



VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Memorial Day	Monday, May 27th
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4th
Labor Day.....	Monday, September 2nd
Thanksgiving.....	Thursday/Friday, November 28th & 29th
Christmas	Tuesday/Wednesday, December 24th & 25th
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1st

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Spring 2013

CUSTOMER SERVICE BUSINESS FRIENDLY, COST CUTTING

From the Desk of President Ritter

Anyone who has watched any of our board meetings over the last two years has noticed the three themes listed in the title above over and over. The Village Board is determined to support business, respect and serve residents and wring every penny out of every dollar. Below is a sampling of actions Village staff has taken toward achieving these objectives:

- Public Works continues to lead the entire area in prompt snow removal and road salting.
- Public Works regularly monitors the fluctuation in fuel costs to secure the lowest price possible for the Village's fuel supply. This allows us to purchase fuel at the optimum price point, often leading to significant savings (almost \$4,000 in one recent month).
- The complete upgrade of Keith Andres Park to include/improve a walking, birding, nature preservation and biking center is well underway.
- The relocation of Village offices during our recent remodel enables the Finance Department to operate more efficiently; providing a more customer-friendly environment in the waiting area and in the parking lot, which is now easier to access.
- The Finance Department recently completed a Request for Proposal for banking services from area banks for the Village's daily banking needs. This process has resulted in securing no fees for service.
- Our upgraded phone system forwards all inquiries for the Finance Department to multiple existing extensions within the department, so residents can be served at the time of their call.
- Water bill payments may now be dropped in a curb-side drop box along Besinger Drive.
- Community Development has significantly reduced bonding requirements for residential work within Village right-of-ways.
- Community Development has implemented new hours of operation to allow flexibility between staff and the residents and contractors in need of inspections.
- Village inspectors make courtesy calls in advance of inspections so that residents and landlords do not incur extra fees for missed inspections.
- Almost all Village paperwork is now scanned and saved, which greatly reduces copying costs.

This list is just a sampling of the many improvements that are occurring on almost a daily basis. Some may seem small, but they all add up to better customer service, a business-friendly atmosphere, and a desire to save whenever possible.

As always...

**"DON'T BLINK...
OR YOU WILL MISS SOMETHING GOOD
HAPPENING IN CARPENTERSVILLE!"**

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 9 BE SURE TO VOTE!

Carpentersville residents will vote for the Village President, one Trustee for a two-year term and three Trustees for a four-year term at the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election. Numerous other school, park and library district officials will also be elected. Please note the last day to register to vote in this election is Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

Early voting will be available from March 25, 2013 through Saturday, April 6, 2013; any registered voter in Kane County can vote early at any facility throughout Kane County that offers this service. A list of locations offering early voting will be available on the Village of Carpentersville's website at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us> as information becomes available.

On Election Day, voters must vote at their designated precinct; polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7 p.m. Please check your voter registration card for your polling place. Contact the Village Clerk's office at 224-293-1627 with any questions.

CARPENTERSVILLE WINS TWO GOVERNOR'S HOMETOWN AWARDS



In late November 2012, several Village officials and residents traveled to Springfield to participate in the 2012 State of Illinois Governor's Hometown Awards. Thirty awards were given out to community projects throughout the State, and Carpentersville was selected to receive two of them. The two projects recognized were the Carpentersville Firefighter/911 Memorial and the 911 Memorial Healing Field. Both projects were selected as honorees in the division of Communities with a Population of 25,001-70,000/Memorials and Monuments category. Both projects were made possible by numerous volunteers and financial donations, along with the support of the Village Board and the residents of Carpentersville. The Village received plaques for these awards, which are on display at Fire Department Headquarters - 213 Spring Street - and Village Hall - 1200 L.W. Besinger Drive. Roadside signs will soon be installed on the roadways in entering our community, identifying the Village as a 2012 Governor's Hometown Honoree.

SAVE THE DATE

Dundee Township Park District will hold their
Annual Fireworks Display and Concert on
Saturday, June 29, 2013 at Meadowdale Park.
(Rain Date - June 30, 2013)

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

The Village of Carpentersville Community Development Department wants to help you live in a nice neighborhood, but we need your help.

