

REFERENDUM TO POTENTIALLY LOWER ELECTRICAL RATES

The Village will be placing a referendum question on the upcoming March 20th ballot that could lead to lower electricity rates for residential customers and small businesses. In 2009 Governor Quinn signed into law Public Act 096-0176. This legislation allows Illinois municipalities to seek bids from alternate electrical suppliers through a process known as aggregation. For approximately a decade industrial and large commercial firms have been able to purchase lower cost electricity from suppliers. This opportunity is now available to residents and small businesses upon passage of a voter referendum.

As a result of long-term energy contracts, ComEd rates are presently higher than competing electrical suppliers and will likely remain so until 2013. A competitive opportunity exists as alternate energy suppliers are willing to provide very favorable pricing to capture market share. The competitive benefits of aggregation were demonstrated in 2011 when twenty Illinois communities obtained bids on the open market successfully achieving reductions of 20-30% below the rate ComEd charges for the cost of electricity.

If Carpentersville voters approve the referendum, the Village would proceed with the necessary steps to adopt a plan and seek competitive bids in mid-2012. Even if an alternate energy supplier was selected, ComEd would remain responsible for delivering electricity to the community, repair of outages and customer billing. If the Village were to select an alternate energy provider, any resident or small business would also have the ability to "opt out" of the program and choose to continue purchasing electricity through ComEd.



THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Village President Ed Ritter greets those who came out to enjoy the Oktoberfest and Chicago Cyclocross Cup events in Carpentersville.

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SAVE THE DATE

Dundee Township Park District will hold their Annual Fireworks Display and Concert on Saturday, June 30, 2012.
(Rain Date - July 1, 2012)

ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION REFERENDUM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Q: Why is the opportunity for municipal electric aggregation available?

A: In 2009 Governor Quinn signed into law Public Act 096-0176, amending Illinois' original electric deregulation legislation. This is the last part of the deregulation process. Until this Act was amended, only larger customers such as industrial, commercial, and governmental entities could participate. Three-fourths of this commercial load is currently purchased from sources other than ComEd. The new law allows municipalities to transfer their residents' and small business owners' electric accounts to alternative electric suppliers.

Q: What is electric deregulation?

A: In 1997, the State of Illinois implemented a plan to deregulate ComEd. Under this plan, ComEd no longer generates electricity for its customers, but continues to provide power generated by others through its distribution system. Deregulation means that power can be purchased through any Illinois Commerce Commission-approved power supplier.

Q: What is electric aggregation?

A: Electric aggregation is a process that allows local governments to bundle (aggregate) residential and small commercial retail electric accounts and seek bids for a cheaper source of power. Currently ComEd customers receive electricity at a price set each year by the Illinois Power Agency, a governmental body that secures electricity on the wholesale market on behalf of ComEd. By bundling residential and small commercial accounts, municipalities can go out into the open market and seek a lower rate for electric power. Large industrial and commercial customers have been using this option to reduce electricity costs since 1999.

Q: How does electrical aggregation benefit small businesses and residents?

A: Electric aggregation combines the power demands of customers in a community. By combining the power demand of its residents, the community can leverage the buying power of thousands of residents and small businesses. This combined buying power typically provides lower and more stable rates.

Q: How is a small business defined?

A: Small business is a commercial establishment with an annual peak electrical demand of 100 KW or less. This has been described as a business about twice the size of a McDonald's restaurant.

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CHANGE TO VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

As of February 7, 2012, the Village Board Meeting will begin at 7.00 P.M. Regular Meetings of the Village Board take place on the first and third Tuesday of each month.



