

# CARPENTERSVILLE COURIER



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## Letter from the President



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! 2022 has come to a close and with that, I am looking forward to another great year of building our community together in 2023. The Village Board and I are dedicated to continuing our mission of making Carpentersville a community that is welcoming to new businesses in the new year. Together, we are excited to continue the progress that has been made and begin our upcoming projects and events. I encourage you to visit our website and social media pages for regular updates on our projects to come, as well as, events and other activities happening within the Village.

I hope that 2023 is filled with joy and great opportunities for all residents and that we can celebrate another year together.

**John Skillman**  
*Village President*



# Community Development Information

## Residential Permits

For homeowners considering a winter construction project, residential building permits can be applied for electronically. For details and more information, please visit [cville.org/permitguide](http://cville.org/permitguide), email [permits@cville.org](mailto:permits@cville.org), or call the Community Development Department at (847) 551-3478.

## Home-Based Business Licenses

Thinking of starting a home-based business? For information about allowable business types and uses, as well as how to apply for and obtain the required licensing, please visit [cville.org/286/Business-License-Process](http://cville.org/286/Business-License-Process), email [licenses@cville.org](mailto:licenses@cville.org), or call the Community Development Department at (847) 551-3478.

## Rental Licensing Program

Did you know? Tenants residing in rental apartments or housing units face many of the same risks as homeowners. The landlord may have insurance, but it may only protect the building structure, not the personal property a renter has inside.

More information about the potential benefits of and process for obtaining renters insurance is available at the State of Illinois website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/Insurance/Consumers/Documents/RentersInsuranceHelp.pdf>

The thumbnail shows the cover of the 'Residential Building Permit Guide' from the Village of Carpentersville. It includes the Village of Carpentersville logo, contact information for the Community Development Department (1200 L.W. Besinger Drive, Room 206, Carpentersville, IL 60110), and phone/fax numbers. The title 'Residential Building Permit Guide' is prominently displayed. Below the title, it states: 'The following document was created to help our residential building permit applicants with the Village of Carpentersville's application guidelines for our most common residential building permits. The guideline will be sorted alphabetically by project type. Before the guideline information, we will include FAQs for our most commonly asked questions.' It lists two FAQs: 'Q: What do I need to submit with my permit application?' and 'Q: How do I submit my permit application?'. The second FAQ provides detailed instructions for mail, Village Hall drop box, and electronic submissions, including a list of permit types that can be requested via e-mail: Fence, HVAC replacement, Roof replacement, Siding replacement, Solar Panel ASES, and Water heater replacement. It also notes that in-person submissions should be made at Room 206 of the Village Hall at 1200 LW Besinger Drive. The page number 'Page 1 of 19' is visible at the bottom left of the document.

**Attention Homeowners**  
Check out our helpful Residential Building Permit Guide on our website!

# New Business Spotlight

The Village of Carpentersville welcomed many new businesses since our last issue including:

### MVP Nutrition

Vitamin and Supplements Store  
7020 Huntley Road, Suite 7  
<https://linktr.ee/mvptrnutrition>

### iFixandRepair

Mobile Phone Repair Shop  
365 Lake Marian Road, Suite 802  
<https://ifixandrepair.com/stores/carpentersvill e-wm/>

### Jerry's Hockey

Hockey Supply Store  
2257 Randall Road  
<https://www.jerryshockey.com/>

### Ibarra Agency

Insurance Agency  
150 S. Kennedy Drive, Suite 5A  
<https://ibarraagencyllc.com/>

### Noc Noc Wood

Pizza Bar  
115 N. Kennedy Drive  
<https://www.facebook.com/nocnocwoodbar/>

# Library Updates



**Fox River Valley Libraries**  
Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

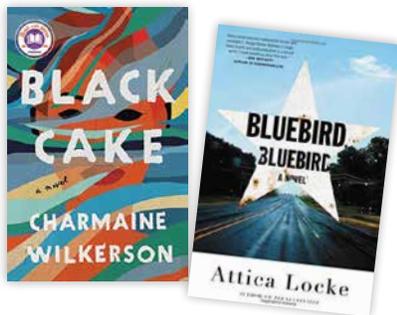
## “Take What You Need, Give What You Can”

*Dundee Library Little Free Pantry  
555 Barrington Ave. (Rt 68), East Dundee*

All are welcome to take and give at the Little Free Pantry, LFP, located in the lobby of the Dundee Library. It is a very simple operation...if you need something, take it. If you have something to donate, just leave it. The pantry is accessible during all Dundee Library open hours. LFP is for everyone: for those not easily able to meet everyday food and personal needs, for a hungry child after school, or a home cook who forgot to buy noodles. For those wishing to donate: food must be nonperishable and unexpired. Donations of personal care and hygiene products and pet food are welcome.