You can be a Good Neighbor by observing the following simple rules:

- Keep your lawn mowed below eight inches.
- Maintain your property, keeping it clean of debris and in a sanitary manner.
- Park only on approved surfaces, not on your lawn.
- Vehicles over 10,000 lbs. are prohibited from parking in residential districts.
- Trailers, boats and campers cannot be parked in front of yards, including driveways. Call approved trailer parking locations.
- Inoperable motor vehicles are prohibited on public or private property.
- Minor vehicle repair can be done in appropriate private area only; no major work should be done on residential property or in the street.
- Keep trash bins stored in an approved location - garage, shed or side or rear yard.
- Put trash out after 4:00 in the evening before pickup and remove bins by 7:00 p.m. the day of pick up.
- Keep the noise down - be considerate of your neighbors.
- Report graffiti immediately and remove graffiti within 48 hours.
- Do not place garage sale sign on utility poles, in parkways or other public property.
- Limit garage sales to two a year.
- Remove holiday lights and decorations promptly. There is a 60-day limit per year to display decorations and lights.
- Trim tree branches and shrubbery so they do not obstruct pedestrian or vehicle traffic and sightlines.
- Be sure your swimming pool is not accessible to unsupervised children. Permits required for pools 24" deep or more.
- Post your address number in a location on the house that can be easily read from the street - four inches high/contrasting color.
- Clean up after your dog/cat and do not let them run loose! No more than two adult dogs are allowed in a dwelling unit.
- Firewood can only be stored in rear yards, away from structures.
- Home-based businesses cannot disrupt your neighbors. Call our department for information on allowable businesses.
- Rental properties must be registered and inspected. Attendance at a Crime Free Housing Seminar is mandatory.
- Before buying or renting a dwelling unit, call our department to determine how many people are allowed to live in the unit.
- Use working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Using a basement as sleeping quarters is generally not allowed. (Requirements for basement rooms such as ceiling height, ventilation and exits are strictly enforced.) Check with the department if you are considering such usage.

These are all items in the Carpentersville Municipal Code to help our Village continue to be a wonderful place to live, work and place. Call 847-551-3478 with questions or for further information.

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

For your convenience, large quantities of cardboard, paper and plastic containers ONLY can be dropped off at Village Hall.

Large recycling dumpsters are accessible 24/7 in the parking lot behind Village Hall. For a list of acceptable cardboard, paper and plastic articles, please visit www.countyofkane.org/documents/recycling. Please do not dispose of unacceptable items.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CUSTOMER-FRIENDLY IMPROVEMENTS

The Community Development Department consists of the Divisions of Planning and Zoning, Building Services, Engineering and Code Enforcement. Recent changes have been made for the purpose of improving processes and also to increase efficiencies within the department; such as:

- Instant 2-way communication between office staff and inspectors in the field.
- Upgraded computers allow for Staff to write reports instantly, allowing more time for inspections to take place.
- Bilingual permit applications and correspondence.
- One-day permit review process for selected projects.

The Department has also instituted a concurrent review process for business projects involving the owner and representatives from the Fire Department, Engineering, Building and Planning, (Development Team) to discuss approval processes which expedites the permit process in a timelier manner.

These changes have been made to improve efficiency of Department operations, thus increasing the effectiveness of your tax dollars. More importantly, however, this endeavor was undertaken to refocus the Community Development Department on its primary goal, which is to provide superior customer service to our businesses and residents.

VILLAGE TIGHTENS RESTRICTIONS ON SKATEBOARDING



The cold, snowy winter months may not be conducive to skateboarding, but the Village Board recently took proactive actions to modify existing ordinances related to skateboarding within Village limits. Under the newly enacted ordinance, skateboarding is now prohibited on all public property owned by the Village and on all property controlled or owned by other governmental

entities including public parks and school properties unless permission has been granted by the property owner.

