

CARPENTERSVILLE COURIER



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Letter from the President

As we bid farewell to 2024 and usher in the new year, the Village Board and I are filled with anticipation for the opportunities that lie ahead for the Village of Carpentersville. Our commitment to fostering community engagement and growth remains steadfast, as we strive to create an inclusive environment where all residents feel valued and heard.

In the coming months, we are excited to unveil a series of new projects and programs designed to invigorate our community and support local businesses. These initiatives not only aim to enhance the quality of life for our residents, but also provide unique opportunities for local entrepreneurs to thrive. We believe that by working together, we can cultivate a vibrant atmosphere that benefits everyone.

As we embark on this journey, we encourage you to stay informed and engaged with the Village's plans for the new year. Together, let us celebrate our community pride and commitment to safety, ensuring that Carpentersville remains a wonderful place to live, work, and grow. Your involvement matters, and we look forward to sharing this exciting chapter with each of you!

John Skillman
Village President



2025 Village Budget Overview

The Carpentersville Village Board approved a Fiscal Year 2025 Operating and Capital Budget on November 19, 2024 that includes no increase to the property tax levy while maintaining the high-quality services provided to the community. The budget is structured around providing core services (police, fire, snow removal operations, and many more), and programs and services that either provide to the community directly or help to internally support those programs. The Village's budget is balanced and has relied on its reserves to fund capital projects. The Village's property tax levy, which will remain flat for FY2025, is used to fund its public safety operations and pensions. Overall, the Village is in strong financial position on behalf of its residents and businesses.

The newly adopted budget addresses the Village's fiscal challenges, while ensuring that the Village of Carpentersville continues to provide high-quality services to its residents, businesses and other stakeholders. The budget also continues to advance the Village Board's strategic planning priorities for the community. The Village strives to effectively communicate its priorities and information to the community in a clear, direct and proactive manner that increases engagement and understanding of Village services, initiatives and programs.

2025 Revenue

The Village strives to maintain a diverse revenue base that is not overly reliant on property taxes to support its services. The large portion of revenues collected are primarily from other taxes (sales, use & income tax). The FY2024 budget includes the planned use of a portion of our reserves for capital projects. Total revenue in the General Fund for FY 2025 is budgeted at \$42.1 million.

2025 Expenditures

The FY2025 budget for all funds totals \$101.7 million. The Village maintains 20 separate funds across all operations of the Village to comply with strict regulations for governmental accounting standards and is required to have an annual financial audit. Overall, the Village budgets conservatively each fiscal year with revenues in the General Fund of \$42.1 million, the Village's primary operating fund, to be relatively flat from the FY2024 budget. On the expense side, the Village is projecting an increase of 10% (\$3.7 million) in General Fund expenditures for a total of \$39.9 million from the FY2024 budgeted expenditures, excluding internal transfers.



A Breakdown of Your Property Tax Dollars

The Village's portion of the property tax bill is approximately 21%, which funds 14% of the Village's annual budget. The image to the right depicts how property taxes are allocated to other taxing bodies in our area.



Community Updates



New Riverfront Park

The Village of Carpentersville is excited to share that we have officially begun construction on the highly anticipated Riverfront Park, marking a significant milestone in revitalizing the town's natural landscape and creating a new hub for community recreation and relaxation. Set along the Fox River, this new green space aims to celebrate the town's park along the river while providing scenic beauty and accessible recreation areas for all.



Home Repair Program, Coming Soon!



At the request of President Skillman and the approval of the Village Board, The Village of Carpentersville is proud to offer a Home Repair Program designed to assist residents in maintaining and improving their homes. This program focuses on owner-occupied single-family homes and provides financial support for essential repairs that help maintain the safety, integrity, and appearance of properties. The aim is to ensure that residents can live in a safe and healthy environment, while also contributing to the overall aesthetic and value of the community.

Housing repairs can often be a significant burden for families, affecting not only their living conditions but also their overall well-being. This new program seeks to alleviate some of these challenges by offering resources and support to help residents make necessary repairs. Eligible homeowners can apply for funding to cover a range of repair needs. By supporting these projects, the Village is helping residents preserve their homes and take pride in their property.