OKTOBERFEST AND CHICAGO CYCLOCROSS CUP (CCC)

On October 16th, with fall hanging in the air and winter around the corner, bike enthusiasts joined for a day of competition in Carpenter Park. On the second Sunday in October each year, the Chicago Cyclocross Cup series race takes place in Carpenter Park. The CCC is a series of 12 bicycle races each weekend from September into December. Combined with the Village's Oktoberfest celebration, it is a day filled with excitement, music, and yes; beer. The music enhances the experience by blending

German polkas and rhythm with crowd pleasers to match the cheering that happens for the races. This year the course took riders through a corn maze and farm fields; through barricades; and over grass, dirt, hills, and pavement, forcing riders to carry



their bikes for short distances. The events were enjoyed by riders and spectators alike. It was a great day to showcase local businesses with food vendors and other small business owners showing up to join in the fun. It is Carpentersville at its best!

The Park Commission of the Village of Carpentersville has coordinated the Oktoberfest event in conjunction with the CCC for the last four years and each year the event has grown even larger, attracting bigger crowds and more businesses. Jeff Provisor, Owner of Main Street Bicycles and Race Director does a great job of organizing the Chicago Cyclocross Cup and this year the Village received support from the Northern Kane

County Chamber of Commerce, District 300 art students, numerous volunteers, and many Carpentersville businesses sponsored the event.

For more information about Oktoberfest, contact Steve Jones (847) 426-3439 x221.

For more information



about the Chicago Cyclocross Cup, chicrosscup.com contact Jeff Provisor, Main Street Bicycles (847) 783-0362. mainstbicycles.com Hope to see you next year!

DUNDEE TOWNSHIP "SHOP WITH A COP" PROGRAM A CONTINUED SUCCESS!

The "Shop with a Cop" program in Dundee Township was founded over eight years ago to establish and build positive relationships between police officers and the children of the community. Over the past eight years, more than 800 children have enjoyed shopping with an officer. It has given the children an opportunity to see a different side of law enforcement and the officers an opportunity to spend time with children in need. The "Shop with a Cop" program in Dundee Township is operated by the following Police Departments; Carpentersville, East Dundee, West Dundee, Gilberts, and Sleepy Hollow.

"Shop with a Cop" also provides a mobile food pantry from the Northern Illinois Food Bank to families of Dundee Township throughout the year to assist families in need. Shop with a Cop knows it's not just during the holidays that families struggle to provide.

On Saturday, December 17, 2011, 171 children, from 71 families, participated in the "Shop with a Cop" program. Children with social, medical and/or economic needs were referred to the Shop with a Cop program through various agencies in the Dundee Township area. Along with their parents/guardian, the children were treated to breakfast sponsored by the Lion's Club and holiday shopping at the East Dundee Wal-Mart. Police Officers from the following agencies assisted the children and their families while selecting toys and clothing to make their Christmas Holidays brighter: Carpentersville, East Dundee, West Dundee, Gilberts, Sleepy Hollow, South Elgin, Pingree Grove, South Barrington, Round Lake Beach and Huntley.

It is the hope of the "Shop with a Cop" committee that this trend continues with the support of the community. The goal is to continue to sponsor over 100 children from our community every year. We continue to ask for the support of other individuals and businesses. If you would like to contribute to our not-for-profit organization, you may stop by First American Bank 218 W. Main Street West Dundee, IL 60118 to make a donation or at any of the participating Police Departments, Carpentersville, East Dundee, West Dundee, Sleepy Hollow and Gilberts.



Police Departments from surrounding communities brighten the holiday season for area families in need.

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

The Public Works Department has been preparing for the snow and ice season. Staff has converted trucks from summer to winter mode by installing snowplows and salt spreaders. Approximately 1,500 tons of road salt is on hand to help combat incoming winter storms. The Village's Snow and Ice Control Plan consists of thirteen snow routes covering approximately 100 miles of streets within the Village. All Public Works employees share in the responsibility of clearing the streets of ice and snow. The Plan prioritizes the routes in accordance of their importance in the transportation network:

- Arterial & collector streets (main thoroughfares)
- Secondary streets (residential and local)
- Cul-de-sacs, dead-end streets

Our goal is to have all streets cleared from curb to curb within eight hours after the snowfall ends.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

Trash days: To prevent your garbage can from being knocked over or hit by a snow plow place it approximately three (3) feet behind the curb line. Garbage trucks are equipped with extendable arms allowing them to reach your garbage can if needed.