It is the responsibility of the individual skateboarder, if approached by authorities, to have proof of permission in their possession from the property owner or person in control of the property. Skateboarding is allowed on Village sidewalks and along Village roadways where posted speed limits are below 30 miles per hour, provided that:

- Operators under 13 years of age wear protective coverings on hands, knees, elbows and head.
- Skateboarding ceases one-half hour after sunset unless equipped with a white light visible from a distance of 500 feet.
- Roadway grade is less than six percent.
- Vehicular traffic or width of roadway render it safe to skateboard.

The change in the ordinance was prompted by complaints of property damage in commercial and shopping districts within the Village, as well as in several local parks. Skateboarders are encouraged to enjoy their activities in a safe and responsible manner.

Questions or concerns can be addressed through the Carpentersville Police Department at 847-551-3481.

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; 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 (SPHA) 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 vil.carpentersville.il.us

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 the following websites:

www.fema.gov • www.fema.gov/nfip

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 19TH - 25TH

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as Public Works. Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of Public Works in community life and is observed each year during the third full week of May.

The week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society - the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

APWA's theme this year is "Because of Public Works..." The theme emphasizes the quality of life brought to communities around the world through Public Works' projects; we are able to have clean water, safe streets and neighborhoods, efficient traffic and safe clean communities "Because of Public Works..."

We would like to thank all Public Works' Employees for their hardwork and dedication to the Village of Carpentersville.

TIPS TO AVOID HOME REPAIR FRAUD

Take the right steps to reduce the risks of home repair fraud when contemplating hiring a contractor for home repair, remodeling work, or any type of construction activity:

- Get more than one estimate and get them in writing.
- Ask for proof of insurance, local references and how long the company has been in business. Find out whether the contractor guarantees his or her work and materials.
- Do not sign a contract that has blank spaces or that you do not understand. Inspect all contracts carefully.
- You have three business days to cancel any contract if the sale is made and signed at your home.
- Make sure that your contractor has obtained Village-required permits. Ask for a copy or call the Community Development Department to verify that a permit is not required.
- Any cash bond that is required for a Village permit is the responsibility of the contractor, not yours. The contractor must pay this directly with a company check. Make sure that cost of any cash bond is not added to the contractor's estimate or your contract.
- Make incremental payments as the work proceeds. Never pay the full amount of the estimate up front.
- Before making the final payment to the contractor, make sure that the Village has inspected the completed work and verify that the Village has approved the work.
- Never make the final payment until you are satisfied with the work.

EMERALD ASH BORER

The Village of Carpentersville is continuing its proactive emerald ash borer (EAB) management efforts. The Village's EAB Management Plan, outlined in the Village's Emerald Ash Borer Policy, was recommended by the Department of Public Works and ultimately approved by the Village Board of Trustees on November 20, 2012.

Since discovering the first signs of the EAB in 2011, the Department of Public Works has inventoried over 2300 ash trees and subsequently removed over 800 infested trees to preserve public safety and community aesthetics. To foster proactive tree replacement efforts, the Village instituted a cost-share program.

Village residents and neighborhood groups are now eligible to receive \$50.00 per tree replaced after infested trees are removed by the Department of Public Works. For more information regarding the EAB and the EAB Management Plan, please visit the Village website or contact the Department of Public Works at 224-293-1610.



WHAT IS CODERED® AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ME?

The Village of Carpentersville is working with the Kane County Office of Emergency Management to bring CodeRED® to Carpentersville. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions about CodeRED®.

Question: What is CodeRED® and why is it important to me?

Answer: CodeRED® is a service by which Kane County and municipal officials can notify local residents and businesses by telephone about emergency situations or critical community alerts. The system is capable of sending messages only to people affected by a particular situation, or, in the case of a widespread emergency like a tornado, to the County's entire population.

Question: Does this mean the County will be calling me constantly?

Answer: No. Kane County respects your privacy. CodeRED® will be used only when situations arise that you should know about. The system will be used to send messages only to those residents who are directly affected by a particular emergency or disaster.

Question: For what kinds of situations will CodeRED® be used?

Answer: CodeRED® will call only you and your neighbors to deliver that very important health advisory. If there is a county or regional emergency such as a tornado, all Kane County residents could be called and kept up to date on developments. Amber alerts concerning a missing child or adult, law enforcement emergencies, sexual offender/predator alerts, and hazardous material spills are examples of the types of situations that residents/businesses could be notified of.

