for the Village. When sales tax revenues increase, the Village can lessen the burden on property taxes to run the day to day operations. The new Walmart has driven a portion of the increase, and we expect the trend to continue. tax revenues, and we expect the trend to continue.

Year	Sales tax	Home Rule Sales Tax	Total
2016*	\$3,480,020	\$4,655,775	\$8,135,795
2015**	\$2,196,372	\$3,050,601	\$5,246,973
2014-15	\$3,065,412	\$3,949,087	\$7,014,499
2013-14	\$2,911,277	\$2,983,068	\$5,894,345
2012-13	\$2,958,108	\$3,024,241	\$5,982,349
2011-2012	\$3,008,456	\$3,077,382	\$6,085,838
2010-2011	\$2,953,076	\$3,138,400	\$6,091,476

\*Includes one month of estimates | \*\*For 8-month period (May to December 2015)



## DOWNLOAD THE SHOP C'VILLE APP TO YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!



Download the "Shop C'Ville" mobile app on your iPhone or Android device by going to the App Store or Google Play and searching "Carpentersville". This app allows users to search the interactive directory by type of service, business name, or location, in addition to being able to find the closest businesses by utilizing the location services feature on their mobile device. The Shop C'Ville business directory also can be located on the Village's homepage at [www.cville.org](http://www.cville.org).

Carpentersville native Lucy Schauer picked up two Grammy awards on February 12 for her role in "Corigliano: The Ghosts of Versailles" by the L.A. Opera Chorus and Orchestra.

*Photo courtesy of Chicago Tribune*



# CARPENTERSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: "A SYSTEM SAVING LIVES"

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division of the Carpentersville Fire Department (CFD) provides the highest level of Advanced Life Support Care in our area. The paramedics under direction from Advocate Sherman Hospital, bring rapid treatment and transport to our community with the best equipment available in the area. This equipment has been purchased through efficient planning of the Village Board, great support from the Village Manager, and successful applications for federal grants.

Over the past two years, the EMS Division has purchased and placed into service two new ambulances. These new heavy-duty, 4-wheel drive units replace units that have been in service since 2003 and 2005. The new ambulances were built to be heavy duty and thus last longer; they also are equipped with a back-up camera system as an additional safety measure.

In an effort to help protect our firefighter/paramedics from injury, the CFD was successful in securing federal grants to purchase three powered cot lift systems. These systems greatly reduce the potential of spinal injuries since the mechanism lifts the cot into the ambulance. Also, the cots themselves are powered to lift and lower to further reduce the instance of injuries. All of the Village's ambulances have these powered cot lift systems, and to our knowledge, we are the first local fire department that has their entire fleet of ambulances outfitted with these important pieces of equipment.

The Board of Trustees also recently approved the purchase of new cardiac monitors/defibrillators. The new monitors have features that allow paramedics to detect hard to diagnose conditions, which in turn, results in better patient outcomes. The devices continually monitor all 12 leads of the heart to enhance the paramedic's ability to determine and treat patients experiencing heart attacks. Patient care is further enhanced by the monitors' ability to automatically share critical information with the hospital via a secure network. To enhance the level of public safety services, Automatic External Defibrillators were also placed in police patrol cars; this provides the first arriving emergency unit with the ability to provide potential lifesaving shocks to a person in cardiac arrest.

To go along with the new cardiac monitors/defibrillators, the Village has also recently purchased a Lucas CPR Device for each ambulance in an effort to provide the best possible care for patients suffering from cardiac arrest. Once the mechanical device is placed on the patient, it delivers automated chest compressions without interruption. This allows paramedics to keep their hands free to coordinate other life-saving efforts to help improve patient outcome. In the few months the units have been in service, they have already been credited with assisting in the successful resuscitation of two Village residents.

With the support of Village administration and the Board of Trustees, the CFD EMS Division is taking advantage of new advanced technology to enhance their lifesaving skills and abilities, which in turn, provides better services to the residents of Carpentersville.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING SCHEDULED FOR MAY AND JUNE

Throughout the week of May 22, the Construction Maintenance Division of Public Works will be flushing all fire hydrants located east of Route 31 to Village limits. They will continue to flush all fire hydrants west of Route 31 to the Village limits beginning the week of June 5.

