

## VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

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

Summer 2013

## OKTOBERFEST AND CYCLOCROSS RACING RETURNS

Oktoberfest, the Village's annual fall celebration featuring children's inflatable amusements, petting zoo, food vendors, live entertainment and beer garden, returns to Carpenter Park, Sunday, October 20.



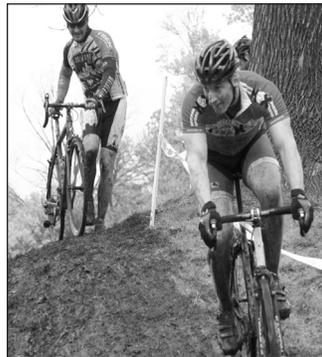
Central to the event is "the greatest show on dirt," Chicago Cyclocross Cup Races. Cyclocross is a series of bicycle races for all levels, with approximately 600 participants.

This event is sponsored by the Village of Carpentersville, Main Street Bicycles and the Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce. Event features are provided through the

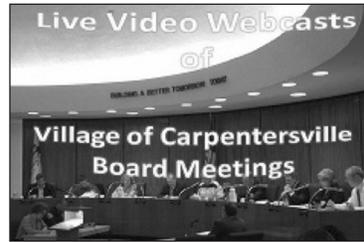
generous donations of businesses and organizations. Special gratitude for last year's event is expressed to primary sponsors Stanley Machining and Tool Corporation, Village Fresh Market, BMO/Harris and Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins. Appreciation is also given to Acme Industrial Supply, PCCR, Walgreen's, Chiro One Wellness Centers, Safari Childcare, El Sombbrero Restaurant, Shaklee Wellness Center, Women of the Moose, FISH pantry, Life Connection Radio and Chicago Area Mountain Bike Riders.

For more information related to the Carpentersville Oktoberfest or sponsorship/donation considerations, please contact Joe Wade at [jwade@vil.carpentersville.il.us](mailto:jwade@vil.carpentersville.il.us), or 224-293-1640.

For information related to the Chicago Cyclocross Cup or participating in the race events, please contact Jeff Provisor, owner of Main Street Bicycles, at 847-783-0362, or visit <http://chicrosscup.com>



## VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS NOW AVAILABLE ON LIVE VIDEO WEBCASTS



Village Board Meetings are now available to watch LIVE online. The image located on the left side of the Village website, <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us>, will direct you to the page to view both Live and Archived Board Meeting videos. Board Meetings

are on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. (The July 2nd Village Board Meeting has been rescheduled for July 9th.)

If you have an internet connection, these meetings can be viewed from your laptop, PC, smartphone, or tablet device.

The Village is very excited to be offering this free service to our residents that provides another means of viewing local government Board Meetings. If you have any questions or comments regarding this service, please e-mail Kevin Goethals, Information Technology Director, at [kgoethals@vil.carpentersville.il.us](mailto:kgoethals@vil.carpentersville.il.us).

Any feedback regarding this service can also be submitted online through our Online Feedback Form on the village website.

## 4TH OF JULY TIPS

The Carpentersville Fire Department wants you to have a FUN and SAFE 4th of July! Please remember the following tips and warnings when you celebrate this year.



### Facts

- Twice the number of fires reported on 4th of July than any other day of the year.
- Of those fires, 2 out of 5 are caused by fireworks.
- Keep children and pets far away from grills.
- Sparklers can reach temperatures over 1200 degrees.

### Safety Tips

- Always keep a bucket of water or hose close to you.
- Wait at least 15 minutes before handling a used firework.
- Never try relighting a "Dud" firework.
- Before you throw away fireworks, be sure to soak them in water.