- Snow should be cleared from fire hydrants to assist the Fire/Rescue Department.
- Pushing or blowing of snow into Village streets is prohibited.
- Residents are asked not to park on Village streets at night. Overnight parking is prohibited from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Snow should be shoveled to the right-hand side of the driveway (as viewed from the house) to help reduce the amount of snow pushed back into driveways
- Fringe snow pushed back into driveways cannot be avoided, as all streets must be snowplowed from curb to curb to allow for proper drainage and mailbox access.
- Residents with questions may contact Street Superintendent Jack Clifton at 847-551-3494 or call the road condition hotline at 847-551-3495 regarding the Snow & Ice Control Program.

MCNAMEE PARK CANOE LAUNCH COMPLETED IN CARPENTERSVILLE

A canoe launch/emergency rescue boat ramp on Washington Street was dedicated and opened in memory of Tim & Thom McNamee, who donated the park and construction funds for the canoe launch. Along with efforts by Village Staff, grant funding was received that allowed the project to be expanded to include an emergency boat launch to be constructed. The dedication ceremony was held on the twin brothers' birthday; November 17th. Originally, it was Thom's wish to create a park and canoe launch in memory of his brother Tim. As time would tell, the park was dedicated to both Tim and Thom's memory.



During the ceremony, the brothers' canoe was put afloat just in front of the launch as if they were present watching over those in attendance.

TIPS TO AVOID HOME REPAIR/REMODELING 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 their 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.

FAREWELL CHIEF NEUMANN



Carpentersville Police Chief David Neumann retired on December 30, 2011. He served the Carpentersville community for 26 years. His career included service as a Deputy Chief, Patrol Officer, Detective, Tactical Team member, Patrol Sergeant, and Lieutenant. Chief Neumann's outstanding knowledge of the community and policing facilitated progress toward improvement in the quality of life for all of the Carpentersville's residents and business. He will be missed.

Anytime Fitness - Fitness Center
2154 Randal Road

Lixi - X-ray Equipment Manufacturer
120 S. Lincoln Ave.

Ballistic Fighting Methods - Martial Arts
7004 Huntley Road

Cut and Color - Hair Salon
130 N. Kennedy Drive

Ivy Nails - Nail Salon
338 W. Main Street

Jay's Liquor & Wine - Liquor Store
332 W. Main Street

Mudslingers - Coffee/Bakery Kiosk
39 E. Main Street Parking Lot

The X Factor Auction & Appraisals - Auction Services
856 Commerce Parkway

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

OLD TOWN STUDY: A WORK IN PROGRESS

There was a burst of energy on the morning of November 16th in the Otto Engineering parking lot in Carpentersville as nearly 40 planners, architects, engineers and municipal, county and regional officials descended on the town. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) held a charette as part of a Partnership for Sustainable Communities grant to develop designs and stimulate thinking for the downtown.

CMAP's Senior Planner, Trevor Dick, conducted the walking tour along Main Street across the Fox River, and then convened the group at Carpentersville Middle School. CMAP staff divided those present into groups such as urban design, economic development, housing, and transportation; they were then asked to redraw the downtown, reconfigure intersections, and brainstorm ideas on how the town can attract local businesses based on assets like proximity to the Fox River and Illinois' longest bike trail. As one member said, "Disneyland goes to great lengths to recreate these kinds of places - Carpentersville already has them."

The meeting on November 16th was the second of CMAP's "visioning workshops". Public comment and input on the future of Old Town was received by CMAP at an earlier charette on November 3rd. Although the same topics were introduced, the format of the discussion was less structured.