Question: Do I have to pay extra for CodeRED® service?

Answer: No. CodeRED® is entirely paid for by Kane County.

Question: Does the County have my telephone number, or do I have to sign up to receive CodeRED® emergency calls?

Answer: We strongly encourage you to sign up for CodeRED®. After all, you are the most reliable source of information about how to reach your household by phone. If you have moved or changed your telephone number recently, you should definitely sign up for CodeRED® service or update information you have already provided. Any new information you supply will automatically replace old information.

Question: How do I sign up for CodeRED®?

Answer: The home page of the Office of Emergency Management, www.kcoem.org, has a link to both the CodeRED® Residential Data Collection Form as well as the CodeRED® Business Data Collection Form, which is completed online. This is the quickest, easiest way to sign up because the information you supply will immediately update the County's CodeRED® telephone number database.

If you do not have access to the Internet, you can call the Office of Emergency Management at 630-232-5985 or the Carpentersville Fire Department at 847-426-2131 and give your information directly to them.

Please visit the Village website for additional information related to CodeRED® at vil.carpentersville.il.us

Please note that emergency calls can only be delivered to a direct dial number. Automated attendants will disrupt the process and calls will not be delivered. If you have any further questions about CodeRED®, please call the Carpentersville Fire Department at 847-426-2131.

AVOIDING TAX SCAMS

Let's face it, most people dislike tax season. It can be stressful, confusing and financially painful. There are some people, though, who enjoy it: scam artists. For these unscrupulous characters, tax season brings with it limitless opportunities to prey on the innocent and rob them of their hard-earned money. If you know what to look for, simple signs that betray the scam artist's deception, you can survive tax season unscathed. Phishing and identity theft are the most common tax scams.

Phishing

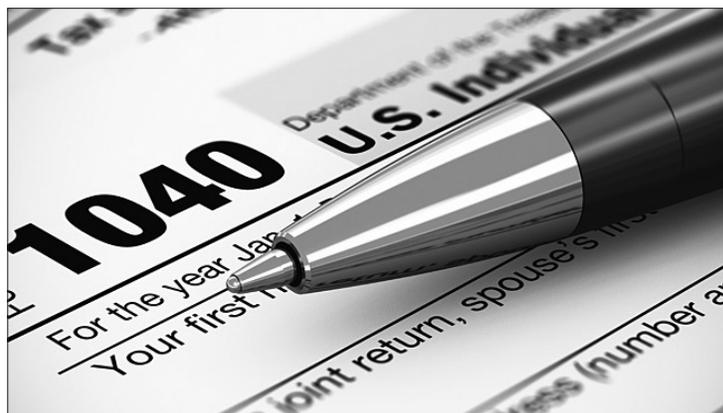
Phishing can take many forms, but typically it's done through phony e-mails. Scam artists adopt false identities as a way to extract personal information from their targets or to plant destructive software into a person's computer. They often pretend to be IRS agents, informing their targets of problems with their returns or refunds and telling them that the only solution is to send their Social Security numbers or bank account information. Or the e-mail will include a link that, when opened, installs onto the victim's computer spyware or malware that can then mine all their files and personal data.

The best way to protect yourself from this type of scam is never to open any e-mail that says it is from the IRS or to provide any personal information to an unsolicited e-mail. The IRS says it never sends e-mails requesting information and any e-mail received that says it's from the IRS is a scam.

Identity Theft

If you have been a victim of a previous identity theft you may be at risk again at tax time, when the criminals could try to use your information to file a phony tax return that nets the criminal a refund check. Anyone who believes his or her personal information has been stolen and used for tax purposes should immediately contact the IRS Identity Protection Unit at www.IRS.gov/identitytheft.

The Internal Revenue Service issues a list of the top 12 tax scams each year, known as the **Dirty Dozen**. The scams are illegal and can lead to problems for taxpayers, including significant penalties, interest and possible criminal prosecution. These scams don't just happen during the tax filing season; they can happen anytime during the year. Visit www.IRS.gov for more information.



TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

For those who might need some help, the Dundee Township Library is providing free tax preparation and assistance services from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until April 15. AARP counselors will be available to help seniors, as well as low and middle income taxpayers, complete basic tax forms and answer questions. Appointments are required and can be made at 847-428-3661 ext. 308. In addition, tax forms are available near the library's Information Services Desk or online at www.irs.gov.

2013 GARBAGE HOLIDAYS

All refuse, recycling and yard waste services scheduled for the collection week shall be delayed by one day if the holiday falls on or before the regular collection day.

Regular Pick Up Day	Delayed Pick Up Day
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27
Fourth of July	Thursday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 2
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28 (One day delay for Thursday only)
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Additional Information

For additional garbage and recycling questions, please visit the Refuse Collection section under SERVICES at the Village of Carpentersville website, contact the Finance Department at 847-551-3476, or contact Republic Services at 847-429-7370.

YARD WASTE SEASON

(April 1st - November 30th)

Residents are reminded that yard waste collection begins on Monday, April 1st, on your regularly scheduled pickup date. No stickers are needed for yard waste bags. Yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, garden and winter yard debris should be placed in a 33 gallon size brown Kraft paper bag. Bags should not weigh more than 50 pounds. If you have branches ready for disposal, please be sure that the branches do not exceed 4 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter. Branches must be bundled with biodegradable string or twine. Bundles should not exceed 24 inches in diameter.

Residents also have the option to rent a 95-gallon cart for yard waste rather than purchase yard waste bags. This fee is billed, on a quarterly basis from April 1 to November 30 each year, directly to the household that uses a yard waste cart. The fee schedule for rental is listed below. If interested, please contact Republic Services at 847-429-7370.

Fee Schedule for 95-gallon Cart Rental

April 1 to July 31	\$5.40/month
August 1 to November 30	\$5.51/month
Full Season Cost	\$43.64
Delivery Fee	\$25.00

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Curbside Collection Service

Residential curbside collection service for household hazardous waste is offered to all Carpentersville residents. Residents may schedule **one free collection per year** from your home.

Collection will occur between 1 and 4 weeks after making the appointment. A collection kit will be sent to the resident after they schedule the pick-up. The resident will also receive a convenient reminder call the day before the scheduled pick-up, so they can place the materials on the porch.

To schedule an appointment for pick-up:

Phone: 1-800-449-7587 • Web: www.wmatyourdoor.com

Items Accepted List:

www.countyofkane.org/documents/recycling/hhwacceptableitems.pdf

SMOKE ALARM MAINTENANCE

Is your smoke alarm still working? Smoke alarms **must** be maintained. A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all! A smoke alarm only works when it is properly installed and maintained. Depending on how your smoke alarm is powered (9-volt, 10-year lithium, or hardwired), you'll have to maintain it according to manufacturer's instructions.

General guidelines for smoke alarm maintenance:

Smoke alarm powered by a 9-volt battery

- Test the alarm montly.
- Replace the batteries at least twice per year (change your clock, change your battery).
- The entire smoke alarm unit should be replaced every 8-10 years.

Smoke alarm powered by a 10-year lithium ("long life") battery

- Test the alarm montly.
- Since you cannot (and should not) replace the lithium battery, the entire smoke alarm unit should be replaced according to manufacturer's instructions.

Smoke alarm hardwired into the home's electrical system

- Test the alarm montly.
- Replace the backup battery at least twice per year (change your clock, change your battery).
- The entire smoke alarm unit should be replaced every 8-10 years.

Never disable a smoke alarm while cooking

A smoke alarm is just doing it's job when it sounds while you're cooking or taking a shower with lots of steam. If a smoke alarm sounds while you're cooking or taking a shower, do not remove battery. Instead, you should:

- Open a window or door and press the "hush" button.
- Wave a towel at the alarm to clear the air, or
- Move the entire alarm several feet away from the location

Disabling a smoke alarm or removing the battery can be a deadly mistake.

Are Smoke alarms expensive?

Smoke alarms are not expensive and are worth the lives they can help save. Ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms cost between \$6 and \$20. Dual sensor smoke alarms cost between \$24 and \$40.