## SAVE THE DATE...

DUNDEE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT ANNUAL FIREWORKS AND CONCERT JUNE 29TH - MEADOWDALE PARK (RAIN DATE - JUNE 30TH)

OKTOBERFEST • CYCLOCROSS 2013  
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH - CARPENTER PARK

## **ENGINEERING DIVISION INFORMATION**

### **2012 MFT RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

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

### **2013 MFT RESURFACING AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Construction will begin late summer or fall on Papoose Road and Granada Road (Amarillo Drive to Alameda Drive). This work will be funded with MFT funds. In addition, the Village was awarded CDBG funding through Kane County for approximately 50% of the construction costs. Improvements include removal of existing carriageway and replacement with new curb and gutter and sidewalk, ADA-compliant upgrades, 2" asphalt resurfacing, select base repair and pavement markings.

### **2013 GLENEAGLE AREA RESURFACING PROJECT**

The Village has awarded this project to Curran Contracting Company. Resurfacing improvements to Woodside Drive from 105 feet east of Orchard to Winchester Glen should begin mid to late June. 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**

The Village has awarded this project to Abbey Paving Contractors. Work is scheduled to begin early June. This project received CDBG funding through Kane County. 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 grant will pay for approximately 50% of the construction costs.

### **TULSA AVENUE/ KINGS ROAD LAFO PROJECT**

Design is complete and has received Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) approval. The IDOT has scheduled this project for a June 18th bid opening and construction is tentatively scheduled for late summer. This work will be funded with 75% Federal Local Agency Function Overlay (LAFO) 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**

As required with federal funding, the IDOT has completed the public bid process and awarded the project to Berger Excavating Contractors. The IDOT will notify the Village as to when a pre-construction meeting will be held. At the pre-construction meeting, a construction schedule will be provided by the contractor and detailed information will be available at that time. Construction operations will begin this summer. 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 Illinois Truck Access Route Program. Improvements include new roadway with curb and gutter, storm sewer, water main, bike path and lighting.

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

# VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT 2012

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For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2012

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the Carpentersville Water Department to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by Carpentersville is Shallow Groundwater Wells, utilizing four wells # 5 thru # 8. All Wells are located within Village limits. Water is pumped from several wells and then blended together prior to treatment. All residents of Carpentersville utilize common treated water.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact Water Superintendent, Dean Gorter, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm at 847-551-3492. Concerns regarding the Carpentersville Water System can be addressed at Village Board Meetings. Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at Carpentersville Village Hall, 1200 L. W. Besinger Drive.

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

## **Source of Drinking Water:**

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

## **Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Illinois EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Illinois EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791.

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of the Village's regularly scheduled Board Meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by Village Hall or call our Water Superintendent at 847-551-3492. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including the Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA web site at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

## **SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT**

To determine Carpentersville's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, the following document was reviewed: a Well Site Survey, published in 1990 by the Illinois EPA. Based on the information obtained in this document, there are 3 potential sources of groundwater contamination that could pose a hazard to groundwater utilized by Carpentersville Community Water Supply. These include 1 auto repair shop, 1 store/sales and 1 below ground fuel storage tank. Information provided by the Carpentersville Community Water Supply indicates that the following potential sources listed in the table are currently inactive (below ground storage of petroleum has been removed): Map Code #00916, 00917 and 00918. In addition, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank and Remedial Project Management Sections of Illinois EPA indicated sites with on-going remediation that might be of concern.

Based upon this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Carpentersville Community Water Supply's source is susceptible to contamination. The Illinois EPA is in the process of delineating 5-year recharge area calculations for Carpentersville's wells. The land use within the areas around the wells was analyzed as part of this susceptibility determination. This land use includes open space, residential, and commercial properties.