## Home Delivery

It's winter, so heading out into the cold and wind is something we do only when we really need something (including books!). Fox River Valley Public Library District has its patrons covered with Home Delivery service. To request a home delivery, patrons place items they want on hold using the online catalog and select “Home Delivery” from the library pick up drop down menu.

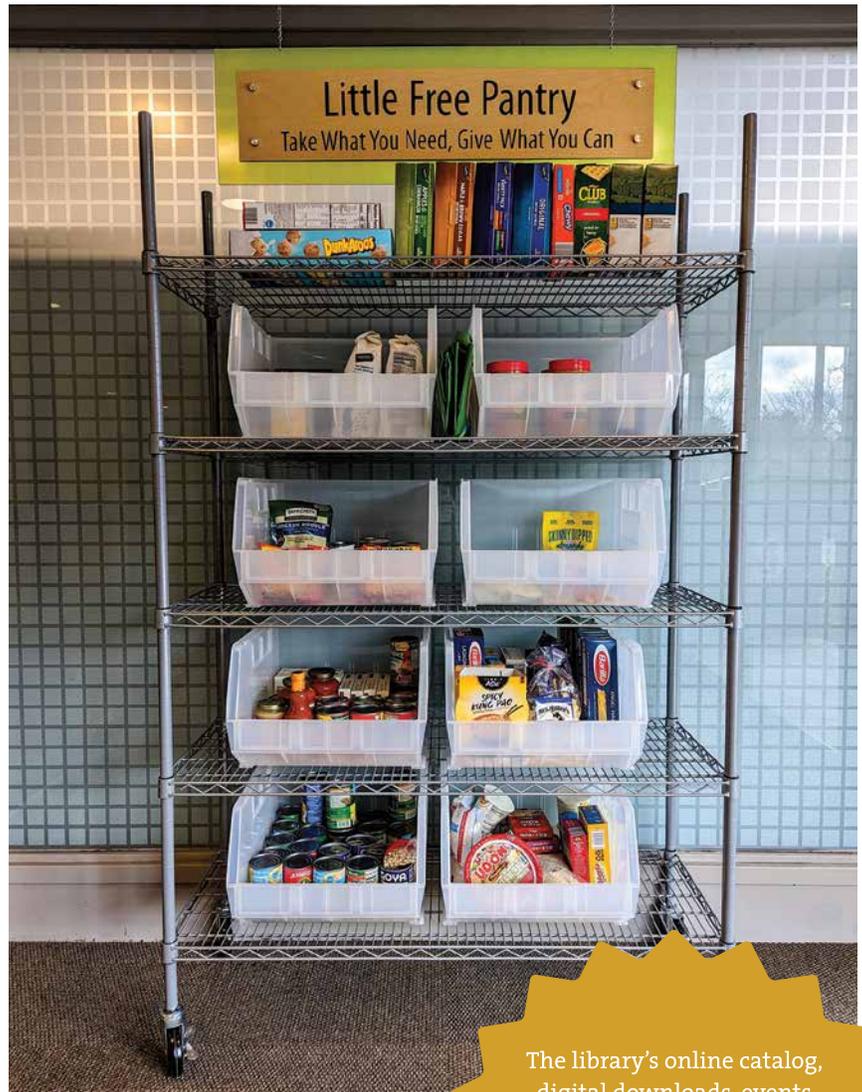


## Black History Month

*February 1st – February 28th*

Many of the library's programs and reading recommendations in February will support Black History Month to honor the endeavors and accomplishments of African American people throughout history and acknowledge the challenges and struggles African Americans have had to overcome to reach those successes.

The annual Black History Month Reading Challenge opens February 1. Librarians have curated a special reading list to honor the theme. Participants must simply read one book to earn the challenge prize.



The library's online catalog, digital downloads, events calendar and registration, eResources, and much more can all be found at [www.frvpld.info](http://www.frvpld.info). The library is also happy to provide personal assistance by phone at (847) 428-3661.