Annual fire hydrant flushing cleans out the Village's water distribution system and allows the Construction Maintenance Division to inspect our fire hydrants to ensure they are working properly. Throughout the weeks of May 22 and June 5, you may notice the water in your home become slightly discolored; this is due to material being removed from the water mains. Please note that the water is safe to drink, but may stain clothes that are being washed during the flushing.



Ambulance 91 - 2016 Ford, \$217,332



Ambulance 92 - 2012 Freightliner \$225,000



Ambulance 93 - 2015 Ford, \$200,228



Power Cot Lift System - \$45,000



LUCAS CPR Device - \$14,284



LifePak 15 - \$34,452

# CARPENTERSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUALLY IMPROVING SERVICE TO OUR RESIDENTS

Efforts to better align Village management with both fire administration and the fire unions, which represent the rank-and-file personnel, began with the Village Manager's initiative to establish a "100 Day Plan" for Chief Schilling to complete upon his arrival in June 2016. The collaborative efforts that went into the creation and implementation of the now completed "100 Day Plan" have continued to build upon the trust that has been established between the fire department leadership and the union, which has allowed for further initiatives to better address the needs of the department in a cooperative manner, which in turn, leads to better services for our citizens.

Continuing on the wave of successes with the "100 Day Plan", Chief Schilling and fire department members have formed several committees to increase service levels and improve communication inside and outside of the department through a unified effort in the development of a Strategic Plan. The goal of the Strategic Plan is to take the Carpentersville Fire Department to the next level of fire and emergency service delivery.

The Strategic Plan will incorporate an overview of the planning process, documenting past, present, and future metrics of success. Based on the results of an internal SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats), the strategic planning committee will be able to develop the official CFD Mission, Vision, and Core Value Statements. They will also work to provide staffing and facility plans, and work in conjunction with the finance and budgeting committee to publish apparatus and equipment replacement models to contribute to the Village's responsible fiscal planning.

In the coming months, the fire department will be inviting members of the public to participate in strategic planning sessions to allow staff to gain insight into the perceptions and expectations of our citizens and business owners. Once the official CFD Strategic Plan is completed, it will serve as a living document that will continually record key success factors and require frequent evaluation of all aspects of the Strategic plan to ensure it remains up-to-date and effective.

## SEVERE WEATHER TIPS



Spring is the time of year when many things change, especially the weather. Thunderstorms cause most of the severe spring weather, but with thunderstorms usually comes lightning, tornadoes, and flooding, causing additional safety hazards. Because spring weather is so unpredictable, it's best to prepare for storms, floods, and tornadoes as if you know in advance they are coming. Here are some basic tips to help you and your family stay safe in a severe weather event:

To prepare in advance...

- Assemble an emergency supplies kit with enough food and water to last for a few days
- Create an emergency communication plan with those in your home that lists meeting places and alternate ways of communicating in case of an emergency

If severe weather is approaching...

- Postpone outdoor activities
- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage
- Get inside a home, building, or hard top vehicle
- Unplug any electronic equipment
- Close all windows and doors, and make sure they are securely locked

During severe weather...

- Use a battery-operated weather radio to listen to updates from local weather stations
- Stay away from windows and doors
- Take shelter in a sturdy building
- Avoid contact with anything metal
- If you are driving, try to safely exit the roadway and park, staying inside your vehicle

After severe weather...

- If lightning strikes you or someone you know, call 9-1-1 right away
- Avoid driving through flooded roadways
- Stay away from storm-damaged areas
- Stay away from downed power lines and report them immediately

For more safety tips, please visit [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).

## COMED LAUNCHES INTERACTIVE OUTAGE MAP

ComEd has introduced an interactive outage map to allow ComEd customers to find important information regarding power outages in their area, including predicted restoration times. While using the interactive map, customers can report outages and view all power outages in the ComEd service areas. These interactive maps include color-coded icons which indicate the number of customers impacted by a power outage. The interactive map also allows users to zoom in on specific areas for details, to include estimated restoration time and crew status. Information is updated every 30 minutes. The ComEd outage map can be found by visiting [comed.com/map](http://comed.com/map). A mobile app is also available for download by visiting [comed.com/app](http://comed.com/app).

