

CARPENTERSVILLE COURIER



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Letter from the President

We are thrilled to announce that there are some incredible new developments coming to Carpentersville this year! The Boys and Girls Club will be renovating the old Woodlands school (770 Navajo Drive), bringing new life to the iconic building and creating a much-needed community space for young people in our town. Additionally, Iron Flats (211 W. Main Street), a luxury apartment development, is set to begin construction this year, offering a fantastic new living option for those who are looking for something special. We can't wait to see these projects come to life and watch as they help to transform our community. Stay tuned for more updates!

John Skillman
Village President



Community Development Information



Habitat for Humanity

Did you know? The Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley organization serves the Carpentersville area, and has several programs that can assist homeowners with improvements to their homes and property. There is a limited number of projects that the organization's programs can accommodate each year, and a homeowner would need to apply and meet certain eligibility criteria, but to learn more please visit their website <https://habitatfv.org/our-programs/> for full information on the following programs:

Home preservation programs: a brush with kindness, aging in place and critical home repair

A Brush with Kindness (ABWK), Critical Home Repair (CHR), and Aging in Place (AIP) fall under the Home Preservation umbrella and serve as companion programs to Northern Fox Valley's home building and mortgage lending programs. The purpose of the programs is to ensure families live in safe, healthy, and well-maintained homes.

ABWK offers exterior painting and landscaping services for low-income homeowners.

CHR serves low-income homeowners by delivering home repairs necessary to address code violations and restore safe living conditions. The program provides major interior and exterior repairs including roof replacement, electrical wiring upgrades, as well as mechanical equipment replacement such as furnaces and water heaters.

AIP makes safety and functional home modification repairs and renovations to meet the needs of low-income elderly homeowners. Repairs and renovations include the installation of accessibility ramps, walk-in bathtubs, handrails as well as upgraded lighting, levered door handles, wider door openings and the elimination of trip hazards. These modifications allow seniors to enter, exit and live in their homes more safely and independently.

The Benefits of Leaf Mulching



What is Leaf Mulching?

Leaf mulching is the practice of chopping leaves into small pieces. Mulching can be done with a lawn mower or a leaf shredder. We advocate mulching leaves that have fallen on your grass lawns rather than blowing them off the lawn.

Mulching the leaves on your lawn has many advantages: It reduces noise and greenhouse gases because it reduces the use of leaf

blowers; as an added bonus, it also enhances the health of your yard by creating valuable compost, which enriches the topsoil.

Leaf mulching avoids the spreading of dust and contaminants into the air and saves you time and money.

New Business Spotlight

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

Buettner Painting and Remodeling

Contractor
Home-Based Business
(224) 828-0973

4A

Fitness Center offering exercise classes, sports-performance coaching & personal training
2305 Randall Rd.
(630) 449-2380

Snatched

Medical Spa
7020 Huntley Rd. Suite 8
(224) 400-7179

Airborne Eyes

Drone Photography, Search & Rescue
Home-Based Business
(321) 704-7517

Jdla Beauty Cosmetics and More

Retail Store
1072 Spring Hill Mall #1338
(224) 762-2693

NM Tutoring

Tutoring Services
Home-Based Business
(847) 532-5438

DROB Healthy Vending

Vending Machine Supplier
Home-Based Business
(773) 931-5376

Angel's Beauty

Hair Salon
1072 Spring Hill Mall #1290
(773) 798-8004

Galaxy E Smoke

Retail Store
91 S. Kennedy Dr. Unit I
(872) 210-9892

Siriporn Bhanont

Thai and Lao Interpreter/
Translator
Home-Based Business
(773) 997-5389



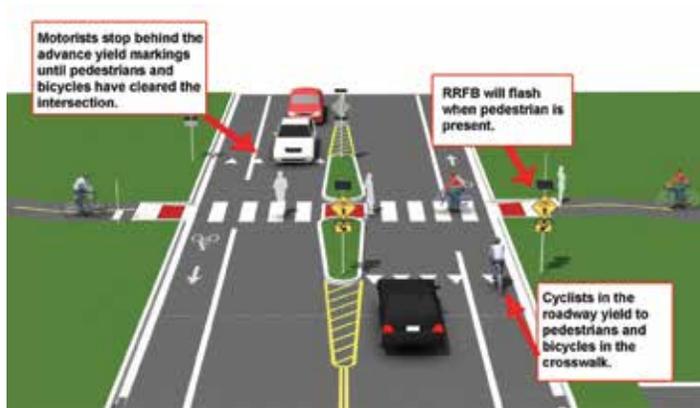
The benefits of leaf mulching are numerous:

- Mulching is quieter and cleaner.
- Mulching improves soil structure, reduces the need for fertilizer, and avoids water pollution by reducing phosphorus and fertilizer leaching.
- Mulching reduces the safety hazard of piled up or bagged leaves on the roadsides and saves taxpayer money for municipal leaf collection.
- Mulch, when spread on garden beds, suppresses weeds and improves soil quality, and when it decomposes into compost, it suppresses disease.
- By adding organic matter to the soil, leaf mulching improves water retention and percolation for improved rainwater management.
- Additional organic matter loosens the soil allowing grass roots to penetrate more deeply, improving grass health.

Public Works Reminders

How To Use An RRFB (Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon)

Press the button to activate the RRFB signals; the light will begin to flash indicating to motorists a pedestrian is ready to cross.



Pedestrians

1. Make eye contact with motorists to be sure traffic is yielding before entering the crosswalk
2. Walk defensively, scanning both directions to be sure motorists see you
3. Always scan the road while crossing making sure all vehicles have stopped

Bicyclists

1. Obey all traffic signs and signals
2. When using the crosswalk, follow the pedestrian rules
3. When using the travel lane, ride in the direction of traffic and always yield to pedestrians

Motorists

1. Anticipate pedestrians crossing when approaching an RRFB
2. Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk
3. Always stop before the stop bar or "stop bar" pavement marks
4. Never stop in or block a crosswalk
5. Wait for pedestrians to completely clear the crosswalk on your side of the road, and for anyone crossing into your lane from the other direction

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.

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.



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 Water Superintendent, Lucas Smith at (224) 293-1703.

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 to thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Community Updates



2023 1st Place Winner - Clark W. Griswold

Holiday Lighting Contest

Are you ready to spread some holiday cheer and show off your decorating skills? Then join our Carpentersville Holiday Lighting Contest and let your holiday spirit shine bright! We're calling all creative minds to deck the halls, light up the night, and spread joy and merriment to everyone in the neighborhood. This is your chance to make your house the talk of the town and show everyone that you've got what it takes to be the best holiday decorator in Carpentersville! So, don't wait any longer, grab your lights, ornaments, and tinsel, and let's get this holiday season started with a bang! The prizes aren't too shabby either!

For more information visit:

www.cville.org/309/

[Holiday-Lighting-Contest](#)

Library Updates



Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

Five Things

You Can Do with Your Library Card from the Couch

Is there a library card in your wallet? If your answer is no, boot up your computer or phone and give us a try. You can get a digital library card that is valid immediately and can be used to download and access all of our digital resources, like eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies, music, databases, eResources, and more. Digital cards are good for one month and cardholders must visit either the Dundee or Randall Oaks locations with proper identification for a permanent card and access to our physical materials.

So now that you've got a hot number, get cozy on the couch and start using it right away. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Watch a movie: You've now got access to thousands of movies for everyone in your household using hoopla. Cardholders get three free downloads per month.

Take a class: LinkedIn Learning costs \$39.99 per month. Library card holders can take any of their 16,000 online courses for free. Topics abound from computer classes to art workshops.

Have a dance party: Dive into Freegal where you'll find 13 million songs. Create playlists, stream songs and albums, and download songs (5 a week!) to keep forever.

Get homework help: Brainfuse provides live tutors, test prep, and a writing lab.

Read the paper: Scroll through 3,685 vetted news sources including local editions of the Daily Herald and Chicago Sun-Times.

These are just a few examples of how valuable your library card can be. And you haven't even entered the building yet!