Sign up at [frvpld.beanstack.org](http://frvpld.beanstack.org) or in person at the library. In person programs include: Artist Hub: Alma Thomas (Feb. 17), BHM: Community Voices (Feb. 23), a screening of the Disney Pixar movie *Soul* (Feb. 16), Dundee Library Book Club's discussion of *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson (Feb. 22), the Adult Activities Center Book Club discussion of *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke (Feb. 1), and Music Trivia from B.B. to Beyonce at the Black & Gray Brewing Co. in East Dundee (Feb. 7).



# Public Works Reminders

## Carpentersville Fire Department Looks to Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Fire Emergencies

Winter is not over yet. Carpentersville Fire Department offers these 10 fire safety tips to get through the winter freeze and prepare your home for safe living. Residents are more likely to have a home fire during the winter months of October through February. The combination of portable heating appliances, increased holiday cooking and candle use have contributed to past fire emergencies during the winter months. It's never too early to prepare your home for the winter heating and safe living throughout the year. Use the following safety checklist to make your winter a fire safe time of the year:

- ❑ Our furnace has been **inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months.
- ❑ Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked my chimney for creosote build-up.
- ❑ Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- ❑ We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes.
- ❑ Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off** and are placed **3 feet away** from anything that can burn; like paper, bedding, walls or curtains.
- ❑ All of our appliances including portable space heaters are plugged **directly into an outlet**.
- ❑ We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working.
- ❑ We have **working smoke alarms located on every level of the home** including all bedrooms.
- ❑ We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working.
- ❑ We will **not leave cooking equipment unattended** at any time.

## Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Beginning on Monday, April 24, 2023, the Construction Maintenance Division of Public Works will be flushing 1,650 fire hydrants throughout the Village. Hydrant flushing will occur in two stages. Stage one will begin on April 24th and continue through April 28th on all hydrants located east of Route 31 to Village limits. Stage two will begin on May 8th and continue to May 12th on all hydrants located west of Route 31 to Village Limits. These dates are dependent on weather conditions at the time of flushing.

Annual fire hydrant flushing cleans out the Village's water distribution system and allows the Construction Maintenance Division to inspect fire hydrants throughout the Village to ensure they are working properly. During flushing, you may notice the water in your home become slightly discolored. This is due to material being removed from the water mains. The water is safe to drink, but may stain clothes that are being washed during the flushing. If possible, residents should refrain from washing clothes during the time flushing to avoid the risk of discoloring clothing.

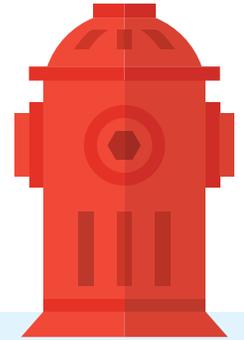
## Snow Season Reminders

Please remember that it is hazardous to shovel, plow, or blow snow onto any public street. All shoveled, plowed, or blown snow should be piled in your yard or the Village's parkway.

Shovel snow to the right-hand side of the driveway, as viewed from the house, and clear a pocket of snow on the opposite side of your driveway. This simple procedure will minimize the amount of residual snow plowed from the street into your driveway.

Be sure not to shovel, plow or otherwise remove snow from sidewalks, parking lots, driveways or other private property in such a manner as to block or otherwise impede the access to public sidewalks adjacent to the property.

Every winter, fire hydrants are buried in the snow. This creates a situation where it becomes difficult for the Fire Department to locate and use the hydrants. You can help the Fire Department by ensuring the hydrant near your home or business is kept free from snow on all sides. Please keep a clear path from the street to the hydrant as well.



Hydrants in the areas listed below will be flushed in accordance to the following schedule:

*Phase 1:* April 24th – April 28th all hydrants east of Route 31 to Village limits.

*Phase 2:* May 8th – May 12th all hydrants west of Route 31 to Village limits.



If you have questions regarding snow removal, or if your mailbox is damaged during snowplowing operations, please call the Village's Construction Maintenance Superintendent, Mark Self, at (224) 293-1618.

## Leaks Can Run, but They Can't Hide!

Are you ready to chase down leaks??? Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide. Therefore, annually, during Fix a Leak Week, the Village of Carpentersville encourages residents to minimize their leaks. Mark your calendars for Fix a Leak Week 2023, March 13-19, 2023. Remember, you can race over to your plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems, fix the leaks, and save valuable water and money all year long.

Did you know that, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in one year, water leaks in your home can waste enough water to fill a backyard swimming pool? There's no time like the present to wrench down on any leaking faucets, hoses, toilets, or shower heads.

For more information, including a downloadable checklist for chasing down leaks in your home, please visit [www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak).