Install smoke alarms in key areas of your home

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or early in the morning, so the U.S. Fire Administration recommends installing smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas. Since smoke and many deadly gases rise, installing your smoke alarms at the proper level will provide you with the earliest warning possible. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE COMPLIANCE

December 31, 2012

Dumpster Enclosure Must Comply with Village Standards

Dumpster facilities shall be located at the rear of buildings and be enclosed from view from residential properties, public property, or any street, sidewalk or trail. Screening shall be provided with masonry walls, which are complimentary to the design and color of the primary building. Solid wood gates may be used to provide the required full enclosure.

A landscape base around the enclosure in highly visible locations shall consist of evergreen and/or deciduous shrubs and low-growing annual or perennial plants and groundcover. Large expanses of mulch are prohibited. Existing closures that do not comply with these standards on the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section shall be replaced no later than December 31, 2012.

ENGINEERING DIVISION 2013 PROJECTS

2012 MFT SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Construction will begin this spring on Green Lane, Hook Road and Del Rio Road. This project received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant funding through Kane County. Kane County has now received the federal grant funding from Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that is disbursed to the CDBG grant recipients for 2012. Improvements include removal of existing carriageway and replacement with new curb and gutter and sidewalk, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant upgrades, 2" asphalt resurfacing, select base repair and pavement markings. The Kane County CDBG grant will pay for approximately 50% of the construction costs, reducing the Village's Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) costs.

2013 MFT RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Improvements are proposed this summer to Papoose Road, Cordova Road and Granada Road (Amarillo Drive to Alameda Drive). This work will be funded with MFT funds. In addition, the Village submitted a grant application to Kane County for CDBG funding for approximately 50% of the construction costs, reducing the MFT costs. Improvements include removal of existing carriageway and replacement with new curb and gutter and sidewalk, ADA complaint upgrades, 2" asphalt resurfacing, select base repair and pavement markings.

GLENEAGLE AREA RESURFACING PROJECT II

Resurfacing improvements were proposed this summer for streets within the Gleneagle Subdivision. The specific streets to be improved are yet to be determined. This work will be 100% funded with monies received through developer fees from Pulte Homes. Improvements include select sidewalk replacement, ADA compliant upgrades, 2" asphalt resurfacing, select base repair and pavement markings.

CARPENTER PARK PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Construction will begin this spring on the Carpenter Park Parking Lot Improvements. This project received CDBG grant funding through Kane County. Kane County has now received the federal grant funding from HUD that is disbursed to the CDBG grant recipients for 2012. Improvements will remove the existing on-street parking along Maple Avenue and provide an off-street parking lot with two full-access drives. The Kane County CDBG grant will pay for approximately 50% of the construction costs, reducing the Village's MFT costs.

TULSA AVENUE / KINGS ROAD LAFO PROJECT

Construction will begin this summer on Tulsa Avenue and Kings Drive. This work will be funded with 75% Federal Local Agency Function Overlay grant funding and 25% Village funds. Improvements include select sidewalk replacement, ADA compliant upgrades, 2" asphalt resurfacing, select base repair and pavement markings.

CARPENTER CREEK FLOODPLAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

HR Green, Inc. is currently working to complete the Phase II design for floodplain improvements along Carpenter Creek from Maple Avenue to approximately 1300 feet upstream. Final Phase II design should be complete this summer. Phase III construction is dependent on permit approvals and a Letter of Map Revision approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. These improvements will remove 44 structures out of the existing floodplain map.

MAPLE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Baxter & Woodman, Inc. has completed the Phase II engineering design for Maple Avenue from Washington Street to L.W. Besinger Drive. Final plans have been submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation for review and approval. This work will be funded with 80% Federal Surface Transportation Program grant funding and 20% Village funds. The Village portion is reduced by additional grant funding through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program and the Illinois Truck Access Route Program. Improvements include new roadway with curb and gutter, storm sewer, water main, bike path and lighting. This project is scheduled for construction this summer.

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



2013 - 2014 VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS GO ON SALE JUNE 1ST

Village ordinance requires every motor vehicle owner who resides in the Village or whose vehicle is principally garaged or dispatched in the Village shall obtain a Village vehicle license annually. Stickers go on sale June 1, 2013 and must be purchased and displayed by July 1, 2013 to avoid penalties.