Get started at www.frvpld.info/getacard

Upcoming Events

September

Saturday, September 9*
29th Annual DTPD Open
at Bonnie Dundee Golf Club

Sunday, September 10*
29th Annual DTPD Open
at Randall Oaks Golf Club

Sunday, September 10*
Grandparents Day at Randall Oaks Zoo

Monday, September 11
9/11 Remembrance Day at Fire Station 91

Saturday, September 16
C'ville Fiestapalooza at Carpenter Park

Friday and Saturday, September 22-23
Fall Fest at Carpenter Park

Friday, September 29*
Drive-In Movie at Dolphin Cove Parking Lot

October

Saturday, October 14*
Dundee Cup at Bonnie Dundee Golf Club

Sunday, October 15*
Dundee Cup at Randall Oaks Golf Club

Friday, October 20*
Boo Thru at Randall Oaks Zoo

Saturday October 28*
Halloween Scramble at Bonnie Dundee
Gold Club

Saturday, October 28*
Boo Thru at Randall Oaks Zoo

Sunday, October 29*
Boo at the Zoo at Randall Oaks Zoo

Sunday, October 29*
Halloween Scramble at Bonnie Dundee
Gold Club

*Events held by the Dundee Township Park District are subject to change. For more information, visit www.dtpd.org.

To join Dundee Township Park District's monthly newsletter, text DTPD to 22828.

December

Saturday, December 2
Winterville at the Park at Triangle Park

December 2, 3, 9, and 10*
Winterfest at Randall Oaks Zoo

Friday, December 8*
Jolly Stop at Randall Oaks Golf Club

Saturday and Sunday, December 16-17*
Winterfest at Randall Oaks Zoo



November

November 1-26*
DINovember at Randall Oaks Zoo

Saturday, November 11
Veteran's Day Memorial at Carpenter Park

Sunday, November 19*
Flick & Float at Rakow Indoor Pool

Carpenter Park Reservations

We have 12 sites that can be rented. There is one pavilion, a gazebo and other open sites.

Call (847) 836-2464 or stop by Public Works for all of the details.

2023 Construction Projects

Lincolnwood Manor Area 1 Reconstruction Project

This project is nearing completion and will be closed out by the end of the year. The Village received funds through the REBUILD Illinois capital program that will be used to fund a majority of this project. Work consisted of total roadway reconstruction including curb and gutter, new storm sewer, street lighting, new water main, sanitary sewer improvements, pedestrian improvements, and restoration.

2023 MFT Roadway Resurfacing Program

This project is nearing completion and will be closed out by the end of the year. These improvements are funded with Motor Fuel Tax funds. Work consisted of 2-inch hot mix asphalt surface removal and replacement, select base repair, select sidewalk and curb & gutter replacement, pedestrian upgrades, ADA complaint upgrades, minor structure maintenance, pavement markings and restoration.

Roadways completed:

Elm Ridge Road	Deer Creek Road
Elm Ridge Court	South Lord Avenue
Oakhurst Lane	Grove Street
Rosewood Drive	Green Street
Windham Trail	Main Street
Deer Hill Court	Spring Street

2023 Roadway Resurfacing Program

This project will start later this summer-fall and will be completed by the end of the year. These improvements are funded with Village Capital funds with \$300,000 being reimbursed with grant funding awarded by the Kane County Community Development fund program. Work consists of 2-inch surface removal and replacement, select base repair, carriage walk removal, sidewalk and curb & gutter placement, select sidewalk replacement, ADA complaint upgrades, minor structure maintenance, pavement markings and restoration.

Roadways to be completed:

Sacramento Drive	Waco Lane
Sacramento Court	Adobe Circle
Pawnee Road	Pueblo Road
Sioux Avenue	Ash Street
Pecos Circle	Berkley Street
Butte Lane	Tulsa Court

MFT Sidewalk Replacement and MFT Sidewalk Cutting Programs

This project will start later this summer-fall and will be completed by the end of the year. The Village budgeted \$125,000 in Motor Fuel Tax funds for maintaining public sidewalks. A portion of the Village's sidewalks are inspected annually. Sections of failed sidewalks are identified and repaired by either replacing the damaged sections or cutting down a heaved section of sidewalk at the joint. Areas of improvements will be focused on the southeast portion of the Village.

Cherokee Road Improvement Project

This project is complete and was funded with Village Capital funds, with approximately 50% being reimbursed with grant funding awarded by the Kane County Community Development fund program. Work consisted of 2-inch surface removal and replacement, select base repair, carriage walk removal, sidewalk and curb & gutter placement, select sidewalk replacement, ADA complaint upgrades, minor structure maintenance, pavement markings and restoration.