On December 6th, CMAP provided a preliminary report to the Carpentersville Board of Trustees on the results of the workshops. Several of the "big ideas" that participants identified included better utilization of the riverfront including recreational and commercial uses, improvement of the intersection of Washington and Main, making the Old Town area and the parks more accessible to all forms of transportation, and seeking ways to connect Carpenter Park with the river front.

CMAP will present its final report to the Board of Trustees later in January, 2012.

Article written by Bill Hicks, Village of Carpentersville Business Development Commission Member. This article appears in the Carpentersville Connection Newsletter, December 2011.

REVISED FENCE CODE

In December the Village Board agreed with a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve several amendments to the regulations regarding fences in residential side yards. Since 2003, the Village Code has limited fences on the side of a residence to a maximum height of five feet, and has required the fences to be set back at least two feet from the front corner of the house. While there was much thought and public input put into the 2003 regulations, the standards were causing problems for too many people. Those Village residents who own homes with a side door at the front corner of the house will be happy to know that side-yard fences are now allowed all the way up to the front corner of the house. Families with large dogs will be relieved to know that the revised fence code now allows fences up to six feet tall in the side and rear yards. For residents in the newer subdivisions, please keep in mind that your Homeowners' Association may still have more restrictive fencing requirements. All residents are reminded that a building permit is still required before any fence can be installed, replaced, altered, or relocated. Please call the Community Development Department at 847-551-3478 with any questions about the new fence code standards or permit requirements.

NICOR HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATE PROGRAM

Cash rebates are available to residential Nicor Gas customers for the purchase and installation of high efficiency gas furnaces, boilers and storage water heaters. Please visit the Nicor website for complete details. www.nicorgasrebates.com

Equipment	Efficiency Requirement	Rebate
High Efficiency Furnace	≥ 92% Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency; Energy Star Rated	\$200-\$250
High Efficiency Boiler	≥ 90% Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency; Energy Star Rated	\$350-\$450
Storage Water Heater	Energy Factor > 0.67; Energy Rated Star	\$200

DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR THAT?

Did you enjoy the fall evenings on a new patio? Did the air conditioner you had installed during the summer do its job of cooling your house? Is that new water heater that replaces that old leaky one filling your bathtub with hot water on a cold winter night? All these items require a visit to Room 214 at Village Hall for a building permit. Other projects that require building permits are basement remodels (plumbing, electrical, mechanical and a review of a means of egress), siding, changing the size of a window or a door, roofing, temporary dumpsters, and range hoods. If you have a building permit for the work did you call for a final inspection?

Building permits are issued by the Village and require inspections in order for the permit to be closed out. Please call the Community Development Department at (847) 551-3478 to see if you need a permit on a project not listed above and if you need a final inspection for any outstanding permits.

CARPENTERSVILLE HEALING FIELDS - 2011



To honor those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, PA, the Patriotic Committee of Dundee Township hosted a five day event in Carpenter Park. A flag was displayed for each person that lost their life on that day as a result of these attacks. This included firefighters, police officers and citizens. People could walk thru the thousands of flags or simply sit nearby and pay tribute in silence. A candlelight vigil was held Saturday evening in which each victim's name was read. A parade through "Old Carpentersville" was part of the final day's events.



2011 COMPLETED PROJECTS

2011 MFT/CDBG AND VILLAGE FUNDED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This fall construction of improvements to Hickory Drive, Hickory Court, Ash Street, Aspen Lane, along with portions of Redwood Lane and Fir Street were completed. The project consisted of replacing the old carriage walk with new barrier curb and gutter and new sidewalk. The project also included minor storm sewer upgrades, water main and sanitary sewer repairs, and new roadway striping. Approximately \$35,000 in grant funding received from the Kane County Community Development Block Grant Program was used toward the project costs, and this project was completed under contract cost by more than \$25,000.00. Approximately 1.38 miles of roadway were improved as part of this program.