## FLU PREVENTION TIPS

This past winter, the Kane County Health Department, Community Unit School District 300, and Village of Carpentersville have all noticed an uptake in documented cases of Influenza.



Most documented flu cases have been from the Influenza A and Influenza B strains. During the latter part of the winter months, a third strain, Influenza AB, was also starting to be seen in patients. Some common symptoms seen in this year's Influenza strains include a sore throat, cough, runny and stuffy nose, fatigue, headaches, and in some instances a fever.

The first and most important step in preventing flu is to get a flu vaccination each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends everyday preventive actions like staying away from people who are sick, covering coughs and sneezes, and frequent hand washing to help slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory illness such as the flu.

## RECEIVE A DISCOUNT ON YOUR FLOOD INSURANCE

Most residents with flood insurance automatically receive a discount on their insurance premiums. The Village participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) which is a program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in which residents living in the Special Flood Hazard Area receive a 20% discount on flood insurance premiums and residents not living in the Special Flood Hazard Area receive a 10% discount on flood insurance premiums. Carpentersville participated in a series of floodplain management activities in order to qualify for the CRS discount. The best part is there is no need to do anything to receive this discount. The Village has already done everything for you. Your insurance agent is notified through a national database and will automatically deduct the appropriate amount from your flood insurance premium.

As part of the CRS program, the Village offers the following information on request:

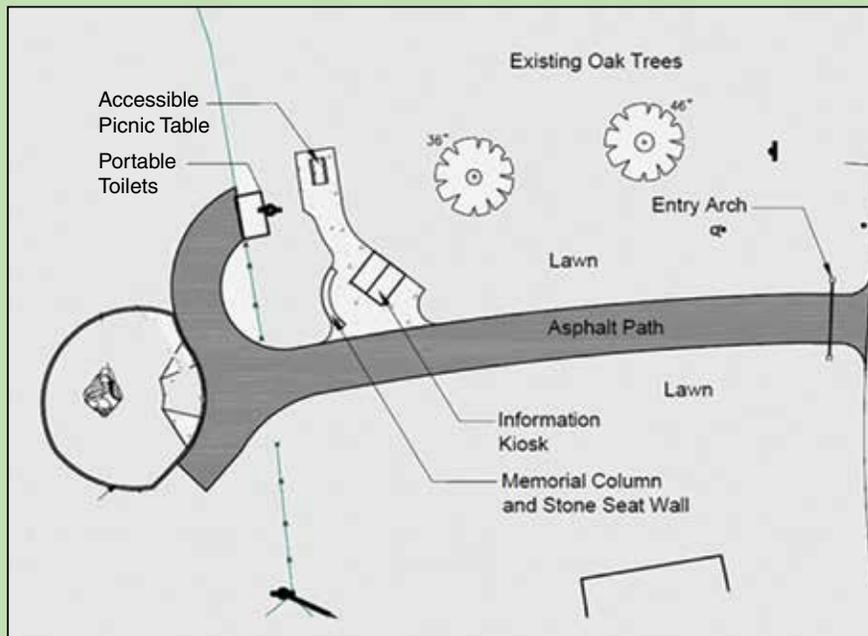
- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) of the Village.
- Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the FIRM zone and the base flood elevation or depth, if shown on the FIRM.
- A handout on the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help people who need a mortgage or loan for a property in the SFHA.
- Elevation certificates are available as of January 1, 2005.
- A link to the Fox River elevation gauge is available on the Village website at [cville.org](http://cville.org).

Direct inquiries should be made to the Community Development Department in Village Hall. Please supply the street address and, if available, the subdivision, lot and block number. There is no charge for this service.

There are mandatory flood insurance requirements for development in the floodplain, but for some homeowners flood insurance is an option. Flood insurance is highly recommended because no flood proofing measure is 100% foolproof. Please take time to contact your insurance carrier and consider flood insurance for your home.

For more information on the Federal Emergency Management Agency and flood safety, please visit [fema.gov](http://fema.gov) or [fema.gov/nfip](http://fema.gov/nfip).