## 2012 REGULATED CONTAMINANTS DETECTED

### Lead and Copper

#### Definitions:

**Action Level Goal (ALG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water which poses no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminate which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Carpentersville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
Copper	06/04/2012-08/22/2012	1.3	1.3	0.466	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	06/04/2012-08/22/2012	0	15	4.27	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

### Water Quality Test Results

**Definitions:** The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measurement of radioactivity)

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

na: not applicable

**Avg:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

### Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
Chlorine	12/31/2012	0.4	0.34-0.43	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acid HAA5	06/05/2012	19	19.3-19.3	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TThm)	06/05/2012	29	29-29	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
Arsenic	04/04/2012	1.5	1.5-1.5	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium	04/04/2012	0.044	0.044-0.044	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	04/04/2012	1.0	1.0-1.0	4	4	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	04/04/2012	0.084	0.084-0.084		1	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	04/04/2012	8.6	8.6-8.6	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	04/04/2012	0.49	0.49-0.49	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	04/04/2012	220	11-220			ppm	N	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	01/08/2008	1.3	1.3-1.3	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion from natural deposits

There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water. The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be more than one year old.

# CARPENTER PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

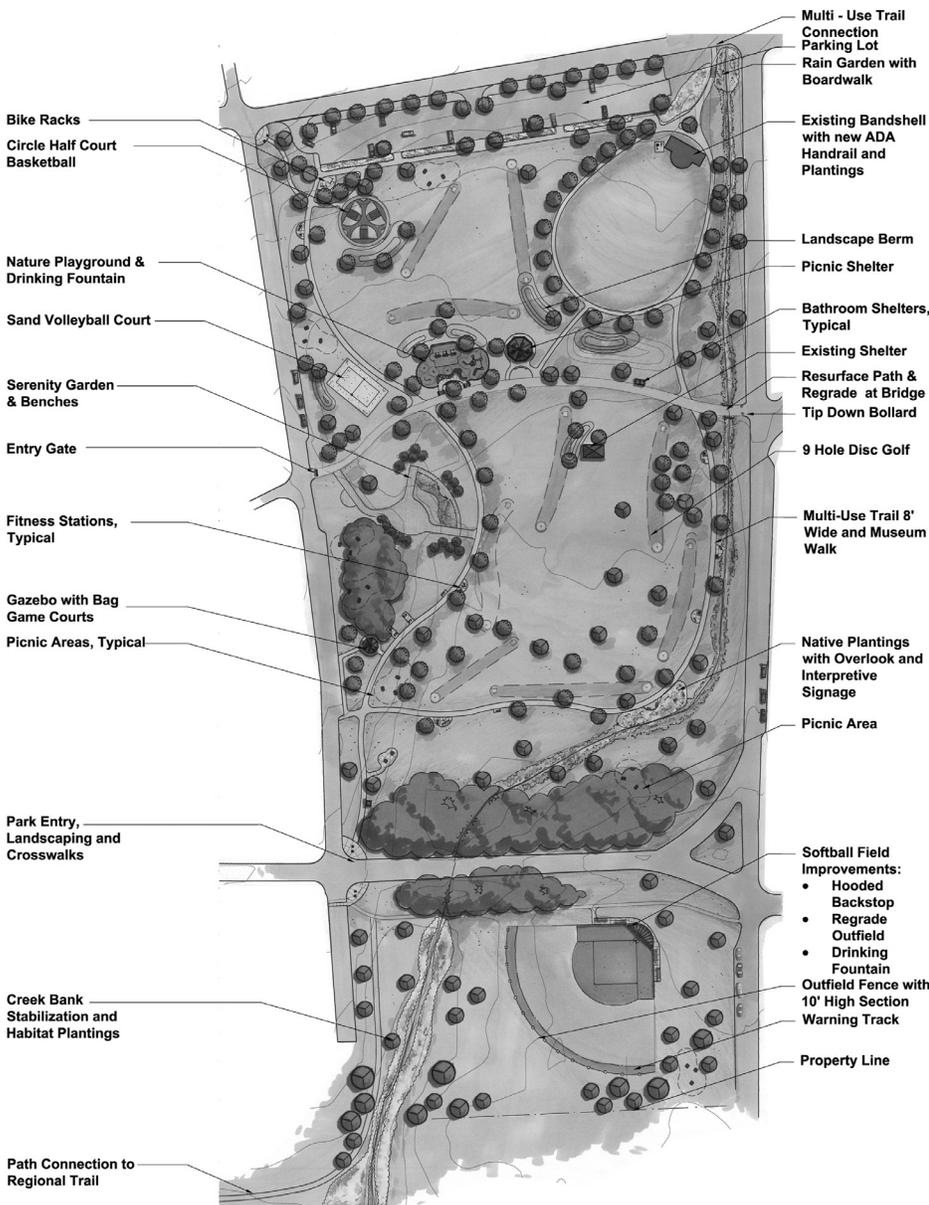
Located only a quarter-of-a-mile east of Main Street Bridge, Carpenter Park survives as a historic landmark in the Village's Old Town area. The Carpenter Park Master Plan was developed in a way that respects the historic nature of the park, but appreciates the attractiveness of more modern amenities.