2011 MFT SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Village of Carpentersville has completed replacement of selected areas of failed and deteriorated concrete sidewalk using monies received from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Work began in late September on spot sidewalk removal and replacement on residential streets in the neighborhoods east of IL RT 25 along Golfview Lane and between Hazard and Golfview. The project also included the construction of a new 5' sidewalk with brick inlay through Jack Hill Park. The bricks were salvaged from the old Main Street Bridge demolition. In addition, sidewalk grinding of trip hazards was conducted along various Village Streets.

2011 MFT STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM

Work was completed in November on seven streets using monies received from the State Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Approximately \$140,000 in grant funding received from the Kane County Community Development Block Grant Program allowed the Village to complete the streets listed below. This work consisted of milling and resurfacing 2 inches of asphalt along with the replacement of select failed and deteriorated concrete sidewalk. The project also included the reconstruction of traffic signal detector loops at Illinois Route 25 and Golfview Lane, Route 25 and Robin Road, and Route 25 and Besinger Drive. New roadway striping was also included.

- Evergreen Lane (Robin Road to Hickory Drive)
- Robin Road (Route 25 to Birch Street)
- Pine Street (Hazard Road to Robin Road)
- Sycamore Avenue (Pine Street to Birch Street)
- Birch Street (Hazard Road to Robin Road)
- Besinger Drive (Illinois Rte 25 to Center Street)

Approximately 1.63 miles of roadway were improved as part of this program.

THE OUTLOOK FOR 2012 PROJECTS

CARPENTER PARK NORTH PARKING LOT EXPANSION

Village staff will be preparing contract documents for an improvement expansion project that will approximately double the size of the parking lot in Carpenter Park. When completed, vehicles will no longer back out directly onto Maple Avenue; the parking lot will be separated from the roadway by a landscaped median. Approximately 50% of the construction cost will be paid for by a Kane County CDBG grant which has already been awarded to the Village. This project is scheduled for construction in summer 2012.

2012 TULSA AVENUE/ KINGS ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM

Village staff is also currently working on design plans for a resurfacing project for the full length of both of these roadways, including portions of Kings Road which are in the jurisdiction of the Dundee Township Highway Department (DTHD). An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Village and the DTHD will allow for cost sharing of this project between both agencies. Approximately 75% (over \$400,000) of the construction expenses of this project will be paid for by a Federal LAPP grant already obtained by Village staff.

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

Following a year of design and nearly 15 months of construction the new Public Works Facility is near completion. Located at 1075 Tamarac Drive the 87,000 square foot facility will house the Streets, Underground Utility and Vehicle Maintenance Divisions of Public Works as well as Public Works Administration and the Information Technology Department. An open house and dedication ceremony are scheduled for the third week in May which is National Public Works Week.



HAZARD ROAD/ MONROE AVENUE/ GOLFVIEW LANE/ RT 68 PROJECT

Also in November, the largest project the Village undertook in 2011 was completed. Improvements to Hazard Road from RT 25 to Cardinal Lane consisted of resurfacing, select sidewalk replacement and select water valve installations. Improvements on Hazard Road east of Cardinal Lane, on Monroe Avenue and on Golfview Lane consisted of total roadway reconstruction with new concrete sidewalk and curb and gutter; new storm sewer, new watermain, sanitary sewer lining, and street lighting to fill gaps in the existing lighting. Illinois Rte. 68 was also widened by the addition of left turn lanes at the Golfview Lane and Wakefield Drive intersections and new traffic signals were installed at the Golfview Lane and Illinois Rte. 68 intersection. Work on this project began in mid-April and was completed near the end of November. Notices were mailed to residents prior to the start of construction to update affected residents and businesses about the project; periodic construction updates were provided to the residents during construction and were also posted on the Village website.