We encourage all residents to stay connected and informed as we finalize the details of this important initiative. For updates and more information on how to apply, residents can visit the Village of Carpentersville's website under Community Development and the Village's Facebook page.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

Badges and Books

Wednesday, January 8

Location: Carpentersville Village Hall



FEBRUARY

Burn Awareness Week

Saturday-Friday, February 1-7

Groundhog Day - All Ages*

Sunday, February 2

Randall Oaks Zoo

Frozen Oaks 5k - Ages 5 and Older*

Saturday, February 8

Randall Oaks Golf Club

Badges and Books

Wednesday, February 12

Location: Carpentersville Village Hall



Rakow Regatta*

Saturday, February 15

Rakow Center Indoor Pool

MARCH

Badges and Books

Wednesday, March 12

Location: Carpentersville Village Hall



Thom McNamee Memorial Dundee St.

Patrick's Day Parade

Date: TBD

APRIL

Badges and Books

Wednesday, April 9

Location: Carpentersville Village Hall



Bunny Day - All Ages*

Sunday, April 6

Randall Oaks Zoo

Flashlight Egg Hunt - Ages 9-14*

Friday, April 11

Randall Oaks Park

Egg Hunt- Ages 2-8*

Saturday, April 12

Randall Oaks Recreation Center

Swimming for Eggs - Ages 1-12*

Sunday, April 13

Rakow Center Indoor Pool

Party for the Planet - All Ages*

Saturday, April 26

Randall Oaks Zoo

Kite Fly - All Ages*

Saturday, April 26

Randall Oaks Recreation Center

*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

Library Updates



Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

Winter Reading Challenge: Let It Snow!



Families! Cozy up and enjoy the winter snow with Fox River Valley Library and a great book from January 1-31! To complete the challenge, earn four out of six available badges by either reading - or completing a fun activity for each badge. By the end, you'll be winter-ready with a warm hat or snuggled up with a fuzzy new friend - rewards you can earn by finishing the Winter Reading Challenge. You can sign up and participate online at frvpld.beanstack.org, download the Beanstack app, or stop at the library to pick up a printed log.

Registration Prizes:

Adults can enjoy a winter library-themed button and a Sno Caps treat, while kids get to have fun with snowflake candy bracelets.

Finisher Prizes:

Kids - Library Teddy Bear
Adults - Winter Hat

For more information or to join in on the fun, visit www.frvpld.info

Community Services We Offer

Free Car Seat Checks

The Carpentersville Fire Department currently has employees who are certified child safety seat technicians. We offer free child safety seat checks for our residents, but only by appointment.

To schedule an appointment, call 847-426-2131, send a request through our website: cville.org/1579/Car-Seat-Safety-Program, or email to carseats@cville.org

Free Smoke Detector Installation

Having a functional smoke detector can be a lifesaver, providing early warnings in case of emergencies. We believe that every resident deserves the peace of mind that comes with knowing their home is safe!

To take advantage of this fantastic opportunity, we encourage you to reach out to Art Carrillo at acarrillo@cville.org for more information.

Medicine Disposal Box

Our drug disposal process is straightforward and designed for your convenience. Bring your unused or expired prescription and nonprescription medications to our medical drop-off box located at Village Hall next to the Police Records window, 1200 LW Besinger Drive. When preparing your medications for disposal, please remember to remove any personal information from pill bottle labels and packaging to safeguard your privacy.

Public Safety Announcements



Honoring Remarkable Members

At our November 5, 2024 Board Meeting, with the support of Village President John Skillman and our dedicated Village Board, the Fire Department recognized several remarkable members of their department.

Our heartfelt congratulations to Rick Nieves, who has been promoted to Deputy Chief. Rick's leadership qualities and extensive experience will undoubtedly enhance our operational effectiveness and community engagement. Chad Parker's promotion to Battalion Chief recognizes his exceptional ability to lead teams through challenging situations, ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents.

Lastly, Ryan Barnard's promotion to Lieutenant highlights his commitment to mentorship and training, fostering a strong sense of teamwork and camaraderie within the department.

Each of these individuals embodies the spirit of service and dedication that is essential to maintaining the high standards of safety and emergency response that our community relies on. Their contributions significantly enhance the well-being of Carpentersville residents, and we are proud to have such exemplary leaders within our Fire Department.

Congratulations Deputy Chief Nieves, Battalion Chief Parker, and Lieutenant Barnard!



Reminders from our Fire Department Holiday Safety Tips

**Anonymous
Crime Tip
Hotline**
847-551-3488



Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.



