



CENSUS 2010

Resident participation in the 2010 Census is needed to increase our share of funding that will be used in Carpentersville for schools, senior services, police and fire services, streets, and public works. Survey responses also determine political representation at both the state and federal levels.

Our goal: Have everyone counted. It's In Our Hands.

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Spring 2010

VILLAGE MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Village Manager Craig Anderson has announced that he will retire June 1, 2010. Craig has been at the helm of the Village's management staff since December 2002. He started his career in the public sector in 1973 as a maintenance and equipment operator for the Village of Glenview. Since that time, Craig has served in many different roles in several communities before coming to Carpentersville.

Village President Ed Ritter commented that Craig came on board at a time when there was a great deal of instability and controversy in the village. His steady hand and calm presence helped to heal wounds. He provided solid leadership in the areas of budget, service to the public, staff development, and a positive village image.

He provided us with a solid, long term period of stability which allowed us to move forward in many areas such as road and infrastructure repairs, upgrading our presence on the Internet, and increasing our code enforcement efforts.

His calmness in the face of adversity and controversy elevated the behavior of everyone around him. Chief Schuldt recalls going to him often for help and/or advice and always found him to be straightforward and polite even if he disagreed with his ideas. He will personally miss him.

Craig, who holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Roosevelt University, stated he would like to stay active after his retirement and may look to consulting work or even an interim village manager position, which he did before coming to Carpentersville.

If you happen by the village hall before June 1st, take a minute and stop by the manager's office and wish Craig well. He will be missed.

NEW BUSINESSES IN CARPENTERSVILLE

- **Golden Pollo Restaurant** - 75 North Kennedy Drive (Route 25)
- **Firestone Complete Auto Care** - 2437 Randall Road
- **Herbalife Health Nutrition** - 91 South Kennedy Drive
- **Best Thrift Store** - 200 S. Western Ave. (Rt. 31's Springhill Market Place)
- **Already Been Read Books** - 200 S. Western Avenue
- **The Elegance Beauty Salon** - 1655 Ravine Road
- **State Farm Insurance** - 308 W. Main Street (Huntley Road)
- **Mi Terra** - 126 North Kennedy Drive (Phone cards, cell phones & accessories)
- **American Home & Medical Mobility, Inc.** - 850 Commerce Parkway
- **Lee's Pizza Lodge** - 117 North Kennedy Drive
- **Los Americas Envios** - 350 Lake Marian Road (inside Village Fresh Market)

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR...

With the weather getting nicer and your dog wanting to be taken for walks please be a good neighbor; keep your dog leashed and carry a bag for disposal of waste. It only takes a minute and will be appreciated all season long.

DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL MEDICAL WASTE

The Village has received a number of calls from residents requesting information regarding the disposal of personal medical waste such as needles, syringes and lancets (also known as sharps.) These types of personal medical waste can be disposed of through the regular garbage collection or mail back medical waste containers can be purchased from various companies (see information below).

For residents that cannot afford to purchase the mail back medical waste containers here is an alternative. You can dispose of your sharps in a metal coffee can. Be sure to tape the lid shut and mark the container "sharps." You may also dispose of your sharps in laundry detergent containers. Here too you would put the lid back on, tape it shut, and mark the container "sharps." The reason why we request a metal coffee can or laundry detergent container be used is due to the possibility of a person getting stuck with the sharps and facing a medical contagion exposure is lessened because it is difficult for the sharps to poke through the metal or the heavy plastic of the laundry detergent bottle. **Please do not use two-liter bottles or milk jugs because they can poke through the container and stick someone accidentally.**

Residents who wish to participate in a mail back medical waste container program can contact these companies for the cost of containers. Please note the Village does not endorse any of the companies, just that they are available; you may always shop around on your own for this service. The companies are: www.sharpsinc.com or call 800-772-5657; www.stericycle.com or call 866-783-7422; www.xmeddisposal.com or call 866-735-9709.