This project included unique factors to be addressed; primarily that there were no functioning drainage outlets for all of the stormwater runoff from these roadways. Through innovative and creative engineering and construction, rainfall runoff from these roadways is designed to infiltrate downward into the gravel layers that lay beneath this area of the Village, with provisions made for overland runoff from larger storms. Approximately 1.82 miles of roadway were improved as part of this program and County, State, and Federal grant funding obtained by Village staff paid for nearly \$3 million of the \$5.2 million project.



These and other factors resulted in this project being awarded the American Public Works Association (APWA) Fox Valley Branch 2011 Transportation Project of the Year in the \$5 to \$25 million category.

Maps of all of these projects are available on the Village website. Questions about these projects can be directed to Ed Szydlowski, Capital Projects Manager, at the Village of Carpentersville Community Development Department at (847) 551-3480.

CARPENTERSVILLE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

Regular meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every month at Village Hall at 6:30 pm.

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

Visit www.cicprojects.com for more information on the Carpentersville Improvement Commission.

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Q: How does the program work?

A: Under state law, the Village must place a referendum on the ballot to ask voters to give the authority to aggregate electric accounts and seek bids for power generation. If Carpentersville voters approve the referendum on the March 20th election, the Village will hold at least two public hearings to discuss and create an aggregation plan. Once the plan is in place the Village would seek bids from energy suppliers certified and regulated by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Q: What would be ComEd's role in an electric aggregation scenario?

A: ComEd distributes electricity, but does not generate it. As the local electricity distributor, ComEd is responsible for power line and distribution infrastructure that brings electricity into homes and businesses.

Q: Will residents notice a difference in service?

A: No, the only difference is the energy received from the selected supplier and lower, more stable prices. ComEd would continue to deliver energy to homes and businesses. If residents have an outage or need service, they would continue to contact ComEd.

Q: What if my power goes out - will I need to call the company providing the power?

A: No. ComEd is responsible for ensuring that electricity flows through its distribution network to all homes and businesses. Aggregation would not change how ComEd responds to outages.

Q: If I participate, will I get two bills, one from ComEd for delivering the power and another from a company that provides it?

A: No. ComEd will remain responsible for billing customers for all electricity, regardless of the electric supplier. The only change would be the name of the electricity provider on the bill's electricity supply item line.

Q: What if small businesses or residents do not want to participate?

A: Small businesses and residents may "opt-out" of the program if the referendum is passed. Before the aggregation program begins, all residents and small businesses would receive an opt-out notice in the mail and given a date by which they must return the opt-out notice or call a number to request to be opted-out of the program.

Q: What is the referendum question that will appear on the ballot?

A: Shall the Village of Carpentersville have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such a program?

Q: Who do I contact for more information?

A: Contact Steve Jones, Assistant Village Manager at (847) 426-3439 x 221, or via email at sjones@vil.carpentersville.il.us

VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Memorial Day	Monday, May 28th
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4th
Labor Day.....	Monday, September 3rd
Thanksgiving.....	November 22nd & 23rd
Christmas	December 24th & 25th
New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1, 2013

2012 - 2013 VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS GO ON SALE MAY 1ST

Village ordinance requires every motor vehicle owner who resides in the Village or whose vehicle is principally garaged or dispatched in the Village shall obtain a Village vehicle license annually. Stickers go on sale May 1, 2012 and must be purchased and displayed by July 1, 2012 to avoid penalties.

Fees are as follows:

Vehicle Type	Cost if purchased 5/1/12 - 7/1/12	Cost if purchased.... 7/2/12 - 8/1/12	Cost if purchased 8/2/12 and after
Passenger Car or SUV.....	25.00.....	50.00.....	75.00
Truck, B-class	30.00.....	60.00.....	90.00
Motorcycle	22.50.....	45.00.....	67.50
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, 847-426-3439		

Senior Citizens age 65 and over may purchase one (1) sticker per household for \$1.00.
Residents displaying a State issued disability placard may purchase a sticker for \$1.00.
Disabled Veterans and Residents displaying a Bronze Star, Silver Star, Congressional Medal of Honor, POW/MIA, Purple Heart, or Retired Armed Forces license issued by the IL Secretary of State may purchase a sticker for \$1.00.