Fees are as follows:

Vehicle Type	Cost if purchased		
	6/1/13 - 7/1/13	7/2/13 - 8/1/13	8/2/13 and after
Passenger Car or SUV.....	25.00.....	50.00.....	75.00
Truck, B-class	30.00.....	60.00.....	90.00
Motorcycle	22.50.....	45.00.....	67.50
Vans or Buses.....	30.00.....	60.00.....	90.00
Taxis and Livery cabs.....	30.00.....	60.00.....	90.00
Trucks > 8,000 lbs.....	Varies by class, please call for fee schedule, 847-426-3439		

Senior Citizens age 65 and over may purchase one (1) sticker per household for \$1.00. Residents displaying a State issued disability placard may purchase a sticker for \$1.00. Disabled Veterans and Residents displaying a Bronze Star, Silver Star, Congressional Medal of Honor, POW/MIA, Purple Heart, or Retired Armed Forces license issued by the IL Secretary of State may purchase a sticker for \$1.00. Buy your stickers online at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us/> then follow the "Buy Vehicle Sticker Online" link.

BEWARE OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE SOLICITORS

Since the referendum last fall on the Village of Carpentersville's Electrical Aggregation Program, there have been a number of residents who have recently received telephone calls or solicitations from power supply company representatives asking them to switch providers by claiming to be associated with the Village. This referendum failed and there is no electrical aggregation program in the Village. Beware of these unscrupulous callers. There is no requirement to change your provider of electrical service from Com Ed to another company. If you receive a letter that states that you will automatically be changed to another electrical service provider as part of the Village of Carpentersville's aggregation program, this is false. Should you receive such a call or contact, you may file a complaint against dishonest retail solicitations by contacting the Illinois Commerce Commission's Consumer Services Division complaint line at 800-524-0795 or online at www.icc.illinois.gov/consumer/complaint. Residents can learn more about their new electrical service options at www.pluginillinois.org.

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
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
847-551-3478

Police Non-Emergency
847-551-3481

Anonymous Crime Tip Line
847-551-3488

Public Works
(Street Light Outage)
847-836-2464

Wastewater Facility
847-551-3490

Water Facility
847-551-3492

Underground Division
847-551-3493

Street Division
847-551-3495

Report Pot Hole Locations
847-551-3495

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

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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.

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DUNDEE TOWNSHIP "SHOP WITH A COP PROGRAM"

(December 15, 2012)

The Shop with a Cop program in Dundee Township was founded over nine years ago to establish and build positive relationships between police officers and the children of the community. Over the past nine years, more than 975 children have gone shopping with an officer. It has given the children an opportunity to see a different side of law enforcement, and the officers an opportunity to spend time with children in need. The Shop with a Cop program in Dundee Township is operated by the police departments of Carpentersville, East Dundee, West Dundee, Sleepy Hollow and Gilberts. Shop with a Cop also provides a mobile food pantry from the Northern Illinois Food Bank to families of Dundee Township throughout the year to assist families in need. Shop with a Cop knows it's not just during the holidays that families struggle to provide. On Saturday, December 15, 2012, 174 children, from 75 families, participated in the Shop with a Cop program. Children with social, medical and/or economic needs were referred to the Shop with a Cop program through various agencies in the Dundee Township area.

Along with their parents/guardians, the children were treated to breakfast sponsored by the Lion's Club and holiday shopping at the East Dundee Wal-Mart. Police officers from the following agencies - Carpentersville, East Dundee, West Dundee, Gilberts, Pingree Grove, Illinois State Police, South Elgin, Des Plaines, South Barrington and Rolling Meadows - assisted the children and their families in selecting toys and clothing to make their Christmas holidays brighter. The 47 police officers were joined by 60 civilian volunteers. We send out a special thank you to the contributors from the many different community organizations who made this event possible.

If you would like to make a donation to our not-for-profit organization, you may stop by First American Bank, 218 W. Main Street, West Dundee, IL 60118, or at any of the participating police departments of Carpentersville, East Dundee, West Dundee, Sleepy Hollow or Gilberts.