**If you have any questions, or in spite of your best efforts you find yourself with frozen water service this winter, please call the Village's Water Superintendent, Lucas Smith at (224) 293-1703.**

### Did you Know?

Did you know it is less expensive to run your faucet regularly than to repair a frozen or burst pipe?

When temperatures remain below freezing over the course of several days, water pipes and water meters exposed to cooler air may freeze. Below are some helpful suggestions to make sure your water supply stays flowing this winter.



## Avoid Frozen Pipes This Winter With These Tips:

### Eliminate the Cold

- Install storm windows on basement windows.
- Fill cracks in walls around basement windows.
- Turn off water to an outside spigot at an inside valve and drain the exposed pipe.



### Provide Warmth

- Wrap water pipes in insulation or heat tape.
- If a sink is located against an outside wall, insulate the wall.
- Place a lighted bulb near water pipes – never use open flames!
- Open the door to rooms where water pipes are located to allow circulation.



### Use Your Water Supply

- Run the cold water from the lowest fixture in the house at a stream the width of a pencil.
- Make sure your drain remains clear to prevent overflow or flooding.



## Cease the Grease!

The Village's goal is to proactively educate the community about proper grease disposal to help protect our homes, businesses and environment from the nasty effects of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs). An SSO refers to any time raw sewage backs up into your home or lawn.

Pouring grease down drains can cause significant problems in the Village's sewer systems. This dramatically increases the potential for a failure in a sanitary sewer system.

Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) come from meats, butters, lard, food scraps, sauces, dressings, dairy products and cooking oil. When FOG goes down the drain it hardens and causes sewer pipes to clog. This can lead to a SSO where raw sewage backs up into your home, lawn, neighborhood and streets. This not only causes a nasty mess and health issues, it can also run into nearby streams or rivers which can affect wildlife, other municipalities who use the river for their drinking water and recreational users of that waterway.

The best way to prevent FOG from clogging your sewer is to never put any of these materials down the drain. Here are some suggestions on how to prevent FOG from clogging your sewer:

- Scrape food, oil, grease and sauces from plates and utensils into trash.
- Never pour oil or grease down the drain or garbage disposal. Instead, pour it into a glass jar and freeze it until garbage day and discard.
- Speak with your friends and neighbors regarding the issues of disposing grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out.

The Public Works Department needs your cooperation to help cease the grease and prevent unnecessary buildup in the Village's sewers. If you have any questions or would like more information about the hazards of FOG in your sewer system, please contact the Village of Carpentersville's Wastewater Superintendent, Joe Egler, at 224-293-1706.

# Upcoming Events

## JANUARY

**Monday, January 9th**  
Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

## FEBRUARY

**Saturday, February 4th\***  
Frozen Oaks 5K  
Randall Oaks Golf Club  
Register at [www.dtpd.org](http://www.dtpd.org)

**Saturday, February 18th\***  
Rakow Regatta  
Registration Required – [www.dtpd.org](http://www.dtpd.org)

We challenge you to design and build a human-powered cardboard boat capable of racing 50 yards. All boats must be designed and constructed before race day and may be powered by canoe/kayak paddles or muscle power! Once registration closes on February 10, all registrants will receive a list of rules and accepted materials. Open swim to follow after the races.

## MARCH

**Saturday, March 4th**  
Polar Plunge

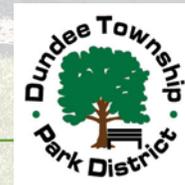
**Saturday, March 25th\***  
Opening Day at Randall Oaks Zoo

## APRIL

**Sunday, April 2nd\***  
Bunny Day at Randall Oaks Zoo  
Come and take a picture with the Bunny.

**Saturday, April 22nd\***  
Earth Day at Randall Oaks Zoo  
Celebrate your home and learn what we can do to help the Earth. Enjoy educational activities, games, and a craft during your visit.

**Saturday, April 29th\***  
World Veterinarian Day at Randall Oaks Zoo  
Bring your stuffed animal and learn how to treat them for common ailments.



\*Events held by the Dundee Township Park District are subject to change. For more information, visit [www.dtpd.org](http://www.dtpd.org). To join Dundee Township Park District's monthly newsletter, text DTPD to 22828.

## Shop and dine in Carpentersville

The Village of Carpentersville encourages all residents to shop and dine locally! When you spend money in Carpentersville a portion of sales comes back to the community in the form of new roads, parks, and improvements to the Village.