This Village intends to showcase the latest planning efforts related to parks throughout the community as a way to secure a competitive advantage when applying for funding from outside sources. Below is an image of the concept plan. On June 4, 2013, the Board of Trustees for the Village of Carpentersville adopted the Carpenter Park Master Plan recommended by the Parks Commission. Beginning in January 2013, the Carpenter Park Master Plan was generated with respect to public input gathered throughout numerous public comment forums and other regular meetings.

The Village hired Upland Design, Ltd., an experienced park development consulting firm, to oversee the planning process. The Village is also pursuing the development of a Comprehensive Parks Master Plan to compliment the one generated specifically for Carpenter Park. The Village intends to submit these two planning documents as part of an application to receive funding from the State of Illinois' Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program.



Carpenter Park 1908



## COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Village of Carpentersville is happy to announce that Platt Hill Nursery at 2400 Randall Road in Carpentersville has become the Corporate Sponsor of the Community Garden.

They have donated tools and gardening equipment for all participants to share. Even if you don't own a rake or hoe, you will be able to join other residents and grow vegetables on Village property.

Although we are well into the summer growing season, it is not too early to contact the Community Development Department at 224-293-1643 and sign up for a plot for next year. The cost to residents is only \$10 per season!

## CARPENTERSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Throughout the year, your CFD firefighters are out participating in many community activities and hosting fundraisers for worthy causes. Here are some of the events where you will see us.

**Block Parties** - Have your Carpentersville firefighters show up to your block party. Upon request through our website, we can make an appearance at your block party and bring our Engine and Ambulance to get to know our residents in a non-emergency setting.

**Summer** - Watch for our firefighters "hitting the streets" for our annual Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill The Boot" campaign. (July 20th and August 17th.)

**October** - CFD firefighters support breast cancer awareness month by wearing specially designed pink t-shirts. Donations accepted and t-shirts for sale. Call 847-426-2131 for more information.

## GARBAGE DISPOSAL

**Bulk Items** - Residents are allowed to dispose of one bulk item a week without a garbage sticker. Items that qualify as bulk items: Mattresses, box springs, sofas, dressers, carpet, etc.

**Carpet Rolls** - Residents are allowed to dispose of 6 carpet rolls per week without stickers. The rolls must be 4" or less in length. The carpet rolls must be tied or taped so that they do not come unrolled and they must not weigh more than 50 lbs.

**Extra Garbage** - Any extra garbage not considered to be a bulk item (regardless of whether it is a box or a bag) that does not fit into the garbage cart requires a \$2.50 sticker. Stickers can only be purchased in the Finance Department at Village Hall.

**Paint Disposal** - There are two methods of disposing latex paint. One method is to open the lid and let the paint dry out in the sun. After the paint is dried out, place the lid back on the can and throw it away in the regular garbage. The second method is to open the can of paint and dump kitty litter or sand into it. When the paint is solidified into one large mass with no liquid able to leak from the can when it is compressed, place the lid back on the can and throw it away in the regular garbage.