CHANGE IN PICK UP DAY

As residents know ARC Disposal and Recycling has been collecting the Village's garbage since 2007. ARC Disposal, Allied Waste and Republic Services merged together into one large garbage collection company in December 2008. Up until now the Village has not been affected by any changes as a result of the merger. In an effort to better serve the Village, ARC will begin servicing the Village out of the Allied Waste yard in Elgin beginning on April 5, 2010. This also means that the Village will be changed from a five-day collection schedule (Monday through Friday) to a two-day collection schedule (Wednesday and Thursday only.) Residents that will be required to change pick up days will be notified via a door hanger the week of March 22. Allied will also be placing an ad about the days changes in The Daily Herald the week of March 29. Listed below is the revised pick up schedule.

| Current Pick Up Day | Pick Up Day as of April 5 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday..... | Wednesday |
| Tuesday..... | Wednesday |
| Wednesday..... | No change - Remains Wednesday |
| Thursday..... | No change - Remains Thursday |
| Friday..... | Thursday |

2010 STREET, WATER, STORM AND SANITARY REHABILITATION PROJECT

This summer, construction will begin on the fifth multimillion dollar contract in the last four years, which shows a continued commitment by the Village towards neighborhood street and utility improvements. This project will include the rehabilitation of sanitary sewers, the construction of new storm sewers, water mains, roadways, sidewalks, and roadway lighting. A resident meeting will be held prior to the start of construction to update those affected residents about the project. The work is to take place on the following roadways:

- Hickory Drive (Sycamore Lane to Helm Avenue)
- Hickory Court (Hickory Drive to cul-de-sac)
- Ash Street (Robin Road to Hickory Drive)
- Aspen Lane (Ash Street to Hickory Drive)
(Resurfacing and street lighting only)
- Redwood Drive (Hickory Drive to east of Birch Street)
- Fir Street (Route 25 to Hickory Drive)

GARBAGE REMINDERS

Garbage and recycling carts and yard waste bags can be set out at the curb no earlier than 7:00 p.m. the day before pick up and no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of collection. Carts must be stored out of sight of the street.

If you have garbage that does not fit in your garbage cart you must purchase a sticker for each box and/or bag that does not fit in the cart. Stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall. As of May 1, 2010 stickers are \$2.70 each.

If you need to dispose of an appliance such as a dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, water heater or dehumidifier you must purchase 10 stickers and place them on the appliance to be disposed of. Doors must either be removed or secured so that entry cannot be gained and no one can be trapped inside.

If residents are interested in renting an additional 95-gallon refuse cart please contact ARC Disposal and Recycling, Inc. at 847-981-0091. The cost to rent an additional garbage cart as of May 1, 2010 will be \$3.45 per month. Residents are responsible for paying the rental fee.

Residents can also rent a yard waste cart from ARC. When renting a yard waste cart there is a one-time delivery charge of \$25.00. As of April 1, 2010 the cost to rent the cart for the season is \$41.40. At the end of the season residents keep the cart for use next season.

2010 MFT (MOTOR FUEL TAX) SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

This summer, the Village of Carpentersville will continue the annual program to replace failed and deteriorated concrete sidewalk in the Village using monies received from the MFT Fund. Work will begin in early summer on spot sidewalk removal and replacement on residential streets in the neighborhood east of Route 25 and south of Hazard Road. This work should last approximately one month.

HELM ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Village has completed the design plans for improvements to Helm Road from Route 25 to the Village limits east of Sioux Avenue. The Village was able to increase the length of this project with \$280,000 in funds received through the Illinois Department of Transportation Emergency Repair Program (ERP). This work includes minor sidewalk and curb repair, drainage improvements and new pavement. This project is scheduled for construction to begin in late spring 2010.

2010 ERP RESURFACING PROJECT

The Village received \$300,000 in grant funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation Emergency Repair Program. Work on this project will begin this summer and should be completed in approximately six weeks. This work consists of milling and resurfacing 2 inches of asphalt along with the replacement of failed and deteriorated concrete curb and gutter and sidewalk at various locations on the following roadways:

- Windsor Circle
- Marlboro Circle
- Endicott Circle
- Plymouth Circle
- Kingston Circle

2010 MFT (MOTOR FUEL TAX) STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

Work will begin this summer on this project and should be completed in approximately one month. This work consists of milling and resurfacing 2 inches of asphalt along with the replacement of failed and deteriorated concrete sidewalk at various intersections on these roadways:

- Amarillo Court (Amarillo Drive to cul-de-sac)
- Toro Circle (Amarillo Drive to Amarillo Drive)
- Mora Road (Amarillo Drive to Amarillo Drive)
- Waco Lane (Tulsa Avenue to Berkley Street)
- Berkley Street (Tulsa Avenue to Route 25)

Questions about these projects should be directed to Ed Szydowski, Capital Projects Manager, at the Village of Carpentersville Engineering Department at 847-551-3480.