## KEITH ANDRES MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

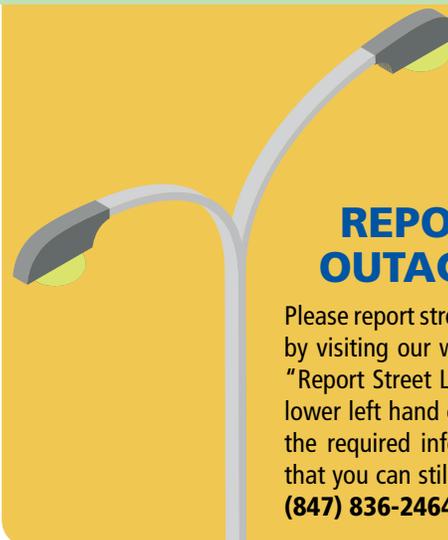


The Village of Carpentersville is slated to make several improvements to Keith Andres Memorial Park, which was officially named after a Carpentersville resident who lost his life in the Vietnam War. The park sat dormant and underutilized for many decades until the Chicago Area Mountain Bikers (CAMBr) approached the Village to develop, use, and maintain a bike park and trail system throughout the land. In 2012, the Village agreed to grant CAMBr the use of the park, which has resulted in cyclists from both the surrounding communities as well as neighboring states coming to Carpentersville.

In an effort to continue promoting the use of the park, the Village will be making several enhancements to the Sacramento Drive entryway. Improvements include an archway sign with the park's name, sitting areas, an information kiosk, and a memorial column with a dedication plaque. The project will cost approximately \$70,736, and will be *funded entirely with video gaming revenue*. The improvements are expected to be completed this summer.

## CARPENTER CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

The Village of Carpentersville has taken great strides in managing its floodplain and protecting properties from flooding. For instance, the Carpenter Creek Restoration Project has been substantially completed and a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for their concurrence in revising the floodplain limits. Once approved, approximately 40 properties will potentially be removed from the regulatory floodplain. The Village was also successful in receiving an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Section 319 grant worth \$628,000, which offset the total \$1.1 million cost of the improvements.



## REPORT STREET LIGHT OUTAGES OR POTHOLES

Please report street light outages or potholes to the Village by visiting our webpage at [cville.org](http://cville.org) and clicking on the "Report Street Light Outage/Pothole" icon located in the lower left hand corner on the home page. Simply provide the required information and hit "Submit". Please note that you can still contact the Public Works Department at **(847) 836-2464**.

# 2017 ENGINEERING DIVISION UPDATES STUDY & DESIGN PROJECTS/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

## **WASHINGTON ST. AND MAIN ST. INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

Preliminary engineering is complete and has been submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for review and approval. The Village has programmed the final engineering design in 2017, which will include improvements for things such as vehicular and pedestrian traffic, stormwater systems, parking, and lighting.

## **WILLIAMS RD. STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS**

An engineering study and design was completed in 2016 to evaluate the existing storm sewer along Williams Rd., north of Kings Rd. This project will be out for bid this spring, and construction is anticipated to be completed mid-summer.

## **WASHINGTON ST. AND SPRING ST. CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS**

Final engineering is nearing completion. This work included a topographic survey, floodplain/floodway modeling, culvert design, and permitting. This improvement will allow the Village to submit for floodplain map revisions to remove several parcels out of the floodplain. Construction is tentatively scheduled for late summer of 2017. Staff is working on easement agreements with adjacent property owners.

## **CDBG EASTSIDE RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK PROGRAM**

Roadway improvements will be completed this summer for Ball Ave (east of IL-25) and the IL-25 Frontage Rd. (south of Ball Ave). CDBG grant funding was requested through the Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment that could fund 50% of these improvements. Improvements would include removal and replacement of existing carriage walk, curb and gutter, ADA compliant upgrades, 2" asphalt resurfacing, select base repair, and pavement markings.

## **OLD TOWN AREA ROADWAY AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS STUDY**

Preliminary engineering has begun to evaluate public roadways and utilities within the Old Town area. The study will provide construction costs, design options, and recommended construction phasing. Once completed, the study will be used for the final design which will take place over several years.

## **WESTSIDE RESURFACING PROGRAM**

Roadway improvements will be completed this spring for remaining streets within the Providence Point Subdivision. Improvements include select sidewalk replacement, ADA compliant upgrades, 2" asphalt resurfacing, select base repair, and pavement markings.