**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 Republic Services at 847-429-7370.

## CARPENTERSVILLE ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM AND TREE MEMORIAL PROGRAM In Memory of Your Loved One

The Village of Carpentersville now allows for various groups, organizations, and individuals to adopt and memorialize meaningful infrastructure projects so as to enhance local aesthetics and promote community involvement. Currently, there are two adoption/memorial programs: the Adopt-a-Park Program and the Tree Memorial Program. The Adopt-a-Park Program is geared towards individuals and local groups that want to help maintain a park or an area within a park. The Tree Memorial Program allows local residents and groups to plant a tree in remembrance of a special person or an event. For more information on these programs, please visit the Village website. Adoption programs are listed under Services offered by the Department of Public Works.

### 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  
(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

## GARAGE SALES



Summer is the time of garage sales. Village ordinance allows one sign for each property to advertise a garage sale. Directional signs are not allowed and will be removed by Code Assistance Officers.

The Village hopes that residents will coordinate with their Homeowners Association to have one or two garage sales per year in which the entire

subdivision participates. A subdivision-wide sale sign can be placed at the subdivision entrances on private property out of the right-of-way.

Residents may call the Community Development Department at 224-293-1642 to notify us of your subdivision sale and we will provide free advertising of the event on our website!

## RELAX AND LEAVE THE DRIVING TO PACE!



Pace operates express bus service to many events and activities in the suburbs and Chicago. Express services to popular destinations let riders relax on a comfortable Pace bus on their way to and from their favorite events taking place at Allstate Arena,

Wrigley Field, U.S. Cellular Field, Six Flags Great America, Soldier Field, Ravinia, and other.

Riders of these express routes get the added bonuses of avoiding the hassles of event traffic and the expense of parking. Call Pace's Popular Destinations Line at 847-228-2416, or visit [pacebus.com](http://pacebus.com) for detailed information.

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**Summer 2013**

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## **UNFUNDED MANDATES FROM SPRINGFIELD**

Local village officials, including those in Carpentersville, have had a busy spring, working to keep Springfield from raiding funds that are intended for villages so that the state can fill its budget holes. In addition, cities and villages have been contacting legislators about a serious financial problem that is steadily leading our taxpayers into a deeper and deeper financial hole.

The legislature controls the terms under which public safety personnel can retire and also the terms under which these personnel are entitled to disability retirement. But the state does not contribute any money to local police and fire pensions. Any enhancements to these pensions or loosening of limitations on disability pensions must be funded through a separate line on the property tax bill. Look at your tax bill and see how many lines are listed for pensions.

Every year during the legislative session there is a stream of new proposals from well-meaning legislators to make these pensions better and to make disability pensions easier to obtain. Of course, it is easy to offer these proposals because the legislators don't need to figure out how much to fund them. Funding is ultimately passed on the property tax bill, as a result of unfunded mandates, courtesy of Springfield. Local officials have to be on guard constantly to fight these ideas.

While statewide pension funds receive all of the public attention, much-needed reforms to the regular and disability pensions that are funded on the local level receive almost no mention. Please remind your legislators that they need to protect taxpayers on the local level just as much as they do on a statewide level.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

### **Neighborhood Watch Program**

The Carpentersville Police Department is always looking for good trustworthy people who are dedicated to their community. One of the best ways to increase neighborhood morale and reduce crime and the fear of crime is to start a Neighborhood Watch Program. If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group contact Officer Joe Pilarski at 847-551-3481 ext 1700 or by email [jpilarski@vil.carpentersville.il.us](mailto:jpilarski@vil.carpentersville.il.us).

### **Police Department Social Media**

In late April, the Carpentersville Police Department created Facebook and Twitter accounts in order to improve communications with the community. In one month, the Facebook page has 81 likes and the Twitter account has 20 followers. We hope to increase those numbers in order to provide Carpentersville residents with information in a more efficient manner. Please visit and like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cvillepublicsafety](http://www.facebook.com/cvillepublicsafety) and follow us on twitter @Cville\_PD.

## **2013 GARBAGE HOLIDAYS**

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

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