FIRE STATION #2 RENOVATION PROJECT

Last July, work began on Fire Station #2 and after several months of renovation as well as the addition of 2,400 square feet, the fire station will reopen in late April, early May. The work in the building is about 90% complete and as soon as the weather allows, the parking lot, landscaping and outside work will be completed. The station was scheduled to be completed by June and is currently ahead of schedule and under budget. An open house/dedication ceremony is planned for late May or early June. Check out the Village's web site under updates on the home page, click on Fire Station #2 project and see the progress since work started.

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 Department

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

847-551-3494

Report Pot Hole Locations

847-551-3495

After hours or weekend sewer backups
or water problems requiring village response.

847-428-8784

2010 - 2011 VEHICLE STICKERS GO ON SALE MAY 1ST

Village ordinance requires all vehicles registered in the Village of Carpentersville to purchase and display a Village vehicle sticker annually. Stickers go on sale May 1, 2010 and must be displayed by July 1, 2010 to avoid penalties.

Fees are as follows:

| Vehicle Type | Cost if purchased | Cost if purchased | Cost if purchased |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------|
| | 5/1/10 - 7/1/10 | 7/2/10 - 8/1/10 | after 8/1/10 |
| Passenger Car or SUV..... | 25.00..... | 50.00..... | 75.00 |
| Truck, B-class | 30.00..... | 60.00..... | 90.00 |
| Motorcycle | 12.50..... | 25.00..... | 37.50 |
| Vans or Buses..... | 30.00..... | 60.00..... | 90.00 |
| Taxis and Livery cabs..... | 30.00..... | 60.00..... | 90.00 |
| Trucks > 8,000 lbs..... | Varies by class, please call for fee schedule | | |

Seniors and Disabled Veterans can purchase a sticker for \$1.00.

Buy your stickers online at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us/> then follow the "Renew Vehicle Sticker Online" link.

Don't forget to buy your dog tags! All dogs residing within the Village of Carpentersville must be registered. Tags are \$3.00 each if purchased by July 1, 2010.

CARPENTERSVILLE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE 2010 CALENDAR

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|--|--|
| April 1 | Applications available to have your house painted during the Annual Paint-a-thon |
| April 30 | Candlelight Bowl – A special fundraising event for the Annual Paint-a-thon |
| May 1 | Graffiti Deterrent initiative begins |
| May 15 | Final selection of the pilot Adopt-a-Block area |
| June 1 | Deadline for Paint-a-thon applications |
| Sept 11 | 2nd Annual Paint-a-thon |
| Sept 18 | Rain date for Paint-a-thon |
| October | Annual fundraising event for the Adopt-a-block program |
| Anyone wishing to be a part of improving the Village or for more information, please contact Pat Schultz at (847) 770-2562 or PSchultz@vil.carpentersville.il.us | |

TIPS TO AVOID HOME REPAIR FRAUD

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

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

10 QUESTIONS • 10 MINUTES

Census forms arrived at your home in March. By answering 10 questions you can help improve our schools, roads and public transportation; help attract new businesses to our area; and much more. Your voice in Washington, D.C. is determined by census data. This data will determine the number of seats Illinois will have in Congress.

The census is completely safe and confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

When you receive the questionnaire, please take 10 minutes to answer the questions and mail it back in the envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, a census taker may visit your house and ask the questions on the form.

**Take the Time to "Be Counted!"
It is Important to CARPENTERSVILLE!
2010Census.gov
IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

UPCOMING GARBAGE HOLIDAYS

Despite a change in collection days, holidays still mean a one day delay in garbage collection. Listed below is the schedule for 2010.

Memorial DayMonday, May 31
Fourth of JulySunday, July 4
Labor Day.....Monday, September 6
Thanksgiving.....Thursday, November 25
(One day delay for Thursday only)

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Spring 2010

**Village Hall
will be closed**

**May 31st
in observance of
Memorial Day**

**July 5th
in observance of
Independence Day**

CHANGES TO WATER & SEWER BILL

Beginning May 1st, 2010 you will notice some changes on your Carpentersville water and sewer bill. Due to declining revenues, the Village Board decided to increase the fee charged for trash collection and recycling services. Starting in May the environmental surcharge will increase from \$3.00/month to \$6.00/month. The Village spends approximately \$2,600,000 for trash collection services and revenue from the environmental surcharge generates about \$712,000 to offset this cost.

Beginning June 1st, 2010 water and sewer rates will increase to \$3.10/1,000 gallons and \$3.45/1,000 gallons, respectively. The increase is necessary to maintain the excellent level of service the residents of Carpentersville have come to expect. There are no changes to the Senior Citizen and Disabled discounts. Since water service is billed retroactively, rate changes will be reflected on the water/sewer bills you receive in September and thereafter.

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