## **HOPI LANE STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS**

In 2016, an engineering study was completed to evaluate the existing storm sewer in areas near the northeast corner of IL-25 and Hopi Lane. The final design has begun and will be completed later this year.

## **SELECT ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Roadway improvements will be completed this spring for Commerce Dr. (from IL-31 to cul-de-sac end) and sections of Miller Rd. (from Randall Rd. to 1200' west, and from west of Sleepy Hollow Rd. to 2000' east to Village limits). Improvements include select sidewalk replacement, ADA compliant upgrades, 2" asphalt resurfacing, select base repair, and pavement markings.

## **ROUTE 31 AT HUNTLEY/MAIN INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Final Design is 95% complete and right-of-way acquisition is ongoing. Improvements include intersection and approach widening/reconstruction and new traffic signals at IL-31 and Huntley Rd., intersection and approach widening/reconstruction at Main St. and Lincoln Ave, as well as the reconstruction of the Main St. hill section. This work will be funded predominately through grants from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program and Kane-Kendal Council of Mayors – Surface Transportation Program (KKCOM-STP). Work is anticipated to begin the fall of 2017.

## **MFT SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

The Village continues to replace failed and deteriorated concrete sidewalk throughout the Village using monies received from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund. Improvements will begin this summer and will include removing and replacing select sidewalk squares in high pedestrian areas (schools and commercial centers) throughout the Village. This is done to eliminate cracked, heaved, and spalling concrete that pose tripping hazards.

## **HUNTLEY RD. RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (ELM TO SLEEPY HOLLOW)**

Final Design is 95% complete and Right-of-Way acquisition is ongoing. This is a joint project with the Village of West Dundee. Improvements include roadway reconstruction and widening, new storm sewer, bike path improvements, and new traffic signals at Elm and Huntley Rd. This work will be funded largely with grant funding through the Kane-Kendall Council of Mayors – Surface Transportation Program (KKCOM-STP). Work is anticipated to begin the summer/fall of 2017.

Questions about these projects should be directed to Ed Szydowski, Engineering Manager, at (224) 293-1637.

## OVER 100 CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM "SHOP WITH A COP" EVENT

This past December, police officers from the Carpentersville Police Department and several other area police departments made the holidays a little brighter for 134 local underprivileged children (age 12 and under) and 49 families through the Dundee Township "Shop with a Cop" event.

"Shop with a Cop" provides children referred by local agencies that work with children with social, medical, and/or economic needs with an opportunity to shop for gifts with a local police officer. This year's event was held on December 3 at the Carpentersville Walmart. In addition to the shopping spree, this year's participants also received a winter coat, hat, gloves, and scarf, and were treated to lunch with their families and a visit from Santa at St. Monica Church. As part of the annual event, 49 families were also provided a Thanksgiving dinner.



## CARPENTERSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES "PINK PATCH PROJECT"



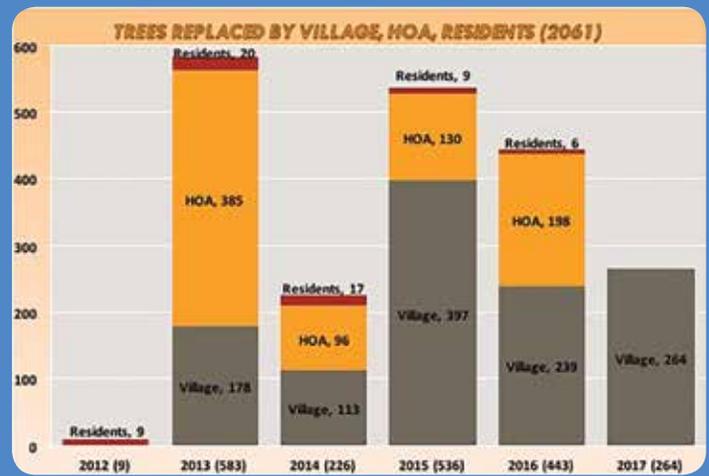
The Carpentersville Police Department is proud to announce that it will be the first law enforcement agency in Illinois to join "The Pink Patch Project", an innovative public awareness campaign designed to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and to support breast cancer research organizations in combating the devastating disease.