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

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

Economic Development Division
847-426-3439 Ext.221

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



FIREFIGHTER/911 MEMORIAL CONSTRUCTED

On the 10th anniversary of the tragic day when the United States was attacked on their own soil, Carpentersville dedicated a memorial to those who lost their lives on that day, as well as the men and women that have served as firefighters in the community since the fire department was established in 1915. The ceremony included the unveiling of the memorial which is made up of two pieces of stone, one holding a plaque displaying the "Firefighter Prayer" and the second one displaying the "Last Alarm". Also part of the memorial is a 30 foot flag pole and a brick pillar holding two pieces of the World Trade Center and a bronze fire helmet. The cost of this memorial was just over \$20,000 and completely covered by donations. A survivor of the Trade Center attacks spoke during the ceremony and provided details of that horrific day 10 years ago. An estimated 400 people attended the ceremony. Fire Chief Schuldts encourages every citizen to visit the memorial which is located at the Fire Department Headquarters, 213 Spring Street, or stop in any of the fire stations and visit with the firefighters.

CMAP OLD TOWN OPEN HOUSE

Residents and business owners are encouraged to comment on four preliminary concepts for Old Town.

The Open House is scheduled on:
Tuesday, February 7th

Village Hall Lobby, 1200 L. W. Besinger Drive.

The four preliminary concepts to be displayed at the Open House can also be viewed at <http://carpentersville.metroquest.com>

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PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Each year Carpentersville levies funds to pay for certain services or obligations of the Village, this levy is distributed across all taxable property in the Village and is collected through the property tax bill.

The three key components of the Village's tax levy are:

- General Fund - used to fund day-to-day operations of the Village and pay for residential refuse collection service.
- Debt Service - used to pay the principal and interest on the General Obligation Bonds issued to fund Capital Improvements.
- Pension Funds - used to fund the statutory requirements of Police and Firefighter pension obligations.

Last year the Village levied \$10,892,221 from property taxes and this year the total was \$10,895,648; therefore, the levy increased only \$3,427 or .03%.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Beginning January 1, 2012, computers, televisions, and other electronic devices will be banned from Illinois landfills. Illinois is one of 23 states to adopt a ban, in order to reduce the amount of toxic material in the environment and to recycle the increasing volume of these electronic devices.

Under the new State law, garbage companies will no longer be allowed to accept these items at the curb. Under the concept of "Producer Responsibility", manufacturers of computers and televisions are required to hire recycling companies to establish recycling opportunities for these items.

For detailed information, please visit: countyofkane.org

JOIN CARPENTERSVILLE'S E-NEWS SERVICE

On March 1st the Village of Carpentersville will begin offering a bi-monthly electronic newsletter. The purpose of this free service is to provide timely and useful information to residents and business owners, and provide an easy means of keeping the community aware of what's going on at Village Hall.

Subscribers will be able to register online upon the start-up date of the newly designed Village website. Until then, please register by submitting your email address to sjones@vil.carpentersville.il.us. Stay connected to your local government!

COMING SOON - NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE!

The Village of Carpentersville will soon have a new look online. Scheduled to "Go-Live" toward the end of February, the new website will have a completely new design geared toward making it easier and more attractive for residents and other visitors to browse for information. We are very excited for the new look and expect to make your online experience much easier.

The new website will be much more organized and easier to find information. It will feature the option to subscribe/unsubscribe to the Village E-Newsletter, as well as provide Village Feedback through an online form. There will be a new Search option to quickly find the information you are looking for. It will feature a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section to provide you answers to all the commonly asked questions within the different Village Departments. It will have the ability to interact through different social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter. The goal is to quickly, and more efficiently, provide information at the fingertips of our residents and visitors. With just a few clicks, you should find what you are looking for.

We look forward to providing you with a much more enjoyable online experience!