Lake Marian Road / Williams Road Resurfacing Project

This project is complete and funded with Village Capital funds, with approximately 70% being reimbursed with grant funding awarded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Work consisted of surface removal and replacement, select base repair, carriage walk removal, sidewalk and curb & gutter placement, select sidewalk replacement, ADA complaint upgrades, minor structure maintenance, pavement markings and restoration.

Kings - Alameda Drainage & Roadway Improvement Project

The Village is completing the final design for storm sewer and drainage improvements for areas along Kings Road and Alameda Drive into Keith Andres Park. This project should begin this fall. Improvements will include replacing two existing culverts, one on Kings Road and the other on Alameda Drive, stream bank stabilization, new storm sewer and high-capacity inlets, roadway improvements, curb and gutter, sidewalk, street lighting, water main and sanitary sewer improvements, and restoration.



For additional 2023 projects please visit the Public Works Department webpage at: www.cville.org/175/Engineering-Division

Reminders from the Police and Fire Departments

Noise Complaints

Noise complaints can create a quality-of-life issue for residents in many jurisdictions, including Carpentersville. In 2015, the Village of Carpentersville made amendments to its noise ordinance to help police officers ticket and fine offenders who constantly violate the ordinance. Police Officers in Carpentersville do understand that people are celebrating a special event and they do have the discretion to issue a verbal warning prior to issuing a citation. This does not mean that the officer shall issue a warning first, there may be times where a ticket is warranted upon the officer's first arrival to the house. We at the Carpentersville Police Department ask that all residents be respectful towards each other and follow the laws and ordinances which are in place. Together we can make a difference.

In 2021, the Carpentersville Police Department responded to 994 noise complaints. Of those 66.5% occurred between midnight on Saturday morning, through the early morning hours on Sunday. (62 citations issued)

In 2022, the Carpentersville Police Department responded to 828 noise complaints. Of those 68.1% occurred between midnight on Saturday morning, through the early morning hours on Sunday. (37 citations issued)

Year to date in 2023 the Carpentersville Police Department responded to 296 noise complaints. Of those 65.9% occurred between midnight on Saturday morning, through the early morning hours on Sunday. (11 citations issued)

Below are the main points of the village ordinance:

- Between the hours of 7 AM to 10 PM, any noise heard at a distance greater than 75 feet for one (1) minute or longer measured from the property line, or if on public property from the source, is in violation of the ordinance.
- Between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM, any noise heard at a distance of greater than 25 feet from the property line, or if on public property from the source, for at least one (1) minute, is in violation of the ordinance.
- A permit for a party does NOT allow anyone to violate this ordinance.
- An enhanced fine schedule for each 12 month period from first offense is as follows:
 - 1st cited offense: \$250
 - 2nd cited offense: \$500
 - 3rd cited offense: \$1000
- If a rental property, the owner of the property can be cited as well for the offense.

For more information visit www.cville.org then click on reference desk then municipal code. Search 8.16.040



Friendly reminders from the Fire Department

Holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk of fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

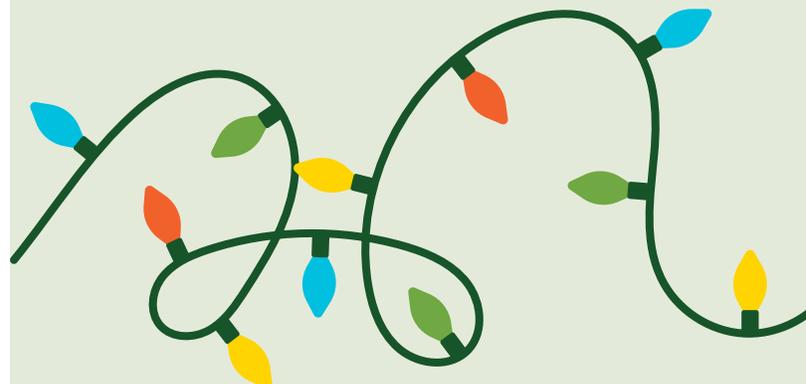


Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame-resistant or flame-retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Read the manufacturer's instructions for several light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords are not damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove top.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Village of Carpentersville

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

Important phone numbers

Main
(847) 426-3439

Police and Fire
911

Police Administration
(847) 551-3481

Fire Administration
(847) 426-2131

Public Works
(847) 836-2464

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

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