The Pink Patch Project centers on a vibrant pink version of our police uniform patch. All of our police officers wear these pink patches on their regular police uniforms to stimulate conversation with the community and to encourage discussion with the public about the importance of early detection and treatment in the ongoing fight against the disease.

Citizens interested in supporting the Pink Patch Project can purchase a patch by stopping at the records window at the Police Department (1200 LW Besinger Dr.) or by sending an email to [cvillepinkpatch@cville.org](mailto:cvillepinkpatch@cville.org). The cost of each patch is \$10. However, if you would like the patch mailed to you, the cost would be \$15 (\$10 for patch + \$5 postage). Funds raised through the Carpentersville Police Department Pink Patch Project will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

## VILLAGE, HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS, & RESIDENTS TACKLE THE EMERALD ASH BORER

The Village of Carpentersville is continuing its proactive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) management efforts. Since discovering the first signs of the EAB in 2011, the Public Works Department has inventoried over 2,472 ash trees located within the Village's parkways. To preserve public safety and community aesthetics, over 2,303 infested trees have since been removed. In order to foster proactive tree replacement efforts, the Village instituted a cost-share program with residents and Homeowners' Associations who have been eligible to receive **\$100.00** per parkway tree replaced. Once the scheduled 263 trees are planted this spring, the Village will have planted over 2,061 new trees, which have been paid for out of the Village's general fund, cost-sharing program, video gaming revenue, and various grants. For more information regarding the Village's EAB Management Plan, please visit the Village website at [cville.org](http://cville.org) or contact the Department of Public Works at **(224) 293-1613**.



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**Spring 2017**

**Village Board Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.**



The Village of Carpentersville allows door-to-door solicitation—**when** the solicitors have a license issued by the Village. Solicitation is **NOT** allowed between the hours of 9pm and 9am or anytime on Sunday. “No Soliciting” signs are available at the Village Hall. The Village does not control; or regulate what the solicitors are selling or their sales method. **If you have a problem with a solicitor (licensed or unlicensed)—call QuadCom (911 or (847) 428-8784) to report them.**

## “FIX A LEAK” WEEK STARTS MARCH 20



Fix a Leak Week is an Environmental Protection (EPA) initiative that promotes the conservation of fresh water by educating the public on the importance of finding and fixing water leaks in their home.

On average, household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. Homeowners are encouraged to check for and fix leaks inside and outside your home during the week to save valuable water and money all year long. Here are some tips on leak detection:

- A good method to check for leaks is to examine your winter water usage. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.
- Check your water meter before and after a 2-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.
- One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 10 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.
- An irrigation system should be checked each spring before use to make sure it was not damaged by frost or freezing.
- Check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.
- Most leaky showerheads can be fixed by ensuring a tight connection using pipe tape and a wrench. If you are replacing a showerhead, look for one that has earned the WaterSense label.

## CARPENTERSVILLE COMMUNITY COALITION CARES

Back in 2016, the Carpentersville Police Department, Renz Addiction Counseling Center, and JA2SOON joined together to form a coalition, known as “C4 – Substance Abuse Prevention”, in an effort to create a safe and healthy environment for the residents of Carpentersville by empowering the Carpentersville community to provide support, education, and resources on the dangers and consequences of substance abuse through teamwork and compassion.

The Coalition would like to invite all community members, parents, agency providers (especially those who work directly with teens 11-18 years of age), and those who share a strong interest in the topic of substance abuse prevention to become involved in our Coalition. Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month at the Carpentersville Public Works training room (1075 Tamarac Dr.) at 7PM. Those interested in attending the meeting should RSVP to Ricardo Gasca at [rgasca@renzcenter.org](mailto:rgasca@renzcenter.org).

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## CARPENTERSVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Congratulations to Pastor Adam Parchert from the H2O Church in Carpentersville, who was selected as the Volunteer of the Year through a Chamber sponsored event. Pastor Parchert was described as very community-minded and family-focused. He started the “Movies in the Park” events held throughout the summer at Carpenter Park, and coordinated the clean-up of Keith Andres Park as well as other beautification projects throughout the Village. He was also a member of the Special Events Committee and volunteered for the community yard sale. Pastor Parchert is a wonderful volunteer who takes pride in the community.