Heating equipment is involved in **1 in every 6** home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths.



Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any heat sources like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



Keep portable generators **outside, away from windows, and as far away** from your home as possible.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms **at least once a month**.



Plug only **one heat-producing appliance** (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

2025 Construction Projects

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2025 MFT Roadway Resurfacing Program

Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds are state funds distributed to municipalities in support of local road construction projects and this year's program is contracted in the amount of \$1.3M. The work will consist of 2-inch hot-mix asphalt surface removal and replacement, select base repairs, select sidewalk, select curb and gutter replacements, pedestrian and ADA compliant upgrades, minor structure maintenance, pavement markings, and restorations.

The roadways scheduled for resurfacing are as follows:

<i>Cottage Avenue</i>	<i>Spruce Drive</i>
<i>Wisconsin Street</i>	<i>Carpenter Street</i>
<i>Grove Street (north of Maple Avenue)</i>	<i>Bill Aldis Avenue</i>
<i>Green Street (north of Maple Avenue)</i>	<i>Maple Avenue</i>
<i>Charles Street (west of Lord Avenue)</i>	<i>(west of Washington Street)</i>
<i>Elm Avenue (south of Main Street)</i>	
<i>Springhill Road</i>	

2025 Village Roadway Resurfacing Program

Unlike the MFT Roadway Resurfacing Program, the Village's Roadway Resurfacing Program focuses on renewing local roadways using Village Capital funds. This year's project is contracted in the amount of \$1.7M. Similar to the MFT Roadway Resurfacing Program, the work will consist of 2-inch hot-mix asphalt surface removal and replacement, select/full base repairs, select/full sidewalk, select curb and gutter replacements, pedestrian and ADA compliant upgrades, minor structure maintenance, pavement markings, and restoration.

The roadways scheduled for resurfacing are as follows:

<i>Tacoma Street</i>	<i>Birch Street</i>
<i>Jefferson Street</i>	<i>Apache Avenue</i>
<i>Rosewood Drive</i>	<i>Wilson Avenue</i>
<i>(south of Maple Avenue)</i>	<i>Washington Street</i>
<i>Tomahawk Court</i>	

MFT Sidewalk Replacement and MFT Sidewalk Cutting Programs

Each year, the Village's sidewalks are inspected and graded through The Sidewalk Replacement and Cutting Programs. Sections of sidewalks found in failing conditions and posing as trip hazards are replaced or cut to level at the joint. Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds have been budgeted in the amount of \$125,000 for FY2025. Select neighborhoods have yet to be determined, but the program is scheduled for the summer and will be completed by the end of the year.

L.W. Besinger Drive Improvement Project

Phase III Construction is anticipated for Fall in 2025. Roadway resurfacing will take place from Lake Marian Road to Ball Avenue while roadway reconstruction will be completed from Ball Avenue to Illinois Route 25. The reconstruction includes new curb and gutter, driveway aprons, pedestrian upgrades, storm sewer improvements, water main replacement, sanitary sewer lining, street lighting, and the addition of a right turn lane on L.W. Besinger Drive at Illinois Route 25.

Old Town Area 1A Improvement Project

Reconstruction of the Old Town Area 1A Improvement project is currently in progress with a tentative completion date in early 2025.

2025 Community Development Block Grant Roadway Project

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Roadway Projects are reimbursement federal grants funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2025 CDBG Roadway Project location is expected to take place on Amarillo Drive (Kings Rd to Bolz Rd). The work will consist of the removal of carriage walks, 2-inch hot-mix asphalt surface removal and replacement, select/full base repairs, select/full sidewalk, select curb and gutter replacements, pedestrian and ADA compliant upgrades, minor structure maintenance, pavement markings, and restoration.

Flood Insurance Discounts for Qualifying Residents

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 (FEMA). With the CRS program, a resident living in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) receives a 20% discount on flood insurance premiums and those not living in the SFHA, 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 nothing you need to do to receive this discount because the Village has already done everything for you. With your insurance agent notified through a national database, the appropriate amount will automatically deduct from your flood insurance premium. For more information on FEMA and flood safety, please visit [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov) or [fema.gov/nfip](https://www.fema.gov/nfip).

As part of the CRS program, the Village offers the following information by request. Whether a property is in or out of the SFHA as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) of the Village.

Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the FIRM zone and the base flood elevation or depth, if shown on the FIRM.

A handout on the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help people who need a mortgage or loan for a property in the SFHA. Elevation certificates are available as of January 1, 2005.

A link to the Fox River elevation gauge is available on the Village website at [cville.org](https://www.cville.org).

Direct inquiries should be made to the Public Works Department at 847-836-2464. 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 flood plain, but for some homeowners, flood insurance is an option. Flood insurance is highly recommended because no flood proofing measure is 100% foolproof. Please take the time to contact your insurance carrier and consider flood insurance for your home.

For more information on FEMA and flood safety, please visit [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov) or [fema.gov/nfip](https://www.fema.gov/nfip).

Public Works Reminders

Underground Infrastructure

Underground pipes unseen from the surface include gas, electric, and internet. Moreover, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and potable water mains are located within feet of these utilities and are maintained by the Village's Public Works Department. To gain a better understanding on the Village's underground infrastructure, this article depicts diagrams that simplify our underground systems for sewer and water mains.



Image courtesy of Penrith City Council

Separated Sewer Systems

Separated Sewer Systems begin at the source. Sanitary waste generated by individuals are transferred through the sanitary sewers where it ends up at the Public Works Wastewater Facility. The bio-solids, referred to as sludge, are separated from wastewater and are removed by a sludge hauling company to be used as fertilizer on crops such as corn, soybean, and wheat. The remaining wastewater is treated to a purification level set by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and once met, the treated water is released into the Fox River. Storm water, or essentially rain, is captured separately by storm drains into a storm sewer. Since the water is weather-produced, it does not need to be treated and discharges directly to waterways such as the Fox River.

For questions related on sanitary and storm sewers, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-836-2464.



How does your WATER SYSTEM WORK?



When you turn on your faucet, water seems to magically appear. EPA, states, and water utilities work together to bring clean, safe water into homes and businesses every day.

In the US, approximately 90% of the population gets drinking water from a public water system (PWS) that treats, stores, and distributes the water.



Water Systems

Potable water is the water that comes out of our kitchen and bathroom faucets and is used for daily use and consumption. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides the following diagram and the Village's system is explained in the graphic to the left.

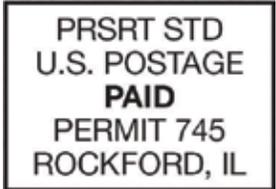
1. The Village's main water source comes from four local shallow wells.
2. After water is collected from the wells, it is sent to the Water Treatment Facility where EPA safety requirements are followed based on The Safe Water Drinking Act.
3. Underground water mains transfer the treated water to holding tanks which ultimately makes its way to the customer.

Should you have questions on the Village's water system, please contact our **Water Division at 847-551-3492**

Image courtesy of the Environmental Protection Agency

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Carpentersville, IL 60110
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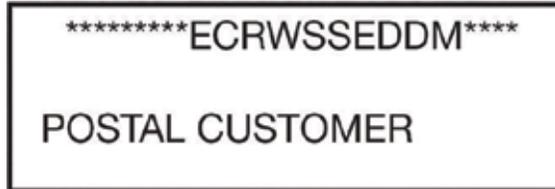


Important phone numbers

- Main**
(847) 426-3439
- Police and Fire**
911
- Police Administration**
(847) 551-3481
- Fire Administration**
(847) 426-2131
- Public Works**
(847) 836-2464
- Anonymous Crime Tip Hotline**
847-551-3488

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



Hydrant Flushing Scheduled

Beginning late Spring, the Construction Maintenance Division of Public Works will be flushing 1,653 fire hydrants throughout the Village. Hydrant flushing will occur in two stages. Stage one will begin on May 19th and continue through May 23rd on all hydrants located east of Route 31 to Village limits. Stage two will begin on June 2nd and continue to June 6th 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 flushing to avoid the risk of discoloring clothing.

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

Phase 1:

All hydrants east of Route 31 to Village limits beginning May 19th through May 23rd.

Phase 2:

All hydrants west of Route 31 to Village limits beginning June 2nd through June 6th.

Village Officials

Village President

John Skillman

Trustees

- Jeff Frost
- Jim Malone
- Humberto Garcia
- Brenda Sandoval
- Dickie Abbott
- Denise Richardson

Village Manager

John P. O'Sullivan



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