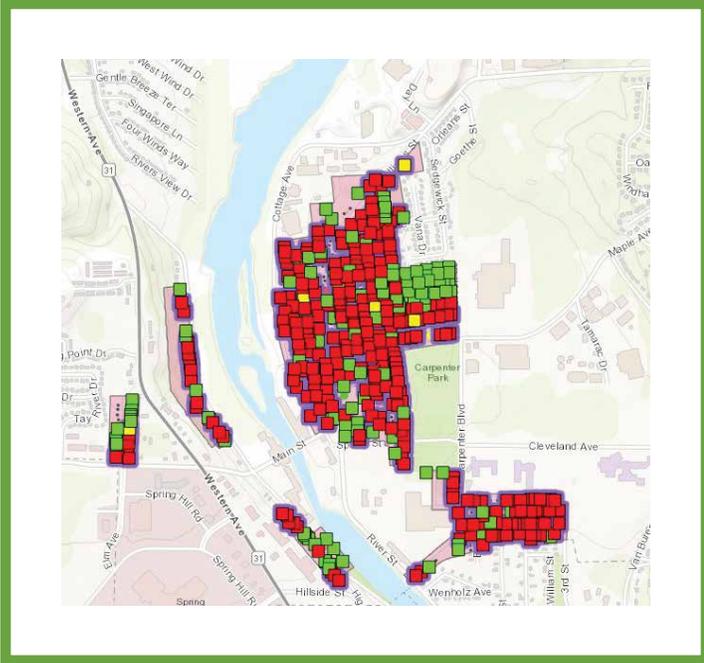
# Old Town Residents: We Need Your Help!

Effective January 1, 2022, the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act went into effect (Public Act 102-0613). As a result, the Village is required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to develop a complete water service line material inventory by April 15, 2024.

To date, the Village has completed roughly 79% of the IEPA's required inventory in areas where lead water service lines are known to exist. If you have not scheduled an in home assessment please don't delay and schedule one today by contacting the Village's Management Analyst, Kevin Gomulka at (224) 293-1626.

The Village offers flexible scheduling options and most home assessments can be completed in fifteen minutes or less. Additionally, you may be eligible to receive a new water service line at no cost.

For those who have already completed the in home assessment, the Village would like thank you for your cooperation and continued support.



## Help Us Fix the '36



In the Spring of 2021, the Village of Carpentersville acquired this retired 1936 ceremonial squad car. This squad was previously owned by the Carpentersville Police Department Union and was found in Colorado! The Village is seeking donations to help us Fix the '36! Donations are being accepted as cash, check, and via the PayPal QR code to the left or by visiting: [bit.ly/fixthe36](https://bit.ly/fixthe36).

# Village of Carpentersville

1200 L.W. Besinger Drive  
Carpentersville, IL 60110  
cville.org

## Important phone numbers

### Main

847-426-3439

### Police and Fire Emergency

911

### Non-Emergency Police

847-428-9141

### Police Administration

847-551-3481

### Fire Administration

847-426-2131

### Public Works

847-836-2464

### Code Enforcement Hotline

847-426-9600

### Permitting/Building

847-551-3478

## Municipal facilities

### Village Hall

1200 L.W. Besinger Drive

### Police Department

1200 L.W. Besinger Drive

### Fire Administration

213 Spring Street

### Fire Station 91

213 Spring Street

### Fire Station 92

305 Lake Marian Road

### Fire Station 93

5000 Sleepy Hollow Road

### Public Works

1075 Tamarac Drive

## Village Officials

### Village President

John Skillman

### Trustees

Jeff Frost

Maria Vela

John O'Sullivan

Jim Malone

Humberto Garcia

Brenda Sandoval

### Village Clerk

Diane Cernekee

### Interim Village Manager

Benjamin Mason



## Notice of Increase in Water and Sewer Rates

Effective January 1, 2023, the Village is increasing the water and sewer rates by 3%. Currently, the rates (per 1,000 gallons) are \$5.54 for water service and \$5.31 for sewer service. The Village has not increased water and sewer rates since September 2017. The increase is based on the priority of upcoming capital needs, the depleting water and sewer fund balance, and overall rate increase impact on residents/businesses. The new rates (per 1,000 gallons) will be \$5.71 for water service and \$5.47 for sewer service. The estimated average increase to a resident will be \$2.92 per bi-monthly bill, or \$17.52 annually.

The utility bills dated March 1, 2023 will reflect the revised rates. Please note that other components of the utility bill like availability charge, refuse charge, and minimum bill will remain the same.

